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## A MAN OF DESTINY

### A Memorial Day Story

By WARREN SPERBECK, Camp 216, Myersdale, Pa.

HE is old and he is feeble, and his hair, what little there is left of it now, is silver white. His bronzed face is lined with furrows, and the skin of his neck is brown, and hard, and creased like Morocco leather.

Yes, he is old, so old that I doubt if he could remember his age if it were not for the oft-repeated fact that he volunteered in '60 at the age of seventeen.

His face, of course, is turned toward the setting sun and the hill-country of Valhalla that lies beyond the Great Divide. His thoughts, however, are not of the future, or of the present, but he dwells with the ghosts of the past.

He is the lone survivor of all the brave boys who marched forth from our county in response to Lincoln's first call for volunteers.

He is the lone survivor of all the Companies from our county that went forth to the Civil War.

He is the last of his line.

He is the last living link in the chain of reality that connects us with the events of a past era.

With the exception of a few ancient negroes, he is the last flesh-and-blood symbol of Lincoln, his ideals and his day.

He has resided in our town continuously since his boyhood days, save for the four years of the war, and I have had the pleasure of knowing him since I was a child.

He learned the art of shoemaking as his life-work and followed this trade until he retired five years ago.

When I was a child I liked to sit on a little old stool in his shop on hot summer days and listen to his tales of adventure. Chief among them I liked to hear him tell of Gettysburg and the attack upon impregnable Fredericksburg. Those certainly must have been fiercely fought fields. I never tired of hearing him tell of the war, even after I had reached Mans Estate.

He was modest by nature and always reluctant to talk about himself. Sometimes I had to make a forceful demand and say "Old one, tell me about yourself" before he would do so. But when he did, it was worth all my effort. A large volume could be written of his experiences.

His name, did I hear you ask? That, my friend, really does not matter. It may be Milton Beechey, Frank Arvin, Michael Logan. Or it might happen to be Patrick Pilduskie. No, the name does not matter. What does matter is that he fought to save the Union. Ideals are always greater than the man.

Ever since I can remember, he was the oldest veteran in our town, so I always called him "the old

one," not in a way to slight or disparage him, but rather as a token of venerable respect.

Only "the old one" is left now; Destiny has decreed that he shall be the last. He is still here with us today but tomorrow he will be gone forever, so I salute him, the last of his line.

When he has left us, the last actor in the drama of the Civil War will have passed from Life's stage.

A few short years—and the events of his time will live only on the printed pages of history.

Yesterday, today was tomorrow, and tomorrow, today will be yesterday; this change never ceases in the kinetoscope of Destiny.

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Peace reigned everywhere. All the earth seemed to be still. Not a sound broke the silence, save the sibilant murmur of the early morning breeze as it played through the branches of the trees on the lawn, and the soft babble of the distant brook.

Peace reigned everywhere! Not a single discordant sound jarred the stillness, for it was that period of

## HOW SHALL WE TEACH HISTORY?

By Captain George L. Koehn, Editor "The Veteran," Portland, Oregon.

IT seems to us that somewhere among the fifty-two, in between the "Eat-an-apple-a-day" week and the "Greater-religious-observance" week, we could with benefit work in a "How-to-teach-history" week, and then repeat it about once a month thereafter! Raising up the young idea in the way he should go with a proper reverence for his elders and the requisite hero-worship of Washington, Franklin, and Lincoln, decently sobered down by a good dash of the salt of Puritanism, used to be no subtle or tedious matter. Nowadays, with orthodoxy given way to a welter of ill-defined heterodoxies, with our heroes in the mud with commoner clay, reduced to a mere chemical evaluation in fats and alkalines worth about 98c, with dissension among

the savants as to the aim and interpretation of our nation's history, it is a sad fact that ventures to hand down inexorable dogma and irrefutable fact.

Between the economic determinists, the political historians, the sociopsychologists, and the historical modernists, the old Carylitan spiritual interpretation of history as a chain of biographies of great men has been tossed into the scrap-heap along with other pretty ideals and empty gestures. Someone has attributed to Napoleon this succinct cynicism: "What is history but a fiction agreed upon?" and has remarked it to be a profound but only partial truth. But, after all, don't we make a general practice of dealing in half-truths; a sort of decent shrouding of naked truth in the pleasing robes of tactfulness?

Not acceptable to the realists, perhaps; but, it seems to us, both wise and expedient when dealing with immature minds easily blighted and embittered by harshness. We believe that there is a place in the school histories for the heroes of our nation. We further believe that in discussing the supermen in our national life for the inspirational training of nascent citizens, we should "temper the wind to the shorn lamb." If we create a nasty void by teaching that Washington was a swearing bully and snob who had a mere series of lucky breaks erroneously interpreted as brilliant bits of military strategy; that Franklin was an atheist, both niggardly and immoral; that Lincoln was lewd-mouthed and boorish-mannered; that Gladstone, the British statesman, was an evil hypocrite, voicing sweet sentiments and living a malodorous existence; then what are we going to fill this vacuum with? More realism? Or just let it yawn empty? We hear lots of brave talk concerning the old "politics of cowardice," and the new hope for that type of leadership "that is born of a (Continued on Page Four)

## OUR BIRTHRIGHT

My dad he was a soldier in the war of sixty-one;  
Enlisted when his country needed men;  
Marched out to fight the battles for a cause that must be won;  
One he was to march back home again.  
Regular as clockwork, on the thirtieth of May,  
Interest never fails nor memory waves,  
Always with the veterans he wends his silent way,  
Laying garlands on his fallen comrade's graves.

Does it not appeal to you, whose ever son you are,  
As long as freedom's flag shall grandly wave,  
You and I and every Son should help the G. A. R.

MEMORIAL DAY, to deck each hero's grave?

—Walter Mason Barnard, Camp 225, Granville, N. Y.

intense quiet before dawn, when the world, temporarily free from the discord of man, seems to slumber and rest, and the only sounds are those of earth.

The period of quietness passed away. Birds began to sing. Finally the sky in the east grew faintly light, the light gradually, almost imperceptibly, deepening.

"The old one" awoke. He lay for awhile dreamily puzzling. He felt changed. There seemed to be a faint feeling of anticipation lurking in his being. He thought for a while and then he remembered. It was Memorial Day.

Memorial Day—of all the days in the year, his day. A day set apart for his honor and the honor of the memory of those gallant Comrades who had gone on before. And this day was to be, more than ever before, his day. For all of his Comrades-in-arms had answered the final roll-call; of the Companies of his county he alone was left. Last year there had been three of them. The other two had gone to their eternal bivouac in the course of the intervening year. He alone remained now (Continued on Page Five)





## BULLETIN OF INFORMATION NO. 5

Series 1927

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

Office of the Commander-in-Chief,  
191 North Common Street,  
West Lynn, Mass.

May 1, 1927.

## MEMORIAL DAY.

I. As previously referred to Memorial Day services Sunday, May 29—for attendance at Divine worship—by all Camps in a body, and Monday, May 30th, Memorial Day—sacred to the members of our Order—will be properly observed.

Camps will perform these ceremonies as prescribed by the Ritual and Regulations, where they have charge. Where Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic conduct ceremonies Camps will render such assistance as may be requested.

It is earnestly hoped that all Camps will take such a part as to reflect credit upon the Order, and to the fullest possible extent, the principles and objects of the Order.

All Members of every Camp are expected and looked upon to participate in the services of Sunday, May 29th, and Memorial Day, May 30th.

Camp Chaplains will immediately, after the exercises Memorial Day, forward Report, Form 44, to Division Chaplains. Do not delay these reports. Division Commanders will see that Camp Commanders will give this their personal attention.

Division Chaplains will report without delay on Form 43 to National Chaplain, Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig, Central Y. M. C. A., Minneapolis, Minn.

Failure to have this report on file will prevent representation in the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment of Divisions delinquent with this report. All should have prompt and personal attention of the Officers responsible in Camps and Divisions.

## NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT—DAYTON, OHIO—SEPTEMBER 11-18.

II. No word has come to us of program, etc., but we wish that those who are sure of attending would get their names in at once, as there is every indication of a shortage of rooms.

Dayton is very accessible and should appeal to all as a good place to hold our National Encampment. Let's Go!

## DO IT NOW.

III. There is an old saying about giving the man the flowers while he is living, and saying the good things about him while he is here, for he cannot reach his tomb stone when he's dead.

This applies to my administration. If you are going to do anything to help our Order during this administration it must be done now. While May and June are two of the best months to gain members, we often fail to grasp the opportunity because of Division Encampments, changing officers, etc. Let me tell you now, that whatever you are going to do for the Good of our Order, DO IT NOW.

## "I GOT ONE BUTTONS."

IV. Since my friendly letter to Division Secretaries we have been getting many more names. For these we are grateful. But if the Camp Secretaries would do their stuff, and send names to Division Secretaries, it would be easier all around.

## NEW CAMP.

V. A new Camp was organized at Fresno, California, by Division Commander Parker, assisted by Brothers of California Division. Although this new Camp is the thirteenth this year we are sure they will be lucky.

## DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS.

VI. The Annual Division Encampments reported as to place and dates are as follows:

May—Nebraska, at Kearney, May 3, 4, 5.  
Maryland, at Hagerstown, May 11, 12.  
California & Pacific, at Santa Rosa, May 15-20.  
Illinois, at Decatur, May 17-19.  
Kansas, at Pittsburg, May 17, 18, 19.  
Missouri, at Kirskville, May 17, 18, 19.  
June—Maine, at Augusta, June 8-9.  
New York, at Syracuse, June 7-8-9.  
Michigan, at Benton Harbor, June 8, 9, 10.  
New Jersey, at Atlantic City, June 16-17.  
Ohio, at Canton, June 13-15.  
Pennsylvania, at Uniontown, June 14-15.  
Vermont, at Brattleboro, June 14-15.  
Indiana, at Gary, June 14-15-16.  
Wisconsin, at Fond du Lac, June 14, 15, 16.  
Iowa, at Newton, June 21-22-23.  
Minnesota, at Litchfield, June 20-22.  
Oregon, at Salem, June 21-22.

## PER CAPITA TAX, MEMBERSHIP FEES, REPORTS.

VII. Per Capita Tax, Membership Fees and Reports, Forms 27 and 28, for the quarter ending June 30th, 1927, will be required promptly owing to the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment dates. Division Commanders will see that these blank Forms are furnished all Camps without delay and instruct all Camp Commanders to have these reports of their Secretaries and Treasurers forwarded on the LAST MEETING NIGHT IN THE QUARTER (JUNE) WITH

PER CAPITA TAX, MEMBERSHIP FEES, to their respective Division Headquarters.

All must be forwarded without delay if representations of Divisions is to be had in the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment at Dayton, Ohio.

## DIVISION COMMANDERS' BONDS.

VIII. The office of Division Commander in every Division is bonded under and by a "Position Bond." This requires a renewal of the premium—payment of the annual fee for maintaining and having the bond of a Division Commander effective and in force.

It is required that receipt or notice of the Bonding or Surety Company advising payment of the said premium for the ensuing year or term, BE FORWARDED TO THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, 191 NORTH COMMON STREET, WEST LYNN, MASS., for approval and record.

Divisions will NOT forward bonds or acknowledgments of premiums in payment thereof for Division Secretaries and Division Treasurers. ONLY DIVISION COMMANDERS' POSITION BOND notices of continuing or payment for premium thereof, will be forwarded as directed.

## CERTIFICATES AND ADDRESSES.

IX. Immediately after installation of Division Officers at Division Encampments, Form 49—CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION (in duplicate) will be forwarded to the National Secretary.

They must contain addresses of Officers and Delegates, legible and in full—otherwise they will be returned.

Order Form 49 on Requisition Form 1½.

## SUPPLIES, BADGES, BOOKS, ETC.

X. Orders for supplies, badges, books, etc., must be made on Requisition Forms. Camps must use Form 1 and send with remittance to Division Headquarters.

Division Secretaries must use Form 1½ and forward to National Secretary, in each instance, with the amount designated.

	Prices to Camps.	Prices to Divisions.
	Form 1	Form 1½
Form A—Descriptive Book .....	\$1.25 each	\$1.15 each
Form B—Camp Treasurer's Receipt to Members, Visiting Card, etc., per 100.....	.40	.35
Form C—Camp Secretary's Requisition Book..	.40 each	.35 each
Form D—Minute Book .....	1.00 each	.90 each
Form E—Ledger .....	1.25 each	1.15 each
Form F—Cash Book .....	1.25 each	1.15 each
Form G—Roll Book Members and G. A. R....	1.25 each	1.15 each
Form H—New Members Sign (Book) .....	1.25 each	1.15 each
Form I—General Orders File .....	.85 each	.75 each

Blank requisitions on hand and when used for ordering supplies will be changed to conform to the above.

## NEW CAMPS.

XI. Camps have been instituted and Charters issued thereto since last announcement as follows:

No.	Location and Division.	Date Instituted.	No. Members
200	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	April 4	30
15	Muskegon, Michigan	March 25	19
17	Fresno, California & Pacific	April 13	20

## NEWLY SELECTED DIVISION OFFICERS.

XII. Alabama & Tennessee—Commander, Joseph B. Williams, 600 Kinyon St., St. Petersburg, Fla.; Secretary and Treasurer, M. D. Friedman, 1237 South 21st St., Birmingham, Ala.

Connecticut—Commander, W. G. Mooney, Main Bldg., Mystic; Secretary and Treasurer, Isaac T. Jenks, Box 1233, New Haven.

Massachusetts—Commander, W. E. Choate, Jr., 10 Middle St., Beverly.

Michigan—(By Division Council) Commander, Glen F. Wigent, 161 West High St., Jackson; Secretary and Treasurer, Roy T. Kaywood, 205 North Durand Ave., Jackson.

New Hampshire—Commander, Henry W. Wilson, Bennington; Secretary and Treasurer, Jackson C. Carr, P. O. Box 503, Hillsboro.

Rhode Island—Commander, Frank L. Barrows, 140 Stanwood Street, Providence; Secretary and Treasurer, Frank B. Wight, 21 Atlantic Ave., Providence.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 7.

XIII. Report of the National Secretary for month of April, 1927:

Receipts:	
March 31, 1927, To balance .....	\$ 613.52
Received for Per Capita Tax and Membership Fees.....	\$698.28
Charter Fees .....	10.00
Supplies .....	280.13
Total Receipts .....	\$ 988.41
Expenditures:	
By General Expenses: Supplies .....	\$ 30.34
The Banner, April, 1927, Subscription .....	922.48
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses: Postage, Telegrams, Travelling, Stenographer .....	\$952.82
.....	114.66
Total Expenditures .....	\$1067.48
April 30, 1927, Cash Balance .....	\$ 534.46

Official: H. H. HAMMER,  
National Secretary.

Commander-in-Chief.



## With Commander-in-Chief Walsh

NATIONAL ADJUTANT, G. A. R.,  
PASSES ON.

On April 2, Commander-in-Chief Frank A. Walsh, of the G. A. R., announced to his comrades of E. B. Wolcott Post No. 1, Department of Wisconsin, that his long-time friend and Comrade, Adj.-Gen. Charles Kayser, had passed to the "Great Beyond." Adjutant Kayser had been in the best of health, despite his 81 years of life. He was at his office at National Headquarters every day since his appointment in October, 1926. The strenuous task to which he diligently applied himself, proved too much for his physical strength; after about three weeks' confinement to his home—during which time he suffered three strokes—he passed from earth's labors to join those who had gone before.

If "peace hath her victories, no less renowned than war," then times of peace must have heroes also. Charles Kayser gave his life as a sacrifice in devotion to his duty, just as truly as any hero ever gave his life on the field of battle. Just the day when he was taken with a stroke, in answer to a question of the writer, he said that he was somewhat run-down, and the



CHARLES KAYSER,  
National Adjutant General, G. A. R.,  
Milwaukee, Wis.

work was beginning to tell on him. He seemed to have no thought of resting up or taking a vacation, but his uppermost concern was to keep up with his work in the high office which he held, and which he felt so proud to occupy. Speaking in the home Post—in which he and the Commander-in-Chief had been Comrades since its organization—he expressed his pride that that Post was now the Headquarters Post of the Grand Army.

Charles Kayser was born in Germany, and came to the United States when he was ten years of age. The family lived at Madison, Wis., during Civil War days, and he enlisted in Co. E, 35th Wis. Inftry., in 1863, and was afterward Hospital Steward. This Regiment was in several engagements, including the capture of Mobile, Ala. He was discharged in 1866, and returned to Madison, where he served as County Treasurer for two terms prior to 1880. In 1886 he held a position in the Wisconsin State Adjutant General's office, compiling a Roster of

Civil War soldiers. He was in the hardware business in Seattle, Wash., Madison, Wis., and in the lumber business in Milwaukee, at different times. Comrade Kayser was Commander of his home Post in 1914, and Adjutant 1915 to 1917, and Trustee from 1916.

The family of Adjutant Kayser has been prominent in Wisconsin for many years. A brother, A. H. Kayser, was Mayor of Madison some years ago; another brother, Anthony Kayser, served in the 5th Wis. Inf. in the Civil War, and was in the insurance

business in Milwaukee later. Both of them are now deceased. Comrade Kayser leaves one daughter and three sons to mourn him. One son, Edward, is a Brother of C. K. Pier-Badger Camp No. 1.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War of Wisconsin had a sterling friend and well-wisher in the person of Adj.-Gen. Charles Kayser. Div. Pat. Inst. Henry Goldsmith says: "Charles Kayser was always ready to lend aid and encouragement to the Sons, in all the years that I have known him. We will not soon forget him, for he was a real friend."

Commander-in-Chief Frank A. Walsh says: "Charles Kayser was as true a friend as ever any man could wish to have. Words cannot express my sense of the loss of so faithful a comrade and co-worker."—E. S. McKay.

Grasp an idea and work it out to a successful conclusion. That's about all there is in life for any of us.

## With Commander-in-Chief Homan

April 4—Attended the organization of Philadelphia Camp No. 200 at Philadelphia, Pa. This was a combination of six Camps in the city into one Camp of 530 members. This new Camp is to take and care for the beautiful hall of Post 2, Grand Army of the Republic. This hall is valued at fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) and con-

## SERVICE

Brothers, the acid test of your interest in Our Order comes this month.

Will you attend Memorial Services with your Post on Sunday, May 29? Will you assist your Post and Comrades in all the duties of Memorial Day? Will you be one to help the Grand Army of the Republic feel that we are not only willing but that we can carry on Memorial Day as it has been observed all these years? My Brothers, will you stand the test?

*L. V. E. Homan*  
Commander-in-Chief.

tains oil paintings of all the Union Generals worth many more thousands. The Camp is to raise an endowment fund of \$50,000 for perpetual care of the building. This, to my mind, is an important step in the right direction. Consolidation of a number of small units into one that shall be strong enough to inspire confidence, not only in the Grand Army of the Republic, but the public at large.

April 5—Meeting with my own Camp and Auxiliary. Followed by a "cootie party." Lots of fun.

April 11—Banquet and dance of Past Presidents and Past Commanders As-

## OPPORTUNITY

Master of human destinies am I;  
Fame, love and fortune on my footsteps wait;  
Cities and fields I walk; I penetrate  
Deserts and seas remote, and passing by  
Hovels and mart and palace, soon or late  
I knock unbidden, once, at every gate.  
If feasting, rise; if sleeping, wake before  
I turn away. It is the hour of fate,  
And they who follow me reach every state.  
Mortals desire, and conquer every foe  
Save death. But those who doubt or hesitate,  
Condemned to failure, penury and woe,  
Seek me in vain and ceaselessly implore;  
I answer not, and I return—no more.

—John J. Ingalls.

sociation at Twentieth Century Club of Boston. A very enjoyable evening to start off Massachusetts' Encampment.

April 12—Met Commander-in-Chief Walsh, Chaplain-in-Chief Hill, and Asst. Adj.-Gen. Morton of Wisconsin at Youngs Hotel. Visited Auxiliary. Took Greetings to Grand Army Encampment in Faneuil Hall, and to

Daughters of Union Veterans in Chipman Hall. Attended banquet of Daughters at 7 p. m., and then went to reception at Elks Ball Room of Sons and Auxiliary.

April 13—Visited Encampment of Auxiliary with Commander-in-Chief Walsh and party. Was presented a beautiful desk set by the Massachusetts Division Auxiliary, Div. Pres. Grace Howland making the presentation. We wish to express our thanks. Was obligated into Ladies of Grand Army of Republic and then attended luncheon of Mass. Dept. Grand Army of the Republic at Ford Hall. Looked in on Sons Convention and it was a fine one too, and concluded two very busy days by taking greetings to the Woman's Relief Corps.

April 14—All National Heads en route to Concord, N. H. Visited all allied orders. Splendid Camp Fire at City Opera House, followed by dance.

April 15—Left Concord for home after enjoying to the uttermost the splendid New Hampshire hospitality.

April 19—Was guest at Woburn of Camp 66 and Auxiliary at a luncheon tendered the Comrades of the city. Comrade Sam Cutter, who sang in the Original Old Homestead Quartette, rendered several solos; a very happy time.

Was toastmaster at the Polly Ann at Wakefield when the steamed clams were passed around. Many National and Division Officers present.

Spoke at the Saugus Grange Patriotic Night, to conclude a busy day.

April 20—Accompanied by Special Aide Anderson, Nat. Pres. Nan Keene, P. D. P. Margaret Waters and Div. Pres. Anna White, we started for Newport, R. I. Arrived in time for lunch. The entire Encampment visited a drill at Newport Naval Training Station. Visited Auxiliary and Sons Encampments. Col. Frank Barrows elected Division Commander. Banquet at Hotel Viking, Mayor Sullivan among those present. The National President and I installed the officers of both organizations. Very successful meetings.

April 21—En route to Meriden, Conn., having been joined by Mrs. Margaret Anderson. The party were met by Past Div. Com. Barber and made to feel at home. Visited Encampment, followed by a splendid banquet, dance and midnight frolic.

April 11—Visited both Son's and Auxiliary Encampments and left with a feeling that Connecticut was all right. Called on Past Div. Pres. Sister Emma Loomis, of Westfield, who has been confined to her bed for over forty weeks.

April 25—Attended the 16th anniversary of Julia Ward Howe Tent, Daughters of Union Veterans, at Wakefield, Mass. A most enjoyable evening.

April 26—Attended the funeral of Com. Daniel E. Beckert of James L. Bates Post No. 118, of Swampscott. The pastor paid a very fine tribute to Bro. Lewis Coleman and his family for all they had done for the Comrade.

April 29—Was the guest of the North Metropolitan District Association, at the Nautical Ball Room, Revere. This was a brilliant affair, including trooping of 275 stands of colors, etc. Over 1500 in attendance. Great credit is due Dist. Com. Ralph Smith and his committee.

As you can see this has been a very busy month. Speaking 35 times to 7180 people and traveling 1376 miles.



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## DISCUSSION FOR CAMP AND DIVISION.

Complaints have been received at these Headquarters from all parts stating that "regardless how hard we work and what we do, we cannot stop the leak (dropping members)" and requesting a real remedy. This important subject is worthy of our earnest consideration. Members are lost by virtue of indifference, lack of interest, removal, inability to pay and poor collection methods.

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The speaker paused, and then began the deliverance of his address.

"Since time immemorial men have been seeking through the ages to satisfy their desire to live. They are still seeking the fulfillment of that desire."

There have always been those, he said, who believed that they could satisfy that desire through wealth and external show, or fame, or worldly power. But he declared that—"they have failed to achieve supreme satisfaction, and men are today finding, as men of all times in the past have found, that the fulfillment of that desire lies in service."

"When an individual devotes his life to personal gain and power, regardless of others, he fails to partake of that fullness of life that is experienced by those who work to serve."

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"A soldier's work," he continued earnestly, "consists entirely of service to others. He receives no visible material reward for it, and faces all of the horrors of war and the prospect of annihilation."

"A soldier's life is the hardest life imaginable. No luxuries, no comforts, no cheering crowds to inspire him on the field of battle; nothing but the drab business of war. But soldiers seldom became discontented or discouraged, for while they work they are serving others. Living amid hardships and privations, sickness, suffering, and death, in the shadow of a great ideal!"

"When a nation exists solely for its own gain and power," he explained, "it can never experience that deep moral satisfaction that is enjoyed by a nation that seeks to help others. We have no greater example of this in history than that of the old Roman Empire, and when a nation becomes egotistical and self-satisfied, deterioration sets in."

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"And so God saw fit that this great nation of the people, by the people and for the people should not perish from the earth. 'The last of his line' helped to make this possible. He did his part; he finished his work, and no more can be said of any man."

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His funeral was at Framingham and was attended by many of the high offi- cers of the G. A. R., the Sons of Union Veterans and the other allied orders and the other patriotic and military organ- izations of Framingham.

Col. J. Payson Bradley, P. D. Com. of the G. A. R., died April 19. His great- great-grandfather, Col. James Frye, commanded the 4th Essex Regiment at the Battle of Bunker Hill and was mor- tally wounded there, his great-grand- father, Enoch Bradley, was an officer in the Continental Army. His father was a Captain in the 6th Mass. Vol. Inf. in 1859. Col. Bradley enlisted at the out- break of the Civil War as a drummer boy in Co. B., 14th Mass. Inf., being only 13 years of age. Later this regiment became the 1st Mass. Heavy Artillery and he rose to be regimental bugler. He actively participated in all the engage- ments of the Army of the Potomac.

Retiring from the army a "veteran soldier" at the age of seventeen he re- entered school and became a mechanical engineer and identified himself with the oil industry.

Entering the Mass. militia in 1873 he rose to the position of Assistant Adju- tant-General and served through the war with Spain. At the outbreak of the World War he offered his services to the government and was assigned to duty recruiting the National Guard units to full war strength.

He joined the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company in 1877 and was elected Commander in 1897.

He was elected Commander of the Mass. Dept. G. A. R. in 1906 and in 1916 was unanimously nominated by the De- partment for Commander-in-Chief, but

generously declined in favor of a west- ern comrade.

The funeral services were held in the Old South Church, being conducted by Rev. Boynton Merrill. There were many distinguished guests, including Gov. Fuller.

To "Carry On" for the G. A. R.

Surrounded by grim reminders re- trieved from the fields of the Civil War, members of George H. Ward Post gather- ed at G. A. R. Hall, Worcester, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Post. About 150 mem- bers of allied organizations were pres- ent at dinner provided by the Woman's Relief Corps and to hear the speakers.

Post Com. Genery T. Darling, who was toastmaster, read the list of de- parted members, including 26 who died in the past year, and after his intro- ductory remarks, sang "The Vacant Chair," written, he said, for Willie Groat, a departed Post member for whom Camp 25, Sons of Veterans, is named.

In addition to greetings and congratu- lations from men prominent in mili- tary circles, there were pledges to "carry on" by Commanders and Presi- dents of the Sons and Daughters of Veterans, named heirs to the G. A. R. at the recent State Department Con- vention in Boston.

Pledges from the Sons and Daughters of Veterans were given by Clyde O. Elliott, Commander of Gen. Goodell Camp; Louis A. LeBlanc, Commander of Willie Groat Camp; Miss May A. Le- land, President of Clara Barton Tent, D. of U. V.; Mrs. Lizzie Towne, President of Auxiliary 18, and Mrs. Josephine Bates, President of Auxiliary 33.

Chief among the speakers were Henry A. Monk of South Braintree, Dept. Com. of the G. A. R., Cong. George R. Stobbs, Brig. Gen. Thomas F. Foley, Col. Frank L. Converse, U. S. A., regular army in- structor here; Mrs. Maude E. Boyce, S. V. Dept. Pres. of the L. of the G. A. R., Edwin J. Foster, member of Post 10 and S. V. Dept. Com. of the G. A. R.

An Unique Invitation.

Comrade Thomas Kelley, of Post 66, one of the strongest friends of our Or- der, recently expressed a wish that his invalid grandson, a shut-in from birth, might become a member of Camp 54, Medford.

On Wednesday evening, April 20, a special meeting was called at his home where we made the young man a mem- ber of the Medford Camp. The parlor had been arranged as a Camp-room, and the young man, Alfred Walter Cushing, was initiated by the short form.

It was the nineteenth birthday of Bro. Cushing, and Auxiliary 54 presented him with a birthday cake, and gifts. Re- freshments were served to all present. We all admire and respect Comrade Kelley and the memory of this evening is an inspiration to a deeper devotion to our order.

The North Metropolitan District As- sociation becomes the guest of Camp 54 Thursday evening, May 19. This mass meeting promises a big affair. All the allied orders, eligibles, everybody who loves the Veterans of 1861, are invited. The auditorium of the Lincoln Junior High School has been engaged for the exercises. Seating capacity is seven hundred. Plenty of room to park cars. The building is situated on Harvard St. This street is located opposite the old site of Mystic Park running through to the Somerville line. Any Sullivan Square car stops at the street. A patriotic program awaits you. Make up a party and come. Bring the Comrades with you.

Lines from Leominster.

The oldest member of our Post is Comrade Andrew Tisdale, 90 years old, of Long Beach, Cal. He was showered with postcards on his recent birthday. The shut-in Veterans were remembered with potted plants at Easter time. Patriots' Day was fittingly observed with an appropriate program, arranged in conjunction with the Relief Corps and Tent. Our Camp did its part on Sol- diers Home Day by sending a package to the Soldiers' Home at Chelsea.

Bennett Camp has voted to comply with the request of the Attorney-Gen- eral, regarding observance of the lot- tery law. The enforcement of this law will affect a great many orders, church- es, and other organizations, who have

in the past raised a great deal of money for charity purposes by the sale of tickets on chances of various kinds.

Worcester County Association.

The Spring meeting of the Worcester County Association was held with Mal- colm Amidon Camp No. 55, Southbridge, April 22. Owing to a heavy rain there was not a large attendance, however, there was over 100% larger number of Sons present than were there the last time we visited this Camp. We were favored with the presence of Com. Corey of the local Post, G. A. R., and Mrs. Emily L. Corey, Pres. of Mass. Dept., W. R. C. Both spoke very pleas- antly of their relations with and their wishes for the S. of U. V. After an in- teresting miscellaneous entertainment a collation was served.

Charles Russell Lowell Camp 9, Boston.

On April 5 we were visited by Bro. John E. Wilcox, Pres. of the Massachu- setts Past Commanders Association, and by P. C. Cull, of Camp 30. On April 19 we were visited by P. D. C. Michael Crowley of the N. H. Division.

On Sunday, April 24, with our Auxil- iary, we presented a handsome national flag to the First Congregational Church, Charlestown, after the morning service. Pat. Inst. Moore presided and intro- duced Chaplain McGrath of Post 7, G. A. R., who presented the flag. After the service all retired to the Sunday School room where a patriotic entertain- ment by the Sunday School was given. The following organizations were pres- ent with their colors: Posts 7 and 11, G. A. R.; W. R. C., 23 and 39; Ladies of the G. A. R. Circles 16, 23 and 26; Auxil- iary 78; Tent 36, D. of U. V.; and Camps 30, 54, 56, 62, 81 and 145.

Andrew F. Donnell, a former member of Camp 9 and clerk of the church, gave an interesting address on the history of the First Church which will be three hundred years old next year. The pic- ture of the first church is painted on the curtain for the S. S. platform.

Plymouth Notes.

Saturday, March 26, the allied orders met with Post 76, G. A. R., at their regular meeting. April 5 the Camp were guests of Auxiliary 26 at their regular meeting, having refreshments and a so- cial time. April 12 and 13 the delegates attended the Encampment in Boston. April 19 we went to the meeting of the Plymouth County Association at Dux- bury, with Camp 115.

The Camp met for their last meeting in the old hall on April 21. The G. A. R. memorial hall is no more but we will have fine quarters in the hall across the street.

VERMONT

S. F. Bradford, Press Correspondent,  
79 North Street, Rutland.

Brother Camp Press Correspondents: Don't fail to send in a report of the activities of your Camp for publication in The Banner. It is of great encour- age-ment for a Camp to know that B Camp is alive and doing something.

Camp 4, Rutland.

A costume party under the auspices of the Camp was given the last meeting night in March and was well attended. "An enjoyable time" was the report of all.

We are making efforts to increase in- terest in the Camp and enroll new mem- bers.

Three Comrades of the G. A. R. have passed on recently. There are now only about 14 old Veterans living in Rutland. We are doing all we can to aid them. We have been revising the cemetery lists and thus simplifying the work for Memorial Day.

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## PENNSYLVANIA

O. E. Lander, Correspondent, 4547 N. Colorado St., Philadelphia.

The big month of the Sons of Veterans is now at hand, and we hope and have reason to believe that it will be bigger than ever. Let us at least try and make it so. Memorial Day is exactly what its name implies, and it should never be observed for any other reason, or in any other way; it was certainly never meant to be commercialized.

The minds of the public in general and our own in particular, should be riveted on this idea, until such a gross misuse of the Day be discontinued. This is no small or one man job, but one which calls for untiring effort and the closest kind of co-operation. It should hardly be necessary to remind our brothers of this, but it is a fact that a feeling of "Oh, what's the use?" and a general laxity exists in the Order.

Nothing worth while was ever gained without a fight, and this end is surely worth fighting for. If such a feeling had been prevalent from '61 to '65, we would not now have the opportunity of observing such a day and would need no incentive for so doing. Can we afford to be considered inferior to those whose very blood courses in our veins, and have this privilege pass into other hands, which are more than willing? Our failure will be the direct cause of such a calamity.

We are very much disappointed in the scarcity of news this month of all months. Apparently the April showers fell on stony ground, or else the seeds were not planted in time. Possibly you have all been afflicted with the "springos," in which case we would advise a good spring tonic. We know of no better one than a large dose of May 30. We hope that the poor crops are caused by activities for a great Memorial Day, if so, all is forgiven, but be sure to make good next month. The court suspends sentence for 30 days.

While we are all busy with these preparations, bear in mind that we are expected to be in Unlontown in June and that a good showing is looked for by the committee in charge of the convention, and the people of the town. June being the month of weddings, some of you single fellows could kill two birds with one stone and make a honeymoon out of it. There is a thought for the day and we dare some of you to try it.

Now let's all get together for a bigger and better Memorial Day, and a bigger and better Order will be the result. With these few remarks we will now close and thus endeth the lesson.

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### Still Plugging in Altoona.

Potts Camp No. 12 reports progress along good substantial lines. Nothing sensational but our degree team under Capt. Burns is mustering in new members and has prospects of more.

There will be an entertainment on May 20 and our plans for Memorial Day are rapidly going forward.

This Camp expects to be well represented at Unlontown and we hope to meet many of our old friends there.—M. H. Price, Pat. Inst.

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### New Memorial Service for Ellis Camp.

Ellis Camp will try out a new innovation in their Memorial Day work. Owing to the dwindling of Post 6, G. A. R., and the corresponding increase of our work, the program of the Post at Ivy Hill Cemetery and that of the Camp will be combined. The final program has not yet been completed owing to changes involving alterations and omissions, but it is expected that it will be adopted at our next meeting.

We would be glad to receive any suggestions or help from any Camp that has done this and we are as willing to give information to any who consider doing it. We believe that it will prove to be a big help in every way, especially where there is a large territory to cover and a great deal of work to do.—C. R. L.

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### Philadelphia Camp 200.

On Monday evening, April 4, before an assemblage conservatively estimated

at 500, composed of members of the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and their allied organizations, Dept. Com. Samuel P. Town instituted Philadelphia Camp 200. Col. Town, having just recovered from a severe illness, did not feel physically able to conduct the installation of the new officers, and requested Past Com. Edw. W. Young, of Camp 40, to act in his place. Brother Young's reputation as Installing Officer is well-known throughout the Division. His work this evening was above his usual standard.

After the Installing Officer had turned the Camp over to Com. Boyer, Dept. Com. Town stepped forward, and grasping the hand of Com. Boyer, congratulated him up on his election, forming a tableau that brought to mind a picture well-known during the late war: the Veteran of the war of '65-'65 bidding God-speed to the Veteran of 1917; typical of the slogan of Philadelphia Camp, "You can trust us, Dad."

Past Div. Com. Mable, acting as chairman of the Installation Committee, called on Dept. Com. Town, who said in part, "I consider this a red-letter night in the history of the G. A. R. and allied organizations in Philadelphia. Tonight is consummated the desires of the members of Post 2, that this hall with its historical association, paintings and war relics, will remain as you see it tonight, open for public inspection at all time, and to remain a memorial to Post 2 and the Veterans of the Civil War. I sincerely trust that you members of various patriotic organizations will assist, morally and financially, Camp 200 in their laudable object."

Chairman Mable, in a short, concise speech, outlined the work that had been done toward this consolidation. He then read letters from Div. Com. Hershey, Past Coms.-in-Chief Sautter and Horn, State Pres. Julia Anderson, of the Woman's Relief Corps, regretting their absence.

The chairman then called on Com.-in-Chief Homan, who spoke as follows: "When I received the invitation from Div. Sec. McGirr to attend the institution of Camp 200, and his letter accompanying same, giving me a detailed account of what the event really meant, I considered that no sacrifice would be too great to be made, to be present on this occasion. Col. Town has well said, 'This is a red-letter date in the organization.' I believe it is an epoch. Our Order at the present time is going through a certain transformation. I believe that a consolidation like this, for an object like the retention as a perpetual memorial of this magnificent and historical hall and its contents, will be one of the greatest incentives for uplift that the Order has experienced in years. While my trip here and back has been at some personal inconvenience, I feel that I will be well repaid by the progress of Camp 200 and the Order of Sons of Union Veterans in the future."

Nat. Pres. Sister Keene made remarks, and offered the well-wishes of her organization for the future success of Philadelphia Camp.

Philadelphia Camp 200 is composed of the consolidation of Camps 4 Reynolds, 5, 7, 10 and 13, with a membership of 535, including 94 Camp Commanders. Post 2 has executed a deed of the property and its contents, which has been deposited with the Girard Trust Company, of Philadelphia, to be recorded when the Post surrenders its Charter. Philadelphia Camp guarantees the upkeep of the hall, and to raise an endowment fund sufficient to maintain the building.

It was remarked what a number of members who have been active in their Camps for thirty to forty years, were present on this occasion.

Past Div. Com. Reeger, of New Jersey, acted as Guide in the installation work. Past Coms. Corcoran and Carter, of New Jersey, with quite a delegation from Trenton, Camden, and Gloucester, were present. With few exceptions, every allied organization in Philadelphia was represented in the gathering.

During the evening, the Harmony Trumpet Quartet rendered numerous selections of Civil War songs and melodies.

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### Honor Civil War Vets at Big Banquet.

McKeesport honored its little rem-

nant of "Boys in Blue," who preserved the Union during the Civil War, on April 9, when about 400 people attended the annual Appomattox Day banquet under the auspices of Campbell Camp No. 99 in the Y. M. C. A. From out of the great army of thousands recruited in this district for service in the war of 1861-65 only a tiny band of 17 were able to take their places as honor guests.

Especially interest was attached to the appearance of William Pitcock at this affair. Mr. Pitcock is 95 years old, the oldest veteran in this section, and despite his years his hair that has not been turned gray by time and his general vigorous appearance stamps him as a man many years younger.

A feature of the affair came at the conclusion of an address by Thomas Reynolds, Commander of Col. Sam Black Post No. 59, Grand Army of the Republic, when he called the members of the Post to order and had them give the opening ceremonies of their organization.

The banquet was presided over by Enoch B. Kelly, Commander of A. B. Campbell Camp No. 99, and following the invocation by Rev. J. D. Van Horn, pastor of the Coursin Street M. E. Church, the great assemblage sat down to the feast. At the conclusion of the dinner, W. V. Campbell, chairman of the speakers' committee, introduced the toastmaster, James F. Woodward, Secretary of Internal Affairs. Mr. Woodward in turn introduced Mayor George H. Lysle, who extended the city's greetings. Following that J. B. Hershey, Commander of the Pennsylvania Division of Sons of Union Veterans, introduced the honored guests and displayed the key which had been used to open Appomattox Courthouse. After that Thomas Reynolds delivered his address and told of being at Appomattox at the time of Lee's surrender to Grant. He told of the great celebration in the army and throughout the country that marked the end of the hostilities of the internal strife.

The main address was given by Congressman Henry R. Rathbone, of Illinois. Mr. Rathbone's father and mother, who were then an engaged couple, were the guests of President and Mrs. Lincoln the night that Lincoln was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth at Ford's Theater in Washington, D. C., and Mr. Rathbone vividly and dramatically described the scene.

Congressman Kelly, in his address, said that even though the nation is today criticizing Pennsylvania and Illinois, that this nation would not have been one if it had not been for them. "Illinois," he said, "gave us Lincoln and Pennsylvania was the keystone state that gave Gettysburg. Pennsylvania and Illinois have had a part in the Union that cannot be taken away by criticism."

Letters of regret were read from George Wharton Pepper and Governor John Fisher, speakers at last year's banquet. The Sterling orchestra of this city, pleased with its music.

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## OHIO

A. G. Gibbons, Division Press Correspondent, 11 Columbia St., Newark.

Please get contributions in by the 23rd of each month, to avoid the possibility of same being late.

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### Camp 133, Toledo.

Toledo Camp is humming right along under the effective leadership of Com. Swift and his able corps of officers. Two very fine meetings have recently been held.

Our meeting of March 23 was unusually well attended, a number of Veterans lending their presence. A feeling of sadness was cast over the meeting by the report of the illness of Past Com. Potter, who does not seem to be making satisfactory progress toward recovery. Everyone present cheered Comrade C. O. Begley, our efficient Secretary, who arose from his sick bed to attend the meeting.

Our "grandson's meeting" of April 11 did not prove as successful as we had hoped, due to the fact that about everyone in the city was at the annual "fan night" celebration, which opens the

baseball season. However a fair number turned out, and a good time was had by those.

Probably the most effective accomplishment in connection with "grandson's night" was, when in preparing for same, a meeting was arranged at Scott High School, where Com. Swift, Com. Burdo of Forsythe Post, G. A. R., Past Div. S. of V. Com. Myers and Comrade Altenburg talked to 400 senior high school boys in a wonderful way.

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### A Memorial.

A. E. E. Stephens, Commander of the Ohio Division in 1899, and a former Commander-in-Chief as well, passed into the Great Beyond on the morning of Feb. 12, 1927. That the end should have come on this day seemed somehow symbolic of the patriotic life that he lived. For forty years he had been an earnest, faithful member of the Sons of Union Veterans.

To the thousands, both within and without the Sons of Union Veterans who knew him, he was just simply "Buzz" Stephens. To all of these has come an indescribable sense of personal loss; a feeling that an intimate friend has gone from among them. Nothing in his career was so marked as his success in making and holding friends. His ever present good humor, rugged genuineness, straight-forward common sense, sincere kindness and fine up-right character brought him not only the respect, but the real affection as well, of those with whom he touched elbows in many spheres of action. It has been truly said of him that he had more friends from every station of life than any other person in his community and county.

What finer tribute than this oft-repeated comment: "He was a man from whose lips none of his associates remembers hearing an unkind word."

What greater memorial than this, from the columns of the press of opposing political faith: "A wholesome American, an honest man, a faithful public servant."

In his passing, as in life, his chief thought was for others; as he whispered again and again, almost with his last breath, to comfort and reassure his sorrowing family about his bedside: "It's all right. It's all right." That, too, was "Buzz" Stephens' way of saying "Thy will be done."

He is not gone, but just away. As long as memory shall abide, his spirit will remain amongst us as a sweetly generous benediction.—R. J. Williams, Camp 1; Wm. B. Martin, Camp 93; W. M. Coffin, Chairman, Camp 100, Committee.

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### Forty-fifth Annual Encampment.

Headquarters will be established at the McKinley Hotel. The sessions will be held at the Moose Hall.

The citizens of Canton are making big preparations. It will be the best and biggest Encampment in the history of the Ohio Division.

As Canton is the resting place of our late President and Mrs. McKinley, this alone should create a desire of every member of our Order to attend this Encampment. If you have not already done so, make your reservations now.

All members of the Order that can, are urged to bring their uniform, as we want as many as possible to appear in uniform in the Grand Army parade that will be on Wednesday, June 15, at 1:00 p. m.

All Camps that have a drum corps, arrange to bring them to the Encampment.—E. H. Gletsman, Div. Com.

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### Camp 13, Zanesville.

Muskingum Camp, at regular meeting held April 7, mustered in six new members. The work was put on by the regular officers, in long form and in a most creditable manner. Four Civil War Veterans were present and refreshments were served.

At the April 17 meeting two new members were mustered in. Attendance is on the increase and enthusiasm is fine.

We plan on a fine delegation to attend the District Meeting at Martinsburg in May.

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### District No. 8 Meeting.

On April 13 at Lisbon, this new District held the first meeting, with over fifty in attendance.

The following officers were elected: President, Bro. Reeder, Lisbon; Vice Pres., Bro. Heckathome, East Liverpool; Sec.-Treas., Bro. Probert, Salem; Press Cor., Sister Hoopes, Salem.

Sister Velva Farmer, Division President of the Auxiliary, was present and gave a very interesting talk, as did also Bro. Judge Lodge Riddle of Lisbon.

The next meeting will be held in East Liverpool May 12.—J. Leone Hoopes, Press Cor.

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### Camp 7, Crooksville.

Just notice the entirely new name in the list, which came into being on April 22 when Thomas Burley Camp No. 7 was instituted with 26 charter members.

The mustering was done by Div. Com. E. H. Gletsman and Past Div. Com. W. B. Martin, both of Massillon, with the help of members of Muskingum Camp No. 13, of Zanesville.

Credit for this Camp is due to Pres. Mrs. Dora K. Jadwin, and members of Jennie Wade Tent, Daughters of Union Veterans.

We will try to have a list of the new officers for the next Banner.

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### Camp 250, Newark.

On April 21 Insko Camp initiated six new members, making a total of 25 since Jan. 1. Also there are 11 still to be initiated.

A firing squad has been formed, with J. V. Com. George McDaniels as commissioned Sergeant; this group has already joined the Reserve unit.

New uniforms have been ordered for the boys and a plan is already started which will finance the purchase, as well as help to pay the way of the old Guard to the State Encampment. This scheme is the purchase of an automobile, to be given away July 4th.

Our Memorial committee has been appointed, and the first meeting will be held soon. The Camp in general is in fine shape and working hard.

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### Camp 100, Cincinnati.

Co. G, Second Regt. Reserve, reports having ten members and are going strong in recruiting more members.

Mother's Day will be celebrated by having all the Civil War Mothers, who are able to be out, to attend, volunteers bringing and returning them to their homes afterward. A fine entertainment has been provided by Bro. J. W. Rooney.

An appeal to the membership to stand by the Order, to assist the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and to appear at meeting of Camp met with gratifying results by an unusual attendance. The subject discussed was that of having a Civic Director appointed, with an office at Memorial Hall, as an information bureau for Civil War Soldiers and their Widows, in order that help might be extended every hour in the day to give information, to prosecute pensions and to do all things to make life easier for the beneficiaries. The County Commissioners have furnished a complete office for this purpose and the Civic Director will be appointed shortly.

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### Camp 30, Martinsburg.

On April 6 Blystone Camp held their annual inspection with Bro. A. G. Gibbons from Newark as inspector. Several others from Newark were present and a very enjoyable time was had by all. This Camp under the leadership of their new Com., Earl Farmer, is coming to the front, after a period of several years inactivity, though even when the Camp was not meeting, they were having proper Memorial and Decoration ceremonies.

Early on the morning of April 9, a fire in the little town of Martinsburg destroyed nine buildings in the heart of the business district, taking along the Odd Fellows Hall in which the Sons and Auxiliary had been meeting, causing them the loss of everything. This meant their Charters, rituals, flags, books, and all the dishes and tables of the Auxiliary.

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### Camp 219, Logan.

We have no formal report from Logan Camp, but the Press Cor. recently saw Bro. Andy Fee at Logan and listened to a glowing account of the activities of the Camp, which is meeting regularly, adding a few new members, but best of all, have just finished a drive which was to collect back dues, this part hav-

ing been a little neglected, same as a great many other Camps. We think a Camp should get every member in perfect standing before going after new members very strong.

Brother Fee says the new Commander, Luther Timberlake, is fine and working hard. We note that Logan Camp has put in as Secretary, their outgoing Commander, Fred Collins, and believe it a good plan.

We hope the Logan boys will read this, and then decide to write something each month themselves and send in. They should easily be able to do this, as they meet every week.

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## MAINE

F. H. Berry, Correspondent, 150 Pearl Street, Portland.

### Memorial Day—Our Part.

We are now realizing and experiencing the application and principal purpose of our Order. Memorial Day observance has always emphasized it; but never before has it been impressed upon us as this year. In the very near future and with each succeeding year it will confront us as more important and will bring us a greater and dearer responsibility.

The Grand Army of the Republic officially recognized and endorsed the Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It also officially made the Camps, Divisions and Commandery-in-Chief its official escort on all occasions.

Memorial Day as we know and have it, was established by, through and for the Grand Army of the Republic. All that its beautiful ceremonies, sacred duties, and sad memories stand for, is the historical achievements, service and honor of the Grand Army of the Republic—our fathers and ancestors.

No society or organized body in over half a century ever attempted to represent or assume the Grand Army's rightful and acknowledged official charge or conduct of this particular patriotic day. For over forty years the Sons of Union Veterans have been a recognized official, approved, reliable and active assistant to the Posts and Comrades, in the duties, and conduct of Memorial Day.

The Grand Army of the Republic did a wonderful work in framing the laws of this country. These men today see the need of a steady hand. It is with regret that they must lay aside active work. How natural they should admonish their own sons and grandsons of the dangers ahead and urge them to take a firm stand for the ideals of their fathers.

Therefore on this Memorial Day I urge you to get busy. Do some hard thinking, planning and work. Let's show the world that the blood of our fathers will tell.—Leland H. White.

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### Camp 4, Portland.

Well, we are still living here in Shepley Camp. I guess some of the brothers don't know it or at least they are not interested enough in the organization to show up at a Camp meeting occasionally. It is those same fellows, to a certain extent, who growl about the clique running things. If it wasn't for the so-called clique, but in reality a bunch of honest, appreciative Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, there would not be any Camp.

It is the same way in every Camp. If the men who are members of our organization would be active members, come to the meetings, do their boasting or their growling there, and push! push! for the Sons of Union Veterans, the clique would welcome you.

The big show mentioned in the last Banner is now a matter of history. It was a success in every way.

The Memorial Committee is now busily engaged in preparing for Memorial Day.

Shepley Camp participated in the annual observance of Patriot's Day, taking part in the trooping of the colors as the representative of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Remember, brothers, before another paper reaches you Memorial Day will have passed. Please don't forget your old dad and how he would surely be out there attending to the work of that day



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Especial interest was attached to the appearance of William Pitcock at this affair. Mr. Pitcock is 95 years old, the oldest veteran in this section, and despite his years his hair that has not been turned gray by time and his general vigorous appearance stamps him as a man many years younger.

A feature of the affair came at the conclusion of an address by Thomas Reynolds, Commander of Col. Sam Black Post No. 59, Grand Army of the Republic, when he called the members of the Post to order and had them give the opening ceremonies of their organization.

The banquet was presided over by Enoch B. Kelly, Commander of A. B. Campbell Camp No. 99, and following the invocation by Rev. J. D. Van Horn, pastor of the Coursin Street M. E. Church, the great assemblage sat down to the feast. At the conclusion of the dinner, W. V. Campbell, chairman of the speakers' committee, introduced the toastmaster, James F. Woodward, Secretary of Internal Affairs. Mr. Woodward in turn introduced Mayor George H. Lysle, who extended the city's greetings. Following that J. B. Hershey, Commander of the Pennsylvania Division of Sons of Union Veterans, introduced the honored guests and displayed the key which had been used to open Appomattox Courthouse. After that Thomas Reynolds delivered his address and told of being at Appomattox at the time of Lee's surrender to Grant. He told of the great celebration in the army and throughout the country that marked the end of the hostilities of the internal strife.

The main address was given by Congressman Henry R. Rathbone, of Illinois. Mr. Rathbone's father and mother, who were then an engaged couple, were the guests of President and Mrs. Lincoln the night that Lincoln was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth at Ford's Theater in Washington, D. C., and Mr. Rathbone vividly and dramatically described the scene.

Congressman Kelly, in his address, said that even though the nation is today criticizing Pennsylvania and Illinois, that this nation would not have been one if it had not been for them. "Illinois," he said, "gave us Lincoln and Pennsylvania was the keystone state that gave Gettysburg. Pennsylvania and Illinois have had a part in the Union that cannot be taken away by criticism."

Letters of regret were read from George Wharton Pepper and Governor John Fisher, speakers at last year's banquet. The Sterling orchestra of this city, pleased with its music.

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**Camp 133, Toledo.**

Toledo Camp is humming right along under the effective leadership of Com. Swift and his able corps of officers. Two very fine meetings have recently been held.

Our meeting of March 28 was unusually well attended, a number of Veterans lending their presence. A feeling of sadness was cast over the meeting by the report of the illness of Past Com. Potter, who does not seem to be making satisfactory progress toward recovery. Everyone present cheered Comrade C. O. Begley, our efficient Secretary, who arose from his sick bed to attend the meeting.

Our "grandson's meeting" of April 11 did not prove as successful as we had hoped, due to the fact that about everyone in the city was at the annual "fan night" celebration, which opens the baseball season. However a fair number turned out, and a good time was had by those.

Probably the most effective accomplishment in connection with "grandson's night" was, when in preparing for same, a meeting was arranged at Scott High School, where Com. Swift, Com. Burdo of Forsythe Post, G. A. R., Past Div. S. of V. Com. Myers and Comrade Altenburg talked to 400 senior high school boys in a wonderful way.

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**A Memorial.**

A. E. B. Stephens, Commander of the Ohio Division in 1899, and a former Commander-in-Chief as well, passed into the Great Beyond on the morning of Feb. 12, 1927. That the end should have come on this day seemed somehow symbolic of the patriotic life that he lived. For forty years he had been an earnest, faithful member of the Sons of Union Veterans.

To the thousands, both within and without the Sons of Union Veterans who knew him, he was just simply "Buzz" Stephens. To all of these has come an indescribable sense of personal loss; a feeling that an intimate friend has gone from among them. Nothing in his career was so marked as his success in making and holding friends. His ever present good humor, rugged genuineness, straight-forward common sense, sincere kindness and fine upright character brought him not only the respect, but the real affection as well, of those with whom he touched elbows in many spheres of action. It has been truly said of him that he had more friends from every station of life than any other person in his community and county.

What finer tribute than this oft-repeated comment: "He was a man from whose lips none of his associates remembers hearing an unkind word."

What greater memorial than this, from the columns of the press of opposing political faith: "A wholesome American, an honest man, a faithful public servant."

In his passing, as in life, his chief thought was for others; as he whispered again and again, almost with his last breath, to comfort and reassure his sorrowing family about his bedside: "It's all right. It's all right." That, too, was "Buzz" Stephens' way of saying "Thy will be done."

He is not gone, but just away. As long as memory shall abide, his spirit will remain amongst us as a sweetly generous benediction.—R. J. Williams, Camp 1; Wm. B. Martin, Camp 93; W. M. Coffin, Chairman, Camp 100, Committee.

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**Forty-fifth Annual Encampment.**

Headquarters will be established at the McKinley Hotel. The sessions will be held at the Moose Hall.

The citizens of Canton are making big preparations. It will be the best and biggest Encampment in the history of the Ohio Division.

As Canton is the resting place of our late President and Mrs. McKinley, this alone should create a desire of every member of our Order to attend this Encampment. If you have not already done so, make your reservations now.

All members of the Order that can, are urged to bring their uniform, as we want as many as possible to appear in uniform in the Grand Army parade that will be on Wednesday, June 15, at 1:00 p. m.

All Camps that have a drum corps, arrange to bring them to the Encampment.—E. H. Gleitsman, Div. Com.

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**Camp 13, Zanesville.**

Muskingum Camp, at regular meeting held April 7, mustered in six new members. The work was put on by the regular officers, in long form and in a most creditable manner. Four Civil War Veterans were present and refreshments were served.

At the April 17 meeting two new members were mustered in. Attendance is on the increase and enthusiasm is fine.

We plan on a fine delegation to attend the District Meeting at Martinsburg in May.

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**District No. 8 Meeting.**

On April 13 at Lisbon, this new District held the first meeting, with over fifty in attendance.

The following officers were elected: President, Bro. Reeder, Lisbon; Vice Pres., Bro. Heckathome, East Liverpool; Sec.-Treas., Bro. Probert, Salem; Press Cor., Sister Hoopes, Salem.

Sister Velva Farmer, Division President of the Auxiliary, was present and gave a very interesting talk, as did also Bro. Judge Lodge Riddle of Lisbon.

The next meeting will be held in East Liverpool May 12.—J. Leone Hoopes, Press Cor.

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**Camp 7, Crooksville.**

Just notice the entirely new name in the list, which came into being on April 22 when Thomas Burley Camp No. 7 was instituted with 26 charter members. The mustering was done by Div. Com. E. H. Gleitsman and Past Div. Com. W. B. Martin, both of Massillon, with the help of members of Muskingum Camp No. 13, of Zanesville.

Credit for this Camp is due to Pres. Mrs. Dora K. Jadin, and members of Jennie Wade Tent, Daughters of Union Veterans.

We will try to have a list of the new officers for the next Banner.

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**Camp 250, Newark.**

On April 21 Inesco Camp initiated six new members, making a total of 25 since Jan. 1. Also there are 11 still to be initiated.

A firing squad has been formed, with J. V. Com. George McDaniels as commissioned Sergeant; this group has already joined the Reserve unit.

New uniforms have been ordered for the boys and a plan is already started which will finance the purchase, as well as help to pay the way of the old Guard to the State Encampment. This scheme is the purchase of an automobile, to be given away July 4th.

Our Memorial committee has been appointed, and the first meeting will be held soon. The Camp in general is in fine shape and working hard.

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**Camp 100, Cincinnati.**

Co. G, Second Regt. Reserve, reports having ten members and are going strong in recruiting more members.

Mother's Day will be celebrated by having all the Civil War Mothers, who are able to be out, to attend, volunteers bringing and returning them to their homes afterward. A fine entertainment has been provided by Bro. J. W. Rooney.

An appeal to the membership to stand by the Order, to assist the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and to appear at meeting of Camp met with gratifying results by an unusual attendance. The subject discussed was that of having a Civic Director appointed, with an office at Memorial Hall, as an information bureau for Civil War Soldiers and their Widows, in order that help might be extended every hour in the day to give information, to prosecute pensions and to do all things to make life easier for the beneficiaries. The County Commissioners have furnished a complete office for this purpose and the Civic Director will be appointed shortly.

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**Camp 30, Martinsburg.**

On April 6 Blystone Camp held their annual inspection with Bro. A. G. Gibbons from Newark as inspector. Several others from Newark were present and a very enjoyable time was had by all. This Camp under the leadership of their new Com., Earl Farmer, is coming to the front, after a period of several years inactivity, though even when the Camp was not meeting, they were having proper Memorial and Decoration ceremonies.

Early on the morning of April 9, a fire in the little town of Martinsburg destroyed nine buildings in the heart of the business district, taking along the Odd Fellows Hall in which the Sons and Auxiliary had been meeting, causing them the loss of everything. This meant their Charters, rituals, flags, books, and all the dishes and tables of the Auxiliary.

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**Camp 219, Logan.**

We have no formal report from Logan Camp, but the Press Cor. recently saw Bro. Andy Fee at Logan and listened to a glowing account of the activities of the Camp, which is meeting regularly, adding a few new members, but best of all, have just finished a drive which was to collect back dues, this part hav-

ing been a little neglected, same as a great many other Camps. We think a Camp should get every member in perfect standing before going after new members very strong.

Brother Fee says the new Commander, Luther Timberlake, is fine and working hard. We note that Logan Camp has put in as Secretary, their outgoing Commander, Fred Collins, and believe it a good plan.

We hope the Logan boys will read this, and then decide to write something each month themselves and send in. They should easily be able to do this, as they meet every week.

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**F. H. Berry, Correspondent, 150 Pearl Street, Portland.**

**Memorial Day—Our Part.**

We are now realizing and experiencing the application and principal purpose of our Order. Memorial Day observance has always emphasized it; but never before has it been impressed upon us as this year. In the very near future and with each succeeding year it will confront us as more important and will bring us a greater and dearer responsibility.

The Grand Army of the Republic officially recognized and endorsed the Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It also officially made the Camps, Divisions and Commandery-in-Chief its official escort on all occasions.

Memorial Day as we know and have it, was established by, through and for the Grand Army of the Republic. All that its beautiful ceremonies, sacred duties, and sad memories stand for, is the historical achievements, service and honor of the Grand Army of the Republic—our fathers and ancestors.

No society or organized body in over half a century ever attempted to represent or assume the Grand Army's rightful and acknowledged official charge or conduct of this particular patriotic day. For over forty years the Sons of Union Veterans have been a recognized official, approved, reliable and active assistant to the Posts and Comrades. In the duties, and conduct of Memorial Day.

The Grand Army of the Republic did a wonderful work in framing the laws of this country. These men today see the need of a steady hand. It is with regret that they must lay aside active work. How natural they should admonish their own sons and grandsons of the dangers ahead and urge them to take a firm stand for the ideals of their fathers.

Therefore on this Memorial Day I urge you to get busy. Do some hard thinking, planning and work. Let's show the world that the blood of our fathers will tell.—Leland H. White.

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**Camp 4, Portland.**

Well, we are still living here in Shepley Camp. I guess some of the brothers don't know it or at least they are not interested enough in the organization to show up at a Camp meeting occasionally. It is those same fellows, to a certain extent, who growl about the clique running things. If it wasn't for the so-called clique, but in reality a bunch of honest, appreciative Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, there would not be any Camp.

It is the same way in every Camp. If the men who are members of our organization would be active members, come to the meetings, do their boasting or their growling there, and push! push! for the Sons of Union Veterans, the clique would welcome you.

The big show mentioned in the last Banner is now a matter of history. It was a success in every way.

The Memorial Committee is now busily engaged in preparing for Memorial Day.

Shepley Camp participated in the annual observance of Patriot's Day, taking part in the trooping of the colors as the representative of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Remember, brothers, before another paper reaches you Memorial Day will have passed. Please don't forget your old dad and how he would surely be out there attending to the work of that day

with his comrades. You will be on the job, of course, with your brothers, as the tribute of love everlasting is paid to the heroic dead.

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**Camp 44, Sanford.**

The boys of Miller Camp enjoyed another of the birthday and Son's night socials put on by our Auxiliary and it was a "Jim Dandy." Thirteen birthdays were observed and two large birthday cakes were on hand. Along with story telling was an original poem by the "poet laureate" of the Camp, Charles Webster. If Webster composes another one as symbolic as that one we will either murder him or make him Division Commander.

The Camp went to Wells and held a meeting for the benefit of our Wells members, of whom there are eleven belonging to the Camp. We had the biggest turnout out that we have had for a long while—eight auto loads. Our Wells boys put on a clam stew with fixings. M. Littlefield was toastmaster and F. Brown was "clam choker." Twenty members of the Wells W. R. C. were present and a most royal time was enjoyed.

By the time this Banner is received our Silver Anniversary will have been held and we hope our guests will have enjoyed themselves.

Let us have the largest turnout on Memorial Day that we ever had. What do you say?

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**Camp 46, Bath.**

Some weeks ago it was announced in The Banner that Hyde Camp would have a candidate for Junior Vice Commander at the next Division Encampment. It was the unanimous vote of the Camp to support Joseph N. Day, who by his work for the Order is entitled to any honors that could be given. He is at present a member of the Division Council and in the past has been an Aide on the staff of one Division Commander and was District Deputy and Organizer under another. The good work done while in those offices ought to be well remembered.

In his own Camp he is a regular attendant at the meetings and the prosperity that Hyde Camp is enjoying at present is in a large measure due to his personal efforts.

We believe that any one voting for him will be voting for the best interest of the Order and ask your support for this Brother at Augusta.—C. S. Brown, Cor.

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**Camp 53, Brunswick.**

Those of us who attended the rally in Waterville were disappointed at not hearing our Commander-in-Chief but were well repaid for the trip as the Brothers and Sisters of the Kennebec Valley always have a good program ready for any emergency. Those who went up from Brunswick report a good time.

Another rally in the western part of the state the 14th and then we will be all set for Encampment. A little stir is being felt in politics, and many ambitious brothers are seeking honors, which is a good thing. If there is a little competition, the winner feels as if he had won something worth while and will work better than a man who fills in when he takes it only because nobody else wants it. We have men in this Division, who by their experience in filling Camp chairs, are fitted to seek further honors, and only those who are workers in their own Camps should be advanced.—Russell M. Hosmer, Cor.

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**ILLINOIS**

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**W. O. Gullett, Correspondent, 605 East Maple St., Canton.**

**Division Letter No. 3.**

The Forty-fifth Annual Encampment, Illinois Division, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, May 17 and 18, at Decatur. Headquarters will be at the St. Nicholas Hotel and the place of meeting will be at the Moose Hall. Encampment will open at 10 a. m. Tuesday, May 17.

The Division Council will meet at Headquarters Monday evening, May 16.

The program of the Encampment as at present outlined is as follows:

Tuesday, May 17—10:00 a. m., Business session, Sons of Union Veterans; 11:00 a. m., Memorial exercises with our Auxiliary at Woodman Hall; 2:00 p. m., Business session of Sons of Union Veterans; 4:00 p. m., Greetings with our Auxiliary and Daughters of Veterans at Elks City Club; 7:30 p. m., Camp Fire at Presbyterian Church.

Wednesday, May 18—9:00 a. m., Business session of Sons of Union Veterans; 2:00 p. m., Parade; 4:00 p. m., Business session of Sons of Union Veterans.

Thursday, May 19—9:30 a. m.—Business session of Sons of Union Veterans. The following committee are hereby appointed:

Credentials — Allan S. Holbrook, Dwight, Camp 270; W. F. Jenkins, Chicago, Camp 1; F. Lewis Phillips, Chicago, Camp 6; P. J. Kuhn, Chicago, Camp 6.

Officers' Reports—J. Colby Beekman, Petersburg, Camp 270; Phil Byron, Kankakee, Camp 5; James E. Seabert, Dwight, Camp 270; Chas. Leech, Chicago, Camp 61-65.

Resolutions — E. F. Buck, Peoria, Camp 26; William Schneider, Kankakee, Camp 5; Will C. Creighton, Champaign, Camp 150.

Reception and Entertainment Commander-in-Chief—William T. Church, Chicago, Camp 6; Clifford Ireland, Peoria, Camp 25.

Encampment Location—Paul E. Herschel, Jr., Peoria, Camp 25; John A. Mayhew, Kankakee, Camp 5; Clifford Blackburn, Maywood, Camp 15.

Revision of By-Laws — George B. Holmes, Chicago, Camp 100; Carl S. Spalding, Rockford, Camp 26; A. A. Boyer, Dwight, Camp 270.

Greetings Grand Army—William T. Church, Chicago, Camp 6; Henry C. Cull, Chicago, Camp 1; C. D. Thomas, Champaign, Camp 150; F. J. Phillips, Chicago, Camp 6.

Greetings Woman's Relief Corps—E. F. Buck, Peoria, Camp 25; Andrew Distler, Peoria, Camp 25; D. G. Robertson, Chicago, Camp 100.

Greetings Daughters of Veterans—Clifford Ireland, Peoria, Camp 25; Geo. R. Thompson, Elgin, Camp 22; E. Lee Semon, Rock Island, Camp 243; Charles Moses, Chicago, Camp 6.

Greetings Ladies of the Grand Army—Ed. F. Ream, Aurora, Camp 21; S. W. King, Joliet, Camp 43; F. Lewis Phillips, Chicago, Camp 6.

Greetings Sons of Veterans Auxiliary—John A. Mayhew, Kankakee, Camp 5; Harold Kasube, Chicago, Camp 6; P. H. Kendrick, Rockford, Camp 26; Geo. H. Wheeler, Bolvidere, Camp 60.

All Division Officers are requested to have written report ready for presentation at the first session of the Encampment, Tuesday, May 17, at 10 a. m.

At the Encampment at Springfield last year, organization of a Past Division Commanders' Association was perfected. It is anticipated that meeting and banquet will be held sometime while the Encampment is in session at Decatur. The attendance of all Past Commanders is urgently desired at this meeting and banquet. An opportunity is open to this Organization whereby they may be of great service to the Division of Illinois. It should be not only the duty but the pleasure of everyone whom Illinois has so honored to be present and take part in this meeting. Let your conscience be your guide.

Your Commander most earnestly urges all Past Camp Commanders, all Past Division Commanders, all Camp Commanders and all Delegates to attend this Encampment.—Harry M. Coen, Division Commander.

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**Reception to Department Officers.**

A tremendously important occasion in the history of the Grand Army of the Republic and its affiliated societies, was the dinner and reception tendered on April 9th to John E. Andrews, Dept. Com. of the Grand Army of the Republic, at the Hotel Sherman in Chicago.

With Comrade Andrews were included Louisa M. Mitchell, Dept. Pres. of Ill. Daughters of Union Veterans, and Harry M. Coen, Div. Com. of Ill. Sons of Union Veterans. This important event took place in the beautiful and spacious Louis 16th Ball Room. The menu and service were excellent.

After Dept. Com. Andrews was introduced and had spoken, Mrs. Clara Hoov-



er was introduced by the chairman, and in an excellent address brought the greetings to the Grand Army of the Republic from the Daughters of Union Veterans. She was followed by John Houlhan, Commander of Maywood Camp No. 95, who in a short but pithy manner presented the greetings from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He was followed by Mrs. Mitchell, who in behalf of the Ladies of the G. A. R., and Woman's Relief Corps, gave greetings to the Grand Army.

Div. Com. Harry M. Coen was then introduced as the Division Commander of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Com. Coen delivered a fine address, especially emphasizing renewed efforts of all auxiliary bodies to assist the remaining members of the Grand Army in their declining years.

Mrs. Enslow, the Division President of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary of Illinois, presented the greetings of that body to the Grand Army.

Rev. R. Keene Ryan, a Presbyterian minister, and a member of the Sons of the Confederacy, was introduced and talked for nearly an hour, giving many anecdotes and experiences related by his father, as well as some of his own experiences while connected in an official capacity with recruiting work in the great World War.

Following this tables and chairs were removed and dancing was enjoyed by many for an hour or two. All in all the occasion was a delightful affair and the successful carrying out of the plans was decidedly complimentary to the committee in charge.

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#### News from Camp 1.

Chicago Camp 1 is proud of the honor conferred upon Div. Com. Harry M. Coen at the Hotel Sherman in Chicago April 9. The occasion, long to be remembered, was the dinner and reception tendered Dept. Com. John E. Andrews of the G. A. R.; Div. Com. H. M. Coen, of the Sons of Union Veterans, and Dept. Pres. Louisa M. Mitchell, of the Daughters of Union Veterans. Brother Coen is an honored member of Camp 1 and one of its Past Commanders.

At the regular April meeting of the Camp no routine business was transacted. Past Div. Com. W. F. Jenkins had called a meeting of Past Commanders to take the necessary steps to organize a Past Commander's Association. The object of the association is to work in harmony with the Cook County Memorial Association in locating graves of deceased veterans in the various cemeteries and seeing to it that they are properly decorated; also to co-ordinate the work of the various Camps in Cook county. Camps 8 and 61-65 were represented and the G. A. R. was represented by Comrades Harper and Brown. After the selection of a temporary chairman and a secretary the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the temporary officers.

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#### Celebrate G. A. R. Birthday.

Canton Camp No. 10 sponsored a double celebration on Sunday, April 10, in honor of Appomattox Day, April 9, and the sixty-first anniversary of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic. The services were held in the First Methodist Church at 11 o'clock, with appropriate music by the vested choir of the church and an eloquent and learned address by the Rev. Arthur Henry Smith, pastor of the church.

Colonel John M. Snyder, the only surviving member of the little group of men that organized the first Post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Decatur in 1866, and a Past Dept. Commander of Illinois G. A. R., was the guest of honor and occupied a seat on the platform.

The church was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The Sons of Veterans, G. A. R., and all the affiliated bodies, as well as members of the Spanish War Veterans, American Legion and Daughters of the American Revolution, met at the Memorial hall and marched in a body to the church.

In his address the Rev. Smith narrated the history that led to the surrender at Appomattox and the subsequent formation of the G. A. R., which he termed the greatest organization of its kind ever formed in the history of the world. He paid a glowing tribute to Col. John M. Snyder, "our fellow townsman whom we all love and delight to honor."

## RHODE ISLAND

Storrs T. Richmond, Correspondent, 8 Armington Ave., Providence.

#### Annual Encampment.

The 39th annual Encampment convened Tuesday, April 19, at 3 o'clock, in Grand Army Hall at Newport. Div. Com. George E. Hand, Sr., presided.

Camps 2, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 16, 19 and 21 were presented. The first order of business was appointment of Committees. Reading of reports of officers followed.

Div. Com. Hand's most complete report touched upon the past activities of the Organization. A recommendation called for the creation of a legislative board of three men in the Division, to be familiar with City and State legislation, and to act with or against that which might be for the good or detrimental to the Grand Army of the Republic. Another was the creation of a committee to act with other patriotic Organizations to re-claim lost or unmarked graves.

A recommendation made by Div. Pat. Inst. Alton J. Verrill to seek legislation by the National body at the 46th Encampment at Dayton in September, 1927, that would legalize the opening of a Camp Charter at the discretion of the Camp, so as to take members into the Camp at a maximum fee of \$5.00 and a minimum fee of three dollars, or a price as the Camp deemed wise.

All of these recommendations were concurred in by the Committee on Officers' Reports.

During the session members of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, Daughters of Veterans, Woman's Relief Corps and Ladies of the G. A. R. sent representatives with greetings and words of cheer to the members assembled.

During the evening flag presentations were made by several Auxiliaries to various schools throughout Newport. Special theatre privileges were afforded members of the Sons of Veterans by the Newport Committee.

Wednesday, April 20, reports were completed and officers elected for the twelve months of the term to come. They are as follows: Col. Frank L. Barrows, Div. Com.; Storrs T. Richmond, Sr. Vice Div. Com.; George W. Bowman, Jr. Vice Div. Com.; Council: George E. Hand, Ralph L. Cheek and Clarence E. Esten. Delegates to the National Encampment, John J. McCurdy, Edward A. Baker, Alternates, William Brayton and Benjamin Jepson.

Officers appointed—Alton J. Verrill, Patriotic Instructor; Frank B. Wight, Secretary-Treasurer; Frank P. Ballou, Division Installing Officer; Enoch A. Hoyt, Division Organizer. Other officers will be announced at Division Headquarters.

A banquet at the Hotel Viking at Newport, with Dept. Com. Christopher Carpenter, G. A. R., Past Div. Com. George E. Hand, Com-in-Chief Ernest W. Homan, Mayor Sullivan of Newport, who is an active member of the Newport Camp, Div. Aux. Pres. Mrs. Betty Jackson, Nat. Aux. Pres. Mrs. Keene and Dept. Pres. of the Woman's Relief Corps of Rhode Island, Mrs. May Curtiss, were seated at the head table.

Installations of the officers of both the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Auxiliary terminated a most enjoyable and successful State Encampment.

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#### Past Commanders Elect Officers.

The Past Commanders' Association held its annual election of officers in the parish house of the Church of the Mediator, on Elmwood Ave. Past Div. Com. George E. Hand was elected Pres.; Ralph L. Cheek, Vice Pres.; Alvin S. Arnold, Treas.; Charles W. Lawson, Sec.; Past Div. Com. Emerson L. Adams for three year term on the Executive Board; Past Div. Com. Charles W. Senior, Auditor; Storrs T. Richmond, Publicity Secretary.

A turkey supper was served at which sixty were present. The entertainment committee was headed by John J. McCurdy. Two new members were voted in—Past Com. Green of Camp 19 and Past Camp Com. Frank S. Reavey. All

Past Camp Commanders are urged to join this Association.

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#### Division Commander's Notes.

Our new Division Commander, Col. Frank L. Barrows, requests and expects a large attendance at Division Headquarters Saturday evenings and promises every moment interesting.

General William Flanagan, who is an active member of Elisha H. Rhodes Camp and a pleasant and interesting speaker, has agreed to speak to the members assembled at Division Headquarters on matters of the Organization at a future date.

Committee appointments at the Division meeting of April 23 were as follows: For the Good of the Order—Chairman, Frank P. Ballou; Frank S. Reavey, Edward A. Baker, Committee on Legislation—Sr. Vice Div. Com. Storrs T. Richmond, Chairman; Past Div. Coms. George Hand and Ralph L. Cheek.

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Members of General Burnside Camp No. 5 are requested to be present at the next meeting of the Camp, May 18, in F. L. I. Veterans Hall. Refreshments will be served by the Auxiliary and plans for a lively campaign will be arranged for the coming months. With Com. Wm. H. Foote and Pres. Mrs. Chace we are assured of big things going over before their year closes.

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#### Correspondent's Note.

Brothers of Little Rhody, once more I clutch a pen soaked with ink and proceed to scratch the activities of our Order in our State for the official organ, The Banner. I am starting the fifth year as Press Correspondent for the Division. I like the job or I wouldn't take it. I aim to suit and as I have said many times, if I fail to suit please point out where, and I will appreciate it, for I crave correction as much as I need it. —Storrs T. Richmond.

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## MICHIGAN

M. K. Brown, Press Correspondent, 1648 Colt Ave., N. E., Grand Rapids.

Memorial Day is again at hand, the time when every Son of a Union Veteran should lay aside everything else and assist the remaining members of the Grand Army to commemorate their departed Comrades.

It is our duty to help the Comrades to church on Memorial Sunday, furnish automobiles, and see that all veterans are furnished with transportation for the parade, and get into the parade ourselves.

Get in touch with the Commander of your Camp and find out what you can do. Interest yourself in Memorial Day. See that there is a flag on every soldier's grave. In Grand Rapids not one will be missed if it is possible to locate it. We are constantly on the job, but we need more Sons to help.

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#### New Camp at Muskegon.

At a meeting sponsored by Louisa Wright Shear Tent, Daughters of Union Veterans, an organization of what is to be known as the Frederick Wilbur Camp No. 15 was mustered in by Past Div. Com. Wm. H. Malone of Belding, assisted by Div. Com. Glen Wigent of Jackson, Com. Carl Doyle, Past Com. Mert Eaves and Past Com. E. C. Wise of Belding.

The officers elected were: Com., Andrew Minzey; Sr. Vice, Myron F. Link; Jr. Vice, Clayton Minzey; Chap., Jacob Lods; Treas., Ross Evans; Pat. Inst., Wm. Derby.

The Camp Charter shows an enrollment of 19. Speeches by Division and Department officers followed the organization.

The Daughters of Union Veterans held a special meeting in the afternoon for inspection which was made by Dept. Pres. Minnie Wigent of Jackson.

The school of instruction was followed by a dinner served by the Daughters for the Sons of Union Veterans and guests.

"You can't believe all you hear," said Uncle Eben. "And you're liable to get fooled even if you are deaf and dumb." —Washington Star.

## INDIANA

Herbert W. Allen, Press Correspondent, 1244 North Illinois, St., No. 48, Indianapolis.

#### Danville Camp No. 72.

This old stand-by Camp has done about everything the past month, except muster new recruits, and that has not been because of lack of applications—because the Secretary has now four on his desk that have been regularly acted upon, but the candidates have been too busy to appear and take the work.

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Correspondent's Note.

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MICHIGAN

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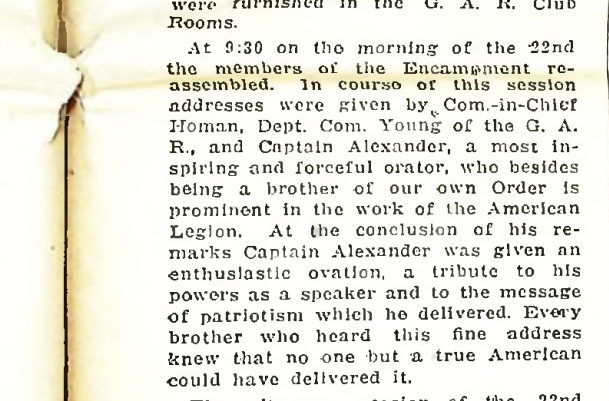
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Members of Avery Camp attended the last meeting of District 5 at New Haven April 12. There were 21 members in the party, which included two candidates and six of the G. A. R. boys.

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A short parade will be a feature of the Memorial Day observance in Torrington this year. This was decided at the meeting of the general Memorial Day committee held April 8. After the actual decoration of graves, the various delegations will assemble at the monument in front of City Hall and from there march to the monument in Coe Park.

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District Meeting.

District No. 6 held a big meeting with Nathan Hale Camp No. 1 at New Haven, on April 12. Chairman Norman S. Buckingham presided at the meeting; Irving Bassett of Camp 1 acted as Sec. Pro Tem in the absence of Sec. Thomas.

There were 30 Sons of Union Veterans present and 1 Grand Army Comrade. The topic for the evening was "How do you get the Camp news to your members and to the public." Div. Com. Wadsworth and Bros. Lyons, Raymond, Smith, Clark and Hoyt spoke on the subject. Comrade Atwater of Post 17 gave a few remarks.

Camp 39 invited the District to meet with them on Monday night, May 9, in Milford. The invitation was accepted.

The members present were asked to give their views regarding The Banner. The following brothers responded: Div. Com. Wadsworth, Norman S. Buckingham and Bros. Lyons, Raymond, C. E. Clark, Sr., Gregory, Charters, Hislop, Holt, Spink, Smith and Hoyt. Matter was left that Camp 39 would present the topic for next meeting. The ladies from Aux. 13 served a fine lunch.—Wm. J. Thomas, Cor.

ALA. AND TENN.

Joseph B. Williams, Commander,  
St. Petersburg, Fla.

The Thirty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Alabama & Tennessee Division was held at Miami, Florida, April 19 and 20.

Past Commander-in-Chief E. R. Campbell, who resides at Zephyr Hills, Fla., was present at all sessions of the meeting, and attended with the Son's committee all greetings to affiliated organizations, also installed the new officers.

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No date nor place was selected to hold the 1928 meeting.

The G. A. R. of Florida took a great interest in the meeting of the Sons at Miami and pledged their support in all endeavors for new Camps wherever a Post of the G. A. R. exists in Florida and it is possible to get the required number of sons for such organization. The affiliated organizations all offered their assistance also. Miami Chamber of Commerce provided entertainment.

NEW JERSEY

Correspondent, A. K. Hendley, 117 South  
Stockton, St., Trenton, N. J.

Camp 1, Hoboken.

The Grant anniversary banquet, arranged by the Auxiliaries of Union City, Jersey City and Hoboken, and Camps 19 and 1, achieved the usual splendid success. Three hundred brothers, sisters, and friends were present. Among them were P. C.-in-C. Samuel Horn who made a splendid toastmaster, and carried out the program with his usual dignity.

Among those present were Com.-in-Chief Homan, Nat. Pres. Nan Keene, Rev. Dr. Frank Armstrong, Div. Com. Wm. Rooney and staff of New York, R. Bennett and staff of New Jersey, Div. Pres. Hannah Beck and staff of New York, Mary Multhead of New Jersey, Nat. Vice Pres. Stella Owens, Nat. Chief-of-Staff Anna Williams, P. N. P. Mayme Dwyer of New York, Judson Cole of Elmira, N. Y., and all the "Old Guard" consisting of Past Div. Presidents from New York and New Jersey and many Past Div. Commanders. All helped to make it the most sociable yet.

Evening of the many that have been enjoyed this season.

The Hon. Judge William Hanley, of Hoboken, made a splendid address on General Grant. Miss Sara Constance Cole, daughter of the 107th Regiment of N. Y. G. A. R., gave a splendid patriotic reading. Mrs. Kathryn Krommeyer rendered several beautiful selections of old songs, accompanied by Prof. Tavena. Dept. Com. Joseph Goodrich of the G. A. R., William Allen and Past Dept. Com. George Boyd heading delegations from Brown, Wilson, Zabriskie, Thomas and Ellsworth Posts—twenty-six comrades in all. It was a wonderful and inspiring sight. After the dinner dancing was enjoyed until wee hours in the morning.

On May 14 the Camp and Auxiliary have arranged for a barn dance and frolic at the old No. 1 School House. After the chores and the milking is done, the girls will gather in bonnets and gingham aprons, and the boys in their overalls. Prizes will be awarded during the evening.

The joint memorial committee are making great progress with the arrangements for Memorial Day parade, and memorial services will be held on Sunday evening, May 29, at St. Paul's Church. Rev. Frank Armstrong will preach the sermon. Requisition for flags, markers and wreaths have been turned in to the Board of Freeholders to be left at the various cemeteries for distribution on Memorial Day. The Camp as usual will be escort to Brown Post in the parade Memorial Day.

Camp 19, Jersey City.

At our regular meeting of March 28 we had the honor of putting our Commander's son into our Camp.

The Memorial Day Committee report that flowers and flags have been ordered, also that several Councils of Jr. O. V. A. M. and P. O. S. of A. will take part in our Memorial Day parade.

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## MINNESOTA

George W. Turner, Secretary-Treasurer, 426 Second Ave., South, Minneapolis.

## Minnesota Activities During April.

Except for the regular routine work, three trips by Division officers and other members constituted the activities of Minnesota Division for the month of April.

On the 7th an auto load left Minneapolis for the grind to Litchfield in spite of the fact that reports on road conditions were none too favorable. The party was made up of Div. Com. Smith, Div. Sec.-Treas. Turner, Div. Coun. Foss and Hoyt and Past Camp Com. McMillen.

The start was made at five o'clock and, much to the surprise of the travelers, the roads were found to be in excellent condition except for a couple of places where sewers were being installed in towns through which they passed. The usual rain storm broke just before the end of the journey was reached but the party arrived at their destination at just eight o'clock.

Aux. Div. Pres. Bertha Longfield was among those who greeted the Minneapolis brothers upon their arrival at the G. A. R. hall, she having made the trip from St. Paul, by train, earlier in the day.

With greetings out of the way the meeting of the Camp was called to order with Div. Com. Smith occupying the usual position of C. F. W. Schultz, who is Camp Commander as well as being Sr. Vice Commander of the Division. The ladies were admitted during the Good-of-the-Order in order that they might enjoy the speech of Bro. McMillen. The evening's pleasantries wound up with an excellent luncheon which had been provided by the Auxiliary members. The return trip was made without mishap although the rain had made the bad places worse and the good and of the roads no better.

Is making great preparations for entertaining the Division Encampment in June and expects every brother of the Division to be present and enjoy the good times they are preparing for them. Don't forget the dates; June 20, 21 and 22, at Litchfield.

On the 23rd this same auto carried Past Div. Com. Bentley, Div. Sec.-Treas. Turner and Div. Coun. Foss and Hoyt to the home of J. T. Broadbent, where the regular meeting of G. W. Haskell Camp No. 19 was held in commemoration of the 68th birthday of Brother Broadbent.

One feature of the meeting was the presentation of Past Camp Commander's badges to J. T. Broadbent, Douglas Ruffcorn, Hiram Baker, Thos. Grant, C. H. Rogers and John Ruffcorn. Bro. Bentley made the presentation and, while the presentation had been delayed for several years, in some cases, the recipients were much pleased with the tokens of merit the Camp had finally seen fit to bestow.

Bro. Broadbent, or "Joe" as he is familiarly known by his old associates, has been losing his eyesight for several years until now he is all but totally blind and unable to attend the meetings of his Camp where he has been one of the main stays for many a year. The visit of the Minneapolis brothers was especially pleasing to him and, quoting his own words, "shows that one still has some real friends in spite of everything."

An evening of visiting, music and finally a wonderful repast made the large gathering feel that the time had been well spent. Oh, yes, it rained, but only a little and the excellent roads, and sand roads where the poorer portions were, made the dampness scarcely noticeable. Not even a skid on the entire trip.

On the 27th Div. Com. Smith took an early morning train for Brookings, S. D., in answer to an invitation from the brothers of McCook Camp No. 2, arriving there just in time to clean up, eat supper and be in at the opening of the Camp meeting and celebration of Grant's birthday, Prof. A. S. Harding, a member of the local Camp, being the principal speaker of the evening.

Brother Mathews and Sister Slocum met the chief executives at the train and saw that they were well entertained until Brother and Sister Hyde took charge of them for the night.

Get this, you fellows in other Divisions, as well as you Minnesota brothers who do not realize under what stress these trips are made in our Division—leave Minneapolis at 7:35 a. m. one day and arrive back at 5:30 p. m. the next day and all for the purpose of being with the members of a Camp for about four hours. Com. Smith says that the excellent turn-out more than made up for the hardship on his part, fourteen of the eighteen members being present and the four absent ones being unable to reach the city owing to the poor condition of the roads.

At the last Division Encampment it was decided to place a memorial window in the chapel of the Soldiers Home. This window has been built and installed and is an excellent piece of work, one of the best, in fact, of the many which have been placed by the various units of the Allied Orders. Dedication ceremonies are to take place on Memorial Sunday and all members of this Division are invited to attend.

The expense of this undertaking is being met by popular subscription among our Minnesota membership. If your Camp has not yet met its quota, will you see that this is done without further delay? If you, as an individual, wish to contribute to this fund, kindly send your offering to the Div. Sec.-Treas., Geo. W. Turner, at 426 2nd Ave. So., Minneapolis.

## IOWA

J. H. Smith, Correspondent, Cedar Falls.

## Camp 58, Fort Dodge.

C. C. Carpenter Camp and Auxiliary observed Iowa History Week upon the evening of April 22. On this occasion a portrait of Honorable John F. Duncombe, pioneer citizen and lawyer, was presented, in connection with an appropriate patriotic program, to the Duncombe School of the city. The presentation speech was made by Brother H. M. Pratt, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

At the last regular meeting of the Camp and Auxiliary, a very interesting address was given by Professor Taft, Assistant Director of the Extension Department of the State Agriculture College at Ames. This address explained in detail the different lines of work of the Extension Department, and how they could be of service to the citizens of Iowa.

Miss Harriet Brindley, this year's winner of the Lincoln oratorical contest, sponsored by the Camp in connection with the Fort Dodge High School, gave her prize winning oration.

## Official Visitations.

Brother H. M. Pratt, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, visited the Camp and Auxiliary at Clear Lake and also was entertained by members of the Mason City Camp and Auxiliary. While in Mason City he also attended a meeting of the recently organized Daughters of Union Veterans in that city. He was present at the thirtieth annual observance of Appomattox Day at Otho, Iowa. Brother Pratt was present at the initial meeting and has been present at many of the meetings since.

## Patriotic Societies Present Flag.

The Woman's Relief Corps and the G. A. R., in conjunction with the Sons of Union Veterans and their Auxiliary, recently presented a flag, a picture of Lincoln and a copy of his Gettysburg address, to the Junior High School at the Lincoln school building, Cedar Falls. At this time special patriotic services were held. The Junior High School students had prepared a fine program honoring the birthday of President U. S. Grant.

Principal L. R. Holmes opened the program by reading the 21st Psalm. J. H. Smith, Patriotic Instructor of the Sons of Union Veterans, presented the picture of Lincoln given to the school by Mrs. Edith Nace and her son, Theodore A. Nace, in memory of her father, Adelbert E. Jacobs, in the interest of

both the Sons of Union Veterans and their Auxiliary. Mary Louise Miltz, Junior high school girl, responded to the presentation with a few well-chosen words of thanks.

During the delightful program which followed the flag from the Woman's Relief Corps was presented by Mrs. Flora Bentley, Patriotic Instructor of that organization.

## Celebrate Anniversary.

Conceded to be the most enthusiastic and best attended meeting held in Des Moines in recent years was the occasion commemorating Appomattox Day and celebrating the first anniversary of Gen. J. M. Tuttle Camp No. 77, and Auxiliary No. 16.

On Saturday, April 2, a six o'clock dinner was served by the ladies to more than 200 guests and members. Comrades, wives and widows of comrades were present in the number of over 75. Favors of roses, confections, and cigars (for the men) were distributed to all those present.

After the dinner the company gathered in the assembly hall where Pres. Hedburg called the meeting to order and placed Past Pres. Leah Vigren in charge as Mistress of Ceremonies. Under her able conduct followed a well planned and creditably rendered program comprising a one act playlet; craftsman demonstrations and vocal numbers by the Boy Scout Quartette; instrumental and voice selections by local entertainers.

Div. Pat. Inst. of the Sons, Dr. L. L. Shope, and Aux. Div. Pat. Inst. Sister Blagg, in appropriate talks reviewed the progress and growth of Tuttle Camp and Auxiliary during the past year. Visiting Comrades added materially to the pleasure and enjoyment of the evening with their always interesting speeches and narratives.

## MARYLAND

James W. Lyons, Press Correspondent, 917 18th St. N.W., Washington, D. C.

## Camp 2, Wilmington, Del.

Appomattox Camp and Auxiliary had a very successful celebration of Appomattox Day on April 9, this also marking the 29th anniversary of our Camp. The committee presented a fine program which was enjoyed to the limit by the large audience that accepted our invitation.

Div. Com. Corrie presided in his usual happy style and Hon. Leonard E. Wales, one of our prominent attorneys, gave us a masterful address. Twenty-two Civil War Vets were our guests, automobiles being provided for their comfort and we were more than repaid for the pleasure they received.

We are planning to have a large delegation present at the Division Encampment at Hagerstown on the 11th and 12th. Memorial Day arrangements are well under way. F. P. Gentieu has been elected chairman and E. P. Corrie secretary of the Joint Memorial Day Parade Committee of our city. A larger number of Camp members are taking an active part in our Memorial Day plans than ever before and we are looking for a fitting celebration of this sacred day.

## Camp 1, Baltimore, Md.

More than a hundred were present at the monthly joint social meeting of Mother Sperling Tent of Daughters and this Camp of Sons of Veterans on Mar. 28. Owing to the illness of Bro. Dave Carriek, Past Com.-in-Chief Irean presided. A most enjoyable time was had and a still better time is promised at each of our coming social functions.

On April 11 our regular business meeting was held with Com. Pisan, who has been ill for some weeks, in his official station. Bro. Carriek was reported as convalescent; Past Div. Com. Miles W. Ross, the father of our Camp, was reported as being quite sick in George Washington Hospital in Washington, D. C.; Bro. Schroeder was also reported as being very ill. The death of Bro. Nicholas Kemp was reported and short eulogies on his life as a brother of the Order and as a patriotic citizen were delivered by several of the brothers.

A delegation of at least 12, and most likely many more of our members, will attend the Division Encampment at Hagerstown on May 11 and 21. They will have their headquarters at the Colonial Hotel and dispense Maryland hospitality such as only Baltimoreans can show to all "sons" who call on them.

Brothers, Memorial Day will soon be here again and our duties this year are more heavy than in former years, as the Grand Army of the Republic are looking to us for more help than ever before. Shall we not make a sacrifice if necessary to bend our every effort towards making the next May 30th one that both the G. A. R. and ourselves will be proud to remember as the coming years pass by?

## Camp 30, Washington, D. C.

At the last meeting of Cushing Camp a committee headed by Bro. C. S. Davis was appointed to prepare a revised copy of the Camp's By-Laws. Patriotic exercises were held later in the evening, with Sr. Vice Com. Houk delivering an interesting address on his official visit for the U. S. Government in China, in which he fully described the present war conditions. Bro. John Wells gave piano selections.

One pleasant feature was the acceptance of the Camp's newly rebound Holy Bible, by Past Com. Bateman, and the newly made American flag, by Past Com. Williams. The sisters of Cushing Auxiliary very kindly had the Bible rebound it being badly worn, and the re-making of the flag, which also was badly worn by time. The sisters were given a rising vote of thanks for their patriotic work, and appropriate words of appreciation by Camp Com. Frederick A. Fernald, in behalf of the members.

Camp Pat. Inst. Rutledge reported a patriotic program to be carried out April 27 in honor of U. S. Grant's birthday anniversary, to be assisted by Div. Pat. Inst. Hiatt. Col. U. S. Grant, 3rd, was a guest of honor on this occasion.

## Camp 2, Washington, D. C.

On the evening of April 22 this Camp in conjunction with Ellen Spencer Mussey Tent, Daughters of Union Veterans, tendered a reception to Maj. Gen. John L. Clem, "The Drummer Boy of Shiloh," now Commander of the Department of the Potomac, G. A. R., and Mrs. Bassett, Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps. A large number of Grand Army comrades and members of their allied organizations were present and a very delightful program, followed by refreshments and social intercourse, made it an evening which will long be remembered.

A large number of our members are expecting to go to the Division Encampment at Hagerstown, Md., on May 11-12, and incidentally boost our good Brother Druid Evans for Division Commander.

## Farewell Note.

On behalf of the Division Commander and his official staff I wish to extend to all the Camps and Brothers who have so loyally helped us in every possible way during the past year, our most sincere thanks. Without your aid we could have made but little progress, but with it, we feel that our labors have not been in vain.

To those good brothers who have been dormant and we have been unable to wake from their lethargy we extend our best wishes and prayers that our successors in the management of the affairs of the Maryland Division may be able to fan the dying flame of patriotism, Camp loyalty and brotherly love into the hearts of our indifferent members so that they will realize their duties, fulfill their obligations to the Order and become more zealous in the work than any of our present active workers.

Let every one of us resolve to make the coming months the ones in which we will show greater interest than we ever have shown before in our Order. Remember that talk is cheap. It amounts to nothing unless accompanied by action.

If any of us have any hatchets out or chips on our shoulders, let us bury them and forgive and forget any real or fancied wrong. Let us stand united. —James W. Lyons, Div. Press Cor.

## NEW YORK

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## Division Encampment at Syracuse.

Next month is the time for the Division Encampment. Syracuse has been designated as the city which will be host to the 61st annual G. A. R. Department Encampment and the 43rd Division Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans and its allied organizations. Syracuse is justly proud. The dates are June 7, 8 and 9.

Headquarters for the G. A. R., also their meeting place, the ball room of the Onondaga Hotel, S. Warren and E. Jefferson Sts. Headquarters for the Sons of Union Veterans, their Auxiliary, and the Daughters, will be at the Syracuse Hotel, one block south of the Onondaga Hotel, at S. Warren and E. Onondaga Streets.

The opening session of the Sons will be held in the Syracuse Hotel; all others will be transferred to the Assembly Chamber in the Court House, one block east of the Onondaga Hotel, at Montgomery and E. Jefferson Streets.

Tuesday evening, June 7, a ball and reception will be held at the Armory on W. Jefferson Street, two blocks from the G. A. R. Headquarters. Wednesday evening at 6:30, the Encampment Parade will start and this will be followed by the Camp Fire at the Armory.

On Monday evening, June 6, before the Encampment opens, a flag will be presented to the St. Johns Military Academy, at Manlius, N. Y., 11 miles from Syracuse, by the New York Division Auxiliary. A dress parade by the Cadets will feature the occasion. This school has the reputation of being one of the finest in the country, and may participate in the Encampment.

William H. Klein is General Chairman of the Encampment, and deserves much credit, for he has virtually done all the work and made preparations for the coming Encampment, without calling on anyone for assistance.

The sessions of the Daughters and the Auxiliary will be held at the Odd Fellows Temple, S. Warren St. at S. Salina, opposite Veterans Park.

## Birth of Grant Celebrated.

The 165th anniversary of the birth of General U. S. Grant was observed with ceremonies and the placing of a wreath upon the crypt in the tomb at Ninety-sixth Street, on Riverside Drive, New York City, on Sunday, April 24.

The exercises were under the auspices of the New York Division of the Auxiliary and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. About 500 persons were present at the ceremonies. Music was furnished by the Fire Department Band and the Police Glee Club.

Congressman William W. Cohen spoke on "Grant, the President," and Alexander I. Rorke spoke on "Grant, the Soldier."

The attendance was about 2,000 and in their number all of the organizations affiliated with the G. A. R. were represented. The Veterans of the G. A. R. were also present in large numbers and all Boroughs of our Greater City had representation.

At the close of the exercises a wreath was placed in the tomb by Div. Com. Wm. J. A. Rooney and Div. Pres. Hannah A. Beck. Others present were Div. Sec. Julius Isaacs, Div. Council Isidore Lang, Div. Council Walter K. Bailey, Past Div. Com. Herman L. Lange, Past Div. Com. Chas. H. Helmsloth, Past Div. Press Cor. Judson Cole, Past Div. Com. N. J. Fred Hansen, Past Div. Com. N. J. Herman Schroeder and Past Div. Com. Pa., Walter Mable.

## Camp 77, Elmira.

Ten Civil War Veterans answered roll call at the Appomattox Day celebration held by Company E of the Reserve at the State Armory, April 1. Dr. John Van Duyn, of Syracuse, Dept. Com. G. A. R., gave a most interesting historical resume of the events leading up to Lee's surrender to Grant. Mayor David N. Heller officially welcomed Com. Van Duyn to the city in a brief, appropriate address. Representative Gale H. Stalker described in detail the recent filibuster

In Congress and assured the veterans of his earnest effort in behalf of pension legislation. The Rev. Allen M. Laird, pastor of the First Church of Christ, Disciples, and a member of Camp 77, gave a stirring patriotic address.

P. D. C. Neil D. Cranmer acted as master of ceremonies, and in addition to the other speakers introduced the following who spoke briefly: Mrs. Lottie Barrett, Pres. Auxiliary 49; Mrs. Mary Sauter, Vice Pres. Diven Relief Corps; Mrs. G. W. De Neo, Chap. of the Daughters; Com. Ira Wood, P. C.'s W. G. Fudge and Dr. L. C. Day of Camp 77; Treas. Judson Cole, and Bro. Moore of Camp 8, Paterson, N. J.

Present as special guests were a delegation of 20 members of Gibson Camp and Auxiliary of Pulteney, Com. Gibson and Pres. Mabel Raymond responded for the visitors.

Over 100 were seated at the tables at the banquet which was served at 7 o'clock. The Rev. A. M. Laud offered the invocation.

## Appomattox Day Celebration.

Saturday, the 9th of April, was the 62nd anniversary of the surrender of Gen. Robert E. Lee, leader of the Confederacy, to Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, leader of the Army of the Federal States. In celebration of the anniversary the members of Andrew S. Warner Camp, Pulaski, planned a fitting program.

The ladies of Butler Relief Corps and the ladies of Cella Dewey Seamans Tent, Daughters of Union Veterans, prepared a dinner to be served at 5:30 in G. A. R. Hall. Preceding the dinner an informal reception was given Dept. Com. G. A. R. Dr. John Van Duyn, of Syracuse; Div. Com. Rooney, Sons of Union Veterans, and several staff members; Wm. H. Klein, of Syracuse; Mrs. Adelle Coman, of Fulton, Div. Insp. D. of V.; Com. John R. Brennan, Joe Spratt Post, G. A. R., of Watertown; N. G. Vandenberg, Com. of Lilly Post, Syracuse; Pat. Inst. Frank Draper, of Winslow Camp, Watertown, were present.

Following the dinner Prof. Miles D. Pirnie gave a fine exhibition of moving pictures showing some of Cornell University views, and many natural views of birds which Prof. Pirnie and others have been able to obtain with their cameras. Prof. Pirnie is an instructor at the University. He is a member of A. S. Warner Camp.

The program with special reference to Appomattox Day was opened at the Congregational Church at 8 o'clock. B. G. Seamans, Com. of Warner Camp, presided and invited all the guests to seats on the rostrum. There were delegations from the G. A. R., W. R. C., Daughters, S. of V., American Legion. Only one of the four Veterans who attended the dinner felt equal to attending the exercises in the church.

The chairman invited Rev. Lowell H. Palmer to speak a welcome to the visitors for the church and the community, which he did in well chosen words.

The chairman called on S. V. Com. Goldthrite first to speak and he put special emphasis on the importance of teaching the young true patriotism. Wm. H. Klein was heard next in words of appreciation and he spoke of the loss of friends of days gone by, when he used to come to Pulaski and meet L. J. Macy, C. B. Burch, Jacob Morrison and other Sons of Veterans. Mr. Nims next appeared and he spoke of the importance of Sons of Union Veterans being awake, in view of reports that show that Sons of Confederate Veterans are active in building up their organization.

Div. Com. Rooney spoke of the great need of earnest consideration of the Sons of their responsibility in view of the decline of the G. A. R. The Commander seeks to stimulate greater interest in the organization of Sons.

Dr. John Van Duyn, Com. of N. Y. Dept. G. A. R., was the last speaker. He spoke of the early events in the Civil War and the progress of the strife, bringing evidence of his studious research as well as the memory of experiences of himself, a member of the Federal Army. The Commander said of the event at Appomattox, and the commanders of the two armies: "At the surrender, General Grant, one time a dealer in leather, dressed in muddy Union uniform and muddy boots, received a jeweled sword from the immaculate Lee, in the uniform of the Confederate soldier."

In spite of his own years Dr. Van Duyn carried with great dignity.

He recalled in private conversation great friendship for Dr. F. and the many times he had sultation and practice in Pulaski.

The program closed with a verse of "America."

## G. A. R. Posts Get

At colorful ceremonies S. ernoon, March 12, on Be steps, Brooklyn, witnessed 1000 people, 16 G. A. R. Po recipients of the first "gul be possessed by the Borou Similar to "guldron" or flags used by the veterans c battlefields, the new embli silk and gold was design George R. Brown, of U. S.

Henceforth, Com. Brown the new guldon will be carri memorial Day in the annual p head of the Civil War Vel sion. Previously, the mar parade selected the flag v head the column. Last yea Robert Forfar, selected the Fifth Army Corps, in whic at Gettysburg.

The new flag has embrol blue field letters of gold c G. A. R., Brooklyn, N. Y."

As chairman of the con liam Patton Griffith recel blem, which was presented R. memorial and executi by Mrs. Robert Merriam Miss Marcella Davidson Ro i Presentation was prece rade of 50 veterans in from their quarters in ough Hall, to the steps Cleaning Department ba triotic airs.

A striking incident ( band rendered "The Star ner." An overal lab ton St. "L" structure, park, dropped his won tention between the last notes sounded.

Participating in th were followed by a v the Borough Hall, we National Commander Foreign Wars; Maj. Chief-of-Staff of the V Pilcher, Past Com.-in- R.; William Elghemey War Veterans; Past C Simmons of the Ameri Com. Wm. J. A. Rooney; Union Veterans; Com. J. Rankin Post, G. A. R.; lers, and Jesse W. Mills; Vice Com.-Andrew Smit Post; Samuel Irvine, J Curtis.

Interesting meetings program lately for Mart There is something conti advancement of the Ord is favored by having p cers and the active ass Auxiliary.

## Camp 28, Brockton.

The first annual ball of land Day Annual Ball Sons of Union Veterans a of Greater New York was evening, April 18, at Yor New York City. The at tended and it sure was a

The special feature of was the trouping of colo cluded 4 members of G. A. were on the floor with the Posts of American Legio Foreign Wars; 2 Camps of Veterans; 1 Ladies Post Legion, composed of War of Daughters of Union V. Scouts of America and our and Auxiliaries. There w colors on the floor.

Div. Com. Rooney, who w these ceremonies, made this to be remembered by all w the ball. All but 1 Camp Auxiliaries of Greater New represented at this affair.

This Association presente sion President, Hannah A. E beautiful basket of flowers Com. Rooney, with a dress







The officers were installed by Com.-in-Chief Dr. E. W. Homan with Nat. Aide Harry Weller acting as Guide.

The following brothers were appointed District Deputy Commanders:

Dist. 1, N. A. Russell, Camp 34; Dist. 2, Fred C. Waterman, Camp 23, Dover; Dist. 3, Leon M. Howard, Camp 9, Lebanon; Dist. 4, Carroll L. French, Camp 38, Milford; Dist. 5, Past Div. Com. Warren C. Brown, Camp 4, Troy.

Personal Aide, Martin E. Tilley, Camp 3, Portsmouth.

Division Aide, Frank J. Walters, Camp 18, Nashua.

Division Aide, Edwin Abbott, Camp 31, Glen.

Custodian of Barracks, J. B. Sanborn, Camp 34, Lakeport.

Delegates to Commandery - in - Chief, Charles H. Estes, Camp 24, Alton; Leon Messer, Camp 35, Bennington; Eugene Smith, Camp 10, Keene.

Camp Commanders, Secretaries and Treasurers will carefully read and note the new legislation and be governed accordingly. All orders for supplies of one dollar or less inclose five cents for postage, on all orders over one dollar and including two dollars inclose ten cents postage, on all orders over two dollars and including three dollars inclose fifteen cents postage, all orders over three dollars no postage required.

All Camps shall send in a copy of their By-Laws to be kept on file at Division Headquarters, that in case they should get lost or destroyed a copy may be secured from Headquarters. Any Camp that has not any By-Laws shall draft same at once and send in the original and a copy that the copy may be filed and the original approved by the Division Commander and returned to the Camp.

I would advise all Camps to get in touch with the Inspector at once in regard to their inspection dates. Brother Everts W. Messer, New London, is the Inspector. I would recommend that all inspections be held before the first meeting in November.

All Camps are urged to make plans at once for Memorial Sunday, May 29, Memorial Day, May 30. All Camps assist the G. A. R. on these dates and where there is no G. A. R. the Camps shall take full charge.

At the Department Encampment at Concord of the G. A. R., Thursday, Apr. 14, it was voted that the Sons and Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War are hereby appointed their legal heirs to carry on their work on Memorial Sunday and Memorial Day when they are unable to do so.

Flag Day, June 14, shall be observed in a fitting manner by all Camps.

The committee on associate membership are delegated to serve for another year and shall have articles in The Banner and shall correspond with Camps as to their views on the subject and make a further report at the next Division Encampment.

A committee for a memorial to the G. A. R. at the Soldier's Home at Tilton were elected to serve with a like committee from the Daughters of Union Veterans. The committee would be pleased to hear from any brother in regard to a suitable memorial. The following is the committee: Mrs. Louise Grafton, Milford; Miss Linna Ingalls, Concord; Mrs. M. Evon Henry, Nashua; Cleon E. Heald, Box 152, Portsmouth; Henry W. Wilson, Bennington; Jackson C. Carr, Box 503, Hillsboro.

We wish to tender our services to the G. A. R. and all other allied orders.

Brothers, we must all work together for the best interest of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The Commander and officers cannot do it alone and we need your help.

In conclusion permit me to thank you for the honor bestowed upon me in electing me to the highest office in the Division.

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#### Buzzell Camp in Charge.

The members of Buzzell Camp No. 23, of Dover, have under the direction of C. W. Sawyer Post completed the arrangements for Memorial Day and all that remains to do now is to put out the flags and markers. The members of Post and all patriotic orders will attend services at Salvation Army Headquarters on Sunday morning, May 29. On Monday, May 30, the usual parade and exercises at the cemeteries will be

held, followed by the Memorial Day dinner.

At their meeting held April 2 the members of Sawyer Post voted that the money given to them by the city for their Memorial Day work be turned over, beginning with this year, to Buzzell Camp. This move places the Memorial Day plans in the hands of our Camp and it will be faithfully performed as long as there is a Camp here.

Our Delegate to the Encampment brought back a fine report of the proceedings and reported having a fine time. At our meeting April 15 we had an application for membership so the poor old "goat" has got to go to work again. He has had quite a good rest and we are looking forward to a good lively evening on Friday night, May 6. —Fred C. Waterman, Cor.

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### WISCONSIN

Herbert S. Siggeko, Press Correspondent, 27 N. Pinckney St., Madison.

"Encampment at Fond du Lac, June 14th to June 16th. Headquarters at Hotel Redlaw. Place of meeting, Sons and Auxiliary, Huelman's Hall. On to Fond du Lac with two thousand or more!"

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#### Thanks.

This is the last issue of The Banner that will reach, in all likelihood, the membership prior to the Fond du Lac Encampment. We take this opportunity to thank all officers and brethren for the very kind and considerate way in which they have demeaned themselves towards me, as Division Press Correspondent.

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#### Here He Is.

Bro. Pat H. Sheehy's face and write-up appear in this issue. Bro. McKay, of Milwaukee Camp, is responsible for same.

Your Div. Press Correspondent puts in his ear briefly. Our Div. Commander is of the fighting type. He does not go around with his hand on his shoulder but whenever or wherever a wrong is being perpetrated, in his opinion, whenever treason or lack of deference to Old Glory raises its head there and then you will find Pat ready to put up a fight to the death. He was Top Sergeant. This means he took the lead. He went where death shots fell thick and fast, facing the foe.

He flirted with death and was unafraid. I can imagine him, if necessary, making a short fiery speech to his men, then taking the lead and all Hell (excuse the French) could not stop them.

In this connection we cannot refrain from stressing his intense loyalty to the flag. Of him we may well say, "he has wrapped each thread of the glorious fabric of his Country's Flag about his heart and has highly resolved, come weal or woe, that he will stand by that flag and the principles and institutions which it symbolizes."

He is of that good hearted type that would give away his last dollar and his last coat to feed or keep warm a brother. Loyal to his friends and ready to stand up for them at all times and under all circumstances.

From what I have read about Patrick Henry it occurs to me that Pat is somewhat of that type. He is a fiery speaker, says what he means in most emphatic language, using powerful, modifying adjectives. Yes, Pat could say "Give me liberty or give me death" and what would make him a dangerous foe is that he means it all and would accept.

Say, he is going to preside over us at Fondy. That hall is going to be well supplied with flags or there will be a fearful roar. It will be worth going miles to hear Pat and see him in action. Come on to Fond du Lac and meet a real fighter, our own Division Commander, Pat H. Sheehy.

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#### Give Us Brandon.

Not long since our Division Chaplain, Bro. Barnett, took charge of the Congregational Church at Brandon. A good many eligibles live there and in that vicinity. The names of several, some of whom having paid membership fees years ago, organization not completed, have been forwarded to Bro. Barrett

and his loyalty to the cause is such that we know he will exert every effort to put in a Camp.

Brandon is not far from Fond du Lac. The Encampment at this latter place and the approach of Memorial Day combine to make the job an easier one. We want a Camp at Brandon.

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Wisconsin's Division Commander a Veteran of Four Wars.

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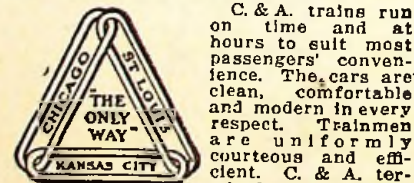
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The first session was held on Thursday, when the reports of the various officers and Aux. showed our Div. to be in a very flourishing condition. Greetings were brought to us from all allied orders, and numerous gifts were presented our Div. Pres., Edna Gladding.

At Friday's session considerable business was transacted. The Memorial service for our deceased Sisters was in charge of our Chaplain, Margaret Kavanaugh, of Aux. 14, of Wallingford. Two flags were presented by our Past Inst., Sister Myrtle Case, Aux. 16, East Hartford, in her own splendid manner, which held all present breathless. An altar flag was presented to Aux. 3 of Meriden and a large flag to a troupe of Boy Scouts, headed by Scout Master Roberts. Both were accredited with appropriate remarks.

At the closing session the following sisters were elected for the coming year: Div. Pres., Anna Walker, Aux. 1, New Britain; Vice Pres., Estella B. Blair, Aux. 2, New Haven; Council: Edna Gladding, Aux. 9, Naugatuck; Loretta Chaffee, Aux. 8, of Derby; Marion Greenwood, Aux. 5, of Rockville; Treas., May C. Bassett, Aux. 2, New Haven; Chap., Margaret Kavanaugh, Aux. 14 of Aux. 18, of Danbury; 1st Lt. O. Mable Hall, Aux. 3, Meriden; Insp., Susie Granger, Aux. 6, Waterbury; Press Cor., Elizabeth Charter, Aux. 13, New Haven; Sec., Lillian Pierce, Aux. 1, New Britain; Chief-of-Staff, Hattie Buckley, Aux. 1, New Britain; Counselor, John Buckley, L. D. Penfield Camp No. 16, New Britain. These officers were installed by our Nat. Pres. Anna F. Keene.

Thursday evening the annual banquet, reception and ball was held in the Hotel Winthrop. Covers were laid for 250. All allied orders were represented. Allen Spink, Com. of Camp 7, welcomed the guests, then introduced P. D. C. Frank McGar as toastmaster. Speeches were made by Howard Wadsworth, of Meriden; Div. Pres. Edna Gladding, of Naugatuck; Dept. Pres. D. of U. V. Mrs. Mary Yale, of Bridgeport; Dept. Com. G. A. R. James R. Young, of Waterbury; Nat. Pres. Anna F. Keene, of Phila.; Com.-in-Chief Dr. Ernest Homan, of West Lynn, Mass.; Rev. Paul Kirsele, of Meriden, Dept. Com. of the American Legion.

A midnight frolic was held in G. A. R. Hall where several stunts were given much to the amusement of all present. Dr. Homan and Billy Anderson, our visitors from Mass., carrying off the prize. Refreshments were served and the party broke up in the wee small hours of the morning.—Elizabeth Charter, Div. Press Cor.

#### Illinois.

Decatur—Aux. 1 and the Camp are making extensive arrangements for the coming Div. Encamp. which will be held here this month, May 17-19. This being Div. Pres. Mary Enlows home town she is right on hand to give the affairs personal supervision, assisted by Div. Sec. Lelah Foster. All sisters who can are urged to attend the Div. Encamp. at least for one day.

Chicago—Old Glory Aux. 32 is forging ahead in a membership campaign. Pres. Mary Kennedy hopes to bring back the banner from Decatur this year. Two candidates were obligated and seven applications were acted upon at our meeting April 13, and as we have one more meeting before the Div. Encamp., we hope to go over the top. Pres. Kennedy is always on the lookout for "victims,"

as one member put it. The meetings this year have been full of pep, and if you want to enjoy the meetings, come early as the Pres. is on the job now. A very remunerative bunco party was held in March.

Dwight—The April meeting of Aux. 2 was held at the home of Miss Jean M. Thole. There was a good attendance and plans were made for the coming Memorial and Decoration Days, to act with a committee from the Sons. Comrade Davis was reported to be in very feeble health. After the meeting an hour time was spent, with cards and stinch as a diversion. Lunch was served. —Lula J. Hall, Div. Press Cor.

#### Indiana.

Geneva—We are the youngest member of the Indiana Div. but are rapidly learning to walk. It with great pleasure we are not only finding the needs and wishes of our Grand Army men but are able to fill them. The recent visit of our Div. Pres., True Morgan, was an inspiration and gave us a great impetus in our work. A reception and banquet was given in her honor and enjoyed very much indeed by everybody.

Tipton—1927 is to be a "Birthday Year" for us. We are observing the birthdays of all prominent men and women. The girls whose birthday occur in that month prepare the program and have entire charge. The girls and boys are holding joint meeting this year and find it creates not only a better attendance but more enthusiasm. The visit of our Div. Pres., True Morgan, was a most enjoyable occasion for all. She is a splendid, enthusiastic patriot and is accomplishing much good in the Div.

Winchester—Our Aux. has always been fortunate in having an efficient leader in its Pres. This year Pres. Brown is setting a high standard for her successors in originality and activity. We have fittingly observed all special days and are now getting lined up for Memorial Day. We expect this to be the very best year of our history. Progress and greater service for our Comrades is our motto.

Fort Wayne—The G. A. R. and Div. Pres. True Morgan, of Princeton. Their stirring addresses resulted in earnest pledges of support in the restoration of Old Ironsides and the erection of a Memorial to Lincoln. Much enthusiasm was manifested in the Div. Encamp. which is to be held in Gary in June. Quite a number of both girls and boys are planning to attend.

Tipton—Aux. 50 has for their Pres. Mamie Grose, for whose father the Camp of S. U. V. is named. Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays were observed, followed by a pot luck supper and social. We are planning to observe Memorial and Decoration Days with the Sons, and are also arranging to initiate a large class of members; each member of our Aux. is expected to secure one new member and the following amendment to the Constitution if passed at our coming Div. Encamp. will enable us to increase our membership and treasury. This amendment is as follows: Proposed Amendment to Art. IV, Chap. I, of the Constitution governing the S. of U. V. Aux.:

(a) "That husbands of members of S. of U. V. Aux. who are daughters of Civil War Veterans in the Union Army be admitted to membership in said Aux. as 'social members'; (b) That said social members be not elected to office; (c) That the membership fees and dues of said social members be the same as that of active members." Virginia Ramage, Sec. of No. 50, is the author of this amendment.

Indianapolis—Mrs. Irene McCormack, Mrs. Jessie Hawkins and Miss Mildred Durbin, who are Div. Aides gave a card party on the evening of April 30. These three prominent members of Aux. 10 are showing their appreciation of the honor extended them by our Div. Pres., True Morgan, by their tireless activities. They are planning to be at the Div. President's "Beck and Call" during her convention and to do all in their power to assist her.—Lillian Ball, Div. Press Cor.

#### Maryland.

Wilmington, Del.—Aux. 2 is rapidly gaining in membership, having mustered a class of twelve at the March meeting and eight in April. We took an



active part in entertaining the Civil War Vets. on Appomattox Day, April 9, and have a committee appointed to furnish lunch for the Dept. of Del. G. A. R. Encampment on May 5. Plans are about completed for the celebration of our 26th anniversary on May 2 when he will entertain the G. A. R., Aux. 16, of Penns Grove, N. J., and the boys of our local Camp. We expect to have eight or ten representatives at the Division meeting in Hagerstown on the 11th and 12th. We have a wide-awake Auxiliary of which we are proud.

Washington, D. C.—At a recent meeting of Aux. 4, P. D. P. Rose Rutledge was installed as Pat. Inst. and Sec. Ireland, of Cushing Camp, obligated. Sisters Kate J. Robertson, of Detroit, Mich., and Anna J. Kirkley, of Florida, sent Easter greetings. P. P. Helen F. Downing made financial reports on card party and on G. A. R. Memorial Fund. It was voted to place both markers and flowers on graves of deceased members on Decoration Day. Services will be held in Glenwood and Congressional Cemeteries on Saturday p. m. preceding Memorial Day. Our honor guest was Mrs. Paul Schrieves; other visitors were P. D. C. Rutledge, P. C. Bateman, P. C. Burrows, Sec. Ireland and Color Bearer Parker, all of Cushing Camp.—Mrs. Margaret J. Mahn, Div. Press Cor.

#### Massachusetts.

The 36th Annual Encamp. of Mass. Div. Aux. to the S. of U. V. opened April 12 at 10:15 a. m. in Ford Hall, Boston, with Pres. Grace T. Howland, presiding. Nat. Pres. Mrs. Anna Keene, of Pa., and Com.-in-Chief Dr. Ernest Homan were escorted to the platform. Mrs. Keene was accompanied by Past Div. Pres. Lucy Goodspeed who acted as her personal aide during Encamp. All Div. officers were present at roll call, also 11 Past Div. Presidents. Dorothy Drew, of Aux. 48, New Bedford, acted as Page throughout all sessions.

Pres. Howland gave a splendid report of her work during the past year; five new Auxs. were formed: Scituate, Abington, Pembroke, Colrain and Barre, with a total of 211 charter members.

Memorial Day. Mrs. Keene, by death. She was a wonderful relief work. Sis. Howland spoke of the death of Mass. Dept. Com. Comrade F. Brown, who was buried the Sunday previous, and P. D. P. Alice Green spoke briefly of P. D. P. Mabel M. Braley, one of the Sisters who had died during the year. C.-in-C. Homan spoke briefly saying that he always comes in at the first session each year to hear the Div. Pres. report. Reports of officers were resumed, the Div. Sec. reporting 88 Auxs. in good standing, with a total membership March 31, 1927, of 4,888, a net gain of 26.

In the afternoon session reports of committees were heard, gifts presented the Nat. and Div. Presidents, followed by reports of several Auxs. On recommendation of the Resolutions Com. it was voted to appropriate \$420 to finish paying the traveling expenses of the G. A. R. delegates to the Nat. convention at Dayton, O. This money was sent to the Sons of U. V. to be used with their own appropriation for that purpose. Sis. Nina Hammond reported as chairman of Greetings Com. to the Army Nurses that the Nurses had had their picture taken with the Governor's wife, Mrs. Fuller, and had received a letter of greetings from Pres. Coolidge.

During Wednesday morning's session guests from Conn. and Maine Divs. were present, also Nat. Pres. Keene. A \$5 gold piece was sent the Com. of the G. A. R. as a personal gift. Greetings Committees from the Sons and Daughters of the U. V. were admitted, also C.-in-C. Frank Walsh of the G. A. R. with his aides, and C.-in-C. Dr. Homan of the Sons, many interesting remarks being made by the visitors. P. N. P. Mary L. Warren responded to the G. A. R. Greetings were extended by a Com. from the Ladies of the G. A. R., and two of the Army Nurses, Mrs. Helen Smith and Miss Mary Smith visited us and though both were very feeble, were able to speak briefly. In the afternoon session the Res. Com. further recommended that \$50 be donated to the Americanization College at Springfield to help clear up the deficit. Carried. P. N. S. Margaret Waters reported net proceeds of the Div. Fair held last Nov. to be \$655.88. Div. Pres. Howland received many beautiful gifts at this session.

Election of officers was held as follows, there being 287 voting delegates present: Pres., Anna White, Aux. 32, Greenfield; V. P., Bessie Chapman, Aux. 161, Holbrook; P. L., Nellie Jenney, New Bedford; Chap., Arletta Draper, Aux. 13, Wakefield; Treas., Mary Carr, Aux. 79, Melrose; D. L., Maul Warren, Aux. 17, Brockton; I. & I. Of., I. Pearl Waugh, Aux. 45, Arlington; Council, Ada Ewell, Grace Howland and Molly Peasley; Press Cor., Miss Bernice Barnes, Aux. 47, 947 Middlesex St., Lowell, Mass. These were later installed by Nat. Pres. Keene, with Retiring Pres. Howland's daughter acting as Guide, who escorted her mother to the Past Pres. chair. Many gifts were exchanged, and matters of business disposed of. Aux. 49, of Taunton, received the banner for the largest net gain in membership. After brief remarks by newly installed officers and the Nat. Pres., the Encamp. duly closed.

Monday eve., April 11, the Past Pres. Assn. and the Past Com. Assn. held a joint banquet at the Twentieth Century Club, Boston, when the visiting Nat. officers were the guests of honor. Tuesday eve., April 12, a concert and ball was held at the Elks Home, Boston; the Sons and Aux. joined in this and it was a very successful affair.—Beatrice E. Pike, Retiring Div. Press Cor.

#### Missouri.

St. Louis—Wolff Aux. and Camp celebrated Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays with several addresses; the 8 year old son of Sis. Gausman recited a selection on Old Glory—we hope this patriotic spirit will continue to grow on him. A cherry pie social, music, dancing and refreshments followed. We had an unusually large gathering and spent a fine time. We have initiated several candidates this quarter and have several more in view. The Camp and Aux. will have several flag presentations in the near future. We express sympathy to the families of Sisters Weber and Meiners, Div. Sec., in the loss of their dear ones.

Joplin—The G. A. R. Post held a joint Washington and Lincoln birthday celebration, April 22. There were several tableaux of George and Martha Washington with presentation of the first flag by Betsy Ross, followed by dancing and a cherry pie supper.—Martha J. Collins, Div. Press Cor.

#### New Jersey.

Orange—The 18th birthday of Uzal Dodd Aux. was celebrated Sat., March 19, at a dinner-dance held at the Hotel East Orange. Sis. Katherine Bolan was chairman of arrangements, assisted by Pres. Alwine Gerkhardt and a very efficient committee. The hostesses were Mrs. Livingston, Mrs. Mehle, Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Brady. Toasts were responded to by P. D. C. Henry Bender; Comrade William O. Allen, S. V. Com.-in-Chief of the G. A. R.; Com. James Riker, of Uzal Dodd Post; Nat. Pres. Anna F. Keene; Nat. Vice Pres. Stella Brooks Owen; Div. Pres. Mary Muirhead and Pres. Alwine Gerkhardt. Past Div. Pres. Ruth Gray, of Paterson, gave a very delightful and a most interesting talk on "Our Auxiliary" and was generously applauded and complimented by many. Following the dinner the Mabelle Cowan orchestra played for dancing. About 175 guests were present and much credit is due to Sis. Katherine Bolan and her assistants for a most enjoyable evening.

Lambertville—Brothers of Camp 10 celebrated their 19th anniversary, and Aux. 23 their first anniversary with a banquet and dancing party, with many distinguished members of both organizations present. Among the speakers were P. C.-in-C. Sam Horn and Mrs. Horn, Div. Com. Richard Bennett and Mrs. Bennett, Nat. Pres. Anna F. Keene, Nat. Vice Pres. Stella Brooks Owen, Nat. Chief-of-Staff Anna Williams, Div. Pres. Mary Muirhead, Div. Vice Pres. Mary Stout and P. D. P. Elizabeth Hansen and Ruth Gray, and many G. A. R. comrades. The get-together was so enjoyable we hope to repeat it next year.

Union City—More than three hundred guests were present at a banquet given by Aux. 2, on Sat., evening, March 26, at the Union City Elks Club, in celebration of their silver anniversary. An appropriate and attractive menu card was distributed, and a splendid program carried out. Ellsworth Camp No. 32 pre-

sented the Aux. with a sterling silver gavel and a second gavel was presented for the Vice President's station. The nine charter members were seated at the speakers table—Elizabeth Hansen, Elizabeth Schmidt, Frances Birch, Louisa Wolf, Bella Raleigh Shafar, Anna Craig, Henrietta Gisking Wagner, Kate Ahrens Tobin, and were each presented with a white gold brooch set with sapphires. Flowers were presented to the soloists, Katherine Kronmeyer and Jeanne Kennell. The first and present Aux. Counselor, Bro. Eugene Trado, was presented with a silver monogrammed belt and a sterling silver Bible book mark was presented to the Aux. Pres., Grace Wolf, by Bro. Fred Berke. P. P. Annie Zimmerman was chairman of the committee on arrangement and also acted as toastmaster, filling the position in a delightful way. Div. Chap. Lida Doherty invoked the Divine blessing, Div. Pat. Inst. Philippine Raab led the pledge of allegiance, Pres. Grace Wolf made the address of welcome, P. D. P. Elizabeth Hansen gave a brief history of the Aux. and the following gave brief but enjoyable responses: Nat. Pres. Anna F. Keene, Div. Pres. Mary M. Muirhead, Past Div. Pres. Jennie McBride, Com. Beckman of Ellsworth Camp, Counselor Eugene Trado, and last but not least a splendid tribute by Dept. Com. of the G. A. R., Comrade Joseph A. Goodrich. Dancing followed until the " wee small hours."

Trenton—Aux. 18 intends to hold fast to its honor of being the largest Aux. in the Div. and candidates are initiated at almost every meeting. We have been holding a series of card parties with most attractive prizes for the winners; our birthday parties are "stunt affairs" and help to liven up our meetings. We are planning a card party and dance for our delegates' fund and it promises to be a big affair; we also have a playlet on the way and it promises to be unusually entertaining. Our Aux. will be largely represented at the coming Div. Encamp.—Mrs. Molly D. Hammer, Div. Press Cor.

#### New York.

Rochester—Aux. 1 held meeting and search of several new members from A. Glidden Camp No. 6 were present. Anniversary banquet at which Hannah A. Beck, Div. Pres., was the guest of honor and to which the brothers of the Camp were invited, was given at the Osborn House, March 24.

New York City—Aux. 2 held first meeting in new Headquarters April 4. We were pleasantly surprised when P. N. P. Mayme E. Dwyer presented on behalf of P. C. Fred J. Beck, husband of our Div. Pres., a set of floor flags and beautiful Pat. Inst. flag. Our Div. Pres. and several Div. officers were present and we had a most enjoyable evening. Waverly—Aux. 7 observed the double anniversaries of Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays with a unique program to which the public was invited. There was a large attendance. We are improving and gaining new members.

Gloversville—Aux. 13 has held a number of successful socials and dances during the winter and have observed all patriotic days with allied orders and celebrated Grant's birthday, April 29.

Utica—Aux. 15 held supper and program in honor of the patriotic birthdays during Feb. Dr. Woodmacy spoke on the subject of "The Qualities of Lincoln and Washington."

Rochester—Aux. 18 held first regular meeting Jan. 18 with large attendance. On Feb. 1 we gave a dinner and card party in honor of the G. A. R. Veterans of Rochester. A gift was presented to the oldest Veteran present who was 92 years old; Sis. Bellby, Past Div. Pres., was also with us. The Charter was closed at this time with a membership of 30.

Glens Falls—Aux. 22 celebrated its sixteenth birthday anniversary in March by serving a banquet. Covers were laid for fifty. A large birthday cake with 16 red, white and blue candles was the center piece and small birthday cakes were presented to three sisters who recently observed their birthdays. Music was enjoyed and Sis. Jennie Davidson read the history of the Aux. Remarks were made by several.

Port Richmond—Aux. 26 received Div. Pres. Hannah A. Beck and others March 10 and were cordially greeted by our Pres., Elizabeth Anderson. Two Com-

rades were also present. We have felt a great loss in the death of Sis. Harriett Mullin, who died suddenly on Feb. 22, while visiting a Brooklyn Camp.

Albany—Aux. 30 held class initiation of 10 new members. Sis. Margaret Brady has had the honor of instituting and installing the new Aux., No. 70 of Waterford, N. Y. Sis. Agnes Snyder, Div. Treas., who fractured her foot, is on the road to recovery. Auxs. 30 and 37 held a joint dance and euchre in G. A. R. Hall April 1.

N. Y. City—Aux. 40 held a St. Patrick's Day party in March. The good Old Saint gave cause for a joyous evening and it was surprising to see the number of members who possessed and wore green dresses in honor of the occasion. Games were played and demonstrations of the old Irish dances were enjoyed by all. Aux. 20, of Staten Is., presented our Pres. with a pair of silk stockings.

N. Y. City, Aux. 47—Pres. Martha Kogel received Div. Pres. Hannah Beck at our meeting in Feb.; also Natl. Aide Bessie Cooley and Div. Council Grace Sanguinetti. Bro. Kogel on behalf of the Aux. presented Sis. Beck with a pillow and our Press Correspondent secured 10 subscriptions to The Banner. Refreshments were served.

Oneida—Aux. 62 held regular meeting in Feb., at which time a committee was appointed and asked to co-operate with the Sons in a joint celebration of Lincoln, Washington and McKinley birthdays on Feb. 28.

Ovid, Aux. 72—Sis. Stella Tillinghast, Pres., and a full staff of officers were elected to serve this Aux. for 1927 at a regular meeting held in Jan.—Miss Ida V. Webb, Div. Press Cor.

#### Pennsylvania and Ohio.

The Div. Press Cor. Mrs. Ethel Lackman sent in several items for this month's Banner which we were unable to print. They were from Aux. 2, Phila.; Aux. 207, Germantown; No. —, Summit Hill; Aux. 13, Phila.; and last but not least, Uniontown, who are putting forth every effort to make the approaching G. A. R. Encampment a great success; the next one will be held June 14-15 and a very interesting program is planned for June 15.

Div. Press Cor. Mrs. Augusta Brown has also sent items for the Ohio Div. as follows: Uhrichville, Mansfield, Cambridge, Frost, and an account of the meeting of the 10th District held in Mansfield. The Div. Encampment will be held in Canton June 13-15.

#### Vermont.

Morrisville—April 11 a special meeting was held by Aux. 8 to enable us to initiate twelve new members before the close of the membership drive. April 18 the Sons of Camp 50 gave a poverty dance. Plans are being made to produce a play to raise funds for the G. A. R. Memorial.

Tunbridge—Through the month of March our Aux. has not been very active on account of bad roads, but hope to have better courage for April and May and be able to stand by the Sons in the observance of Memorial Day. We had the pleasure of having a number from Chelsea Aux. with us for one meeting this year. Lunch of sandwiches, cake and coffee was served to forty and an hour was spent in dancing.—Nettie E. Telfer, D. P. C.

#### Wisconsin.

Superior—Mary A. Holland, Nat. I. & I. Of., and Theresa Montgomery, Nat. Aide, both members of Aux. 18, of Superior, entertained their friends and members of the patriotic organizations at a 500 party at Memorial Hall. The proceeds, \$10, was sent to the Nat. G. A. R. Memorial Fund.

Sheboygan—Aux. 19 held a Valentine party following the regular meeting Feb. 25. The Sons of U. V. together with their wives and friends were guests, and refreshments were served. In March the Aux. held an informal reception for Div. Com. Pat Sheehy of the S. of U. V., of Prairie du Chien. Among those present who made remarks were Hon. Henry Stannard, Dept. Com. of the G. A. R.; Louis Hoberg, Com. Sheboygan Post; Pres. Aux. 19 and our Div. Pres. Drews. Frank Tupper, S. V. Com. of the Sons, presided. Refreshments were served and the remainder of the evening spent in a social hour.—Miss Minnie Fitzgerald, Div. Press Cor.