

**Minutes
Central Region Association
1966—1940**

(Minus 1954-1955 Non ever submitted)

The annual meeting of the Central Region Conference of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliaries was held October 7th and 8th, 1966 at the Mansfield Leland Hotel, Mansfield, Ohio.

Saturday afternoon at 2:30 P. M. Regional Commander, Thomas J. Lock, 3rd, of Indiana, called to order the first session of the Conference.

The invocation was given by the Regional Chaplain, Margaret Beasey, of Indiana.

Helen Brady, of Illinois, Patriotic Instructor, led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

The delegates in attendance were welcomed by Regional Commander, Thomas J. Lock, 3rd.

The following National Officers were introduced:

Flora Bates, National President, Mass.
James High, Jr. Vice Commander, Illinois
Louis Moushey, Nat'l Chaplain, Missouri
Hazel Moushey, Nat'l Secretary, Missouri
E. J. Houston, Historian
Olive Born, Nat'l Press Correspondent, Ohio

Roll call of Regional Officers:

Commander..... Thomas Lock, 3rd, Ind.
Senior Vice..... Dora Johnston, Mich.
Junior Vice..... Paul Grate, Ohio
Treasurer..... Gladys B. Sallman, Ill.
Pat. Inst..... Helen Brady, Ill.
Chaplain..... Margaret Beasey, Ind.
Guide..... Paul Selby, Ohio

Number of delegates from the various Departments responding to the roll call by States:

Illinois.....	10
Indiana.....	4
Michigan.....	5
Missouri.....	2
Ohio.....	17
Wisconsin.....	4

Roll call of Past National Presidents at this Conference were as follows:

Eva B. Blackman, Illinois
Edith Nile, Ohio
Gladys B. Sallman, Illinois
Ellinore L. Konrad, Wisconsin
Anita Selby, Ohio

The minutes of the 1965 Conference meeting held in Grand Rapids, Michigan were read. It was moved by Eva Blackman, seconded by Edith Nile, that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried.

A letter of regret was read from Commander-in-Chief Woerner of California and placed on file.

A letter was read from the Department of Iowa requesting to be dropped from the Central Region Conference inasmuch no one attends from Iowa as they have lost interest.

The report of the Regional Treasurer was read and accepted. The balance in the treasury is \$248.03. It was moved by Earl Corbin, seconded by Eva Blackman that the report be accepted as read and the books turned over to the Auditing Committee.

Brother Lock appointed members on the following committees:

AUDITING:

Capitola Rehrmann
Hazel Moushey
Paul Grate

RESOLUTIONS:

Edith Niles
Raeona Black
Paul Selby

NOMINATING:

Thomas L. W. Johnson
Roderick Van Trump
Betty Lock

There were no written reports from the Central Region Officers.

The Conference Theme was THE FLAG.

Brother Lock announced the names of the Chairmen re the roundtable discussion groups as follows:

HISTORY OF THE FLAG

Margaret Beasey, Indiana

CITIZENS OBLIGATION TO THE FLAG:

Harry Beasy, Indiana

COURTESY TO THE FLAG:

Thomas L. W. Johnson, Wisconsin

APATHY OF THE FLAG:

Roderick Van Trump, Illinois

Delegates were divided to meet with their chairmen of the various groups and told to return in three quarters of an hour.

The meeting reconvened and the first discussion Chairman to report was Hazel Moushey, speaking for Harry Beasy, on CITIZENS OBLIGATION TO THE FLAG.

She stated: We should teach the children respect to the flag and proper ways to display it.

Encourage the pledge of allegiance to the flag in all schools.

The flag must be displayed always with the blue field on top. In case of the death of an official the flag should be raised to the top of the pole and then lowered to half mast.

When there is no rostrum, the flag is displayed on the left. When there is a rostrum it is displayed on the right.

In a parade the American flag is always on the right.

It can be displayed against a wall, with the blue field always to the top and the left. It must be displayed above and behind any speaker.

The flag is never dipped to any living person or sacred object.

The American flag may be cleaned but never washed and when disposed of, it must be burned.

Margaret Beasey, Chairman of HISTORY OF THE FLAG reported as follows:

In all of the history of the world, someone at last felt they must have a flag.

The cave men's symbol of a flag was made out of the hides of animals.

In 1003 A.D. the story goes that Lief Erickson landed on Nova Scotia and he was carrying a banner that was white with an emblem of a bird, known as a Viking Flag.

October 12, 1492 Columbus had a flag with a cross on each corner and the crown of the queen in the center.

1620 - the Pilgrims flag - St. George's Red Cross and White Cross of Scotland.

1754 Washington led troops under the English Flag, hoping to appease England.

The Dutch Flag had nine red and white stripes and was called the Sons of Liberty Flag.

The Cambridge Flag with thirteen alternate red and white stripes with the combined Cross of St. Andrew and St. George in the canton was raised by George Washington at Cambridge, Mass. January 2, 1776.

One of the first Stars and Stripes was flown under General Stark in Aug. 1777 near Bennington, Vermont. All that remains in the canton was the thirteen stars.

The Flag with fifteen stars and stripes was approved by President Washington, Jan. 17, 1794 - a star and stripe for each state. The growth of the Union was unforeseen at the time and on December 9, 1816, a resolution was offered to change the Flag.

April 1818 the act passed changing the Flag to thirteen horizontal stripes alternate red and white and twenty white stars in a blue field.

The Flag with the thirteen stripes and a star added for every new state was completed August 21, 1959 with a total of 50 stars. Like a child, a

Flag is born out of love - love of country - and becomes dearer for the many and great sacrifices made for it. Long may it wave!

Thomas L. W. Johnson, Chairman of COURTESY TO THE FLAG reported as follows:

We don't understand all we know about the subject. There are times when we are unsure of patriotism. We mean to do well; we mean no disrespect; when someone tells us to do something, we carry it out, only to find that someone else read a different book. This also relates to politics, law and religion. This is life.

How can courtesy to the flag be shown? Parade spectators should show respect for the flag by saluting it when carried in parades. Men in uniform - particularly local law enforcement officials - should be alerted to set the example. Boy Scout troops will often set the example for their elders.

How can we best get information to the public? Distribute place mats depicting correct usage to better restaurants in the community for use around patriotic holidays. Charles Brady volunteered a sample print by the Sutherland Paper Company of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Where are flags displayed? On buildings, flag poles, marching units, etc. It is very important that the flag be displayed on Memorial Day. How many of you display the flag on this important day, and salute the flag voluntarily? Again we are all well meaning.

Sponsor school assemblies particularly in the grade and junior high schools to explain correct flag usage. Get the message across before the pupil becomes a potential drop-out.

Discourage the use of the flag as a plaything among children.

Discourage blatantly commercial uses of the flag where no patriotic purpose will be served.

Encourage our law makers to give serious consideration to legislation that would make it unlawful to desecrate the flag in any way.

People are well meaning, but we must install in them respect and courtesy to the FLAG.

APATHY OF THE FLAG was reported by Roderick Van Trump as follows:

Set the example - and fly the flag yourself - your neighbor will follow suit.

Another way of getting at this thing is thru the newspapers. Every time they go around taking pictures of some office, plant or company flying the flag, it gives them free publicity. In this way they will want to display the flag.

The Chicago Tribune has a colored flag in the upper left hand corner of their paper. They at least remind the people that we have a flag. Ask other newspapers to do the same.

The Department of Illinois passed a resolution at their Department Encampment to try to pass some kind of law whereby it makes it a federal offense to be disrespectful to the flag. There should also be a law as to mistreatment of the flag, outlining the penalty for such an act.

Each of the Departments could take this subject back to their Departments and have their Auxiliaries and Camps pass resolutions and write to their representatives and senators demanding that a law be passed to punish anyone who is disrespectful to the flag.

Then the annual placing of flags on the soldiers graves on Memorial Day. Two or three only show up to do the job to place these flags. And last but not least - it is very disrespectful that the flag is not saluted.

After a discussion of the above mentioned topics, it was moved by Roderick Van Trump, seconded by Eva Blackman that we as individual families display the flag for the coming year and make a report at the next meeting as to its effect on the citizenry. Carried.

We were honored to have Brother George Cashman give us a reading on WHAT IS A FLAG.

After several announcements, the meeting recessed at 4:30 P. M. to reconvene at 9 A. M. Sunday morning.

Saturday evening at 6:30 P. M. the annual dinner was held in honor of the Regional Officers and delegates. 54 attended this dinner.

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9 A. M. Sunday morning, October 8th, the second session of the Central Region Conference was called to order by the Commander.

The invocation was given by Margret Beasey, Regional Chaplain.

The salute to the flag was given by the assembly led by Helen Brady, Regional Patriotic Instructor.

A letter was read by Roderick Van Trump from Past Commander in Chief LeRoy Stoudt of Pennsylvania, advising that "The National Grange" has received permission from the National Park Service to erect a memorial in the Gettysburg National Cemetery. It is to be a room for meditation, honoring the 100th anniversary of their organization.

After a lengthy discussion regarding the danger of setting a precedent and opening the door for the erection of countless memorials, the delegates were urged to write to their congressmen opposing this move.

Brother Cashman stated that he would be in Washington on the 20th and 21st and if it is the concensus of the group, he had friends in Washington who would be glad to speak for this group. It is moved by Brother Coffin, seconded by Brother Van Trump that Mr. Cashman speak to his friend and have him do what he could. Carried.

it here as. The Mansfield Island Hotel has been so cooperative for our comfort during this Regional Conference.

Therefore be it resolved that the Regional Secy. send them a letter of thanks.

Whereas: The Committee who made the arrangements for this regional meeting and entertainment did such a nice job,

Therefore be it resolved we give them a rising vote of thanks.

Whereas new discussion groups have proven instructive in the past.

Therefore be it resolved this be continued next year,

Margaret Horn Beasey was called upn to report on the Historical Civil War Brochure. She stated that at the last meeting it was suggested that we do something this year or drop it. I had ideas of having pictures in this brochure, but wherever I went with the material on hand the printers quoted a price of \$500.00 without pictures and \$10.00 for each picture used. Inasmuch I was allowed the sum of \$125.00, for this project, it was impossible to go into printing so my only recourse was mimeographing.

I received material from:

Thomas L. W. Johnson of Wisconsin. He sent me the governors of Wisconsin with complete history.

Tom Lock of Indiana gave me all the information possible.

Mr. Mackey of Michigan told me to use the material Capitola Rehrmann put in her pamphlet.

Received some information from Brooks Davis of Illinois.

500 brochures were to be given to each Department and they were to use their own discretion as to where they were to be placed.

Sister Beasey then thanked all those who helped her assemble the brochure.

Margaret was given a rising vote of thanks.

The Auditing Committee reported that they audited the treasurers books and found them to be correct. Signed by Capitola Rehrmann, Hazel Moushey and Paul Grate.

Sister Edith Nile, Chairman on resolutions read the following:

Your committee on resolutions wish to submit the following report:

Whereas the officers of this Central Region have none such a wonderful job this year

Therefore be it resolved that we give them a rising vote of thanks.

Whereas our National President, Flora Bates, has taken time out of her busy schedule to grace our Regional Meeting, with her presents, Therefore be it resolved that we extend to her our thanks by a round of applause.

Whereas James L. High, Jr. Vice Commander in Chief who so ably represented our Commander in Chief Brother Frank Woerner of California, Therefore be it resolved that we extend to him our thanks.

Whereas Past National President, Ellinore L. Konrad, has so graciously taken over the duties of our Regional Secretary, Betty Johnson, who is very ill, Therefore be it resolved we give her a rising vote of thanks.

It was moved by Brother Coffin, seconded by Herman Black that these courtesy resolutions be adopted. Carried.

Past Department Commander, Thomas L. W. Johnson of Wisconsin, submitted the following resolution:

Whereas the discussions relating to the Flag were instructive and inspirational for those attending the Central Region Conference, and Whereas, it is important that the youth of our country be imbued with knowledge and respect for our Flag,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Central Region Conference allow

the sum of \$15.00 annually to be presented to the host Department - Sons and Auxiliary - with the understanding that a Flag will be purchased and awarded to a recognized youth group within the State.

This resolution was approved by the committee and adopted.

The report of the Nominating Committee was given by the Chairman, Thomas L. W. Johnson and the following were recommended:

Regional Commander.....	Dora Johnston, Michigan -
Senior Vice.....	Paul Grate, Ohio
Junior Vice.....	Ellinore L. Konrad, Wisconsin
Secretary.....	Betty Johnson, Wisconsin ✓
Treasurer.....	Gladys Sallman, Illinois
Patriotic Instructor.....	Harry Beasey, Indiana✓
Chaplain.....	Capitola Rehrmann, Illinois
Guide.....	Paul Selby, Ohio ↗

It was moved by Eva Blackman, seconded by Herman Black that we accept the recommended officers for the ensuing year. Carried.

Capitola Rehrmann reported on the mimeographed pamphlet given out at the Decatur observance, the birthplace of the G. A. R. She said she was fortunate to receive the information from every department except Nebraska. The cost was \$87.00 for 500 copies. Before the April observance she sent 35 copies each to the Departments who contributed. Brother Jim High stated he would pay for 200 copies personally. The sum of \$8.00 was turned over to the treasurer. Capitola thanked all the Departments who had a part in it.

Capitola Rehrmann was given a rising vote of thanks.

The Regional Guide then escorted the National President of the Auxiliary, Sister Flora Bates of Massachusetts, to the rostrum. She told the delegates she was very happy to be in attendance and stated the meeting has been very inspirational. She also stated the East has a New England Regional Association and they are very active. They meet three times a year - March, October and July. The Association presents a sword to a young cadet in the Military Academy in New London, Connecticut.

This was her first official visit after returning home from National.

Brother James High, Jr. Vice Commander in Chief brought the greetings from the Commander in Chief, Brother Frank Woerner and extended his regrets because of another commitment.

Bills were read. It was moved by Hazel Moushey, seconded by Charles Brady that all bills be paid. Carried.

Margaret Beasey extended an invitation to the Conference to meet in Lafayette, Indiana in 1967. It was moved by Brother Coffin, seconded by Brother Corbin that we meet in Lafayette. Carried.

The Regional Treasurer reported the balance of \$149.04 in our Treasury.

The sum of \$10.00 was turned over to the Department of Ohio and this sum is to be given to the Crippled Children's Center.

Margaret Beasey reported that the Department Commander of Indiana, Tom Lock designed a Banner which was on display in the meeting room. Brother Lock then told the delegates what the Banner stood for.

There was a discussion with regard to having an Altar and opened Bible at future meetings. A vote was taken and the outcome was 21 for and 17 opposed. We will have an open Bible at our meetings.

Dora Johnston, the newly elected Regional Commander was escorted to the Rostrum. She thanked the delegates and told them she would do her best.

The theme selected for the coming year is: PREPARING OUR YOUTH FOR RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP. Chairman, Charles Brady, Jr.

Brother Coffin then made a few remarks regarding the Regional Conference - and what an inspiration these meetings have been.

It was moved by Eva Blackman, seconded by Hazel Moushey, that we adjourn. Carried.

The meeting closed with prayer by our newly elected Chaplain, Capitola Rehrmann, followed by the singing of "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again". 11:00 A. M.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

Ellinore L. Konrad, Secretary pro tem

WHAT IS A FLAG ?

FLAGS EVERYWHERE--ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS--IN PRIVATE HOMES--PICTURED IN STORES--FLUTTERING AND BILLOWING IN THE SOFT, SUMMER BREEZE--FLAGES EVERYWHWRE--AMERICAN FLAGS.

PASSERS-BY, ON THE BUSY STREETS OF THE CITY, HURRY ON THEIR WAY, MINDS INTENT ON THEIR OWN SMALL AFFAIRS. THEY LOOK IDLY AT THE FLAGS--BUT DO THEY REALLY SEE THEM ?

THAT OBLONG PIECE OF CLOTH, WITH ITS BRIGHT DYES, IS THE VISABLE SYMBOL OF AMERICA TODAY--AN AMERICA MORE PRECIOUS, MORE WONDERFUL THAN EVER BEFORE, BECAUSE THE GIFTS IT HAS GIVEN US ARE THREATENED AS NEVER BEFORE, WITH LOSS AND DESTRUCTION. IT IS THE THRILLING HEART OF AMERICA--THE SIGN OF OUR INHERITANCE--THE PRESENCE OF ALL WE HOLD MOST DEAR.

THE COURAGE AND STRENGHT OF THE PIONEERS--THE PATH-BINDERS WHO MET TRIAL AND HARDSHIP DAUNTELESSLY, IN THE DAYS WHEN WE WERE BEGINNING TO BE A NATION--ARE IN THE RED OF ITS STRIPES.

THE HIGH AND STAINLESS PURITY OF MIND AND MOTIVE--THE WHITENESS OF THE SOULS OF GREAT MEN--WASHINGTON, LINCOLN, JEFFERSON, AND MANY OTHERS, WHO STROVE SELFLESSLY TO HOLD HIGH THEIR BELIEFS IN THE GREATNESS OF THIS NATION, AND WHO DEDICATED THEIR LIVES TO ITS SERVICE--ARE IN THE WHITE OF ITS STRIPES.

THE TRUTH THAT WILL NOT STOOP TO LIE--THE INTEGRITY OF THE PRINCIPLES THAT UNDERLIE OUR COMMONWEALTH, THE UNSHAKABLE FAITH AND TRUST IN GOD, THAT HAS COME DOWN TO US FROM THOSE LONG GONE BEFORE, WHO HAVE HELD HIGH THE LIGHT, THAT WE MIGHT WALK SAFELY --ARE MMN IN THE BLUE OF ITS FIELD OF STARS.

AND EVERY ONE OF THOSE STARS SHINES WITH A NEW SPLENDOR OF
MEANING--THE SYMBOL OF A FREE PEOPLE, LIVING THEIR LIVES IN THE
BLESSINGS OF FREEDOM, FREEDOM TO WORSHIP GOD AS THEY CHOOSE,
FREEDOM TO WORK, TO LAUGH, TO LOVE TO LIVE--GOD'S MOST PRECIOUS
GIFT TO MAN, TO BE GUARDED SACREDLY FOREVER.

WHAT IS A FLAG ?

IT IS THE SOUL OF AMERICA--AND IT SHALL NEVER DIE.

The Central Region Conference of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliaries was held October 9th and 10th, 1965 at the Pantlind Hotel, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

On Saturday, October 9th, at 2:10 P. M. the first session was called to order by Regional Commander, Bessie Goodermont of Illinois.

The invocation was given by Acting Chaplain, Margaret Horn Beasey.

The Regional Patriotic Instructor, Anita Selby, led the assembly in the salute to the flag. One stanza of "America" was sung.

Sister Goodermont introduced the following National Officers:

W. Earl Corbin, Commander-in-Chief of Ohio
Edith L. Snyder, New York, National President
Hazel Moushey, Missouri, National Secretary
Ellinore L. Konrad, Wisconsin, National Counselor
Paul Drake, Ohio, National Personal Aide.

The following Regional Officers answered roll call:

Commander.....	Bessie Goodermont, Illinois
Senior Vice.....	Thomas J. Lock, 3rd, Indiana
Junior Vice.....	Dora Johnston, Michigan
Secretary.....	Ellinore L. Konrad, Wisconsin
Treasurer.....	Gladys B. Sallman, Illinois
Guide.....	Herman Black, Wisconsin

The following number of delegates from the various Departments responded to roll call by States:

Illinois.....	14
Indiana.....	4
Michigan.....	19
Missouri.....	1
Ohio.....	5
Wisconsin.....	6

Roll call of Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents was as follows:

Urion Macke, Michigan
Eva Blackman, Illinois
Gladys B. Sallman, Illinois
Ellinore L. Konrad, Wisconsin
Anita Selby, Ohio

The Past Regional Commanders were asked to rise and identify themselves and the following were present:

Thomas L. W. Johnson, Wisconsin
Anita Selby, Ohio
Myron Goodermont, Illinois
Margaret Horn Beasey, Indiana
James Blackman, Illinois
Earl Corbin, Ohio

Minutes of the 1964 meeting held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin were approved as read.

The following communications from those unable to attend were read and placed on file:

Edith B. Nile, Ohio
Willma Combs, Iowa
Mr. & Mrs. Roscoe Mathies, Illinois

Regional Treasurer, Gladys B. Sallman, read her report. Balance on hand - \$306.53. It was moved by James Blackman, seconded by Herman Black that this report be accepted and turned over to the Auditing Committee. Carried.

The following were appointed on Committees:

AUDITING COMMITTEE:

Capitola Rehrmann, Illinois
Raeona Black, Wisconsin
Dora Johnston, Michigan

RESOLUTIONS:

Anita Selby, Ohio
Paul Grate, Ohio
Betty Johnson, Wisconsin

NOMINATING:

Thomas L. W. Johnson, Wisconsin
Hazel Moushey, Missouri
Myron Goodermont, Illinois

Margaret Horn Beasey was called upon to give her report on the Historical Civil War Brochure. She stated she wrote to the Chairmen of all the Departments in the Central Region who were not present at the last meeting. Minnesota wrote and said they were broke, could barely pay their dues and were unable to help with the brochure. Several other states wrote and told her they wanted to take the matter up at their Department Encampments. Dora Johnston of Michigan stated the Auxiliary members raised \$50.00 and would raise more if the Central Region would go thru with this project. Anita Selby of Ohio stated she felt we really could not afford this brochure. Right now we do not have the finances to make a successful project. It is wonderful if it could be done; however, Ohio will do their share.

Margaret reminded the Conference that the material for each State was to have been sent her on or before December 31, 1964. Those who responded were: Thomas L. W. Johnson of Wisconsin; Tom Lock of Indiana and Charles Brady of Illinois.

Roderick Van Trump had an idea. He thought that the Sun Times in Chicago would print them for \$1.00 a piece. He would check into it. After a lengthy discussion it was suggested that Margaret contact one more printer and Mr. Van Trump would try to get information to her with regard to the Sun Times in Chicago.

Roderick Van Trump read the following letter from his Department Commander, who was unable to be present; regarding the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the GAR, Decatur, Illinois.

Commemoration of the establishing of Post #1 will be held April 16, 17, 1966 in Decatur following the Lincoln Tomb ceremony on April 15 in Springfield Illinois.

1. Ceremonies at the grave site of Major Benjamin Franklin Stephenson, father of the GAR.
2. Ceremonies at the original site of Post #1.
3. Reenactment of the chartering of Post #1.
4. Allied orders to set-up booths, representing various GAR posts and register descendants of GAR members.
5. Displays of original GAR equipment, papers uniforms, and some of the effects of Major Stephenson.
6. Millikan University to present pageant, depicting the history of the GAR.
7. GAR Commemorative postage stamp, 1st day issue. Ceremony to be held in Decatur, Illinois. (Write your representatives or the Postmaster General urging them to act on the issuance of this stamp).
8. Torch light parade, including all Department representatives and descendants of GAR members. (Parade will terminate in Decatur's Central Park at which time Governor Kerner will deliver an address).
9. State of Illinois Historymobile will be present.
10. A. All allied orders to contact local newspapers, re: articles or series of articles concerning GAR Posts that were located in their cities or counties.

- B. Set up displays of GAR equipment, papers, uniforms etc. in areas where Posts were located (Jan. 1966 - April 1966).
- C. Plan commemorative ceremony for April 6 at all local GAR monuments, old GAR Halls or Civil War monuments.
- 11. NBC-TV coverage during ceremonies at Decatur.
- 12. NBC interested in doing a film documentary on the story of the GAR early in 1966.

To date the Illinois Department has secured the cooperation of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce, the Macon County Historical Society, Decatur Civil War Round Table and the Decatur Herald Review. Governor Kerner has proclaimed 1966 as the GAR year. At this time, the Department of Illinois, wishes to extend a sincere welcome to all other Departments to participate in this Grand patriotic commemoration of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic."

The theme for the 1965 Conference this year is: MAKING THE G. A. R. A SUCCESS.

Bessie Goodermont appointed the following Chairmen to head the discussion groups:

1. Thomas L. W. Johnson, Wisconsin
HOW CAN WE MAKE THE PUBLIC AWARE OF THE G.A.R. CENTENNIAL?
2. Roderick Van Trump of Illinois
HOW CAN WE GET THE PUBLIC TO SHARE IN THE G.A.R. CENTENNIAL?
3. Anita Selby of Ohio
HOW CAN THE G.A.R. CENTENNIAL BEST BE OBSERVED BY INDIVIDUAL AUXILIARIES, CAMPS AND DEPARTMENTS?
4. James L. High of Illinois
HOW CAN THE CENTRAL REGION PARTICIPATE IN THE OBSERVANCE BEING PLANNED FOR DECATUR, ILL., THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE GAR?

Meeting recessed at 3:25 - to reconvene at 4:15 P. M.

The Conference reconvened and the first discussion Chairman to report was Thomas L. W. Johnson on: HOW CAN WE MAKE THE PUBLIC AWARE OF THE G.A.R. CENTENNIAL?

He brought out five points:

1. Newspaper publicity
2. Radio and T.V.
3. Library and museum displays
4. Flag presentations
5. Essay contests and scholarship awards.

He stat d that if w could get at least one of these ideas accomplished, that would be an accomplishment in itself.

It is almost impossible to make the kpublic aware of what the letters GAR stand for. Unfortunately GAR does not have the significance today as it had 30 to 40 years ago.

The best source of publicity are our newspapers. Attempt to obtain publicity thru news papers, public news media, radio and T.V.

Have the newspapers come up with a story of a local post. This will stimulate local interest. Bring into the picture local personaliti s such as the first commander of the local jpost. Provide biographical sketches - contact the library board or chief librarian.

Departments and Camps put some stress on school systems. Have them obtain assembly speakers who would give them an account of the aims and accomplishments of the GAR.

National, Department and local sponsorship of awards of some nature - such as Essay contest and scholarship award, but do not restrict it to only descendants of the GAR

Stimulate some thought as to how to get across the meaning of these letters - G. A. R. in the next few months when the Grand Army celebrates its 100th anniversary.

A general discussion followed. Illinois reported giving \$150.00 as a scholarship each year. They also give a sabre.

Wisconsin presents a plaque each year.

Commander in Chief Corbin stated the National Organization gives the sum of \$250.00 to a worthy student as a scholarship each year.

Meeting recessed at 4:30 P. M.

6:00 P. M. Saturday evening an informal dinner was held in honor of the Regional Officers and delegates. The Chairman of this Conference, Urion Mackey, presided at this dinner. The speak of the evening was Rev. Frank R. Hollingsworth of the First Park Congregational Church. Brother Mackey gave a "Flag Oration" ~~that was enjoyed by all~~. The soloist was Mrs. Mildred B. Moseley. A delightful meal was enjoyed by all.

Sunday morning, October 10th, 1965, at 9:25 A. M. the second session of the Central Region Conference was called to order by Regional Commander, Jessie Goodermont.

The invocation was given by Acting Chaplain, Margaret Horn Beaser.

Unita Selby, Patriotic Instructor, again led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

Roderick Van Trum reported on How Can We Get The Public To Share In The G.A.R. Centennial?

He stated that Tom Johnson's study group covered about everything. He presented it so well that this may be a repetition.

Every effort should be made to enlighten the news media that the G.A.R. has been in existence for 100 years. Ceremonies should be planned in G.A.R. Halls, have parades. Work with the newspapers, State Historical Societies. There may be ways in which their services could be utilized. Invite children's groups, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts to commemorate the G.A.R. in parades, etc. Schools and Civic Groups Buildings might display the American flag on the 100th Anniversary of the G.A.R. Encourage local historical societies to display their own G.A.R. relics. Have an essay or oratorical contest re: the founding of the G.A.R.. These contests to be held in public schools.

Unita Selby, reported on: How can the G.A.R. Centennial Best be Observed by Individual Auxiliaries, Camps and Departments?

First by proclamation, using newspapers, radio, etc.

Second, Display G.A.R. equipment, papers, uniforms etc. in store windows Memorial buildings, etc.

Third, Plan commemorative programs and invite the public.

Fourth, Write your representative in regard to commemorative stamps.

Fifth, Auxiliaries, Camps and Departments should have dinners and programs observing centennial of G.A.R. and invite the public.

Sixth, Ohio Department Commander Brown has contacted Gov. Rhodes to proclaim 1966 G.A.R. Centennial or the founding of the G.A.R.

James L. High, Chairman of discussion group on How Can the Central Region Participate in the Observance Being Planned for Decatur, Ill., the birthplace of the G.A.R.?

JAMES L. HIGH

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S.U.V.C.W. - 1965 CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Pantlind Hotel, Grand Rapids

Oral Report of Discussion Group - Topic 4

Group Chairman's Notes

TOPIC 4: How can the Central Region participate in the observance being planned for Decatur, Illinois, the birthplace of the G.A.R.?

- 1) Observance at Decatur will take place on Saturday and Sunday, April 16 and 17, 1966; Lincoln Tomb Ceremony on Friday, April 15 at Springfield, only 40 miles away. Plug attendance all 3 days; nice week-end trip.
- 2) Discussion group's idea, suggested by Chuck Brady: Give public the story of the G.A.R. in each of the Central Region states. Stories to be given at Decatur observance.
- 3) State stories to be prepared by each Central Region state's Department (or Auxiliary). Burden for furnishing stories placed on Departments. If a Department does not come through, its story will not be told. Considerable digging and research on part of Departments will be involved.

Topic 4 (Cont.)

- 4) Each story could start with organization of state's first G.A.R. Post and carry through to last meeting and disbandment.
- 5) Method of presenting stories to public:
 - a) Simple printed pamphlet, about pocket size. No art work or fancy stuff. Would cost money. How much? Who would pay for it - Departments in the Region or Regional Treasurer? Maybe some individuals would contribute? Pamphlets would be passed out at Decatur.
 - b) Mimeograph on 8½ by 11 paper. Would be quite cheap, but not as impressive as printing. Would be passed out at Decatur.
 - c) Oral presentation at Decatur, each story to be read by a representative of the Central Regional state's Department. Stories would have to be briefer than if printed or Mimeographed. Manuscripts would still have to be submitted for review as outlined in 7) c) below. Time and place in Decatur for reading to be set by S.U.V.C.W. and local (Decatur) committees in charge of observance. Advantage of this method: No money involved. Disadvantage: Nothing permanent left.

Topic 4 (Cont.)

6) Discussion group's choice of method: 5) a) - Printing.

7) Regional Conference to appoint a Chairman in charge of project. Chairman would:

- a) Write each Central Region Department and Auxiliary explaining project and requesting manuscript of state's G.A.R. story - furnish by a certain deadline date or be left out.
- b) Co-ordinate the project.
- c) Submit the manuscripts to Jim Blackman (who has a wealth of G.A.R. material, both local and national) for review as to accuracy, possible additions or deletions, etc. Perhaps Brother Harold Teitelbaum of the Chicago Public Library would be willing to assist in this.
- d) Arrange for the printing or Mimeographing if one of these methods is chosen.

8) Since time has a way of growing short, discussion group suggests an early start on the project.

J L H
James L. High, Discussion Group Chairman

Topic 4 (Cont.)

NOTE: After the above discussion group report had been made, Cappy Rehrmann was appointed Chairman of the project. Also, a printed pamphlet was authorized - to be paid for by the Regional Treasurer provided the cost is not more than ~~\$125.~~ \$100.

Original: Ellinore L. Konrad
CC : Capitola Rehrmann
James M. Blackman

There was a discussion regarding Margaret's brochure. It was decided that the brochure either be printed the following year or dropped.

It was moved by James Blackman, seconded by Charles Brady that Sister Margaret have brochures printed at a cost not to exceed \$125.00. Carried.

It was announced that 50 delegates registered at this Conference.

The Auditing Committee gave the following report: "We have this day audited the books of the Treasurer, Gladys B. Sallman, and find the same in fine condition and correct." Signed Capitola Rehrmann, Raeona Black and Dora Johnston.

The following report of the Resolutions committee was read by Paul Crate: To the officers and members of the Central Region Conference, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Their Auxiliaries - Greetings.

Whereas we were privileged to hold our Central Region Conference in the beautiful city of Grand Rapids, Michigan and Whereas, everything has been done to make our stay an enjoyable one, Therefore be it resolved that our Regional Secretary send the Hotel Pantlind a letter of thanks.

Whereas, the committee who did such an excellent job in arranging for this meeting and entertainment, therefore be it resolved that we give them a rising vote of thanks.

Whereas, Commander in Chief Brother Corbin and National President Sister Snyder having taken timeout of their busy schedule to attend our conference, therefore be it resolved, that we extend them our appreciation by a rising vote of thanks.

The Central Region Conference extends the thanks to our dinner speaker Rev. Frank R. Hollingsworth for bringing us a most inspirational message and whereas the pianist Mrs. Hazel Hanna and soloist Mrs. Nasely entertained us throughout the dinner hour, be it resolved that our Regional Secretary send them a letter of thanks.

That the Central Region Conference again select a theme or topic for next year's conference meeting around which the conference discussion can be centered.

To the Staff of Officers for their fine service rendered during the year. signed: Paul Crate, Anita Selby and Betty Johnson

It was moved by Ellinore Konrad, seconded by Charles Brady that these resolutions be adopted as a whole. Carried.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented on behalf of the Chairman, Thomas L. W. Johnson, of Wisconsin. The following were recommended:

Commander.....	Thomas Lock, 3rd, Indiana
Senior Vice.....	Nora Johnston, Michigan
Junior Vice.....	Paul Crate, Ohio
Treasurer.....	Gladys Sallman, Illinois
Patriotic Instructor.....	Helen Brady, Illinois
Chaplain.....	Margaret Beaser, Indiana
Guide.....	Paul Selby
Secretary.....	Betty Johnson

Brother Johnson told the delegates that they approached Sister Ellinore S. Konrad for the office of Secretary, inasmuch as she has served the Conference in the capacity of Secretary since 1948, but she declined with regrets.

It was then moved by Thomas L. W. Johnson, seconded by Anita Selby that we give Sister Ellinore a rising vote of thanks for her many years of service as Secretary of the Region. Carried.

Nominations were then called for from the floor. There being none, it was moved by James Blackman, seconded by Herman Black that the officers recommended be elected for the coming year. Carried.

An invitation was extended to the Conference to meet in Ohio in 1966. It was moved by Gladys Sallman, seconded by Myron Goodermont we accept this invitation. Carried.

National President, Edith Smidler was asked to say a few words. She told the group that is meeting was her first official visit. She appreciated what she learned, especially from the discussion groups. Her initials are E. L. S. She said they will stand for effort, loyalty and service, and that is what she intends to give to all throughout her year.

Commander in Chief Corbin told the delegates that he felt at home here because this is part of his own regional. He thanked all for the courtesies extended to him during his stay and he wanted them to know he was having a wonderful time.

There was a discussion with regard to the theme for 1966. The following suggestions were: brother man to salute the flag; Courtesy to the flag; another of the flag. It was moved by Eva Blackman, seconded by Anita Selby that we adopt the theme of "Courtesy to the Flag". Carried.

Bills and communications were read. It was moved by Eva Blackman, seconded by James Blackman that all bills be paid. Carried.

The sum of \$10.00 was turned over to Brother Mackey as each year we leave a memorial in the city in which we meet.

The newly elected Regional Commander was called to the platform and introduced. Sister Goodermont turned over the gavel to Thomas J. Locke, 3rd.

It was moved by Anita Selby, seconded by Eva Blackman that we adjourn. Carried.

The meeting closed with prayer by our newly elected Chaplain, Margaret Beaser, followed by the singing of "God Be With You Til We Meet Again" and "Blest Be the Tie That Binds".

Respectfully submitted in F.C. & L.

Ellinore L. Konrad, Secretary

The annual meeting of the Central Region Conference of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliaries was held October 10th and 11th, 1964, at the Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Saturday afternoon at 2:30 P. M. Regional Commander, Thomas L. W. Johnson, of Wisconsin, called to order the first session of the Conference.

The invocation was given by the Regional Chaplain, Dora Johnson, of Mich. Harry Beasey, acting Patriotic Instructor, led the assembly in the salut to the Flag.

Thomas L. W. Johnson, Department Commander, welcomed the delegates in behalf of the Department of Wisconsin and also extended his personal felicitations. He stated it is a tribute to our order to see so many delegates present at this Conference.

Regional Commander, Thomas L. W. Johnson, then introduced the following National Officers:

Joseph S. Rippey, Commander in Chief, N. Y.
Emma Wheeler, Nat'l President, New Hampshire
Earl Corbin, Nat'l Senior Vice Comm., Ohio
Betty Johnson, Nat'l Vice Pres., Wisconsin.

The following Regional Officers answered roll call:

Commander..... Thomas L. W. Johnson, Wis.
Senior Vice Commander.. Bessie Goodermont, Ill.
Chaplain..... Dora Johnson, Michigan
Secretary..... Ellinore L. Konrad, Wis.
Treasurer..... Gladys B. Sallman, Ill.

The following number of delegates from the various Departments responded to the roll call by States:

Illinois..... 14
Indiana..... 2
Michigan..... 7
Ohio..... 6
Wisconsin..... 17

Roll call of Past National Presidents at this Conference were as follows:

Eva Blackman, Illinois
Edith Nile, Ohio
Gladys Sallman, Illinois
Ellinore L. Konrad, Wisconsin
Anita Selby, Ohio

The minutes of the 1963 Conference meeting held in Lafayette, Indiana were read. It was moved by Edith Nil, seconded by Eva Blackman, that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried.

The following communications from those unable to attend were read:

Hazel Moushey, Nat'l Sec. of Missouri
Lyle H. Ehmke, Dept. Comm. Minnesota
Viola E. Hartwig, Dept. Pres. Illinois

The report of the Regional Treasurer was read and accepted. The balance in the treasury is _____.

Regional Commander Johnson appointed members on the following committees:

AUDITING:

Roderick Van Trump, Ill.
Herman Black, Wis.
James J. Johnson, Mich.

RESOLUTIONS:

James Blackman, Ill.
Edith Nile, Ohio
Mildred Biering, Wis.

NOMINATING:

Chas. Brady, Jr., Ill.
Earl Corbin, Ohio
Margaret Beasey, Ind.

The reports of the Regional Officers were read and placed on file.

The Conference Theme was THE CHALLENGE OF PATRIOTISM.

Regional Commander Johnson announced the names of the Chairmen re th roundtable discussion groups as follows:

OUR PATRIOTIC HERITAGE:

Earl Corbin, Ohio

PATRIOTISM AND EDUCATION:

Alex Levi, Illinois

PATRIOTISM AND THE PUBLIC NEWS MEDIA:

Charles Brady, Illinois

PATRIOTISM AND GOVERNMENT:

Capitola Rehrmann

HISTORICAL CIVIL WAR BROCHURE:

Margaret Horn Beasey, Indiana

Rooms were assigned to them to meet with their committee. Meeting recessed at 3:00 P. M. to re-convene at 3:45 P. M.

Committee Chairmen were asked to leave their written reports with the Secretary to assist her in compiling the minutes.

The meeting reconvened and the first discussion Chairman to report was Earl Corbin on OUR PATRIOTIC HERITAGE.

Patriotism means love of Country. It exists in the heart of every American citizen. There is a lack of patriotism in schools. Our children should be taught patriotism in our schools and also by their parents. Our flag should be saluted in schools as it has been in the past. Patriotism is hard to get across to some people. We have too many isms in our Americanism today. We recommend that all of our members try to put notices in the paper and on radio as to how bystanders should respect the passing of our flag in parades, etc.

There was no discussion on this subject.

Alex Levi, Chairman of PATRIOTISM AND EDUCATION reported as follows:

Our most important duty today is Youth Guidance. Lack of saluting the flag and lack of morality comes from lack of youth guidance. We take too much for granted. The delegates present should try to get the local school boards, P.T.A. groups and legislatures to stress on the teaching of American History. Tell the school boards what to do and what not to do. We are faced with delinquency which can only be taken care of by guidance. Schools have to be watched for subversive teachings.

A lengthy discussion followed. Our Nat'l President stated that one must be very careful what you do or say to the State Board of Education. In the small communities you do not have so much trouble; it is the large cities that you are not going to be so successful. You have to be very diplomatic when dealing with these people.

Charles Brady, Jr., Chairman of PATRIOTISM AND THE PUBLIC NEWS MEDIA reported as follows:

Newspapers are our best source of publicity in the promotion of patriotism and bringing before the public our patriotic activities. Publicize activities of the Sons of Veterans Reserve or skirmish units. Publicize patriotic programs presented to the public. Publicize to save a Civil War monument. Group dinners of patriotic organizations should be publicized. Presentation of flags, medals or sabres should receive publicity. HOW DO YOU DO THESE THINGS? Go to the top man or the Editor. Radio and TV will also want to be in the know if you are holding a very noteworthy event. If local radio or paper has a local column, be sure to get it in on time.

Work with local Historical Society.

Write series of articles on Civil War.

Use of a local person's name.

It helps to have uniformed people in pictures.

All noted events should be passed along to the Dept. Press Correspondent.

Following the discussion on News Media, the 2nd Wisconsin Vol. Inf. under the direction of Major Ernst A. von Frankenberg presented the colors.

Regional Commander Johnson thanked the boys and told the delegates these men devote many hours of their time, talents and efforts in the participation of ceremonies, arms demonstrations and sham battles.

It was moved by Eva Blackman seconded by Mildred Biering that the Secretary write a letter of thanks to the boys for services performed. Carried.

Meeting recessed at 4:30 P. M. to reconvene at 9:00 A. M. Sunday.

Saturday evening at 6:00 P. M. a dinner was held in honor of the Regional Officers and delegates. This was very well planned by Betty Johnson, Chairlady and her committee. The speaker - Honorable John R. Moses, Director from the Department of Veterans Affairs, Madison, Wisconsin, gave a very interesting talk and the entertainment that followed was very outstanding.

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Sunday morning October 11th, 1964, at 9:00 A. M. the second session of the Central Region Conference was called to order by Regional Commander, Thomas L. W. Johnson.

The invocation was given by the Regional Chaplain, Dora Johnson.

Harry Beasey, acting Patriotic Instructor, again led the assembly in the salute to the Flag.

Capitola Rehrmann, Chairman of PATRIOTISM AND GOVERNMENT reported as follows:

Register and vote is one of the most important duties - watch the polls and study the issues of the men to be elected and vote for the issues rather than the person.

We should try to pass on to our children and grandchildren the merits of these organizations in which we are interested.

Liberal writers have written books today that are slanted towards their personal ideas and we should stop these writers.

Impress on our representatives by letter or otherwise to lift up the morals of the government and urge them to have their appointees or assistants to do likewise.

Baring the prayer in the school was a big mistake as our country was founded on religion.

We believe that only those with the ability to act should be appointed to the Supreme Court and there should be an age limit as in our branches of service.

Voting machines should be improved so the voter would see that his vote is registered and no information should be given out by press, TV or radio as to how the vote is going until the polls are closed throughout the entire United States. We need more patriotism in the Country.

Margaret Beasey, Chairman of HISTORICAL CIVIL WAR BROCHURE reported as follows:

Write again to the chairmen or Departments who were not present. Have them signify their interest by writing to Margaret or the Secretary of the Region, and submit their articles to them.

Pictures and less reading matter would be more interesting, especially if the brochure would be used as gifts for children.

Inasmuch as Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin are represented at this Conference and have been given ideas as to what type of articles to submit, the Chairman of this committee should write to the other Departments in the Region, giving them suggestions.

Sister Beasey asked each delegate to think in their own mind what constitutes a good brochure.

What, in their estimation would make an interesting brochure.

What would be the cost - taking into consideration off-set printing - could the Region afford it.

It was suggested that each Department have 4 pages - two of these to be pictures.

Thomas Johnson stated the Central Region owes a debt of gratitude to Margaret for keeping this brochure alive. She has devoted several years to it and it took a great deal of her time. However, one of the problems is - we do not have an editor to nurse it thru the press.

There is still quite a bit of distance between our getting the thing together and getting it in print, and the cost is great. We are a long way from our goal now. Unless we set a dead line for the material from the various Departments, we will not be able to make it.

It was moved by Bessie Goodermont, seconded by James Blackman that we notify the Departments that their material must be in by December 31st. Carried.

Then the question came up regarding financing. If 5,000 brochures were printed at 38¢ a piece, it would come to \$1,950.00.

Illinois stated they would advance the sum of \$200.00 towards the brochure.

It was suggested by Tom Johnson that if every delegate would turn over the sum of money spent at the conference, which would include travel and meals, and dispense with the meeting for one year, this sum could b met. This idea was not favorably received.

The Treasurer reported th balance in Treasury of \$324.28.

The Chairman was asked to shop around for bids, taking into consideration quality of paper, color, etc. and she should take it upon herself not only to look into the quality of material, but also finances.

The following report of the Auditing Committee was read by Roderick Van Trump, Chairman:

"We find the books of the Treasurer, of the Central Region, correct when audited by the undersigned committee."

It was moved by Mildred Biering, seconded by Harry Beasey that the report be accepted. Carried.

The following report of the Resolutions Committee was read by James Blackman, Chairman:

To the officers and members of the Central Region Conference, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliary - Greetings.

#1. Whereas, we were again privileged to hold our Central Region Conference in this beautiful city of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Whereas, everything has been done to make our stay an enjoyable one, Therefore be it resolved that our Regional Secretary send the Hotel Pfister a letter of thanks.

#2. Whereas, the committee who did such an excellent job in arranging for this meeting and entertainment, therefore be it resolved that we give them a rising vote of thanks.

#3. Whereas, the Commander-in-Chief Bro. Rippey and National Pres. Sister Wheeler, having taken time out of their busy schedule to attend our conference, therefore be it RESOLVED, that we extend to them our appreciation by a rising vote of thanks.

#4. Whereas, the speaker, Pianist and the Barber Shop quartet entertained us so wonderful, therefore be it resolved that they be sent a letter of thanks from this conference.

#5. Whereas, this conference has never had a Guide, therefore be it resolved that we establish this office and elect a guide.

#6. Whereas, we feel there are too many people on the streets watching parades and etc. that do not respect our flag, therefore be it resolved that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliaries ask the newspapers and radio to inform the public how to respect our flag.

It was moved by James Blackman, seconded by several that a guide be elected at this Conference. Carried.

It was moved by Edith Nile, seconded by Margaret Beasey that these resolutions be adopted as a whole. Carried.

Edith Nile, Chairman of Legislation stated she did not have much to report as letters must be sent by individuals and not by organizations opposing or approving bills. She asked each state in the Conference to be alerted to the patriotic legislation in their department.

Commander in Chief Joseph S. Rippey was called upon for his message. He congratulated the delegates on the patriotic subjects brought before the meeting. He stated that just because the centennial is over in 1965 should not have a great significance for us, and the work that is

being done by the Chairmen of these committees should not terminate. He also stated that this group is the finest and most progressive, and the delegates at this Conference are the leaders of their State. He urged all present to attend the National Encampment in Richmond, and asked the delegates to support the Banner. He also stressed the need for new members.

Our National President, Emma Wheeler told all present that our Organization has adopted an Altar Cloth and will no longer use the American Flag to place the Bible on. Her project for this year is to raise \$1,000.00 as the Nat'l Organizations share in the "Bell Tower" as a memorial to Women at the Cathedral of the Pines. She asked for personal donations.

Thomas L. W. Johnson thanked the Commander in Chief and National President for their interesting talks and thanked them for taking time out from their busy schedules to attend this Conference.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented. The following were recommended:

Commander.....	Bessie Goodermont, Illinois
Senior Vice.....	Thomas J. Lock, 3rd, Indiana
Junior Vice.....	Dora Johnston, Michigan
Secretary.....	Ellinore L. Konrad, Wisconsin
Treasurer.....	Gladys B. Sallman, Illinois
Patriotic Instructor.....	Anita Selby, Ohio
Chaplain.....	George Powers, Wisconsin
Guide.....	Herman Black, Wisconsin

Nominations were then called for from the floor. There being none, it was moved by James Blackman, seconded by Mildred Biering, that the officers recommended be elected for the coming year. Carried.

Bills and communications were read. It was moved by Eva Blackman, seconded by Ræona Black that all bills presented be paid. Carried.

Regional Commander, Thomas L. W. Johnson then turned the meeting over to the newly elected Regional Commander, Bessie Goodermont of Illinois.

Each year it is customary to leave a Memorial in the host and hostess city. It was moved by Ellinore L. Konrad, seconded by Betty Johnson that the sum of \$10.00 be given to "Veteran's Hospital at Wood, Wisconsin. Carried.

There was a discussion regarding selecting a theme for next year. It was moved by Thomas L. W. Johnson, seconded by Charles Brady, Jr. that the theme for the 1965 Central Region Conference be: the Centennial of the Grand Army of the Republic. Carried.

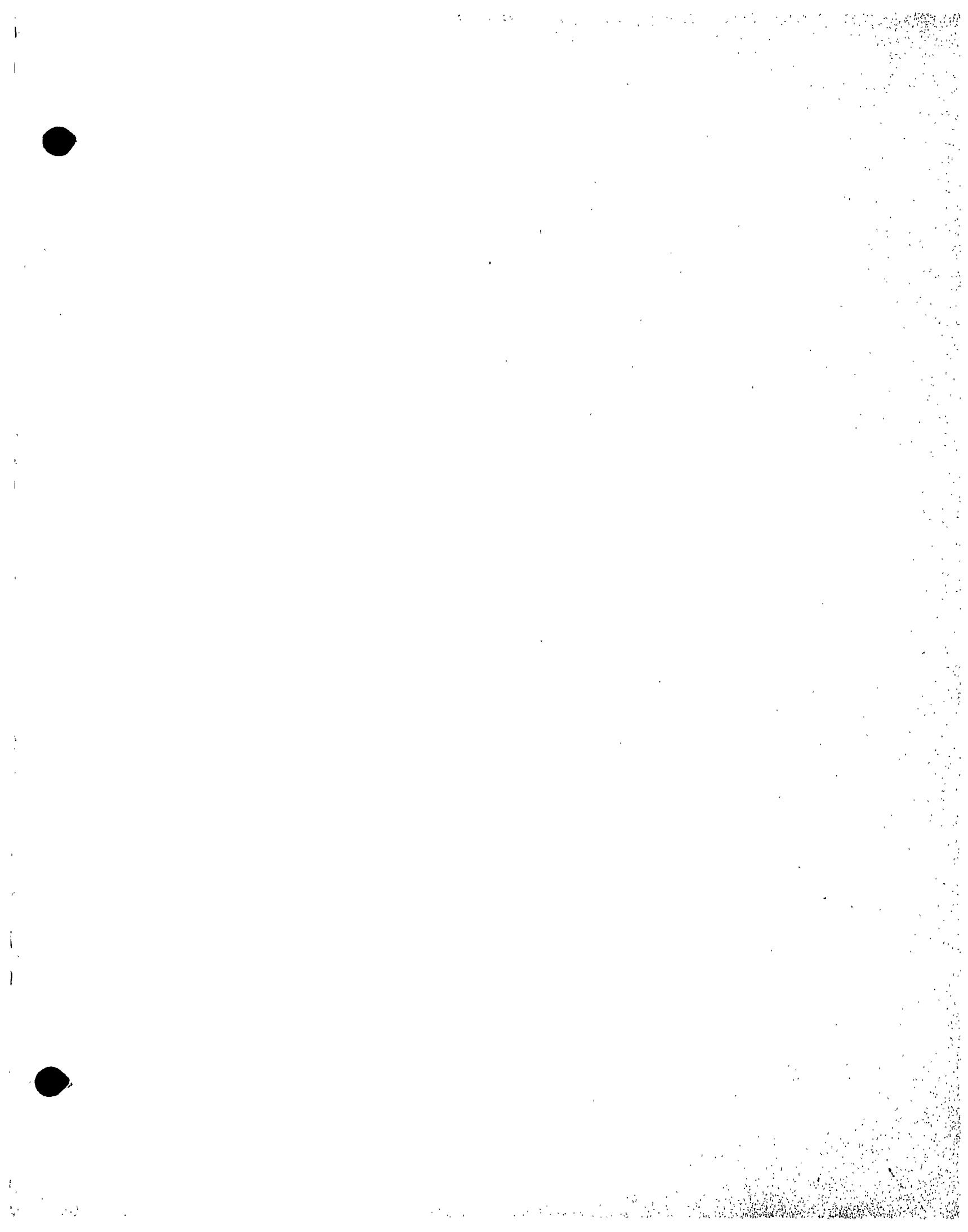
Charles Brady, Jr. was appointed Chairman of discussion groups for 1965.

It was moved by James Blackman, seconded by several that we adjourn. Carried.

The meeting closed with prayer by the newly elected Chaplain, Dora Johnson. 12:20 P. M.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

Ellinore L. Konrad, Secretary
Central Region Conference



The annual meeting of the Central Region Conference of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliaries was held October 12th and 13th, 1963 at the Van Orman-Fowler Hotel, Lafayette, Indiana.

Due to the election of the Regional Commander, Anita Selby, to the office of National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans, Senior Vice Commander, Thomas L. W. Johnson of Wisconsin, called to order the first session of the Regional Conference at 2:30 P. M.

The invocation was given by the Regional Chaplain, Leona Graham of Indiana.

The Regional Patriotic Instructor, Thomas Lock 3rd, led the assembly in the salute to the Flag.

Thomas L. W. Johnson then introduced the following National Officers:

Joseph S. Rippey, Commander in Chief
W. Earl Corbin, Council of Administration
Ulysses S. Grant, 3rd, National Counselor
Anita M. Selby, National President
Capitola Rehrmann, National Secretary
Mary Sprague, National Personal Aide

The following Regional Officers answered roll call:

Regional Commander..... Anita Selby, Ohio
Senior Vice " Thomas L. W. Johnson, Wis.
Junior Vice " Marie Dorn, Illinois
Chaplain..... Leona Graham, Indiana
Patriotic Instructor..... Thomas Lock, 3rd, Ind.
Secretary..... Ellinore L. Konrad, Wis.

The following number of delegates from the various Departments responded to the roll call by States:

Illinois..... 11
Indiana..... 18
Michigan..... 4
Ohio..... 11
Wisconsin..... 6

The minutes of the 1962 Conference meeting were read. It was moved by Edith Nile, seconded by Earl Corbin that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried.

Thomas L. W. Johnson then informed the chairmen of the discussion groups to meet with their committee in the following rooms:

CENTENNIAL CLIMAX - U. S. Grant, 3rd - Mezzanine

BUILDING MEMBERSHIP - Edith B. Nile - Ball Room

WORKING WITH YOUTH - Thomas L. W. Johnson - Ball Room

MILITARY PROGRAM - Thomas Lock, 3rd - Mezzanine

FINANCIAL AIDS - Marie Doran - Meeting room

REGIONAL UNDERTAKINGS - Margaret Horn - Mezzanine

The following communications from those unable to attend were read:

Chester S. Shriver, Past Commander in Chief

William M. Coffin, Past Commander in Chief

Hazel Moushey, National Vice President

Gladys B. Sallman, Regional Treasurer & P. N. P.

Meeting was recessed until 3:45 P. M.

The meeting reconvened and the first discussion Chairman to report was General U. S. Grant, 3rd on the Centennial Climax. He presented the following Recommendations:

1. That Department Commanders and Department Presidents organize an intensive membership recruiting campaign, from now to April 1965, in their Departments and every Camp of the Region to take full advantage of the popular interest and inspiration drawn from the Civil War Centennial - an opportunity which will not recur in 100 years.
2. That appropriate commemorative services be organized in each Department on Appomattox Day, April 9, 1965, to mark the end of bloodshed and the reuniting of our Country, and that Confederate organizations or descendants be invited to attend.
3. That special attention be paid to suitable ceremonial recognition of statues of Civil War Commanders in the cities of the Region on the occasion of the Commander's birthday or of some battle in which he rendered distinguished service.
4. That Department Commanders and Department Presidents arrange together for a survey of their Departments to locate and list all Civil War Memorials within their geographical areas, with photographs of them, names of artists and doners, etc. This material can then be turned over to the National Historian.

recommendations

After a discussion as to how these ~~recommendations~~ would be presented to the various departments, it was moved by Charles Brady of Illinois, seconded by Bessie Goodermont of Illinois, that the four ~~recommendations~~ given by U. S. Grant, 3rd, be adopted and published in some form. Carried.

Edith B. Nile, Chairman of BUILDING MEMBERSHIP gave the following report:

1. Arrange bowling tournaments. Those participating must hold membership cards in the Sons of Union veterans, associate, or Auxiliary.
2. Arrange Euchre or Canasta tournaments - but in all cases they must hold Sons and Auxiliary or associate membership cards.

A discussion followed. It was suggested that the Sons should promote Junior Civil War Round Tables.

It was moved by Eva Blackman of Illinois, seconded by Doris Johnston of Michigan that these ~~recommendations~~ be adopted. Carried.

Thomas Lock, 3rd, Chairman of MILITARY PROGRAM reported as follows:

1. Before any of our local camps use a firing squad, they should be trained by a competent military advisor.
2. Military uniform rank of our organization of the Military Reserve shall be the membership committee.
3. Department Commanders assume their proper place as far as the military status is concerned.
4. National events are wonderful, but we recommend that the camp use their own military units - as well as participating nationally.

The discussion led to how were the Indiana group getting the boys uniformed. Brother Lock informed them it was up to the local members.

Boy Scouts of America should be encouraged. Membership for the Sons as well as Reserves can be gained thru the Boy Scouts.

It was moved by General U. S. Grant, 3rd, seconded by Margaret Horn Beasy that these recommendations be adopted. Carried.

Brother Tom Johnson reported that statistics show this regional meeting is the largest in number since 1955. He stated it is nice that we are on the up-grade this year.

He also extended a special welcome to the members of the Michigan Department - especially because of the distance they had to travel.

Brother Johnson appointed members on the following committees:

AUDITING:

Capitola Rehrmann - Illinois
Betty Johnson - Wisconsin
Brother Sprague - Ohio

NOMINATING:

Edith B. Nile - Ohio
Charles Brady, Jr. - Illinois
Bessie Goodermont - Illinois

An announcement was made that a banquet and reception was to be held for the National President, Anita Selby, on October 26th, at the Leland Hotel and a special invitation was extended to the Regional Members.

Meeting recessed at 4:30 P. M. to reconvene at 9:00 A. M. Sunday.

Saturday evening at 6:00 P. M. a dinner was held in honor of the regional officers and delegates. This was very well planned by the Lafayette Committee. The speaker of the evening was General U. S. Grant, 3rd. Entertainment followed.

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Sunday morning October 13th, 1963, at 9:00 A. M. the second session of the Central Region Conference was called to order by Senior Vice Commander, Thomas L. W. Johnson.

The invocation was given by the Regional Chaplain, Loena Graham of Indiana.

The following report of the Auditing Committee was read by Capitola Rehrmann:

"We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the books of the Secretary and Treasurer and find same correct and in good condition."

Marie Doran, Chairman of FINANCIAL AIDS gave the following report:

1. Plan bingo and card parties - prizes to be donated by members.
2. Plan carnivals, hawaiian luau's, halloween parades.
3. Have election dinners. Serve dinners for the people on election night. This will gain publicity.
4. Bakeless bake sale - don't bake or sell - just send out price list.

It was moved by Velda Helton of Indiana, seconded by Charles Brady of Illinois, that we accept the recommendations. Carried.

Margaret Horn, Chairman of REGIONAL UNDERTAKINGS reported the following:

1. That the Regional Conference plan and edit a Brochure as a Memorial to the 100th anniversary of the Civil War Centennial.
2. Number of pages to be based on the number of states entering this project.
3. Each state in the Conference to share equally in the amount of pages of history.
4. After publication the brochures are to be distributed by the Department Commander and Department President to libraries, high schools, etc., at their discretion.

Discussion followed. It was hoped to keep the memory of the Civil War alive. Brochures are one of the things that will never die.

A representative from each state should be appointed who will devote his or her time to this project.

Off-set printing should be considered.

It was moved by Charles Brady, seconded by Marie Doran that we accept the recommendations. Carried.

It was moved by Eva Blackman, seconded by Lovina Lorah that Margaret Horn Beasy be made the general chairman of this memorial publication. Carried.

The following were appointed to represent their state for this project:

Earl Corbin, Ohio
Tom Locke 3rd, Indiana
Minor Coburn, Illinois
Thomas L. W. Johnson, Wisconsin
Michigan (no one appointed)

It was moved by Eva Blackman, seconded by Capitola Rehrmann that the general chairman notify the other states not represented at this conference and ask them to participate. Carried.

It was moved by Tom Lock 3rd, seconded by Eva Blackman, that the representatives appointed for this project hold this position until the project is completed. Carried.

Thomas L. W. Johnson, Chairman of: WORKING WITH YOUTH gave the following report:

1. Camps and Departments should attempt to work with school authorities. Promote programs on Dedication day and other patriotic holidays during the year.
2. Awards - Flags, books, etc. could be presented to girl scouts, boy scouts and 4 H children, if they lived in rural communities.
3. Sponsorship of athletic events - Basketball, bowling, etc. Get an individual who will coach such a team. Organize a group of children under the sponsorship of local Sons.
4. Publicize and encourage the youth to join the Veterans Reserve. If you have a uniform or musket to show the youth they will become interested. Girls 15 years and older could become interested by making aprons, and having bake sales under the sponsorship of the Auxiliaries.

It was moved by Herman Black, seconded by Margaret Horn Beasy that this report be adopted. Carried.

It was moved by Tom Lock, 3rd, seconded by Charles Brady that the Secretary have the approved recommendations mimeographed and send five (5) copies each to Department Commanders and Department Presidents. Carried.

S.C.R. & T.R. & P.D. - Balance on hand as of Sept 14 63 - 251.78
Edith Nile, Chairman on Legislation reported that only three states responded to her letters. They were Iowa, Wisconsin and Ohio.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented on behalf of the Chairman, Edith B. Nile. The following were recommended:

Commander.....	Thomas L. W. Johnson, Wis.
Senior Vice.....	Bessie Goodermont, Illinois
Junior Vice.....	Thomas Lock, 3rd, Indiana
Chaplain.....	Dora Johnston, Michigan
Patriotic Instructor.....	Wayne Boyer, Indiana
Secretary.....	Ellinore L. Konrad, Wisconsin
Treasurer.....	Gladys B. Sallman, Illinois

Nominations were then called for from the floor. There being none, it was moved by Anita Selby, seconded by Charles Brady that the officers recommended be elected for the coming year. Carried.

● It was moved by Eva Blackman, seconded by Charles Brady that we continue the panel discussions for another year. Carried.

Bills and communications were read. It was moved by Raeona Black, seconded by Betty Johnson that all bills presented be paid. Carried.

An invitation was extended by the Wisconsin Department and the Michigan Department to hold the 1964 Regional Conference in their State. It was moved by Thomas Lock 3rd, seconded by Herman Black that we accept the invitation from the Wisconsin Department to hold the Conference in Milwaukee, and that the Michigan Department extend to the Regional an invitation for 1965. Carried.

The Regional delegates expressed their appreciation to the National President, Anita Selby, and the Commander-in-Chief, Joseph Rippey for attending this conference.

The Indiana committee on arrangements was given a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

It was moved by Earl Corbin, seconded by Thomas Lock 3rd, that we adjourn. Carried.

The meeting closed with Prayer by the newly elected Chaplain and the singing of "God be With You 'Til we Meet Again". 11:30 A. M.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

Ellinore L. Konrad, Secretary
Central Region Conference

The annual meeting of the Central Region Conference of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliaries was held October 13th and 14th, 1962 at the Hilton Inn, Aurora, Illinois.

On Saturday, October 13th at 2:30 P. M. the first session was called to order by the Regional Commander, Myron Goodermont of Illinois.

The Invocation was given by Grace Northam, Chaplain of Aux. #30 of Illinois.

Regional Commander Brother Goodermont led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

The Commander then introduced the following National Officers:

James High, Council of Administration
Capitola Rehrmann, National Secretary

The following Regional Officers answered roll call:

Regional Commander..... Myron Goodermont, Illinois
Senior Vice..... Anita Selby, Ohio
Secretary..... Ellinore L. Konrad, Wisconsin
Treasurer..... Gladys B. Sallman, Illinois

Roll was called by States and the following delegates from the various Departments responded:

Illinois..... 28
Indiana..... 5
Ohio..... 5
Wisconsin..... 8

Minutes of the 1961 meeting were approved as read.

The following communications from those unable to attend were read:

Commander-in-Chief, Chester S. Shriver
National President... Annia I Stoudt
Past Commander in Chief, William M. Coffin
Department President, Blanche Risher of Iowa

It was moved by Edith Nile of Ohio seconded by Mary Harrison of Wisconsin that these letters of communication be placed on file. Carried.

The report of the Regional Treasurer, Gladys B. Sallman, was read and accepted. The balance in the treasury is \$241.91.

The following were appointed on Committees:

Auditing Committee:
Capitol Rehrmann, Illinois
Earl Corbin, Ohio
Edward Biering, Wisconsin

Nominating Committee :

Edith Nile, Ohio
Thomas Lock 3rd, Indiana
Roscoe Mathias, Illinois

Brother Goodermont appointed James L. High to act as Counselor during the Conference.

The discussion opened with regard to the Departments participation in observances of the Centennial.

Brother Bornstein of Illinois reported that they are publishing three books; these books can be obtained in Springfield. Custer Camp No. 1 of Illinois has a uniform color guard and in addition they sponsor a skirmish group - 20 men in Civil War uniforms; they appear in parades, etc. This group was in the reenactment at Bull Run and at Antietam. One of the events was the observance of the death of Stephan Douglas; and in September they observed the 100th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and also an affair co-sponsored by the negro emancipation league. Prior to that there was an affair at Chicago Centennial Society - the firing on Fort Sumpter.

Alex Levy stated that the Science of Industry opened in Chicago and the Sons of Union Veterans were represented.

Margaret Horn requested that any of this material that the Departments could get together should be sent to her. Pictures of any history on dedications, reenactments, etc. so that she could get it in the form of a brochure for the Regional only.

Brother Bornstein informed the Regional that one or two of the very good pictures were sent to the Banner but because they were colored, they were refused.

James L. High told Brother Bornstein that Al Lambert said his problem is to find space in the Banner for all of these pictures.

It was agreed by Brother Mathias that all of this talk was very pleasing but he was wondering if we are receiving any new members from all of this.

Brother Bornstein said that all this talk about the Civil War Centennial and what an opportunity it was for our Organization to build up our membership is getting us nowhere. He stated it is getting less instead of more. Eligibles are not interested. Those who are not eligible are much more interested. So they are thinking of bringing more people into our Organization thru associate membership. He said as Secretary he was going over his records. More and more of the Camps are dying. When Past Commander in Chief Richard Locke passed away, the Rockford camp died also. He was keeping up this camp and since his death this is just another camp that is defunct. Unless we get on the ball we will be as dead as the Grand Army of the Republic is now. This idea of making people officers just for honor is all wrong.

Thomas Lock 3rd disagreed with Brother Bornstein that the Sons of Union Veterans are dying. He stated three years ago, thru working with Margaret Horn he just learned about the Sons of Union Veterans. He has received 7 applications for new members and Indianapolis has 6 new members ; coming in. They are also organizing flag groups and drilling these boys in flag brigades and keeping ; them busy. He has great hope for the Sons but he stated it must be in the hands of the young and out of the hands of the old.

Earl Corbin reported that Ohio had an increase of 44 members. A great deal of this is due to the Civil War Regiments in Cleveland, Akron ; and Mansfield under the direction of Col. Daniel F. Clancy.

Then followed a discussion regarding junior members. Lovina Lorah stated she ran an add in the local papers and also used the Radio but received no calls from eligibles. She then went to schools but jthey would not allow her to get information direct from the students.

Sadie Keefer announced there is not enough history of the Civil War taught in our schools today. Children are ignorant of this war.

Brother Coburn announced that the high schools in Illinois require one year of history otherwise the students do not graduate. He stated the juniors and seniors wanted to start a Civil War Round table and they were very enthusiastic. These boys have presented their own programs and one boy even brought in his own arsenal for display. They also give talks on Civil War coins, money and papers.

Alex Levy mentioned that in the last couple of weeks there has been a lot of commotion on the Mason-Dixon line. All you see are confederate flags. He said the disease is coming into the north. They will not fly an American flag but they will fly a confederate flag. They are using them for something that is not good for our youth. There is too much southern propaganda. They are actually using the Civil War Centennial for this purpose and something ought to be done about it.

Edith Nile was reminded of the National Encampment that was ; held in Washington, D. C. in 1936. She said confederate flags were flying over many of the buildings at that time. When they asked the authorities what could be done about it they said NOTHING!

James Blackman announced that since our last Conference P. C. in C. Richard F. Locke and Commander-in-Chief, Brother Messer have passed away. He felt it would be fitting and proper at this time to have a brief memorial service for them and all deceased members from the Central Region. By request of the Regional Commander, all delegates stood in ; silent prayer for one moment in ; memory of the deceased.

The meeting was recessed at 4 P. M. to reconvene at 9:30 A. M. Sunday morning.

Saturday evening at 6:30 P. M. a dinner was held in honor of the R gional delegat s. This was very w 11 planned by the j Aurora committee. The speaker of the evening was Attorney Clarence Ruddy of Aurora. Entertainment follow d.

On Sunday morning October 14th, at 9:30 A. M. the second session of the Central Region Conference was called to order by the Commander.

The Invocation was given by Grace Northam, Chaplain of Auxiliary #30.

The report of the Auditing Committee was read by Chairman Capitola Rehrmann.

"We, your auditing committee, do hereby report that the books of the Treasurer have been duly audited and found correct and in balance."

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented on behalf of the Chairman, Edith B. Nile. The following were recommended:

Commander.....	Anita Selby, Ohio
Senior Vice.....	Thomas Johnson, Wisconsin
Junior Vice.....	Marie Doran, Illinois
Chaplain.....	Leona Graham, Indiana
Patriotic Instructor....	Thomas Lock 3rd
Secretary.....	Ellinore L. Konrad, Secretary
Treasurer.....	Gladys B. Sallman, Illinois

Nominations were then called for from the floor. There being none, it was moved by Mildred Biering, seconded by James Blackman that the officers recommended be elected for the coming year. Carried.

It was moved by Edith Nile seconded by Mary Harrison that the Commander of the Region be a guest at the banquet each year. Carried.

The Treasurer announced that the sum of \$10.00 is given to the city hosting the Regional Conference. It was announced that this sum was to be given to the Bonapart School for retarded children.

It was moved by Alex Levy seconded by Charles Brady that the Secretary be authorized to purchase 1,000 letter-heads and envelopes for the Region.

The newly elected officers were then presented in front of the rostrum, and congratulated.

Charles Brady stated that each year we do a great deal of talking about different things but we actually do nothing about them. He suggested that each year we should have a theme to center our discussions around. Indicate what we want to talk about and then out of each group we could get some ideas as to what Departments are doing.

Sister Selby mentioned that some time ago Margaret Horn had a similar idea but it was never carried out.

Margaret Horn said it is rather difficult to have a meeting and try to get together during the year because of distance. However, discussion groups such as Charles Brady mentioned could work out very well. All kinds of ideas could be brought before the meeting and discussed.

Marion Doughty stated that she belonged to another organization and the president appoints a ~~2~~erspm each year as chairman of a discussion group and the delegates attending are part of these groups.

It was moved by Charles Brady and seconded by Eva Blackman that the incoming Regional Commander appoint a Chairman to head a discussion group forming such panels as Membership, patriotism, centennial, etc. Carried.

After a lengthy discussion on panel discussions it was suggested that we make up a program for two days and know what we are going to do before we ;meet next year.

Brother Lock 3rd then described in great detail the Banner he designed with the thought in ;mind that it be used as a Pilot banner for all Camps wishing to display the Official Banner of the Sons of Union Veterans of the j Civil War.

Regional Commander Goodermont then turned the meeting over to the newly elected Regional President, Sister Anita Selby of Ohio.

She appointed Margaret Horn to serve as Chairman of the Centennial Committee; Edith Nile Chairman of Legislative Committee and Charles Brady Chairman of Discussion Groups. He asked for help ;with regard to the theme and Mary Harrison of Wisconsin and Alex Levy of Illinois were appointed to assist him.

So that ;the Legislative Chairman could have a working fund, it was moved by Gladys Sallman seconded by Ellinore L. Konrad that the sum of \$50.00 be set aside to be used by her.

An invitation was extended by the Indiana Department to hold the 1963 Regional Conference in Lafayette, Indiana. This was graciously accepted by all.

Tom Johnson of Wisconsin stated that unless organizations such as our continue the fight on legislative problems we are going to loose. It would seem that for the conference next year he suggested that we might be asked as a group to memorialize our Senators and Congressmen. If this job seems too technical and too complicated, then our days are numbered.

Bills and communications were read. It was moved by Eva Blackman, seconded by Edith B. Nile that all bills presented be paid. Carried.

It was moved by Margaret Horn seconded by Mary Harrison that we ext nd our deep appreciation to the officers for the very capable way they performed their duties this past year; and also to the Committee on arrangements for this year's conference by giving them a rising vote of thanks. Carried.

It was moved by George Lov ring, seconded by Thomas Lock 3rd that we adjourn. Carried.

The meeting closed with Prayer by the newly elected Chaplain and the singing of "God by Your Side 'Til We Meet Again". 11:30 A. M.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

Ellinore L. Konrad, Secretary
Central Region Conference

The annual meeting of the Central Region Conference of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliaries was held October 14, 1961, in the Akron Tower Motor Inn, Akron, Ohio.

Saturday afternoon, October 14th, at 2:30 P.M. the first session was called to order by Regional Commander Margaret Horn of Lafayett, Indiana.

^Cedith Nile of Ohio presented a beautiful corsage to Commander Horn from her husband Errett and herself.

Anita Selby, National Patriotic Instructor was appointed to act as Secretary.

The Invocation was given by Earl Corbin, Past Department Commander of Ohio.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Arron Getz of Ohio.

The Regional Commander introduced the National Officers who were present.

Commander in Chief Charles Messer, N.Y.
Cecil McConahay, Jr. Vice Commander, Indiana
Anita Selby, National Patriotic Instructor, Ohio

Regional Commander Horn appointed The Commander in Chief to act as her Counselor.

The Following Regional Officers answered roll call:

Regional Commander Margaret Horn, Indiana
Junior Vice Commander, Anita Selby, Ohio
Treasurer Gladys Sallsman, Illinois

Roll Call of States; the following delegates from the various Departments responded:

Illinois.....	3
Indiana	7
Ohio	17

Minutes of 1960 Meeting were read and approved after this Correction by Earl Corbin, Ohio, Regional Commander and Secretary met with Committee at National Convention and changed meeting place from Columbus Ohio to Akron Ohio.

The Following communications from those unable to attend were read and placed on file:

Regional Secretary, Eleanore Konrad
Regional Senior Vice Commander, Charles Brady
Post Commander in Chief, William Coffin
Post Regional Commander, Edward Biering & Mrs. Biering

The following were appointed on the Auditing Committee:

Edith Nile, Ohio
Bessie Goodermont, Illinois
Arron Getz, Ohio

The following were appointed on the Resolution Committee:

Cecil McConahay, Indiana
Byron Goodermont, Illinois
Margaret Dayton, Ohio

The Regional Treasurer reported a balance in Treasury is \$236.86.

Earl Corbin, Past Dept. Commander of Ohio, spoke in behalf of the Department Commander of Ohio. He Extended the regrets of his Commander and stated he was unable to be present because of illness in his family. As Chairman of Regional Committee, Brother Corbin extended a warm and cordial greeting to all present.

Marjorie Grate, Dept. Vice President of Ohio extended greetings from the Ohio and wished for all delegates a very successful and constructive meeting and hopes their stay in Akron will be a very pleasant one.

Mrs. Charles Messer introduced; extends greetings from New York Department.

Commander in Chief Charles Messer brought greetings from the National Organization and stated our Organization should be the top organization. The Confederates are far ahead of us. Appropriations are being made in Southern States for Centennial Observance. He also stated all Department Commanders should be on Committees to work with Centennial Commission. He Expressed his sincere thanks to Department of Indiana for a grand National encampment in Indianapolis, and is looking forward to seeing us all in Washington D. C.

Brother Myron Goodermont of Illinois brought greetings from his Department; he stated that Illinois has formed a Civil War Centennial Commission. Caro, a small town is planning a Centennial Observance.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief, Cecil McConahay spoke in behalf of the Department Commander of Indiana. We all belong to Historical Society. We are writing a history on Camp Tipicano. We are compiling the memoirs of every soldier who enlisted there. We are compiling a book on all Civil War Veterans in all Cemetaries. We are also compiling a speakers bureau.

National Chaplain, Hanna Kreiser of Indiana extended greetings from her State. She stated that they were proud of our Regional Commander Sister, Margaret Horn, and extended best wishes for a most successful meeting. She also extended and invitation to attend their mid-winter meeting at Indianapolis.

Brother Paul Gratz, Past Department Commander of Ohio extended his greetings from the Alliance Camp and also extended and invitation to attend District Meeting to be held at Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 23rd.

Carl Berkhow, Ohio extended greetings from his Salem Camp and stated that they have placed a plaque at Solinville where the Morgan X Raiders were captured July 26, 1863.

Meeting recessed until 9 A.M. Sunday Morning.

Saturday evening at 6:30 P.M. a dinner was held in honor of the Regional delegates. This was very well planned by Earl Corbin, Chairman and Edith Nile.

The speaker of the evening was Atty. Robert F. Hillibish, member of Stark County Civil War Forum. He spoke on the historical battles of the Civil War. It was very interesting and enjoyed by all

Entertainment followed.

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On Sunday morning October 15th, at 9:30 A.M. the second session of the Central Region Conference was called to order by Commander Horn.

The Invocation was given by National Chaplain Hanna Krasher, Indiana.

The report of Auditing Committee was read by the Chairman, Edith Nile.

"We, your auditing committee, do hereby report that the books of the Treasurer have been duly audited and found correct and in balance."

We would like to recommend that the Region have the presiding officer as their guest at the banquet. Motion~~M~~ by Myron Goodermond Illinois, and seconded by Paul Grate, Ohio, this resolution be adopted and carried.

Commander Horn- Last year the question was asked what are we to do with the money accumulating in the treasury- we should do something in the Central Region that will stand out above any other conferences or meetings- the publicity we would derive would be worth the money- a committee appointed but nothing has been done. She stated Indiana submitted for bringing before the public, scrapbooks, automobile plates, medals, made from a battleship, brochures, and letterheads pertaining to the Centennial, let everyone know about the Civil War-- 1961 to 1965 are our best years.

Harry Beasey- Indiana, showed a Centennial Map, this was very interesting and enjoyed by all.

The resolution committee proposes that a vote of thanks be given to the members of the local committee for their fine work. To the management of the Akron Tower Motor Inn for their Cooperation and to the staff of officers for their fine services rendered during their year.

It was moved by Myron Goodermont, seconded by Ethel Williams that the committee be sustained. Carried.

Bessie Goodermont extended an invitation to the Central Region to meet in Aurora, Illinois next year. It was moved by Gladys Sallsman, seconded by Hanna Krasher, that we accept this invitation. Carried.

The report of the Nominating committee was presented by Cecil McConahay. The following were recommended:

Commander	Myron Goodermont, Illinois
Senior Vice Commander	Anita Selby, Ohio
Secretary	Ellinore Conrad, Wis.
Treasurer.....	Gladys Sallsman, Ill.
Chaplain	Hanna Krasher, Ind.
Patriotic Instructor.....	Paul Grate, Ohio

Nominations were then called from the floor. There being none, the Officers recommended were elected.

Gladys Sallsman stated it is customary to leave a Memorial in the host and hostess city. It was moved by Arron Getz, seconded by Hanna Krasher that the sum of \$10.00 be given to Haven of Rest Home for unfortunate people.

It was suggested by Gladys Sallsman to have another signature on the bank account. Motion by Edith Nile that the name of Secretary Ellinore Konrad be on the bank account; seconded by Marguerite Dayton. Carried.

Bills and Communications were read. It was moved a by Myron Goodermont, seconded by Earl Corbin, that all bills be paid.

The new officers were called to the platform and introduced. Sister Horn then turned over the gaval to Myron Goodermont, newly elected Commander.

I would like to appoint a Legislative Committe at this time:

Dick Locke.....	Illinois
Edith Nile.....	Ohio

Margaret Horn, Indiana, was appointed to serve as Chairman of the Centennial Committee. Executive Committee to serve again.

The meeting was closed with Prayer and the singing of "God be with You Till We Meet Again".

Respectfully submitted in F.C.&L.

Anita Selby, Secretary Protom

The annual meeting of the Central Region Conference of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliaries was held October 15, 1960, in the Wisconsin Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Saturday afternoon, October 15th, at 2 P. M. the first session was called to order by the Regional Commander, Edward Biering of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The invocation was given by Constance Nack, Past Department President of Wisconsin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by our Regional Patriotic Instructor, Mac Levin of Colorado, followed by the singing of one stanza of "America," accompanied by Anna Chandler.

The Regional Commander introduced the National Officers who were present:

Richard F. Locke, National Counsellor, Illinois
Cecil McConahay, Jr. Vice-Commander-in-Chief, Indiana
Evelyn Jung, National Treasurer, Wisconsin
Anita Selby, National Vice President, Ohio
Capitola Behrman, National Press Correspondent, Ill.

The following Regional Officers answered roll call:

Regional Commander, Edward Biering, Wisconsin
Senior Vice " , Margaret Horn, Indiana
Secretary , Ellinore L. Konrad, Wisconsin
Treasurer , Gladys B. Sallman, Illinois
Patriotic Inst. , Mac Levin, Colorado

Roll was called by States and the following delegates from the various departments responded:

Colorado and Wyoming.....	1
Illinois.....	8
Indiana.....	3
Ohio.....	4
Wisconsin.....	25

Minutes of the 1959 meeting were approved as read.

The following communications from those unable to attend were read and placed on file:

Commander-in-Chief, Thomas A. Chadwick
National President, Edith M. Paulding
Past Commander-in-Chief, Wm. M. Coffin
Past National President, Minnie E. Croth

The following were appointed on the Auditing Committee:

Margaret Horn, Indiana
John E. Sanborn, Wisconsin
Hannah Kreisher, Indiana

The following were appointed on the Resolutions Committee:

James Blackman, Illinois
Chas. A. Brady, Jr., Illinois
Constance Nack, Wisconsin

The report of the Regional Treasurer and Secretary were read and accepted and are attached to these minutes as a part thereof. The balance in the Treasury is \$209.86.

A verbal report was given by the Regional Commander, Edward Biering. He thanked the Conference for bestowing the honor upon him as Regional Commander and stated he had a very good year because he worked with a grand slate of officers.

Senior Vice Commander, Margaret Horn stated it was a pleasure to serve on the Regional Conference and since we have a very active Commander, she did not have much to do.

Mae Levin, Regional Patriotic Instructor extended the greetings from Colorado and said she was so happy to make the trip from Denver to Milwaukee to attend this Conference.

The Department Commanders and Department Presidents were called upon to report their activities or problems in their respective Departments.

Department Commander Charles Brady of Illinois stated as far as activities are concerned, they have just completed a year's planning of the National Encampment which was held in Springfield, Illinois in August. The first thing to be considered now is Membership, and with the Civil War Centennial just about on top of us he is hoping to gather a lot of ideas while here.

Junior Vice Commander-in-chief, Cecil McConahay spoke in behalf of the Department Commander of Indiana. He extended the regrets of his Commander and stated he was unable to be present because of the serious illness of his wife. He stated that Indiana is trying to get cards out to the school children but they are unable to get the school commissions permission to solicit in the schools. He also stated that Indiana is having their problems trying to finance the National Encampment which is to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana. They have already had a meeting and he hopes everything will work out well.

Department President of Indiana, Hannah Kreisher extended the greetings from her State and extended best wishes for a most successful meeting. She stated they are planning for the National Encampment next year and hope to be good hosts and hostesses. She also extended an invitation to attend their Mid-Winter meeting and reception at Frankfort. She closed with: "We are so proud of our Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Brother Cecil McConahay, for the honor he brought home to the State of Indiana."

Brother Corbin of Ohio brought greetings from his Department Commander and stated that due to conflicting meetings in the State of Ohio, he was unable to be at this Conference. Publicity is what is needed now in Ohio. They are trying to organize a Battery in Akron to advance this project, but funds are needed - and that is what is holding them back.

Dr. Sanborn, Dept. Commander of Wisconsin stated the activities of Wisconsin have been mainly centered around the Hospital at Tomah. At our Department Encampment the allied group as a whole leaves their love token at this Hospital. It is a worthwhile cause.

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Dept. President Reona Black of Wisconsin reported that although Wisconsin is few in number, each year we are striving to carry on the work of our forefathers. As Hostess of the Conference she wishes for all delegates a very successful and constructive meeting and hopes their stay in Milwaukee will be a very pleasant one.

George Powers, P.D.C. of Wisconsin reviewed the report given by Ellinore L. Konrad in the 1959 minutes on the activities in Wisconsin regarding the Civil War Centennial. He stated the Sons and Auxiliary are willing to co-operate but it is not a question of cooperating but doing something. Wisconsin was to receive an appropriation for their Centennial work but nothing has been forthcoming. Since Wisconsin is not getting any money from the legislature we will have to go to big establishments and ask for donations. This will require foot work. Wisconsin did not have any battlefields but we did have a very important "Iron Brigade."

Brother Bornstein reported that Illinois formed a Civil War Centennial Commission about a year ago. The State Legislature appropriated a large sum of money but it was used up for other things by the Advisory Board. In Rockford the Illinois State Historical Society has an air conditioned truck with a Civil War exhibit. They have a very fine exhibit of letters, books, mementos, etc. The man who drives the truck wears a Civil War Uniform. The school children are very impressed with it.

Brother Mathias stated the southern states are appropriating large sums of money but the northern States are not cooperating.

Brother McConahay - Indiana is in the same position - we do not have the funds to do what we want to. We all belong to the Historical Society and one-half of us are on the Centennial and the other half on the State Commission. I am co-chairman and I do want to tell you what Indiana is doing. We meet every month. We do not have Civil War battle fields but Camp Tippecanoe - We are writing a history on that. We are compiling the memoirs of every soldier who had enlisted in Tippecanoe. We have several old grist mills and plans are that we will restore them. Flat boats and steamers come up the Wabash river and we are going to establish a park. We are compiling a book on all the Civil War Veterans in all the Cemeteries. We are also compiling a speakers bureau.

Charles Brady - Caro may be the one and only thing that Illinois will be doing with regard to the Centennial. It is a small town in our State and the lady who is making the major plans for this said she needed something to pass out. Printing a pamphlet to give out would be doing us a service as well as the Centennial.

Brother Mathias - We put an article in the paper asking all the interested people of the Civil War ancestry to let us know and write to our local Secretary and give us their name as we were going to try to put on a program every week or every other week. We are hoping to dig out a diary or other information to make it interesting to the local people.

Brother Bornstein stated he was appointed Chairman of the membership committee in the Central Region. He asked each Department in the Central Region to appoint a membership Chairman. Then have this Department Chairman appoint a Chairman of each Camp. In that way we could co-ordinate. He asked that we please bring this message back to the Department Commanders. He said he learned something - if you tell people - you sell them. If you don't tell them you don't sell them. If we don't do it now - we never will.

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Dick Locke then asked whether he could put on a little skit. His cast consisted of Charles Bornstein, Roscoe Mathias, and Charles Brady. Brother Locke asked them questions and they too asked questions such as:

We cannot join because we are too busy
with other Organization.
How much would it cost them?
What do you do at the meetings?

Brother Locke summed it up by telling them there are many men who would give anything to be a member of the Sons. Too many of our members take the position they join the camp, pay their dues, have a good time but they don't do a thing to further our Order.

Suggestions were then given as to how to hold the interest of the members:

By dinner meetings and a program.
Dinner meeting once a month with speaker - preferably a writer of Civil War History.
By wearing the Sons lapel button. People will be curious and ask questions about it.

Meeting recessed until 9 A.M. Sunday, October 16th.

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Saturday evening at 6:30 P.M. a dinner was held in honor of the Regional delegates. This was very well planned by Raeona Black, Chairman and her co-workers.

The speaker for the evening was M. Gerlinger, Chairman of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. He showed slides and spoke on the historical battlegrounds of the Civil War. It was very interesting and enjoyed by all.

Entertainment followed.

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On Sunday morning October 16th, at 9:30 A.M. the second session of the Central Region Conference was called to order by Commander Biering.

The Invocation was given by Emma Ganzke, Chaplain of Milwaukee Auxiliary #4.

The report of the Auditing Committee was read by the Chairman, Margaret Horn:

"We, your auditing Committee, do hereby report that the books of the Treasurer have been duly audited and found correct and in balance."

Gladys Sallman, Regional Treasurer reported that she has received \$55.00 from dues during the past year. More departments have been responding.

The report of the Resolution Committee was read by the Chairman, James Blackman:

After inquiries to members of the several States comprising the Central Region Conference of the Sons of Union Veterans of the C. W. and their Auxiliaries, it is recommended that the regular

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meeting be held each year on the second Saturday and Sunday in the month of October.

The Resolution Committee proposes that a vote of thanks be given to the members of the local committee for their fine work. To the management of the Wisconsin Hotel for their cooperation. To those responsible for the publicity and to the staff of officers for the fine services they rendered during their year."

It was moved by James Blackman, seconded by Gladys Sallman that the resolutions be accepted. Carried.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented on behalf of the Chairman, Roscoe Mathias. The following were recommended:

Commander.....	Margaret Horn, Indiana
Senior Vice Commander.....	Charles Brady, Jr., Illinois
Junior Vice Commander.....	Anita Selby, Ohio
Secretary.....	Ellinore L. Konrad, Wisconsin
Treasurer.....	Gladys B. Sallman, Illinois
Patriotic Instructor.....	Mae Levin, Colorado
Chaplain.....	Mildred Biering, Wisconsin

Nominations were then called for from the floor. There being none, it was moved by Richard Locke, seconded by Aurelia Harder that the officers recommended be elected for the coming year. Carried.

Margaret Horn - So as not to take up too much of your morning session, I would like to propose something to this meeting. I would like to propose that a committee be appointed - one from each State who attends the Central Region Conference. This person selected from each state could select a committee to work with them. When you come to the meeting next year you would come with a constructive program. What we are going to do, how much it is going to cost, etc. We will have to use whatever source we have but Brother Brady brought up the idea - along the Centennial lines. What are we to do with the money that is accumulating in the treasury? When you come to the meeting next year you will all have a constructive idea as to what we can do and what we can accomplish. We should do something in the Central Region that would stand out above any other regional conferences or meetings and the publicity we would derive would be worth the money. We only have five years to do something. I hope we can leave a lasting impression on the people. A few of the things I have thought of if we could only have a plaque telling the story of Stephenson or have little pamphlets printed of the historical events in each one of our States. I wanted to express all this as I feel it deeply in my heart.

A lengthy discussion followed Sister Horn's interesting talk and they all agreed these ideas would be carried home to their Departments and something constructive brought back to the Conference next year.

Brother Corbin then announced that he would like to extend an invitation to the Central Region to meet in Columbus, Ohio next year.

It was moved by Mae Levin, seconded by Mildred Biering that we accept this invitation. Carried.

Sister Gladys Sallman stated it is customary to leave a memorial in the Host and Hostess City. It was moved by Ellinore L. Konrad, seconded by Aurelia Harder that the sum of \$10.00 be sent to the Hospital at Tomah, Wisconsin. Carried.

It was suggested by Richard F. Locke that we invite the organizations Allied to the Grand Army of the Republic to attend our next Regional Conference. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to have each Department, both Sons and Auxiliary, bring this before the members of their Encampment to extend a joint invitation to the Allied Orders in their respective Departments to "Join With Us" in Columbus, Ohio, October 14th and 15th.

The Regional Secretary was to send out notices to the Department Heads before their Department Encampments regarding this invitation.

Bills and communications were read. It was moved by James Blackman seconded by Mildred Biering that all bills presented be paid. Carried.

It was moved by Richard F. Locke, seconded by Anita Selby that we extend our deep appreciation to the officers for the very capable way they have performed their duties this past year. Carried.

Brother Edward Biering, Regional Commander then turned over the gavel to Margaret Horn, newly elected Commander. She thanked Brother Biering for presenting her officers for the coming year and thanked him for the privilege of working with him the past year. She stated: I will have to be on my toes to have as nice a meeting as you have had here. I want to thank everyone on the Nominating-Committee for feeling that I would be capable of serving you and I feel like it is a great honor to be the Commander of the Regional Conference. I will do my very best to fulfill your expectations. I want to thank the lovely people who have labored and planned for us. The Regional Conference meetings are the nicest meetings. We get together to bring our problems and ideas. It is always a pleasure to meet your old friends again and also make new ones. Illinois, Indiana and Ohio have always been considered our Sister States. I also want to mention Wisconsin as I have a very dear friend in that State. Next year I hope that when I come to Ohio we will have a great meeting.

I would like to appoint an Executive Committee at this time:

George Powers.....	Wisconsin
Charles Bernstein.....	Illinois
Col. Roy Balsted.....	Indiana
Earl Corbin.....	Ohio
James Robertson, Jr.....	Iowa

May I add now that every one who is on the executive Committee ask as many to help them as possible. We will expect many new ideas to be exchanged next year.

The Meeting was closed with Prayer and the singing of "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again."

Respectfully submitted in P.C. & L.,

Ellinore L. Konrad, Secretary
Central Region

The annual meeting of the Central Region Conference of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliary was held October 10th and 11th, 1959, in the Van Orman-Fowler Hotel, Lafayette, Indiana.

On Saturday, October 10th, at 2 P. M. the first session was called to order by the Regional Commander, James Blackman of Chicago, Illinois.

The invocation was given by the Regional Chaplain, Louis Blair of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Regional Patriotic Instructor Florence Bodle of Indiana, led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

Sister Eva B. Blackman escorted the National President, Beatrice Riggs of California to the rostrum.

Commander Blackman introduced the following National Officers:

National President - Beatrice Riggs of California
National Counsellor - Richard Locke of Illinois
Senior Vice Commander - Charles Brady of Illinois

The following Regional Officers answered roll call:

Regional Commander - James Blackman, Illinois
Sr. Vice Commander - Edward Biering, Wisconsin
Secretary - Ellinoire L. Konrad, Wisconsin
Treasurer - Gladys B. Sallman, Illinois
Chaplain - Louis Blair, Ohio
Patriotic Instructor - Florence Bodle, Indiana

Roll was called by States and the following delegates from the various Departments responded:

Colorado and Wyoming - 0
Illinois.....15
Indiana.....27
Iowa.....0
Kansas.....0
Michigan.....0
Minnesota.....0
Missouri.....0
Nebraska.....0
Ohio.....1
Wisconsin.....3

Minutes of the 1958 meeting were read and approved.

The following communications from those unable to attend were read:

Commander-in-Chief - Harold E. Arnold
Past C-in-C - William Coffin
Past National President - Minnie E. Groth
Department Commander - Fred Pfeister, Jr. of Ohio.

It was moved by Phil Byron seconded by several that these letters of communication be placed on file. Carried.

The following were appointed on the Auditing Committee:

Capitola Rehrmann
Edward Biering
S. W. Helton

The following were appointed on the Nominating Committee:

Harold Kanz
William Moore
Mildred Biering

The following were appointed on the Resolutions Committee:

Walter Wellman
Myron Goodermont
Louis Blair

The reports of the Regional Treasurer and Secretary were read and accepted and are attached to these minutes as a part hereof. The bal. in +
~~Treasury~~ \$182.90.

The regional Commander gave a verbal report. He stated that Sister Horn should receive a great deal of praise for what she did to make this Conference a success. She was given a rising vote of thanks.

The Department Commanders and Department Presidents were called upon to report the activities or problems in their respective Departments.

Department Commander of Indiana, Brother Cecil McConahay reported that they are requesting the names of High School boys and girls who are lineal descendants of the Union Veteran of the Civil War to take active part in the 1961-65 programs. They are also trying to connect all the orders with the Centennial. We are trying to get life blood in the G. A. R. Organization.

Department President of Indiana, Sister Sylvia Moore stated that this Regional meeting was new to her. However she wanted to tell the delegates one reason why our organization is falling down is that the younger people do not know what the Sons of Union Veterans means.

Department Commander of Illinois, Brother Roscoe C. Mathis stated that he is wondering what the State of Illinois can do for the Civil War Centennial as they do not have any battlefield in northern Illinois. Within the next year we must get some ideas of what to do. We want to participate in this thing. It is easy for Departments who have battle-fields in their States, but we must come up with some new ideas.

Department President of Wisconsin, Sister Mildred Biering reported on the help given by the Wisconsin Department to the men at Tomah Hospital. That Hospital is Wisconsin's project. She also announced that

that on October 31st a Dinner and Reception was being given in her honor and she extended an invitation to all to attend.

Sister Margaret Horn announced that the banquet ~~would~~ be served in the ball room at 6:30 P. M. The speaker - H. Audley Woosley, Secretary of the Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission of the Civil War.

Our National President, Sister Beatrice Riggs was called upon to speak and she stated she was very pleased with the accomplishments of the Central Region and was amazed at the reports of the Department Commanders and Department Presidents. She also stated she derived a great deal at this meeting. She enjoyed the meeting and our warm bond of friendship and thanked the folks for the courtesies extended. She also brought the greetings from her husband, P. C. in C. Earl Riggs.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief Charles Brady extended the greetings from his Commander-in-Chief, Harold E. Arnold, who was unable to be present. He reported that Department Commander Mathis has appointed a Civil War Centennial Committee and he and P.D.C. Brother Bernstein are on the Committee. The Department of Illinois works with the Loyal Legion and they hold services jointly on February 12th and April 15th.

Richard J. Lock asked the delegates what it really meant to be a patriotic American. Does it consist alone on a meeting such as this and forgetting that the fruits that we have received from our fathers may turn to ashes in our hands? No, it means getting out and preaching Americanism. Are we doing it? We are still in a position now that we are having the ~~greatest~~ greatest opportunity that will ever have. He stated that I have had a little different experience than many of you. I have been raised in a Grand Army of the Republic atmosphere. You will remember that when you went to school if you lived in the North the history had a northern tinge. If you hailed from the south, a southern tinge, but we should not forget that the southern civil war was over aftermath when Lee surrendered to Grant. The bitterness and animosities were from those who did not participate in the civil war. The children of the south were told of the horrors of the reconstruction period. This was not the fault of the fathers but of the lack of knowledge.

Brother Phil Byron spoke on the subject of bringing in new members. He suggested that the Past Department Commanders visit different towns where influential men had been dropped from the Organization. They should have an audience with them and try to get them back in the fold.

Brother Blair told the delegates that now that we have been recognized by the Government, that in itself should inspire us to get new members and that this Centennial should be the means of getting large numbers of members. We have less members than the Sons of American Revolution, and he feels that the coming of this Centennial will spur us on to greater efforts.

It was moved by Phil Byron seconded by Gladys Sallman that we recess until 9:30 Sunday morning. Carried. We closed with prayer by Brother Blair.

Colorado-
Wyoming
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas

CENTRAL REGION

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

and

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Michigan
Minnesota
Missouri
Nebraska
Ohio
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Sister Ellinore L. Konrad reported on the progress made by the State of Wisconsin regarding plans for the Civil War Centennial. She stated that

The program setup by Civil War Centennial Commission of Wisconsin has received much comment and is being adopted by many states.

~~As you know,~~ the purpose of the Civil War Centennial Commission is to commemorate Battles of the Civil War, set up museums, observe National Patriotic Holidays with fitting programs, pageants, placing markers on memorial sites pertaining to the Civil War, acquiring valuable manuscripts, relics of many descriptions, re-enacting various other type of affairs - all pertaining to the Civil War.

~~At the present time the Wisconsin Commission is seeking an appropriation of several thousands of dollars from the Legislature for plans for the Lincoln Memorial Wing of the State Historical Society Building. If built, it will house the G.A.R. Museum now located in the State Capitol in Madison.~~

Each State will carry out their own programs and other activities. Inasmuch as no battle of the Civil War was fought on Wisconsin soil, the following program has been recommended by the Wisconsin Commission:

Award scholarships each year, beginning in 1961. Introducing special programs on Civil War history with the school curriculum during Centennial years. Having movies, radio and television programs carrying the Civil War story to the people; to create a speakers bureau; Exhibit the State Historical Society's History-Mobile.

Drama and art groups to take part. Haskill letters be published. At least one interpretive book and one monograph of edited documents be published each year through the State Historical Society. Erection of markers, memorials and monuments in the State of Wisconsin. Highway 41 be renamed the Iron Brigade Highway and wherever possible new highways be named after Civil War leaders, battles, units, etc. An inventory of Civil War monuments, markers, military equipment, etc. to be made by patriotic organizations.

Headquarters is assembling lists of Civil War Widows still alive. These will be sent out to organizations that we may wish to give special attention to these individuals in our own communities.

Special stamps to commemorate 30 outstanding engagements of the war have been requested by the Post Office Department by Centennial Commissions

To commemorate the centennial of this war we do not want to string together a series of holidays, but rather the centennial must give us a new understanding of the way in which Americans built from sacrifice and suffering and enduring Nation and a lasting peace.

Sunday morning at 10:00 A. M. the second session of the Central Region Conference was called to order by Regional Commander, James Blackman.

The invocation was given by Regional Chaplain, Brother Blair

Florence Bodle, Regional Patriotic Instructor led the assembly in the salute to the flag, followed by the recitation of the American Creed.

The report of the Auditing Committee was read ~~by the Chairman and Patriotic Instructor~~ as follows:

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the books of the Treasurer of the Central Region Conference and find the same correct.

Signed:

Capitol Rehrmann, Chairman
Edward E. Biering
S. W. Helton.

The report of the nominating committee was presented in behalf of the Chairman, Harold Kanz, the other members, William Moore and Mildred Biering have concurred. The committee recommended the following:

Regional Commander -	Edward Biering
Senior Vice.....	Margaret Horn
Junior Vice.....	Myron Goodermont
Secretary.....	Ellinore L. Konrad
Treasurer.....	Gladys B. Sallman
Patriotic Instructor.	Mae Levin
Chaplain.....	Lewis Blair

Brother Blackman called for other nominations. There being none, Brother Blackman declared these nominees elected.

A resolution signed by the ~~Department~~ President of Gen. Geo. A. Custer Auxiliary #30 was read by the Chairman, Walter Wellman, as follows:

Whereas, it has been the rule heretofore that the presiding officer of the Central Regional only be elected from the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War; and

Whereas, on motion duly made, seconded and carried by a majority of the members present at our September meeting that such rule be changed to include the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War;

Therefore, be it resolved that hereafter the presiding officer of the Central Regional ~~members~~ be elected alternately each year from the members present of the Sons of Union Veterans and the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans commencing with the year 1959 for Commander and President respectively.

This was approved by the Committee. It was moved by Eva Blackman seconded by several that this resolution be adopted. Carried.

Brother Locke stated that this Conference which we are about to conclude is one of the best held and it is due to Margaret Horn and her associates. He moved that we give Sister Horn and her Committee a rising vote of thanks. Carried.

Sister Margaret thanked the delegates and stated she was overwhelmed with all the nice things that are being said about the work that was done by her and her committee. She said it was a work of love and we love doing it.

The Department Commander of Indiana stated that in Lafayette they do a great deal of work on rehabilitation for retarded children. No support except gifts which is given to them. If it would be agreeable to the group he would like to suggest that the \$10.00 given to the conference city be donated to the retarded children Wabash School for Exceptional children.

The National President again wished to express to the group her enthusiasm. She stated in California district they do not have a conference. She thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful trees in Indiana, and thanked all for their hospitality and friendship.

The Regional Secretary asked the delegates what was to be done with the pamphlets "About Face" which were printed for the Central Region. It was suggested that 200 be sent to P. C. in C. Davis, Margaret Horn asked for 300, Elmer B. Johnson requested 300 and Eva Blackman asked for 100.

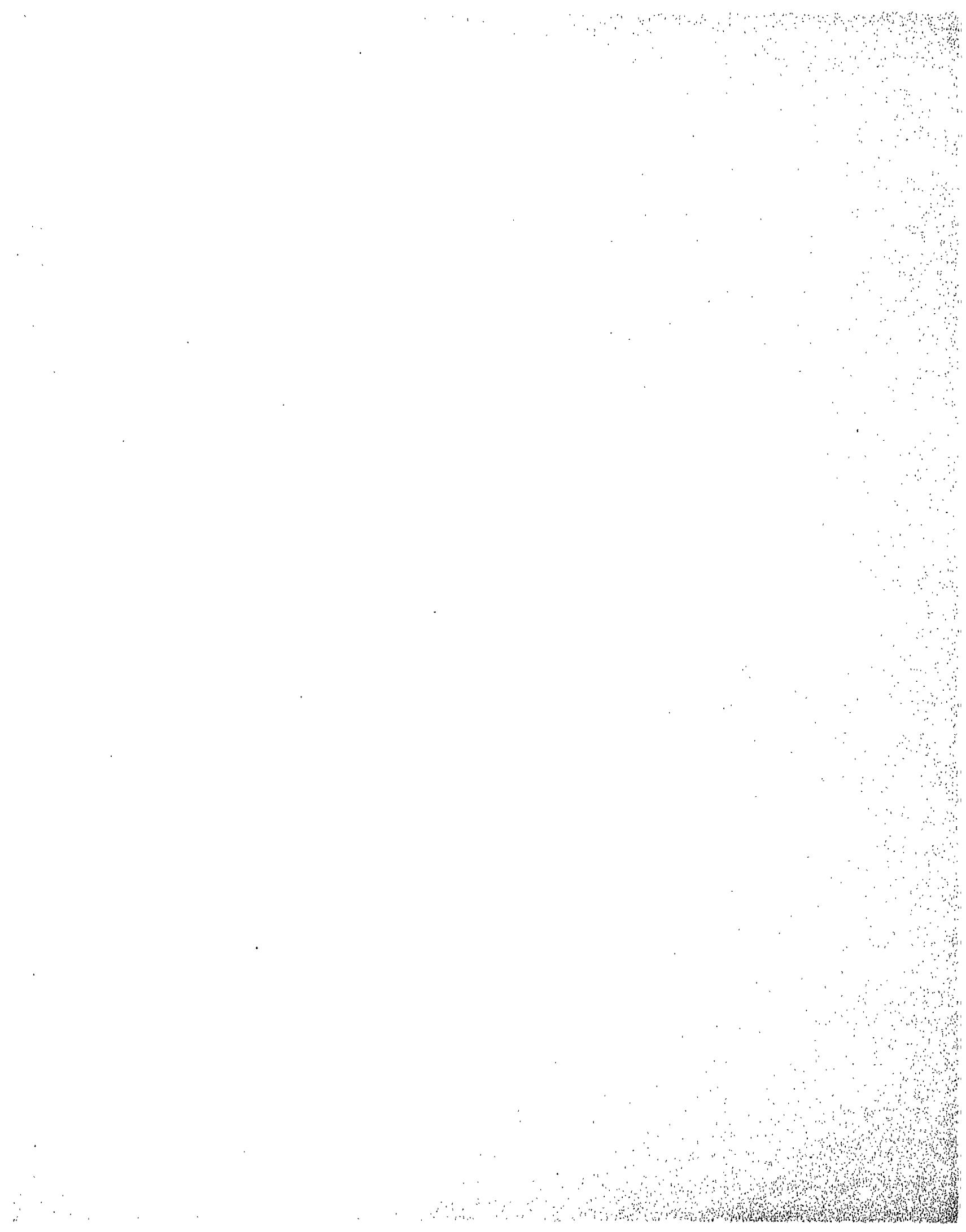
Department President of Wisconsin, Sister Mildred Biering extended an invitation to the Region to meet in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1960.

There being no further business to come before the Conference, the meeting was closed with prayer by Louis Blair.

Respectfully Submitted

Ellinore L. Konrad, Sec.

Central Region Conference



1958

The annual meeting of the Central Region Conference of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliaries was held October 18 and 19, 1958 in the Leland Hotel, Aurora, Illinois.

On Saturday, October 18 at 2:30 P.M. the first session was called to order by the Regional Commander, Earl Corbin of Ohio.

The Invocation was given by the Regional Chaplin, Mae Levin, of Colorado.

Regional Commander, Earl Corbin led the assembly in the salute to the Flag. This was followed by the American Creed.

The following Regional Officers answered roll call:

Regional Commander - - Earl Corbin, Ohio
Sr. Vice Commander - - Edward Biering, Wisconsin
Jr. Vice Commander - - Myron Goodermont, Illinois
Treasurer - - - - Gladys B. Sallman, Illinois
Chaplin - - - - Mae Levin, Colorado
Patriotic Instructor - Mary Brown, Indiana

Roll was called by States and the following delegates from the various Departments responded:

	Sons	Auxiliary
Colorado & Wyoming - -	0	1
Illinois - - - - -	6	12
Indiana - - - - -	0	4
Iowa - - - - -	0	0
Kansas - - - - -	0	0
Michigan - - - - -	0	0
Minnesota - - - - -	0	1
Missouri - - - - -	0	0
Nebraska - - - - -	0	0
Ohio - - - - -	1	0
Wisconsin - - - - -	2	3

Minutes of the 1957 meeting were read and approved.

The following communications from those unable to attend were read:

Ellinore L. Konrad - Secretary of the Central Region Conference, Wisconsin
Amy Noll - National Chaplain, Iowa
Wilma L. Combs - Past National President, Iowa
Fred Fiester - Department Commander, Ohio
C.L. Charter - Department Secretary and Treasurer, Minnesota
Hazel Moushey - Department President, Missouri

It was moved by Sister Mildred Biering, seconded by Sister Raeona Black that these letters of communication be placed on file. Carried.

Due to illness Brother Phil Bryon could not give a report on the unfinished business.

Our Commander-in-Chief, Earl Riggs of California was introduced. He said that they have decided to have a meeting in the fall of 1965 for the north and south to get together and make suggestions.

Illinois Department President, Florence Forbey--People do not seem to think this meeting very important. We will have to sell them on the idea of how important it really is. It was also suggested that Department Orders be sent to all members. Illinois does this.

Illinois Department Commander, Roscoe C. Mathis, spoke on the Civil War Centennial from 1961 to 1965. Work hard to get in new members. Get those who are interested in the Organization.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard Locke, said that we never had the opportunity in our existence that we will have in the next five or six years to increase our membership. This during the Centennial of the Civil War. Down south they are more interested than we are. To them it was a family scrap. The Civil War ended when Lee surrendered. Others keep it alive with bitterness. Honorary Chairman of the Centennial is President Eisenhower, Honorary ~~Chairmen~~, Vice President Nixon and Rayburn. General Grant is the active chairman. His was the only name presented and it was presented by a grandson of a Confederate from the State of Virginia. It showed deep respect and affection.

There is no Legislative Power in the Central Regional. We can do what we please as long as it does not conflict with the By-Laws of the Sons and Auxiliary. It is to exchange ideas and ideals.

The Treasurer's Report was read showing a balance of \$132.90.

The Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, Charles Brady of Chicago, asked that all G.A.R. Property be given to a legal custodian or transmitted to a proper group.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard Locke, reminded us that the Sons are not successors to the G.A.R. They are only the legal heirs.

The following were appointed on the auditing committee:

Mildred Biering - - - Wisconsin
Helen Brady - - - Illinois
Mary Brown - - - Indiana

Ohio-Regional Commander, Earl Corbin, is stressing eligibility. Department Patriotic Instructor's special project was for a very worthy cause-the Crippled Childrens' Home. They are given equipment whereby they can help themselves. The Sons and Auxiliaries, Ladies of the G.A.R. and the W.R.C. presented a walking bar-they ended up with purchasing three pieces of equipment. The Head of the Childrens' Home said that progress was being made by the use of the new equipment.

It seems that the Daughters of the Union Veterans are pulling away from the affiliated order.

Illinois-Past National President, Eva Blackman, and Past Department President, Ethel Heilemann, spoke on money being sent to the Bonaparte School for the handicapped children. Their scholarship fund has been raised from \$100.00 to \$150.00.

Indiana-Department President, Florence Bodle, said that they helped retarded children. They help to keep them occupied.

Wisconsin-Department Patriotic Instructor, Mildred Biering, spoke on the help given the men at Tomah. Their minds and hands do not co-ordinate. They are the "forgotten men". They cannot sell articles as the Government furnishes the supplies to them. Milwaukee has adopted three of these men. They remember them at Christmas and on their Birthdays.

Past Department Commander, George Powers, Centennial Chairman from Wisconsin spends a great deal of time travelling. Wisconsin seems to be taking the lead on the Centennial.

Commander-in-Chief, Earl Riggs, said that a certificate of merit was given the Department of Pennsylvania. It was a juke box to the V Veterans Childrens' Hospital.

The following were appointed on the nominating committee:

Margaret Horn - - - Indiana
Roscoe Mathis - - - Illinois
Edna Lawrance - - - Minnesota

The following were appointed on the resolutions committee:

Charles Brady, Jr.- - Illinois
Myron Goodermont - - Illinois

Moved by Mae Levin and seconded by Herman Black that we adjourn until 9:00 A.M. on Sunday.

Saturday Evening at 6:30 P.M. a banquet was served at the Headquarters Hotel in honor of the Regional Officers. This delightful affair was planned by the Aurora Girls. A program followed which was enjoyed by all.

Sunday Morning at 9:30 A.M. the second session of the Central Region Conference was called to order by Commander Corbin.

The Invocation was given by Regional Chaplain, Mae Levin.

The report of the auditing committee was read by Mildred Biering as follows:

"We, the auditing committee, have examined the books of the Treasurer of the Central Region of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliaries and found them in perfect order."

Mildred Biering
Helen Brady
Mary Brown

Brother Brady was called upon to give the report on the resolutions committee.

Be it resolved:

1. That the Central Regional Conference express its appreciation to the management of the Hotel Leland for its co-operation and close attention to the needs of the Conference which was so important to the success of our meeting.
2. That the Central Regional Conference express its most sincere appreciation to the committee of the Illinois Department which made the arrangements for our meeting and the entertainment. The heavy responsibility placed upon this committee is fully recognized and we cannot over emphasize how instrumental the efforts of this committee have been in assuring Conference's success and enjoyment.
3. That the Central Regional Conference extends its thanks to our dinner speaker, Mr. Clarence Ruddy, for bringing us a most inspirational message.
4. That the Central Regional Conference select a theme or topic for each year's meeting, around which the Conference discussion can be centered. This is not intended to restrict the Conference discussions to only the selected theme, but rather to give some direction to the discussions and possibly assist the local committee in obtaining a speaker who is especially qualified in the subject selected.
5. That the Central Regional Conference select as its 1959 Conference theme the following topic-Planning for the Civil War Centennial.

Charles A. Brady, Jr.- Illinois
Myron Goodermont O- - Illinois

Motion made by Sr. National Vice Commander, Charles Brady, that we accept these resolutions as a whole. Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Locke. Carried.

There were thirty-two registrations.

The report of the nominating committee was presented on behalf of the chairman, Margaret Horn. The following were recommended:

Regional Commander - - - James Blackman, Illinois P
Sr. Vice Commander - - - Edward Biering, Wisconsin P
Jr. Vice Commander - - - Dewey Meade, Minnesota A
Secretary - - - - - Ellinore L. Konrad, Wisconsin P
Treasurer - - - - - Gladys B. Sallman, Illinois P
Chaplin - - - - - Louis Blair, Ohio P
Patriotic Instructor - - - Florence Bodle, Indiana P

Nominations were then called for from the floor. There being none the above named officers were unanimously elected for the ensuing year.

It was moved by Past National President, Eva Blackman and seconded by Sister Bessie Goodermont that the Regional give the sum of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars to the retarded children at the Bonaparte School in Illinois.

The Department President of Illinois suggested that a copy of the American Creed be given to all school children.

Brother Locke made the following motion:

The matter of the use of any funds that we now have or will have be left to the discretion of the Commander, Sr. Vice Commander and the Jr. Vice Commander to make the decision.

Seconded by Brother Roscoe Mathis. Carried.

Mae Levin invited us to Colorado. Florence Bodle to Indiana. As it would be rather costly to go to Colorado, in that the National Encampment is in California, it was moved by Mildred Biering and seconded by Florence Forbey that we accept the invitation from Indiana. Carried.

As our Centennial of the Civil War starts January 1, 1961 our Commander-in-Chief said that he hoped that he could have a float in the Rose Bowl Parade to kick-off the Centennial. They would like to have General Grant the Third to lead.

The Gold Memorial that General Grant has will be placed on the steps on the Altar at Rheims, New Hampshire. This Altar is a Memorial by Robert Sloan for his son who was killed in the war. The Flag on the Flagpole flies at half-mast because it was taken off the casket of a soldier who was killed in service. There are now around fifty Flags.

A medallion with a picture of General Grant and General Lee on and the inscription The War Between the States is to be placed in the Capitol in Washington.

It was stressed that we do considerable planning for the Centennial and that we go to the Central Region next year prepared to talk on same.

It was suggested by Mildred Biering that the Commander write to each Department and see if we can get more out to our meetings. Past National President Wilma Combs of Iowa, thinks that a little personal contact will bring back the Iowa people. They used to be very well represented. She will have a reception for them if they will come.

Past Department Commander Dave Drake of Illinois spoke. He said that Wisconsin has a large number of eligibles. Illinois has quite a large number. He is on the grave marking committee. He says that a family must now sign for a marker. There are still about four hundred markers. Springfield has a record of the soldiers. Red Cross has information.

There will be a program on April 14 at Lincoln's Tomb at 10:00 A.M. More about this in the Banner.

Mae Levin gave the closing prayer.

Made made by Capitola Rehrmann and seconded by Ethel Heilemann that we adjourn. Carried.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

Gladys F. Williams, Secretary Pro Tem
Central Region.

1957

The annual meeting of the Central Region Conference of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliaries was held October 12, 1957 in the Plankinton Hotel, Milwaukee Wisconsin.

On Saturday, October 12th at 2 P. M. the first session was called to order by the Regional Commander, George Lovering of Chicago, Illinois.

The invocation was given by the Regional Chaplain, Margaret Horn of Indiana.

Regional Patriotic Instructor, Clarence Bodle of Indiana, led the assembly in the salute to the flag. One stanza of "America" was then sung.

Commander Lovering introduced the following National Officers:

Richard F. Locke, Illinois - National Counselor
Bessie Goodermont, Illinois - National Vice President
Mae Levin, Colorado - National Patriotic Instructor

The following Regional Officers answered roll call:

Regional Commander - George Lovering, Illinois
Sr. Vice Commander - Earl Corbin, Ohio
Secretary - Ellinore L. Konrad, Wisconsin
Treasurer - Gladys B. Sallman, Illinois
Chaplain - Margaret Horn, Indiana
Patriotic Instructor - Clarence Bodle, Indiana

Junior Vice Commander, Milo Newer of Michigan set a wire stating that due to law enforcement he had to work the week end and set his regrets.

Roll was called by States and the following delegates from the various Departments responded:

Colorado and Wyoming -	1
Illinois - - - - -	14
Indiana - - - - -	4
Iowa - - - - -	0
Michigan - - - - -	0
Minnesota - - - - -	0
Missouri - - - - -	0
Nebraska - - - - -	0
Wisconsin - - - - -	19
Ohio - - - - -	2
	Total 40

Minutes of the 1956 meeting were read and approved as corrected.

The following communications from those unable to attend were read and placed on file:

Albert B. DeHaven, Commander-in-Chief
Anne O. Clayton, National President
Ethelyn Gray, National Chaplain
Minnie E. Groth, P. N. P. Wisconsin
Edith B. Nile, P. N. P. Ohio
Ethel Jones, P. D. P. Iowa

John Balzell, Dept. Commander Michigan
Franklin S. Hubbard, Past Regional Commander Wisconsin

It was moved by Eva Blackman, seconded by Gladys Sallman that these letters of communication be placed on file. Carried.

The following were appointed on the Auditing Committee:

Crystal Powell
Jim Blackman
Evelyn Jung

The following were appointed on the Nominating Committee:

Wm. J. Moore
Lewis G. Blair
Mary Brown

The following were appointed on the Resolutions Committee:

Richard F. Locke
Charles A. Brady, Jr.,
Myron Goodermont

The reports of the Regional Commander, Secretary and Treasurer were read and accepted and are attached to these minutes as a part hereof.

The Senior Vice Commander, Earl Corbin, Chaplain Margaret Horn, and Patriotic Instructor Clarence Bodle, gave verbal reports.

The Department Commanders and Department Presidents were called upon to report the activities or problems in their respective Departments.

The Department Commander of Illinois, Brother Matt Schesley was called upon and he requested that Council Member Phil Byron present a resume of their activities.

Brother Phil Byron stated that he was sorry that the Department Commander singled him out to make a report because what he is going to say is not going to be pleasant. He stated that as an Officer of the Department of Illinois he has been trying to find out what is going on in the Department since the last Encampment - and it is a sad affair when an Officer cannot find out what is happening. He hopes that the Council and every member who is present from Illinois can have a meeting and with the aid of the Department Commander they hope to work things out. He hopes that a more favorable report can be given next year at the Regional.

Department President of Illinois, Sister Moore extended the greetings from her Department and stated they do a great deal of hospital work and they are also working on a scholarship fund. She stated they have not made their plans for their mid-winter meeting as yet.

Brother Clarence Bodle of Indiana stated that he did not have a report ready and introduced his Department President to do the talking.

The Department President of Indiana extended an invitation to attend their

Department Encampment which is to be held June 6-7-8 in Indianapolis. She stated the Department Auxiliary is striving to get new members and also working for new members for the Sons. They are also working hard for new Auxiliaries.

Brother Earl Corbin was asked to give the report of Ohio. He stated his Department Commander was unable to attend because he had to be present at a District meeting. He stated that Brother Bigley is doing a good job for the Department of Ohio.

Brother Corbin also extended the greetings from Edith Nile, who is serving as Department President of Ohio. He stated that Sister Edith is one who has the Auxiliary and Sons at heart.

Department President, Aurelia Harder of Wisconsin welcomed all the members present to the City of Milwaukee and hoped their stay would be a very pleasant one. She stated that although Wisconsin has not had a gain in membership they have been holding their own. Work is being done at Woods Hospital for the Veterans and we are supporting a number of Veterans at Tomah Hospital, Wisconsin.

Department Commander, Edward Biering of Wisconsin extended the greetings from his Department and then stated that the membership of the Sons in Wisconsin are on a down-grade. The membership loss has been tremendous.

Mae Levin of Colorado spoke for her Department President. She stated that their Department is small. They are losing members but are trying desperately to replace them. She is going to try to institute a new Auxiliary if possible before the National Encampment. An invitation was extended to the Conference to attend their Department Encampment which is to be held in Manitou Springs, June 1-2-3.

A general discussion followed regarding loss of members. Brother Lovering stated that they are lucky to have grandsons in their Camp. They are making an effort to get more grandsons in the Order and he feels that advertising pays. Everytime they have doings in their Camp they place a notice in the paper and it helps.

Brother Byron had a plan they were going to try out in Illinois. Several Past Department Commanders were going to take a week and visit different towns where influential men had been dropped from the Organization. They would have an audience with them and try to get them back in the fold. He stated they tried to get younger men in the Organization but he believes the older men will cooperate and come back.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke told those assembled that these Conferences of the several Regions were organized in 1894 and became effective in 1934. These meetings have no authority to legislate but we are here to discuss our work and aims to bring about a closer cooperation of effort between the Sons and Auxiliary in the Central Region. Talking will get us nowhere. He mentioned that in a Farm Journal, he read a comment which he would like to pass on to us. It is as follows: "Typical Americans are individualists who spend their time arguing while organized groups take over our Country."

Brother Bornstein told of a Post that was organized in Springfield. He stated the Commander took several days off and arranged a meeting for the work. In the meantime he had several men working and they brought 50 men together - forming this Post. If it can be done there, it can be done in other cities. Get 2 or 3 key men and sell them on the idea. It takes time and effort. Selling is 2% inspiration and 98% perspiration.

A discussion arose with regard to the feelings in some Departments between the Sons and Auxiliaries. It was suggested that if the Auxiliaries would send copies of their Department and National Orders to the Sons and let them see what they are doing and accomplishing, results would be obtained and harmony would again prevail.

It was moved by Phil Byron, seconded by Brother Goodermont that we recess until 9 A. M. Sunday morning. Carried. 4:10 P. M.

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Saturday evening at 6:30 P. M. a Banquet was held at the Headquarters Hotel in honor of the Regional Officers. This delightful affair was planned by the Milwaukee Auxiliary girls.

A program followed which was enjoyed by all.

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Sunday morning at 9:30 A. M. the second session of the Central Region Conference was called to order by Commander Lovering.

The invocation was given by Regional Chaplain, Margaret Horn.

The report of the Auditing Committee was read by the Chairman, Chrystel Powell as follows:

"We, the auditing committee have examined the books of the treasurer of the Central Region of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliaries and found them in perfect order with bank statement showing a balance of \$100.48 as of October 12, 1957. Signed Chrystel Powell
James Blackman
Evelyn Jung

Brother Locke was called upon to give a report on the Resolutions Committee and he stated he has no written report. He said he has been passing resolutions in this Organization for many years and he wonders if any one can tell him if the adoption of these resolutions have done any good. He said when our ancestors were vested with a problem they did not pass a resolution but they went out and did something about it. In the past he has put his heart and soul in it to pass resolutions and make them effective and they do nothing about them.

A discussion arose regarding an Auxiliary Sister serving as Regional Commander. Brother Locke stated that it is an unwritten law that the Sons are to be at the head.

D. C. Ed. Biering told the Conference about the Veterans they are supporting at Tomah, Wisconsin, and how little it takes to make them happy.

It was moved by Eva Blackman, seconded by Brother Moore that the Regional give the sum of \$10.00 to the boys at Tomah and a memento of \$10.00 be left in each State where the Regional meets to be used for similar projects. Carried.

It was moved by Gladys Sallman, seconded by Margaret Horn that the pamphlets "About Face" again be printed and distributed to the Department Presidents and Department Commanders. Carried.

Sister Bessie Goodermont of Illinois extended an invitation to the Central Region to meet in Aurora. It was moved by Sister Moore, seconded by Sister Sallman that we accept this invitation. Carried.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented on behalf of the Chairman, Wm. J. Moore. The following were recommended:

Regional Commander -	Earl Corbin, Ohio
Sr. Vice Commander -	Edward Biering, Wisconsin
Jr. " "	Myron Goodermont, Illinois
Secretary - - - -	Ellinore L. Konrad, Wisconsin
Treasurer - - - -	Gladys B. Sallman, Illinois
Chaplain - - - -	Mae Levin, Colorado
Patriotic Instructor -	Mary Brown, Indiana

Nominations were then called for from the floor. There being none, the above named officers were unanimously elected for the ensuing year.

There being no further business to come before the Conference - it was moved by James Blackman, seconded by Aurelia Harder that we adjourn. Carried.

The meeting was officially closed at 11:30 A. M. Sunday morning.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,
Ellinore L. Konrad, Secretary
Central Region.

In submitting my report as Regional Commander, at this Central Regional Conference, at the Plantinton Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisc. Oct 12-13, 1957, I wish first to thank delegates of the 1956 meeting at Columbus, O. for electing me to this high office. I have endeavored to keep our Order in the public eye, by the medium of the press, and having notices of events printed in the newspapers and periodicals of various States. As you know the Region is now composed of seven States as follows: Ill. Ind. Iowa, Mich. Minn. Ohio, Wisc. We have many active members in this Central Region of the Auxiliaries and Sons, who are promoting the ideals of our Order.

In the last report of 1956, it was reported their was a loss of 309 members of the Sons, this including 57 deaths, in the Region. During the past year ending June 1957, the loss was about 140, not including deaths. so the report of lost members was considerably less this time. My activities during the past year were about as follows for important events: On Oct 20th, attended the unveiling of the Lincoln Statue in Chicago (this statue was as Lincoln looked as a young man, beardless). Gov. Stratton and Mayor Daley and several prominent speakers also present. On Dec. 7th at our Mid-winter encamp. at the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel Chicago, I was on WGN radio broadcast with Ill. Dept. Com. Mattis Schesley. coverage of the 1956 Central Region meeting, and dedication of Albert Woolson statue in Harrisburg Natl encamp. was spoken of in detail. On Apr. 6, 1957 attended the 31st Ann. Dinner commemorating the GAR Founding date at Midland Hotel. On Memorial Day I was in the Parade of May 30th with the SONS; was a Color Guard in the SONS uniform with Bro. Blackman and Chas. Bournstine PDCommanders. I also was the Chr. of Transportation, procuring all cars used in this parade. Was appointed by Dept. Com. Schesley as Chr. of Committee of Publicity Promotion, and expansion, which helped me to give adequate publicity etc. to the public and by newspaper articles on important developments of the Order. In this way I have secured several new members not only in Chicago, but in small towns. Wish to mention that Dept. Schesley, and Dept. Treas Chas. Brady who is also Comm. of Custer Camp #1 are great grandsons. Now with the passing of the last Union Veteran of the Civil War, Comrade Albert Woolson who died Aug. 2, 1956, who was the last Comm.-in-Chief of the GAR. it is up to all of us who are members of the Auxiliaries and the Sons to get out and secure more members, who are willing to follow in their fathers and up to great-grandsons to carry on for them in our Order.

Yours in FC&L

Geo. F. Lovering, Reg. Commander.

To the Commander, Officers and members of the Central
Regional Conference! Greetings

I have the honor to submit the following report of the Region's
financial standing:

Balance, October 1 1956 55.48

(Fees received) for 1956-57
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Illinois	5.00	
Indiana	5.00	
Iowa	5.00	
Michigan	5.00	
Ohio	5.00	
Wisconsin	<u>5.00</u>	30.00

Contribution to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Illinois	5.00	
Indiana	5.00	
Ohio	5.00	
Wisconsin	<u>5.00</u>	25.00
		<u>75.48</u>

Disbursements

October 14

To Ohio School of the Blind
W & Scarberry Sept

10.00
100.48

Notices were sent to all participating departments with the
exception of the Deptt. of Minnesota as I had no addresses
of members there.

Respectfully submitted
Gladys B. Ballman
Treas.

MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE HELD IN
FORT HAYES HOTEL, COLUMBUS, OHIO, OCTOBER 13 and 14, 1956.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by Commander of Central Region Conference Louis G. Blair.

Invocation by Bro. W. E. Corbin Due to the Absent of the Chaplin Roy Bennett.

Roll Call of Officers of the Central Region Conference:

Commander Louis G. Blair - Present
Sr. Vice Commander George Loving - Present
Jr. Vice Commander Margaret Horn - Present
Secretary Milo Newer Jr. - Present
Treasurer Gladys B. Sallman P. N. P. - Present
Chaplin Roy Bennett P.C. in C. - Absent
Patriotic Instructor Edward Biering - Absent

ROLL CALL OF	SONS	AUXILIARY
Colorado & Wyoming	0	0
Illinois	2	1
Indiana	2	9
Iowa	0	0
Michigan	1	1
Minnesota	0	0
Missouri	0	0
Nebraska	0	0
Ohio	11	6
Wisconsin	0	1
Total	34	18
		Total 34

Reading Of Minutes Of 1956 Conference, Past As Read.

Commander Louis G. Blair made a resolution that a one dollar registration fee be charged at the Central Region Conference. A motion was made by Gladys Sallman P.N.P. that the above resolution be passed. Seconded by Ellinore L. Konrad P.N.P.

Commander Louis G. Blair made a speech on membership and enrollment.

Report of Officers.

Commander Louis G. Blair read and turned over his written report to the committee.

Sr. Vice Commander George Lovering made a verbal report.

Secretary Milo Newer Jr. made a verbal report.

Treasurer Gladys B. Sallman made a verbal report.

All other officers absent from the room at this time.

Treasurers Report received \$130.58. Expenditures \$75.10 leaving a balance of \$55.48 to date.

A report of membership of Departments of Central Region Conference was read by Commander Louis G. Blair.

Sister Ellinore L. Konrad P.N.P. spoke about how membership can be improved by increased publicity and that we should set up the minutes of the Central Region Conference to the Department Commander and Secretary of the Eleven States so that they may know more about the Conference. Sister Ellinore L. Konrad P. N. P. also gave an invitation for the Central Region Conference to meet in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1957.

Commander Louis G. Blair appointed his committees : Officers Reports, Department Commander of Illinois, Mattis Schesley III,
 Auditing Committee - George Lovering, Bro. Batty, Bro. Bigley
 Resolution Committee- Mattis Schesley III & Bro. Robert Austin, Bro. Sels.

Report from Bro. Bigley and Bro. Batey on the Ways and Means Committee on how to improve membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the Department of Ohio,

Commander Louis G. Blair stated that we should look out for the interest of the older members of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War as well as the younger members and keep both well informed on the beliefs and actions of the order.

A general discussion was had by all members on improvement of membership.

Motioned by Bro. W. E. Corbin that we adjourn until 9:30 A.M. October 14th. Seconded by Secretary Milo Newer Jr. Meeting adjourned at 3:50 P.M.

Reconvened 9:30 A. M. October 14, 1956, presided by Louis G. Blair.

Due to the tardiness of some of the members a discussion on Associate Membership.

Minutes of October 13th read by Secretary Milo Newer Jr.

Motion by Bro. W.E. Corbin that we take \$10.00 from the Treasury for the School of the Blind, Seconded by Gladys Sallman. Motion carried. (In thanks for the fine entertainment at the Banquet on October 15th)

Gladys Sallman made a motion that we accept the invitation to Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1957. Seconded by Milo Newer Jr. Motion carried.

Report of the Nominating Committee:

The Commander Geo. Lovering - Illinois
 Sr. Vice Comm. Earl Corbin - Ohio
 Jr. Vice Comm. Milo Newer Jr. - Michigan
 Secretary Ellinore Konrad - Wisconsin

Treasurer Gladys B. Sallman - Illinois
 Chaplin Margaret Horn - Indiana
 Patriotic Instructor C. Bodle - Indiana

Unanimous ballot was cast by the Secretary of the Officers elect.

Report of the Resolution Committee:

Whereas a four act Patriotic Play entitled Heads Up in the Commonwealth has been written by the Department Commander Mattis Schesley III of Illinois and is now being published by Interstate Publishers of Illinois and distribution will be made through Assistance of the Committee of Illinois Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War Department. George Lovering, chairman, the Central Region Conference of Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War assembled at Columbus, Ohio on October 14th does recommend this Patriotic Play to the members in the many camps of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War Departments and Regions for consideration as a dramatic

presentation to aid their pr sp otiv Chief of Staff in raising funds.

Discussion was had about sending the minutes to each Camp and Secretary of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War.

A motion by Ellinore Konrad that the minutes of the Regional Conference be sent to the Department Commanders in a reasonable amount to be sent out to his respective Camps. Seconded by Hugh Snyders.

A discussion was had on the founding of Central Region Conference. In the year 1943 a Commander-in-Chief divided the states into three divisions. East, Central and West. The reason for the states to get together is for improvement of membership and to co-ordinate the work of one state with the other. All members ~~are~~ of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War are welcome with the power of vote as well as expression. The Department Commander of each state is responsible for the Delegates from each state.

D. V. D. P. X
Closing Prayer by the new Chaplin Margaret Horn. The meeting was closed at 11:00 A.M. October 14, 1956, Hotel Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio.

Milo Newer Jr.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, Milo Newer Jr. Secretary.

THE MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL MEETING FOR
THE YEARS 1954 and 1955 WERE NEVER TURNED
IN BY PAULINE HERRON OF DES MOINES, IOWA,
DURING THE TWO YEARS SHE SERVED AS REGIONAL
SECRETARY.

The annual meeting of the Central Region Conference of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliaries was held October 10th and 11th in the Coffee Shop Room of the Leland Hotel, Aurora, Illinois.

On Saturday October 10th at 2 P.M. the first session was called to order by the Regional Commander, Theodore H. Mohr of St. Louis, Missouri.

The invocation was given by the acting Regional Chaplain, Sister Ethel Jones of Des Moines, Iowa.

Louis Blair of Ohio, Regional Patriotic Instructor, led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

Roll call of Officers was taken:

Commander	Theo. H. Mohr, Missouri	- P.
Senior Vice	Ethel Jones, Iowa	- P.
Junior Vice	Helen Keener, Indiana	- G.
Secretary	Ellinore Konrad, Wis.	- P.
Treasurer	Roy Lewis, Wisconsin	- P.
Chaplain	Ethel Heilemann, Ill.	- G.
Patriotic Instructor	Louis Blair, Ohio	- P.

The following number of delegates from the various Departments responded to the roll call by States:

Colorado and Wyoming -	0
Illinois - - - - -	23
Indiana - - - - -	11
Iowa - - - - -	4
Kansas - - - - -	0
Michigan - - - - -	0
Minnesota - - - - -	1
Missouri - - - - -	2
Nebraska - - - - -	0
Ohio - - - - -	1
Wisconsin - - - - -	9

The minutes of the 1952 Regional Conference meeting were read. It was moved by Clarence Hotin, seconded by Allen Hallbrook that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried.

Werner H. Mead, Senior Vice Commander in Chief was introduced by Commander Mohr.

The following communications from those unable to be present were read:

Commander in Chief Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd
National President, Mildred R. Webster
Regional Chaplain, Ethel Heilemann

It was moved by Eva Blackman, seconded by Bernice Powers, that these letters of communication be placed on file. Carried.

Ron R. Lewis, Regional Treasurer read his report. The amount on hand as of September 30th is \$72.34. A full and complete report is attached to these minutes.

The report of the Regional Secretary, Ellinore Konrad, was read.

It was moved by Eva Blackman, seconded by Brother Lovering that the report of the Secretary and Treasurer be accepted as read and placed on file. Carried.

The following were appointed on the Auditing Committee:

Deverry B. Mead
Leron Reynolds
Christal Powell
Eva Blackman.

The following were appointed on the Nominating Committee:

Franklin S. Hubbard
James Blackman
Ethel Jones
Bessie Goodermont

The following were appointed on the Resolution Committee:

Richard F. Locke
Clarence Hoth
Bernice Powers
Hazel Brittan.

Commander Mohr asked what had been done regarding the printing of Past Commander in Chief Davis' message.

Richard F. Locke stated it would be a feather in our cap if the Regional sponsored the printing and distribution of these pamphlets.

There followed a lengthy discussion regarding the monies available in the treasury, Departments not paying their dues, etc.

It was moved by Richard F. Locke that the Commander of this Region appoint a committee to look into the printing and distribution of P. C. in C. Davis' message read at our last annual meeting, with full power to act, but limited by the money available in the treasury to cover expenses. Seconded by Allen Holbrook and carried.

The Treasurer announced that at the present time the sum of \$72.00 was in the treasury. He also stated that if there was any one present who would like to make a generous donation to the Central Region, he would be happy to accept it at this time.

It was moved by Allen Holbrook, seconded by Richard F. Locke, that the Committee be limited... not to exceed the sum of \$10.00 from the treasury, but this does not prohibit personal contributions. Carried.

Commander Mohr appointed the following to serve on Committee regarding the printing of the pamphlets:

Richard F. Locke
Roscoe Matties
Louis Blair.

The discussion then arose regarding the payment of Regional dues, and delinquent dues.

It was suggested by Commander Mohr that we forget the delinquent dues and see to it that the dues for the coming year only be collected.

It was moved by Christal Powell, seconded by Clarence Hoth that the Regional Secretary be instructed to send out notices notifying the Departments of their obligation and requesting the sum of \$5.00 for their dues.

Brother Holbrook was asked to report on the G. A. R. Highway. He stated the only thing he could report on at the present time is the meeting he attended in Hastings, Nebraska the latter part of last month. It is composed of members from committees along the route from Cape Cod to Long Beach. At this meeting in Hastings there were some 30 present; largely from the States in the West. There was 1 from Long Beach, 2 from Nevada, 9 from Utah and quite a number from Nebraska, 1 from Iowa, 1 from Illinois and 1 from New York. This association is a group gathered together to promote everything possible to make it popular to the tourists to select this route. They propose issuing maps, brochures or guide books, newspaper and magazine publicity to encourage making Route 6 (Grand Army of the Republic Highway) the most travelled and most popular cross-country Route in the U. S. The association also proposes to promote highway safety; uniformity of highway marking; reduction of highway hazards; a tunnel through the Continental Divide in Colorado; and an alternate route for those wishing to bypass Omaha and Council Bluffs.

Illinois did a survey of Route 6 from Hammond to Moline. They made notes as to the markers, the up-keep of the highway and its beautification. Brother Holbrook also stated he was going to contact various departments throughout the year and ask them to do something similar. He would like everyone to keep this matter in mind, to talk Grand Army of the Republic Highway. Get them to use that route. See if we cannot make Route 6 the popular East West route across the country.

was called upon and he stated

Dewey Head - In behalf of Gen. W. S. Grant, 3rd, Commander in Chief, I would like to extend to you the greetings of the National Organization, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I would also like to extend to you the greetings from Comrade Albert Woolden, last Grand Army man. I visited him as soon as I returned from the National Encampment. He cannot hear, but he is very alert. As you know the National Encampment will be held in Duluth, Minn. August 8-13th.

I have been given the big job of Chairman of this Encampment. He recalled a visit with a Governor and he asked him what he thought of the Sons of Union Veterans. The governor said I think it is a wonderful organization, but you will never come into your own until the last Grand Army man is gone. We are nearing that day and the question is are we going to meet that day. I had a lot of faith in this order; if I didn't I would have been out of it 10 years ago. We cannot live in the past; our eyes must be to the future. I think the Central Region is on the right track by printing the pamphlet from P. C. in C. Davis's speech. We must publicize this order. We have plenty to.... we must look forward!

Brother Leroy Reynolds told the Conference that Decatur said goodbye to the "General Grant Tree" on October 7th, as some 78 people gathered in Fairview Park for a farewell tribute to the big tree. Gen. U. S. Grant had stood there 73 years before to address a reunion of Civil War veterans. The great tree died this past summer. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War sponsored the commemorative program, with the Allied Orders in attendance. Carvings and other mementos will be made from the historic tree.

Helen Wilbur reported on the Camp Randall Memorial Park site. The University of Wisconsin proposes the erection of an Indoor Practice Building. The building is to be designated as a memorial to the Union veterans of the Civil War. The Legislature is to be requested by the Board of Regents to make the remainder of Camp Randall Park a perpetual memorial for the Union veterans of the Civil War. A bronze plaque will be affixed to the building giving the facts and history of the Park.

Then Commander Mohr announced that the room must be cleared before 5 O'Clock for the banquet in the evening.

Meeting recessed until 9:30 A. M. Sunday morning.

Saturday evening at 6:30 P. M. a Banquet was held in honor of the Regional Officers. This was very well planned by Chairman, Bessie Goodermont and her co-workers.

The speaker for the evening, Attorney Clarence J. Rudd, of Aurora, Illinois, gave a marvelous address, on "Abraham Lincoln and True Americanism". It will long be remembered by those who attended.

There followed community singing.

Sunday morning at 9:30 A. M. the second session of the Central Region Conference was called to order by Commander Mohr.

The invocation was given by acting Chaplain, Ethel Jones of Iowa.

The report of the Auditing Committee was read by the Chairman, Dewey B. Read, as follows:

"We the Auditing Committee found the books of Roy R. Lewis in good condition... with a balance on hand of \$72.34 as of 10-11-53."

It was moved by James Blackman, seconded by Richard F. Locke that this report be accepted as read. Carried.

The report of the Resolution Committee was read by the Chairman, Richard F. Locke, as follows:

"We desire to express our very deep appreciation for the able manner in which the Officers of this Regional have performed their work; the result of which is so apparent in attendance at this meeting. (Rising vote of thanks)

We would be remiss in our duty if we failed to express our appreciation for the address given by Clarence Rudd of Aurora on "True Americanism" as was explained to us by Mr. Rudd. Would that there were more like him.

We desire to extend our thanks to the Aurora Camp and Auxiliary for the most cordial reception we have received and for their untiring and successful efforts in making our stay at this Conference so enjoyable."

It was moved by Eva Blackman, seconded by Allan Holbrook that the Resolutions be adopted as read. Carried.

The Department Presidents and Department Commanders were called upon to report the activities or problems in their respective Departments.

Wleta Cook, D. P. of Illinois reported that they sponsor a worthy student of the Auxiliary by giving her a scholarship. Inasmuch as the National has discontinued this, the Dept. of Illinois is making it one of their outstanding projects.

Elizabeth Muncie, D. W. of Indiana extended an invitation to the Central Region to attend their Mid-Winter meeting Dec. 12th and 13th. She reported that they have 14 Auxiliaries and they visit and help to take care of the Home for Children, in Lafayette.

Ethel Jones, speaking for D. P. of Iowa reported that the Department does various things throughout the year.... they help in the kitchen at Marshalltown Home; work at the U. S. O. serving cookies, coffee and cream, regularly.

Theo. Mohr, speaking for D. C. of Missouri stated their camps are dormant and they are trying to re-vitalize the Camps. He suggested dividing the region into districts.

Dewey Mead stated that in the State of Minnesota there need a new revision of their sense of values. He continues.... the boys think more of their progress on the football field than their fathers who were wounded in the battle of Gettysburg.

Brother Locke stated the proper place to start is in public schools. Instructors should teach true American history that would be the answer. Also have series of talks at luncheon clubs.

Brother Louis Blair of Ohio told the Conference that he has been attending National Encampments and Department Encampments for many years as he is deeply interested in the Sons of Union Veterans. He stated two years ago he attended the first meeting of the Central Region at Des Moines. Last year he went to Milwaukee because he believed there is an opportunity to do some constructive work. Something must be done in a hurry. Last year the Sons lost 700 members according to the Secretary's report in the Banner. Various programs have been suggested, but we still lose members. If the Sons would concentrate their efforts on those who have dropped out, we would increase our membership.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding associate members.

Brother Locke stated it was a very hopeful sign when the Conference stirs up a little debate. He asked the question "What does it mean to be a patriotic American?" Does it mean that we gather together on feast days, holidays or to rear monuments, noble deeds and decorate graves and forget that the fruits that came to us from our fathers activities turn to ashes in our hands. Then he paraphrased an old adage: "You can lead a man to knowledge but you cannot make him think".

Clarence Hoth, D. C. of Wisconsin reported that his Department is going along doing the routine and regular job it is supposed to do. He stated they are not working on a project but there happen to be the only Department that has an Indian Camp.

Bernice Powers, D. C. of Wisconsin reported that her Department has done much on legislative work, regarding projects pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic. A bill was introduced by the Committee on Veterans Affairs to abolish the G. A. R. museum. The Sons and our auxiliaries with the cooperation of the allied orders opposed this bill and it was finally withdrawn. Then a little later another bill was introduced to return the Shiloh cannon to Shiloh National Park in Tennessee. Again we opposed this bill and it was also withdrawn. She extended an invitation to attend the Mid-Year meeting to be held in Madison October 25th.

The Department President of Indiana extended an invitation to the Central Region to meet either at Lafayette or Indianapolis.

Sister Margaret Horn, P. W. P. of Lafayette and member of Aux. #35 asked to entertain the Central Region Conference in 1954. It was moved by Ethel Jones, seconded by Brother Horn that we accept this invitation. Carried.

Brother Whitman, Dept. Commander of Iowa reported that he is greatly interested in this meeting. He suggested getting in grandsons and great grand sons in the Organization. He said when John Runkle come to Indiana he brought bands and orchestras with him. He made a noise and put the deal over. If we would make a noise we could build up the strongest Organization in the U. S.

The Regional Secretary was instructed to send telegrams to:

Comrade Woolson
Commander-in-Chief U. S. Grant 3rd
(expressing our regrets that he
cannot be with us)
National President, Mildred Webster

Brother Hubbard mentioned that in 1947 he attended the National Encampment with the intention to oppose the resolution regarding associate members. He did something to kill it at that time. However since then, the Sons of Union Veterans have broadened their eligibility. He also mentioned that he is a member of the S. A. R. and had held many honors in that Organization. In this Organization he stated it was only the descendants that actually served in the armed forces. Now the descendants of any known patriot that used his influence to further the cause of his colonies may become a member.

Commander Mohr thanked his staff of Officers who served with him this past year and also thanked the Secretary for being so tolerant with him.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented on behalf of the Chairman, Franklin S. Hubbard. The following were recommended:

Commander - - - - - Theo. H. Mohr, Missouri
Senior Vice - - - - - Ethel Jones, Iowa
Junior Vice - - - - - Helen Keener, Indiana
Secretary - - - - - Ellinore Komad, Wisconsin
Treasurer - - - - - Roy R. Lewis, Wisconsin
Chaplain - - - - - Dewey B. Mead, Minnesota
Patriotic Instructor - Louis Blair, Ohio

Nominations were then called for from the floor. There being none, the above named officers were unanimously elected for the ensuing year.

It was moved by James Blackman, seconded by Hugh Snider that we dispense with a Nominating Committee and that all nominations come from the floor. Carried.

The "Lord's Prayer" was repeated in unison and all joined hands in singing "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again".

The meeting was officially closed at 11:30 A. M. Sunday morning.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

Ellinore Konrad, Secretary
Central Region.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
October 10, 1953

To Officers and Members of Central Region:

I have the report of Treasurer ending Oct. 11, 1953.

Balance on Hand Oct. 18, 1952	\$68.78	Expenses Bank Charge \$11.44
No. Sons	5.00	8/14/53
Wis. Sons	5.00	9/30/53
	<u>\$78.78</u>	Total
	<u>11.44</u>	
Ill. Dpt. Sons	\$67.34	Balance on hand 10/11/53
	<u>5.00</u>	10/10/53
	<u>\$72.34</u>	Total Balance on Hand

Roy R. Lewis, Treasurer

Indiana Aux. \$5.00 Bkt Chrystal Powell 10/10/52
Illinois Aux. \$5.00 Bkt Uleta Cook 10/10/52

Books audited Oct. 11, 1953 and found correct.

Dewey B. Mead
Chrystal Powell
Eva B. Blackman

Minutes of Central Region

The Central Region Conference of the Sons of Union Veterans and the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held October 18th and 19th in Parlor A of the Medford Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The first session was called to order at 2 P. M. Saturday October 18th by the Regional Commander, Theodore H. Mohr of St. Louis, Missouri.

The invocation was given by the Regional Chaplain, Ethel Jones of Des Moines, Iowa.

Regional Patriotic Instructor, Louis Blair of Ohio, led the assembly in the salute to the flag. One stanza of "America" was then sung.

Commander Mohr introduced two National Auxiliary Officers in attendance. Sister Alice Odell of Rockford, Illinois, National Chaplain and Sister Ellinore Konrad of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, National Patriotic Instructor.

Roll call of Officers was taken:

Commander - - - - -	Theo. H. Mohr, Missouri - P.
Senior Vice - - - - -	D. C. Covering, Illinois - P.
Junior Vice - - - - -	Lela Shugart, Indiana - P.
Secretary - - - - -	Ellinore Konrad, Wisconsin - P.
Treasurer - - - - -	Roy R. Lewis, Wisconsin - P.
Chaplain - - - - -	Ethel Jones, Iowa - P.
Patriotic Instructor -	Louis Blair, Ohio - P.

It was announced that this is the first time in the history of the Central Region Conference that every Officer was present at roll call.

Roll was then called by States and the following number of delegates from the various Departments responded:

Colorado and Wyoming -	None
Illinois - - - - -	13
Indiana - - - - -	2
Iowa - - - - -	2
Kansas - - - - -	None
Michigan - - - - -	None
Minnesota - - - - -	None
Missouri - - - - -	2
Nebraska - - - - -	None
Ohio - - - - -	1
Wisconsin - - - - -	23

Minutes of the 1951 Regional Conference meeting were read. It was moved by Richard F. Locke, seconded by James Blackmon that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried.

Richard F. Locke announced that the Encampment held in Atlantic City was one of the best had in many years. Not necessarily in attendance, but the interest shown to renew the efforts to do more than the Sons had done in the past. He stated that as far as the Sons are concerned, with the election of Frederick H. Davis and Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd, the prospect ahead of them are far better than they had been for some time. He also stated that on October 21st, Frederick H. Davis is being honored by his Camp and Auxiliary with a banquet and reception. Inasmuch as he is unable to be with us at the Regional Conference, Brother Locke thought that it would be incumbent upon us to express our best wishes. He moved that the secretary be instructed to send a telegram to Commander-in-Chief Davis for the occasion. It was seconded by James Blackman and carried.

The following telegram was immediately sent to Commander-in-Chief Davis:

"Spontaneous enthusiasm and interest greatest in Central Region history stop. This codes well for progressive administration headed by Commander in Chief Davis."

The following communications from those unable to be present were read:

Commander-in-Chief Frederick H. Davis
National President, Lila A. Macy
P. N. P. Minnie E. Croth
P. N. P. Gladys Salzman
P. N. P. Wilma Combs
Lunt Holl, Dept. President of Iowa
Mrs. Cora Rogers, Dept. President of Missouri.

It was moved by Mary Harrison, seconded by Ethel Heilemann that these letters of communication be placed on file. Carried.

The report of Regional Treasurer, Roy R. Lewis, was read and accepted. The amount on hand as of October 1st is \$42.91. A full and complete report is attached to these minutes.

The following were appointed on the Auditing Committee:

Evelyn Jung
James Blackman
Ethel Jones

The following were appointed to serve on the Nominating Committee:

Franklin S. Hubbard,
Allan Holbrook
Lela Shugart

The report of the Regional Secretary, Ellinore Konrad, was read and accepted.

Ethel Heilemann, P.D.P. of Illinois, announced that on December 13, 1952 Illinois is having their Mid-Winter Encampment at the Oak Park Arms Hotel, Oak Park, Illinois. She extended a special invitation to all present.

Helen Keener, Dept. Pres. of Indiana, announced that their Mid-Winter meeting is to be held December 6th and 7th at Frankfort, Indiana. She would gladly welcome all the members from the Central Region.

An invitation was extended to all present by the Department President of Wisconsin, Sister Evelyn Jung, to attend the banquet and reception for National Patriotic Instructor, Ellinore Konrad, on November 15th, and on November 16th the Mid-Winter meeting is to be held at the Medford Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The Permanent Memorial Fund was discussed. Brother Locke reported that this fund is subscribed to by members and friends in memory of a Union Soldier or Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War, in an amount not less than ten dollars. This money is invested and only the interest is used for patriotic work of the Commandery-in-Chief. The ten dollars will permanently register the name and military record of a Civil War Veteran or Son.

Sister Ethel Jones was asked whether anything had been done with the Arlington Home. She stated that the home is not functioning and is now up for sale.

Roy Lewis, Treasurer, requested all Department Presidents and Department Commanders to send in their dues to him, if they have not already done so.

The Grand Army of the Republic Highway was then under discussion. Brother Locke stated that the Sons have a Committee and are giving it all possible consideration.

The Secretary read a communication from Vernon E. Cheney, Chairman of Highway Committee regarding Grand Army of the Republic Highway US-6 Commemorative Stamp.

Brother Cheney requested all members of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic to join in a united procedure and petition the U. S. Senators of each State and the Postmaster General to issue a "Grand Army of the Republic Commemorative Stamp early in 1953.

Brother Locke stated that Vernon Cheney has done a magnificent job so far and we are entirely and absolutely safe in following his suggestions brought forth in this letter.

It was suggested that the Conference supply the names of the U. S. Senators of each Central Region State to the Secretary and also the members of the House in order that she may be able to write the necessary letter.

The Secretary also read a letter from L. H. Adolfsen, Chairman, Governor's Committee for United Nations Day, to invite the participation of our Organization in the world-wide observance of seven eventful years of achievement by the United Nations Organization.

It was moved by Brother Holbrook, seconded by Brother Locke that this letter be tabled. Carried.

Brother Mohr asked if anyone knew whether an invitation had been extended to the Allied Orders to meet with them again.

Brother Holbrook stated that the Sons of Veterans met with the Allied Orders and announced the time and place of our next National Encampment. They not only invited them to join us but also urged them. What action they will take on this remains to be seen.

Roll call was taken for Department Commanders and Department Presidents, and the following responded:

Clarence Hoth - Department Commander Wisconsin
Helen Keeney - Department President of Indiana
Bessie Goodermott - Department President of Illinois
Evelyn Jung - Department President of Wisconsin

The Department Commanders and Department Presidents were called upon to report the activities or problems in their respective departments.

Helen Keeney of Indiana reported that her State is trying to carry on the work that Margaret Horn started....to register veterans graves. They presented the first volume to date with 5,000 names. The newspapers called and asked whether they could print them. She continued to say that Sister Margaret started a worthwhile project and they are going to continue it this year.

Bessie Goodermott of Illinois reported that one of their projects is membership. Not only for the Auxiliary but for the Sons also. Sister Eva Blackman started the drive. We are also working on ~~nowworking~~ a scholarship for ~~young people~~ scholarship fund. A worthy student of Illinois will receive this fund.

Evelyn Jung of Wisconsin stated that her Department lost a number of members within the last year because of our closed meetings and password. They were members of the Missouri Synod of the Southern Churches.

a general discussion followed. It was reported that the Sons no longer have a password at their meetings.

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Speaking in behalf of her D. P. Sister Ethel Jones reported that in Iowa their Junior Auxiliaries are very active. She said it was very gratifying to see the younger generation take such an active part in the Grand Army activities.

Brother Blackman reported that there is a boost in their Compt #1 because they have been fortunate in getting G. A. R. sabres and presenting them to the highest student in the R. O. J. C. He also stated that Supt. Hunt is very much interested in this project and it is stimulating to their Chicago Compt.

Meeting recessed at 4:30 P. M. until 9 o'clock Sunday morning.

To Paul Blane

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About Face!
Frederick K. Davis
Commander-in-Chief

Members have said to me--"If we, as an organization, are to hold a significant place in the United States of tomorrow, what basic thinking must we do? Can we analyze the problem in a way that is understandable and that gives us a starting place for further thinking and planning?"

My response is, I think we can do that. And I think we can find a useful comparison, for I believe our underlying problem is closely similar to that long faced by Christianity.

We know that Christianity derives ideals, principles and observances from the past. But we know, also, from the pages of history and the product of experience, that when Christianity has focused its attention too largely on the past, it has lost touch with the realities of the present and has fallen short of its high mission.

Let us follow that deduction a little further. The saints and leaders who gave Christianity to the world, and the Christ Himself, were forward thinking people. They esteemed the past, and drew from the past, but wrestled continually with the evils of their age.

Ministers have said that one of their chief tasks is to help their members apply to the present the wisdom of the past. In that way, the past renewes its value. Of course, it is not always simple or easy to adapt the past to the present, or to see when the needs of today have been answered by the record of the past. But the extent to which Christianity accomplishes that also determines its success as an effective force in the world.

Do we not see in that a similarity with the problem facing the Service? We are an old organization. Our cradle was far back in the past. We

have been affiliated with an even older organization--the Grand Army of the Republic. Like Christianity, we are a repository of ideals, principles and illustrious examples from the past; but is our attachment to the past so undivided that we overlook the requirements of the present hour?

If our thinking and activity revolve too much around the past, we may not be sufficiently realistic in dealing with the realities of today.

We should remember that the men from whom we draw special inspiration were themselves men who lived in the present--that is, in their present.

From the valor of men who preceded them, they put valor into their own lives--and spirited action.

We have the problem of evaluating the past so as to make a reapplication of its values to the needs of our time. If the public, or eligible people, are to feel that our organization has a meaningful relationship to life today, they must feel that it has a strong present-day prospective. We must create that our forward movement has permanently ended.

So, then, if we are to have a reviving vitality in our organization bloodstream, we must be doing vital things--as did our fathers (or grandfathers) in their generation. They met and mastered issues scarcely less sinister than issues that should be met and mastered now. They were men of action.

Could we arose ourselves as did they, we would be equally potent. Our future would no longer remain unclear.

You may say that this analysis is rather abstract. That is right--and purposefully so. I leave the particulars for your consideration and reflection. Something useful might come from that, for if the foregoing analysis is acceptable, from it could come policy, and from policy could come action--the kind of action that would give us a significant place in the U. S. of tomorrow.

Saturday evening at 6:30 P. M. a Banquet was held at the Medford Hotel in honor of the Regional Officers. This delightful affair was planned by the Milwaukee Auxiliary girls.

It was at this banquet that Brother Allan Holbrook, representing the Commander-in-Chief conveyed the message of Frederick K. Davis. It is as follows:

Sister Ellinore Konrad brought the greetings from her National President, Lila G. Macey, and also conveyed to those present her message. She stressed the need of gaining new members. We must have an increase in membership ~~so that it may be a force for organization and administration~~ for in our membership rests the future of this Organization. We have a priceless heritage that cannot be bought so let us do all we can to grow in strength.

Sister Emma Mohr gave a beautiful "Tribute to the Flag".

There followed community singing.

All Regional Officers were called upon to say a few words.

After this dynamic message it was moved by Brother Locke, seconded by James Blackman that the Central Region sponsor the publication of Commander-in-Chief's message in pamphlet form. Carried.

Prayer - Ethel Jones

The second session of the Regional Conference was called to order at 9:30 A. M., Sunday morning, by the Regional Commander, Theodore H. Mohr.

Department Commander Hoth was called upon to report his activities. He stated that the Sons are coming out of hibernation and he is expecting big things from them. The Auxiliaries have been behind the Department Sons 100% and are helping them wherever they can. He said at the present time they are concentrating on membership. He also spoke of a Memorial in Kenosha for Commander Wilcox.

Brother Mohr speaking for his Department Commander stated that Missouri is at a stand still. He mentioned that they are holding their membership but when he thinks back to 1898 when the G. A. R. had a membership of 2,500 members for Missouri alone, just think that if each G. A. R. had one Son, what a wonderful organization we would have today! The younger generation is not organization minded. They look for other pleasures.

Brother Blair spoke in behalf of his Department Commander. He stated this meeting was the first of its kind that he ever attended. He never was informed that Ohio was a part of the Central Region, and he couldn't explain why if letters were sent to the powers that be, why they haven't paid their dues. He was very enthused about this meeting and was going home with many new ideas for his Department.

> Nette Hayes asked the Conference whether they knew where Flag Day originated. It was in the City of Fredonia, Wisconsin in 1937.

There followed a lengthy discussion regarding Flag Day and many differences of opinion.

Grave marking was also discussed at length.

The report of the Auditing Committee was read by the Chairman, Evelyn Jugg. It was moved by Clarence Hoth, seconded by Ethel Jones that this report be accepted as read. Carried. Total \$68.78.

The report of the nominating committee was presented on behalf of the Chairman, Franklin S. Hubbard. The committee recommended the following:

Regional Commander -	Theo. H. Mohr, Missouri
Senior Vice - - - - -	Ethel Jones, Iowa
Junior Vice - - - - -	Helen Keener, Indiana
Secretary - - - - -	Ellinore Konrad, Wisconsin
Treasurer - - - - -	Roy R. Lewis, Wisconsin
Chaplain - - - - -	Ethel Heilemann, Illinois
Patriotic Inst. - -	Louis Blair, Ohio.

Brother Mohr called for other nominations. There being none, Richard F. Locke directed the Secretary to cast one ballot for the election of the above nominees, and the Secretary having deposited such ballot, Brother Locke declared these nominees elected.

The inspiring message of our Commander-in-Chief which was conveyed to us by Brother Holbrook Saturday evening was discussed at length.

It was suggested that the Central Region Conference print this message in pamphlet form.

Brother Hubbard stated it would be quite an undertaking for this Conference to stand the expense of having these pamphlets printed to do any good. He continued to say that this is a very worthwhile message and it requires study to digest it. He could see no reason why the Commander-in-Chief could not allot some money from the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund as it was his opinion that Fund was to be used for that purpose.

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This subject was to be taken ~~to~~ by one of the delegates attending.

Bessie Goodermont, Department President of Illinois extended an invitation to the Regional Conference to hold their next annual meeting in Aurora, Illinois.

It was moved by Ethel Jones, seconded by Evelyn Jung, that this Conference accept the invitation from the D. P. of Illinois to hold our 1953 meeting in Aurora, Illinois. Carried.

It was moved by Lela Shugart, seconded by Mary Harrison that we present our National Patriotic Instructor with a check for \$10.00 from the Central Region. Carried.

The newly elected officers were called upon to say a few words. All of them very graciously accepted their offices for the ensuing year.

Brother Mohr instructed the Secretary to send letters of appreciation to the Medford Hotel for allowing us free use of the meeting rooms, to Donald Beaumont for his cooperation during the Brewery tour, and the Milwaukee Auxiliary.

Brother Mohr then thanked them for their patience with him and also thanked the Secretary for her cooperation during the year.

Closing

Prayer was offered by Ethel Heilemann of Illinois after which all joined hands and sang: "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again".

The meeting was officially closed at 11 o'clock A. M.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & S.

Ellinore Konrad, Secretary
Central Region.

Minutes of Central Region

The annual meeting of the Central Region Conference of the Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, was held October 20th and 21st, 1951, Des Moines, Iowa.

The first meeting was held in the Elks Club room, and called to order at 2:00 o'clock P. M. Saturday, October 20th, by the Regional Commander, Theodore H. Mohr, of St. Louis, Missouri.

The Assembly gave the salute to the flag, followed by "America".

The invocation was given by W. C. Lovering, Department Commander of Illinois, acting Regional Chaplain.

Our Commander-in-Chief, Roy J. Bennett of Iowa, and our National President, Phyllis M. Dean of Massachusetts were formally introduced by Theodore H. Mohr, Regional Commander. They were very graciously received by the membership of the Conference in attendance. Because of the preliminary opening of the Conference, the Commander-in-Chief and National President were requested to withhold their interesting subjects until later on in the meeting.

Roll was called by States and the following delegates from the various Departments responded:

Colorado and Wyoming - 0
Illinois - - - - - 6 - 10
Indiana - - - - - 0 - 10
Iowa - - - - - 15 - 2
Kansas - - - - - 0 0
Michigan - - - - - 0 0
Minnesota - - - - - 0 0
Missouri - - - - - 2 2
Nebraska - - - - - 0 0
Ohio - - - - - 2 1
Wisconsin - - - - - 10 - 16

Roll call of officers was then taken:

Commander - - - - -	Theodore H. Mohr	- Present
Senior Vice President -	Chester Charter	- Absent
Jr. Vice Commander -	Leona Jones	- Absent
Secretary - - - - -	Ellinore Konrad	- Present
Chaplain - - - - -	C. E. Pennington	- Absent
Treasurer - - - - -	Roy Lewis	- Present
Intriotic Instructor -	C. B. Martin	- Absent

It was moved by Wilbur Hathaway, Iowa, and seconded by Mary Harrison, Wisconsin, that we dispense with the reading of the last Regional

minutes inasmuch as they were approved by the Regional Commander, mimeographed, and one copy sent to each member who attended the Conference prior to this meeting. Carried.

The report of Roy R. Lewis, Treasurer, was read and accepted. The amount on hand as of October 1, 1951, is \$62.88. A full and complete report is attached to these minutes.

● The following were appointed on the Auditing Committee:

George L. Clark, Iowa
Mony L. Harrison, Wisconsin
Norma Beaumont, Wisconsin

The report of the Secretary, Ellinore Konrad, was also read and accepted. In her report she stated stationery was ordered, letters of thanks sent to the committees, and a resolution sent to Gilbert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer, regarding the drafting of a charter and ritual to be used to further the work of the Junior Grandsons of the Civil War.

The report of the Regional Commander, Theodore H. Mohr was verbal. It is as follows:

"When I submitted my report at National, I was very surprised that so many of the Sons did not know what the Regional Conference meant. I understand there are only two regions functioning at the present time.

The resolution that was submitted by the Conference regarding Junior Grandsons was unnecessary because at a previous Encampment, that resolution was adopted and sanctioned.

In the past years we have been leaning on the Grand Army of the Republic and now that they have gone into history we do not know what to do. The Auxiliaries and Combs must get out and do constructive things. Our membership is getting in the class with the Grand Army of the Republic. We must get younger people interested in it if we are to carry on. Iowa is the only State working on a younger organization. They are the only ones who have a Junior organization. I hope before we leave this Conference we will do something about this."

● The following communications from those unable to attend were read and placed on file:

Ernest E. Ogborn, N. C. Indiana
Heribert E. Gray, N. C. Colorado
Arthur J. Morris, N. C. Michigan
Blanche Templeman, N. P. Michigan
Franklin S. Hubbard, P.D.C. Wisconsin
Chester L. Charter, P.D.C. Minnesota

Blanche Charter, D. C. Minnesota
Charles L. Messer, P.D.C. New York
Herman C. Balsiger, P.D.C. Missouri
Oscar Doppler, Sec-Treas. Wisconsin
C. E. Pennington, Reg. Chaplain, Illinois
Hugh H. Snider, Indiana

It was announced by our Regional Commander that the Sunday morning meeting is to be held at the U. M. C. A. at 9 o'clock. There will be a \$5.00 charge for the meeting hall. It was moved by Roy Lewis, seconded by Ethel Jones, that the sum of \$5.00 be authorized. Carried.

Under unfinished business, the subject of an unpaid bill amounting to \$20.30 was brought before the Conference with the reading of a letter sent to Ruth Claine Phillips by the Secretary. Inasmuch as Miss Phillips did not reply to the Secretary's letter, it was decided by the Conference to treat the matter as a closed incident.

The following were appointed on the Nominating Committee:

D. C. Covering, Illinois
Homer Young, Iowa
Nette Hayes, Wisconsin.

Homer Young, D. C. of Iowa announced that he received some interesting information regarding transportation to Atlantic City. He stated that if he could get from 19 to 48 people, they could charter a pullman, leaving Chicago for Atlantic City at a cost not to exceed \$110.00, with sleeping facilities on the pullman for the duration of the Encampment. It was something for the Regional States to think about.

The Department Presidents and Department Commanders were called upon to report the activities or problems in their respective Departments.

Ethel Heilmann, D. C. Illinois reported that the newest project in Illinois is the raising of \$100.00 for a scholarship fund to take the place of the fund the National Organization had been giving, but found impossible to continue this year. She also extended an invitation to attend their mid-winter meeting which is to be held at Oak Park, Illinois, December 8th.

D. C. Covering, D. C. of Illinois, announced that at the closing of their annual encampment and the allied orders at Decatur, Illinois in June, the Grand Army of the Republic of the Department of Illinois was laid to rest.

Homer Young, D. C. of Iowa announced that after the Conference they are starting off on a membership campaign. Brother Bennett had started the publicity and the Department of Iowa is offering a \$25.00 bond to the

person who gets the most members.

Theodore Mohr, speaking in behalf of the Dept. Commander of Missouri stated that as far as their Department was concerned, they have no special project, but he promised our Commander-in-Chief that Missouri would do something this coming year.

LeRoy Reynolds, P.D.C. of Illinois reported that Illinois was taking care of the Barrett Lincoln Collection. It is the largest and most important collection of Abraham Lincoln material in the world and is for sale at \$220,000.00. \$100,000.00 must be obtained in pledges and \$50,000.00 in cash must be raised. If this sum cannot be raised, the collection will go to the auctioneers. He feels this collection should stay in Lincoln's own state. The Illinois Department, Sons of Veterans donated \$250.00 to this fund.

Roy Lewis, P.D.C. of Wisconsin, extended the greetings from his Dept. Commander, Peter Fields, who was unable to attend.

He stated in January of 1951 a joint resolution known as 7 S was introduced in the Senate requesting the Department of Veterans' Affairs to move the museum known as Memorial Hall from fourth floor north in the capitol building to the lower level of the capitol building rotunda. With the cooperation of the Wisconsin Auxiliaries and the Allied Orders, they were able to have this resolution postponed indefinitely. He was sorry to report that Wisconsin lost their last Grand Army Comrade, Fonsina C. Wilcox. He was 105 years of age when he passed away.

Regarding membership, Brother Lewis stated we need younger men, newer blood. Why not get the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Spanish American in, to increase our membership.

Evelyn Jung, P.D.C. of Wisconsin brought greetings from the Department and extended an invitation to all to attend their Mid-Year meeting on November 4th at Plymouth, Wisconsin.

She stated she attended the funeral of Comrade Wilcox at Ring, Wisconsin. His passing was a great loss to the State.

She also mentioned that she wrote the Governor of Wisconsin and asked him to proclaim November 19th as Dedication Day.

She welcomed all to attend her Memorial Encampment in June at Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Allis Dean, National President of Massachusetts, extended greetings of the National Organization to the Central Region Conference and in her talk she stated it was a very fine idea that the Auxiliary and Sons of the Central Legion hold their meetings jointly. She mentioned in the New England Regional, the Sons and Auxiliaries meet independently.

Regarding membership Sister Dean stated the National Vice President is sending out letters to the Department Vice Presidents and offering a prize of \$25.00 to the member with the most new members to her credit. Whether you organize an Auxiliary yourself, take them in to your Auxiliary, or if you get a new member in another Auxiliary, you may receive credit for those members.

She directed a few remarks to Brother Roy Lewis regarding his statement that we let down the bars of the organization as far as eligibility is concerned. Sister Dean felt that we had enough youth with the heritage needed that it would not be necessary to take in members without eligibility.

She explained the type of Hospital and Rehabilitation work that is being carried on in the New England States.

She also talked to the Sons and aided and abetted them in their work of telling the story "When the Boys in Blue are Gone".

She brought her very inspiring remarks to a close with the following prayer: "May God give us a Lincoln again to straighten out the world, to straighten out our America".

Commander-in-Chief, Roy J. Bennett, carried out his talk along the same lines as that of our National President, mainly membership and the continuance of the necessity of having direct heritage. He urged the delegates to look well into school life. See that there is a thorough education in the principles and history of the United States of America. He mentioned that we have five Comrades with us at the present time and they would shake their heads if they could see the condition the Sons of Union Veterans are in at the present time. He too, told Brother Lewis, that we still conserve our organization and our heritage without asking the help of outside organizations.

Richard J. Loeke, P.C. in C., Illinois, stated he came from a very fortunate generation. The first generation following the Civil War. The generation with which he is connected was far more fortunate than the young people of today. Because he grew up in the atmosphere of the Grand Army of the Republic. As he reached years of discretion, he began to realize that it was the grandest army in war and peace. That the greatest service performed by the Grand Army was not by putting down the rebellion of the 60's but by giving to the Country the only peace which was ever given to the United States with the exception of the Revolutionary period.

He also stated these Conferences were originally designed to bring together the members of the organization for the purpose of such discussions as have taken place this afternoon, but he was not entirely in accord with all the expressions that were given with reference to the descendants of the veterans of other wars. While we are very proud of our descendants of Civil War soldiers, we should not forget that with pride there goes responsibility. A responsibility and mode to keep alive the memory of our ancestors, not alone the sentiment but a civic duty to our Country which our father created.

After many protests from the delegates, Brother Roy Lewis did get up and said he felt that in order to put a little life in the meeting, he started this discussion, but he wanted the Conference to know that he was equally proud of his heritage and felt that we must not let down the barrier.

There was a discussion regarding sending the sum of \$25.00 to Arlington Home. Sister Dean, National President, informed the Conference that the home is closed temporarily and they could not accept money at the present time.

It was moved by Roy Lewis, seconded by Richard Locke, that the Central Region Conference set aside the sum of \$25.00 for Arlington Home, this sum to be held in abeyance until the Home functions again. Carried.

Brother Locke stated that we are too often inclined to have too many projects. He simply expressed this as his opinion....to have two principal projects. 1. The Regional G. C. R. Highway; 2. Juvenile Camps. To keep alive the Grand Army of the Republic and protection and care to the Highway itself. He stated the Grand Army Highway is now fully completed from Cape Cod to Long Beach and has been fully designated as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway through every State it passes.

It was moved by Mary Harrison, seconded by Richard J. Locke that we adopt the protection and care of G. C. R. Highway and Junior Organizations of Sons of Veterans as our projects. Carried.

Regarding the Trust Fund, Brother Locke stated he has nothing definite to report. He stated the resolution that members of the Sons be asked to establish a memorial in memory of a grand army man and contribute the sum of \$10.00 for that purpose has been under discussion for two or three years.

Evelyn Jung, N. S. of Wisconsin extended an invitation to hold their next meeting in the City of Milwaukee. This invitation was extended a little early, but Sister Jung stated she had to start for home Sunday morning.

A letter was read by the Secretary from the Chamber of Commerce, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, extending an invitation to the Conference to hold their 1952 meeting in Cedar Rapids.

It was moved by Nette Hanes, seconded by Mary Harrison, that we accept the invitation from Milwaukee to hold our 1952 Conference there. Carried.

Wilbur Hathaway, Iowa, announced that the National Heads and the Regional Commander are to visit the local radio station Sunday morning, 11:30 A. M. and broadcast over station K.S.Q., 10th and Grand - Farm Bureau Building. He also announced that the Photographer would be at the Conference at 4 o'clock.

The report of the nominating committee was presented on behalf of the Chairman, N. C. Loring, the other members, Homer Young and Nette Hanes having concurred. The committee recommended the following:

Regional Commander - Theodore H. Mohr, St. Louis
Senior Vice - D. C. Lovering, Illinois
Junior Vice - Lela Shugart, Indiana
Secretary - Ellinore Konrad, Wisconsin
Treasurer - Roy R. Lewis, Wisconsin
Chaplain - Ethel Jones, Iowa
Patriotic Instructor Louis Blair, Ohio

It was moved by Wilbur Hathaway, seconded by Evelyn Jung, that the nominating committee be deferred until Sunday morning, inasmuch as time was so short and the photographer was waiting for pictures. Carried.

Meeting recessed at 4:30 P. M.

The Banquet and Reception honoring Commander-in-Chief, Roy J. Bennett, and Phyllis Dean, National President, was held at the Elks Club, Saturday evening, October 20th. This was a very delightful and successful affair. Wilma Combs, P.N.P. was general chairman and with her assistants did a grand job. The Banquet was followed by a program and dancing.

Sunday morning, October 21st, 1951, the second session of the Central Legion Conference was called to order by the Regional Commander, Theodore H. Mohr, at 9:45 A. M. - Y. M. C. A. Hall, Des Moines, Iowa.

"America" was sung by the assembly.

A beautiful tribute was given to "Our Flag" by Sister Emma Mohr.

D. C. Lovering, acting Chaplain read a Scripture verse from the Bible in memory of those Sisters and Brothers of the Central Legion who had passed to the great beyond.

The report of the Auditing Committee was read by the Chairman, George A. Clark as follows:

We the Auditing Committee found the books of Roy R. Lewis in good condition with one exception...that the Regional Conference has been carrying on their books an additional \$15.00 which belonged to Brother Lewis.... a sum which had been advanced by him to pay the Court Reporter. The Auditing Committee instructed Brother Lewis to take out his \$15.00, leaving a balance of \$47.88.

It was moved by Norma Beaumont, seconded by Ethel Heilemann, that the report of the Auditing Committee be accepted. Carried.

The report of the nominating committee was again presented.

Theodore Mohr, Regional Commander, called for other nominations. There being none, Richard J. Locke directed the Secretary to cast one ballot for the election of the above nominees, and the Secretary having deposited such ballot, Brother Locke declared these nominees elected.

Margaret Horn, D. V. of Indiana, extended the greetings of her Department to the Conference and invited them to attend their Mid-Year meeting which is to be held January 12th and 13th, Lafayette, Indiana. She stated her project this year is the location and tabulation of all veterans graves. This information must be listed by Townships, cemetery name, cemetery lot number, name and military rank and affiliation of the veteran. She hoped to complete this work and have it bound in book form to place in the Archives at Indianapolis.

A general discussion followed regarding grave markings.

The salute to the flag was the next topic to be discussed.

Brother Mohr announced he heard over the radio that the pledge of allegiance must be given in every school room.

Brother Locke stated there are many fake pledges, some of them being used in the schools. Our pledge is being twisted and contorted and this is the result of the U. N. There is a great deal of work to be done in the schools.

The Regional Commander thanked the members of the committee for arranging these meetings and instructed the Secretary to write letters of appreciation to them, to the Elks Club and H. M. C. G.

The parting words of our National President was the best wishes in behalf of the New England Regional and she stated she was going to go back and tell them about the inspiring work that is going on in the Central Region.

Our Commander-in-Chief stated he hoped that he would be able to visit the five remaining Comrades and he feels that the Sons and Auxiliaries owe the Comrades a very great debt and we can strengthen their organization by increasing our membership.

It was moved by Leroy Reynolds, seconded by Richard J. Locke that we adopt a resolution endorsing the stand that General Douglas MacArthur has taken in behalf of the services he has rendered not only to the United States, but to the entire world. Carried.

It was moved by Norma Beaumont, seconded by Reva Samuelson, that we adjourn. Carried.

The meeting was closed at 11:15 A. M. so that our Regional Commander, Theodore H. Mohr, Commander-in-Chief, Roy J. Bennett, and National President, Phyllis Dean, could be taken to the broadcasting station to participate in the program which we all enjoyed listening to on the radios in our hotel rooms.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & S.,

Ellinore Konrad, Secretary
Central Region.

Report of Regional Treasurer

Receipts:

Balance on hand 10-1-50 - - - - -	\$ 42.25
Indiana back dues - 1950 - - - - -	5.00
Iowa " " - 1950 - - - - -	5.00
Delegates Fees - - - - -	14.00
Wisconsin Auxiliary dues - 1951 - - - - -	5.00
" @ Sons " - 1951 - - - - -	5.00
Ohio Auxiliary " - 1951 - - - - -	5.00
Minnesota Auxiliary " - 1951 - - - - -	5.00
Missouri Sons " - 1951 - - - - -	5.00
Illinois Sons " - 1951 - - - - -	5.00
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	\$96.25

Disbursements:

Expenses of Regional:	
Telegrams to Stead & Hubbard - - -	\$ 1.68
Franklin Hubbard's expense - - -	9.69
Long distance calls, etc. E. Konrad	10.00
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	21.37
Sisterly printing - Stationery	12.00
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	33.37
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	62.88
Deduction of R. Lewis personal check	15.00
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Balance on hand as of 10-21-51	\$47.88

November 26, 1951.

The following resolution was adopted on October 21, 1951, at the last meeting of the Central Region Conference:

"The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliaries are proud of the high standard of Americanism proclaimed and exhibited by General Douglas MacArthur in his long service to his Country reflecting as it does the high type of Citizenship exemplified by his father, Lieutenant General Arthur MacArthur, and trust this his service to our Country will long continue."

THEODORE H. MOHR, Commander

By _____ Secretary.

The Central Region Conference of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliaries, was held October 21 and 22, 1950, headquarters Kankakee Hotel, Kankakee, Illinois.

The first meeting was called to order at 2 P. M. Saturday October 21, by the Senior Vice Commander, Theodore H. Mohr of St. Louis, Mo. He instructed the Secretary, Ellinore Konrad of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to read a telegram received from the Regional Commander, Franklin S. Hubbard of Kenosha, Wisconsin. It is as follows:

"Regret cannot come accident wife. Carry on. Best wishes all."

The invocation was given by the Regional Chaplain, Ethel Jones of Des Moines, Iowa.

The assembly gave the salute to the Flag.

Roll was called by States and the following delegates from the various Departments responded:

Colorado and Wyoming - None
Illinois - 17
Indiana - 2
Iowa - 5
Kansas - None
Michigan - None
Minnesota - None
Missouri - 4
Nebraska - None
Wisconsin - 5

Roll call of Officers was then taken:

Commander	- - - - -	Franklin S. Hubbard	- Absent
Senior Vice Commander	-	Theodore H. Mohr	- - Present
Secretary	- - - - -	Ellinore Konrad	- - - Present
Treasurer	- - - - -	Roy R. Lewis	- - - Present
Chaplain	- - - - -	Ethel Jones	- - - Present
Patriotic Instructor	-	Crystal Powell	- - - Absent

The minutes of the last Central Region Conference held in Decatur, Illinois, October 15 and 16, 1949, were read and approved as corrected.

The following communications from those unable to be present were read and placed on file:

Commander-in-Chief	- - - - -	Cleon E. Heald
National President	- - - - -	Lela B. Shugart
National Counselor	- - - - -	Emma S. Finch
Past National President	- - -	Minnie E. Groth
Past National President	- - -	Eva B. Blackman
Department Secretary to G.A.R.	James A. Blackman	

Dept. President Wisconsin - - Mary A. Harrison
Dept. President Minnesota - - Millie Robinson
Dept. Vice Pres. Illinois - - Ethel C. Heilman
Dept. Commander Wisconsin - - Peter Fields
Dept. Commander Kansas - - William H. Dix
Past Dept. Com. Illinois - - Phil Byron
Past Dept. Com. Missouri - - Herman C. Balsiger
Past Dept. Com. Indiana - - Hugh Snider
Past Dept. Pres. Indiana - - Edith Snider.

The General Outline of Program for 1950-51 from the Commander-in-Chief, Cleon E. Heald, was read by the Secretary. There then followed a discussion on each section of the program submitted without formal action.

Department President, Leona Jones of Indiana, extended an invitation to all those attending the Conference to attend the reception honoring our National President, Lela B. Shugart, Saturday evening, the twenty-eighth of October, 1950, 8 o'clock, Spencer Hotel, Marion, Indiana.

The report of the Regional Commander, Franklin S. Hubbard, was read by the Secretary and accepted; and the recommendations contained therein were discussed.

It was suggested by Wilbur Hathaway, P.D.C. that the Region be divided into districts as follows:

Colorado & Wyoming	Wisconsin	Michigan
Nebraska	Illinois	Indiana
Kansas	Iowa	Ohio
Missouri	Minnesota	

After a lengthy discussion regarding sub-dividing the Region into districts, Richard F. Locke, P.C.in C. informed the Conference that in an organization such as this, which has no constitution or by-laws, and whose existence was by action of the Commandery-in-Chief, the implied power of the order for which the Region was created would be vested in the Regional Commander, if his actions are not contrary to the Commandery-in-Chief.

It was moved by Wilbur Hathaway, P.D.C. that the incoming Regional Commander sub-divide the Region into Districts and they in turn hold district meetings at intervals throughout the year and report their progress to the Regional Commander by correspondence or meetings. Seconded by Allan Holbrook, P.C.in C. and carried.

Theodore Mohr, S.V.C. then called for a discussion regarding recognition of the Region by the National body.

Richard F. Locke, P.C. in C. informed the Conference that only two of the four Regions are functioning at the present time. He feels it is very important that a report be submitted to the National

from the Central Region. This report is to come from the Regional Commander.

It was moved by Allan Holbrook, P.C.in C. that the incoming Regional Commander appoint a Committee on "Program and Policy". Seconded by Roy Lewis, R.T. and carried.

It was moved by Wilbur Hathaway, P.D.C., seconded by Norma Beaumont, P.P. that the recommendations in Brother Hubbard's report be adopted. Carried.

Allan Holbrook, P.C.in C. announced that tonight in Keene, New Hampshire, a reception is being held for our Commander-in-Chief. It was moved by Brother Holbrook, seconded by Richard F. Locke, P.C.in C. that the Secretary be instructed to send a telegram to Cleon E. Heald containing the heartiest greetings from the Central Region. Carried.

The report of Roy R. Lewis, Regional Treasurer, was read and accepted. The amount on hand as of October 1, 1950 is \$42.25. A full and complete report is attached to these minutes.

Mrs. Phil Byron announced the plans for dinner. It was to be served in the main dining room and everyone to order as they wished. She also stated the Kankakee Auxiliary arranged a program after dinner.

A letter from Ruth Elaine Phillips, Court Reporter who took the minutes of the 1949 Conference, was read. In it she stated there is a balance on her books against our Organization in the amount of \$20.30.

Wilbur Hathaway, P.D.C. stated he arranged with Mrs. Phillips for her services. She was paid \$15.00 for taking the minutes and she was to be paid a nominal fee when the minutes were condensed and mimeographed. Inasmuch as the work was never completed, he questioned the balance.

It was moved by Allan Holbrook, P.C.in C. and seconded by A. Leroy Reynolds, that the Secretary be instructed to write Mrs. Phillips and have her clarify this situation. Carried.

The following were appointed on the Nominating Committee:

A. Leroy Reynolds, D. C. of Illinois
Wilbur Hathaway, P.D.C. of Iowa
Norma Beaumont, P.P. Wisconsin.

The following were appointed on the Auditing Committee:

Ethel Jones, P.D.P. Iowa
Ellinore Konrad, N. C. Wisconsin
Hattie Reynolds, D. C. Illinois

Richard F. Locke, P.C.in C. reported on the G. A. R. Highway. He stated it was still functioning and he was asked to write to Governor

Lee of Utah to sign the bill. Governor Lee did so at once and Brother Locke received a very fine letter from Governor Lee stating it pleased him very much to sign the bill and never had he signed anything that gave him so much satisfaction.

The Department Presidents and Department Commanders were called upon to report the activities or problems in their respective Departments.

A. Leroy Reynolds, D.C. reported that one problem facing the Department of Illinois is placing, or storing for the time being, the G. A. R. records, trophies and relics. He stated that James Blackman is Secretary to the G. A. R. and Cora Gillis asked him to take care of the material. This was discussed at length and many suggestions were offered such as storing them temporarily in the Court House, Public Library, etc.

Membership was then brought up for discussion. Theodore H. Mohr told the Conference that in St. Louis they have three camps; dues are \$5.00 a year and instead of a receipt, membership cards are printed. Instead of meeting monthly, they meet four times a year and each meeting is a dinner meeting. They are very successful and most of the members turn out because it is an incentive.

Hattie Reynolds, D.C. told the Conference she organized an Auxiliary in Decatur and seventy members signed the Charter.

Junior Camps were then discussed. Roy J. Bennett announced that he organized a Junior Camp in Des Moines, Iowa, with the help of Ethel Jones, known as the "Roy J. Bennett Camp of Junior Grandsons". They are all direct descendants of Union Veterans, ranging in age from seven to fifteen years of age. They are self-supporting and take the part the Sons teach them. They are being prepared to step in rank when the Sons are gone. He asked whether the Regional had the power to endorse this movement in order to get some recognition from the National. Brother Bennett was assured that if he would prepare a resolution the Region would submit it to the National for consideration.

A letter from P.C.in C. John H. Runkel was read by the Secretary regarding his trip to Los Angeles, September 3, 1950. In it he stated he extended the greetings to the three Sister Organizations and delivered to each of the organizations the invitation as extended by the Columbus Chamber of Commerce to meet in Columbus, Ohio, the following year. The Allied Heads agreed to meet in Columbus sometime in the near future to see if something could be worked out in harmony in order that the five organizations could meet together.

Richard F. Locke reported that the Sons are about to make formal application for a Congressional Charter. He stated as incorporators they wanted members of our organization hold positions of responsibility. As they now have them, they are in a position to make formal application to Congress.

Richard F. Locke was also asked to speak on the Trust Fund. He stated it was discussed at National but no definite action was taken.

It was moved by Wilbur Hathaway that the Secretary be instructed to send a wire to Franklin S. Hubbard regretting his inability to attend this very fine meeting and wishing his wife well. It was seconded by Richard F. Locke and carried.

Theodore H. Mohr requested the delegates to register. He asked for a registration fee of 50¢ to defray expenses.

Meeting recessed until 9 o'clock Sunday morning.

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After having dinner in the main dining room of the Kankakee Hotel, the members of the Conference went back to the meeting room on the mezzanine floor. The Mayor of Kankakee was there and gave an address of welcome. The Literary Guild then put on a few short plays. They also furnished piano and accordian solos as well as vocal solos. After the entertainment the National Officers were called upon to speak. The entire program planned by the Committee was most delightful and enjoyed by all.

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Sunday morning, October 22, 1950, the second session of the Central Region Conference was called to order by the Senior Vice Commander, Theodore H. Mohr, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Ethel Jones, Regional Chaplain offered prayer.

"America" was sung by the assembly, also the Salute to the Flag.

Wilbur Hathaway extended an invitation to hold the next Regional meeting in Des Moines, Iowa.

It was moved by Norma Beaumont, that we accept the invitation of Brother Hathaway to hold our 1951 Regional Conference in Des Moines, Iowa. This was seconded by A. Leroy Reynolds and carried.

Bills were read by the Secretary:

\$ 1.30 - Telegram to Keene, New Hampshire
.76 - Telegram to Kenosha, Wisconsin
9.69 - Postage and traveling expense - Franklin S. Hubbard, Regional Commander.

It was moved by Wilbur Hathaway that these bills be allowed. / Seconded by Ethel Jones and carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Theo. Mohr, that the Secretary be instructed to write a letter of appreciation to Mr. & Mrs. Phil Byron and Committee, thanking them for their efforts in making the Conference a success. The entertainment in the evening also showed much work and fine management for the entire week end. This was seconded by Richard F. Locke and carried.

A. LeRoy Reynolds, D. C. stated that they want to continue to keep the Illinois Memorial alive and he wants to Regional to help all it can.

Leona Jones, D. P. extended an invitation to all to attend the Indiana Mid-Winter Encampment to be held in Muncie, January 13th and 14th, 1951.

Ethel Jones, P.D.P. extended an invitation to attend their Mid-Year meeting October 28th and 29th, 1950, Waterloo, Iowa.

Ellinore Konrad extended an invitation, in behalf of her Department President, Mary A. Harrison, to attend Wisconsin's Mid-Year Conference November 19th in Milwaukee.

The report of the nominating committee was presented on behalf of the Chairman, A. Leroy Reynolds, the other members, Wilbur F. Hathaway and Norma Beaumont having concurred. The committee recommended the following:

Regional Commander - - - Theo. H. Mohr, St. Louis, Mo.
Sr. Vice Commander - - - Chester Charter, Minneapolis, Minn.
Jr. Vice Commander - - - Leona Jones, Indianapolis, Ind.
Secretary - - - - - Ellinore Konrad, Milwaukee, Wis.
Treasurer - - - - - Roy R. Lewis, Milwaukee, Wis.
Chaplain - - - - - C. E. Pennington, Decatur, Ill.
Patriotic Instructor - - C. B. Martin, Newton, Kansas.

On the suggestion of Richard F. Locke, the Secretary was directed to cast one ballot for the election of the above nominees, and the Secretary having deposited such ballot, Richard F. Locke declared these nominees elected.

The Secretary read the following resolution signed by Mrs. Ethel Jones and Mr. Roy J. Bennett:

"We, the members of this Region, endorse the movement originated at Des Moines, Iowa, on March 6, 1949, in forming a Junior Grandsons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, to build a living monument to the memory of the Boys who wore the Blue and fought to preserve this Union.

Whereas, we of this Conference petition our National Body to appoint a Committee to draft a charter and

ritual to be used by this organization and set up By-Laws and a governing body to further the work of the Junior Grandsons of the Civil War."

It was moved by Wilbur Hathaway, that this resolution be adopted. Seconded by Richard F. Locke and unanimously carried.

The report of the Auditing Committee was read by the Chairman, Ethel Jones. It was moved by A. Leroy Reynolds, that this report be accepted. Seconded by Allan Holbrook and carried.

Roy Lewis, Treasurer, reminded the Departments at the Conference that the dues for the year are \$5.00.

It was moved by Norma Beaumont that the sum of \$10.00 be paid to Ellinore Konrad to reimburse her for long distance calls to Des Moines, Iowa, Decatur, Illinois, and a trip to Kenosha, Wisconsin, the day before the Regional meeting. Seconded by Richard F. Locke and carried.

There being no further business to come before the Conference, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 A. M. Sunday, October 22nd, with the singing of "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again".

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

ELLINORE KONRAD, Secretary
Central Region.

REPORT OF REGIONAL TREASURER

RECEIPTS:

October 1949 Balance on Hand - - -	\$122.20
1949 Dues - Illinois Sons - - - -	5.00
" " Missouri Sons - - - -	5.00
" " Wisconsin Auxiliary - - - -	5.00
" " Wisconsin Sons - - - -	5.00
" " Michigan Sons - - - -	5.00
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Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	\$147.20

DISBURSEMENTS:

Ruth Elaine Phillips - - - - -	\$ 15.00
Wilbur Hathaway - - - - -	9.77
St. Nicholas Hotel-dinners ordered	51.60
Sisley Printing - Stationery - - -	12.50
E. Konrad - Postage - - - - -	3.21
Service charge - Bank - - - - -	12.87
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Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	104.95
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Balance - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	\$ 42.25

RECEIPTS:

October 1, 1950 Balance on Hand - - -	-42.25
Delegates Fees - - - - - - - - - -	14.00
1950 Dues - Indiana - - - - -	5.00
" - Iowa - - - - -	5.00
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Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	66.25

DISBURSEMENTS:

Postage, Traveling, F.S.Hubbard - -	9.69
Long Dist. 'phone calls & trip to Kenosha, Wis. - - - - -	10.00
Telegrams - Keene, N.H. & Kenosha, -	2.06
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Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	21.75
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Balance on hand January 1, 1951 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - \$44.50

Respectfully submitted,

ROY R. LEWIS, Treasurer
Central Region.

The convention of the Central Division of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was called to order by Commander W. F. Hathaway at 2:20 P. M., in the Ball Room of the St. Nicholas Hotel in Decatur, Illinois, on Saturday, October 15, 1949.

All in attendance joined together in prayer, led by the Regional Chaplain, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

Mr. C. E. Pennington, Commander of the local camp, gave an Address of Welcome, also presenting a floral centerpiece from he and Mrs. Pennington for the speaker's table.

The roll was called by States, and the following states were represented:

Indiana	4
Illinois	19
Wisconsin	6
Iowa	5

Delegates were expected in at a later time from Minnesota, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado.

Commander Hathaway announced the plans for the banquet to be held at 6:30 P. M. Saturday evening, the price of the banquet tickets to be \$3.00.

Commander Hathaway called for the Reading of Communications. Communications were received from the National President, Mrs. E. Tucker; Commander-in-Chief, John Rockwell; Sr. Vice-Commander of the Region, Theo. H. Moore; and from Michael G. Heinz of Ohio.

The next order of business was the reports from the different departments, the auxiliaries reporting first, as follows:

Hanna Krasher, of the Indiana Department (President)
Lelah Sugar, National Chief of Staff
Past Department President, Powell
Past Department President Van Ausdal
Mrs. Gable, of Illinois
Regional Chairman of Iowa, Mrs. Jones
Brother Reynolds of Illinois
Brother Franklin Hubbard of Wisconsin
Brother Hathaway of Iowa

The departments reported of the progress made during the past year and of the increase in memberships and new camps.

A report of the Indianapolis Conference was given, followed by an open discussion from the floor.

Highlights of the convention of the Sons was given by Commander Hathaway in which he discussed at great length of the passing of the G.A.R.

Brother Lock, Chairman of the Resolution Committee, gave a short talk regarding the passing of the GAR.

(Excerpts from Brother Lock's testimony)

.... "I regret hearing so much about the passing of the GAR. I don't believe in talking that way. We hear a great deal about the United States of America and what they should do now to save the world from Communism, and perhaps, even from oblivion. We should only follow the precepts which we learned from our forefathers in order to point the way to the things which should be done in the present day and age.

We hear talk about the 40, 35, or 30 hour week. Don't you realize that America wasn't built on a forty-hour week? We hear talk about plowing under crops and the like. If there is any sense in it I haven't sufficient comprehension to realize it.

I have said this before and many of you have heard me say it ----- that the Civil War was purely a family scrap. It was settled two or three generations ago and the real true southern realizes and will tell you today that it was settled right. One of the results of the war was the extinction of slavery, and there was no material difference of opinion between the people of the north and of the south ----- they had the same family traditions and they had the same national traditions. They are substantially one race.

However, there was a long period of time when the north was against the south and when the south was against the north.

I was made chairman of the Committee on Resolutions of the Indiana encampment and was anxious to learn the attitudes of the camp regarding certain resolutions which were to be passed or brought up.....and it is only through the people who believe in American ideals which will save this country of ours in substantially the same way as our forefathers did."

Brother Hubbard was called upon for a report of his activities.

(Excerpts from Brother Hubbard's testimony.)

..."I have enjoyed working in my job during this last year. The work is very interesting.

.... "the National GAR fund is to be continued, and it was voted upon at the Indiana Encampment. You folks all know what that fund is used for. It is used to assist the GAR in obtaining some of the comforts that they might not otherwise be able to receive in their advanced age. Part of the fund this year is to be used for the Arlington Home and for the Lincoln Memorial in Tennessee....."

Brother Hubbard spoke of his work in the Banner and of the assistance which he had received from the various departments.

He also mentioned the fact that many donations had been received and of the amounts turned in from the various States.

....."a registration fee of \$2.00 per member for the Encampment of the Commander-in-Chief was adopted, and we have already applied for a Congressional charter for our organization."

Q. How much of the GAR fund is allotted to the Tennessee group and how much to the Arlington Home?

A. (By Brother Hathaway) I made a statement that a portion of the fund was to be used this year, but I can't say just how much will be taken out of that fund. I believe \$50.00 was to go to the Arlington Home. Can anyone explain about the Tennessee set-up?

BROTHER LOCK: I think the matter was left in the hands of the Commander-in-Chief, the National Secretary, and the Council-in-Chief. They are to look into the matter and they have been given the authority to act.

Brother Hathaway announced that the delegates would then hear of the "passing of the GAR".

(Excerpts from Brother Hathaway's testimony.)

....."They will be with us as long as they are able to travel and to come, but they will not transact any business. I had hoped to have someone here who had witnessed their meeting, but they are not here and I will depend on some of you here who did attend the Campfire."

Following a discussion from the floor, Brother Hathaway then reported on the GAR Campfire.

....."The idea of the GAR passing out is a mighty bad one.

The next order of business was the reading of the minutes of the last convention by the secretary. There being no objections, the minutes were approved as read.

The Treasure's report was read. A balance of \$122.10 was reported on hand and said report was approved as read.

Brother Hathaway mentioned the fact that the GAR was organized in a room on the second floor at 253 S. Park Street in Decatur, Illinois. All members were urged to view the plaque which still exists.

Brother Reynolds of Decatur reported on the first meeting of the GAR...., stating the post was organized in 1882, with thirteen members present.

At this time an adjournment was taken to Sunday, October 16, 1949.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1949

Commander Hathaway read additional communications which had been received since the Saturday session.

A discussion was had upon "Memorials", and the various departments reported of the progress made in their own department.

Commander Linn Cannon of Decatur then gave a brief talk.

A discussion was held upon the resolution now passed by the organization for a national memorial for the memory of the GAR.

Commander Hathaway then stated that to expedite matters he would appoint a committee to make a study of the nomination of officers for the coming year, further stating that this committee would not elect the officers but would submit a list of names. For the auxiliary, Mrs. Jones of Iowa and Mrs. Kreischner of Indiana was appointed.

Commander Hathaway reported on his trip throughout the South. An open discussion was then had from the floor.

An announcement was made that the Program and Policy Committee would meet in the near future.

Charles E. Lee of Decatur gave a brief talk to the group.

Eleanor Konrad gave a report of the Program & Policy Committee of the Regional Association.

A discussion was had relative to the Banner receiving more publicity in order to stimulate interest.

An additional report was given by the treasurer, indicating the balance on hand at this time to be \$188.10.

A discussion was had concerning the payment of dues by each department.

A motion was made and duly seconded that the next annual meeting be held in Kankakee, Illinois.

Election of officers was then had, reading as follows:

SECRETARY
ELLINORE KONRAD
7817 STICKNEY AVE.
MILWAUKEE 13, WISCONSIN

TREASURER
RAY ALLEN
2183 N. 45TH STREET
MILWAUKEE 8, WISCONSIN

COMMANDER
FRANKLIN S. HUBBARD
5020 18TH AVENUE
KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER
THEO. H. MOHR
3907 ASHLAND AVENUE
ST. LOUIS 7, MISSOURI

CHAPLAIN
ETHEL JONES
2925 SECOND AVENUE
DES MOINES, IOWA

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR
CRYSTAL POWELL
133 E. 19TH STREET
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

MINUTES - CENTRAL REGION

The Regional Conference of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliary was held October 16 and 17, 1948, in room 255 of the Wisconsin Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The meeting was called to order by the Regional President, Wilbur F. Hathaway of Des Moines, Iowa.

Prayer was offered by Franklin S. Hubbard, Department Commander of Wisconsin.

The assembly gave the salute to the flag.

Roll was called and the following representatives from the various Departments responded:

Colorado and Wyoming - None
Illinois - 5 sons - 4 Aux. members
Indiana - 1 son and 2 Aux. members
Iowa - 1 son - 2 Aux. members
Kansas - None
Michigan - 2 sons - 2 Aux. members
Minnesota - 3 sons - 1 Aux. member
Missouri - 1 son
Nebraska - None
Ohio - None
Wisconsin - 14 sons - 22 Aux. members.

The following Officers answered to roll call:

President - - Wilbur F. Hathaway, D. C. Iowa
Vice " - - Hugh Snider, P.D.C. Indiana
Secretary - - Kittie Pillsbury, P.D.P. Wisconsin
Treasurer - - Roy R. Lewis, P.D.C. Wisconsin
Chaplain - - Ethel Jones, P.D.P. Iowa
Patriotic Instructor - Edith Snider, Indiana.

A motion was made by Richard Locke, P.N.C. Illinois, that Ellinore Konrad, P.D.P. of Wisconsin, record the minutes of this meeting. It was seconded by Hugh Snider, P.D.C. of Indiana and five sisters of Wisconsin. Carried.

The minutes of the last Regional Meeting held at Iowa City, Iowa, September 27 and 28, 1947, were read and approved as corrected.

Communications from those unable to be present were read and filed.

Nat'l President, Lena G. Barrett of California
Eva B. Blackman, P. N. P. Illinois
Gertrude Beachler, P. D. P. Illinois
Anna Patterson, D. P. Ohio.

The question arose as to the name of the Regional Conference. After a lengthy discussion, the Regional President appointed the following committee to settle the dispute:

Ted Mohr, Missouri
Richard Locke, P.N.C. Illinois
Dewey Mead, P.D.C. Minnesota

The following Committee was appointed on Resolutions:

Dr. J. O. Smith, P.D.C. Wisconsin
Crystal Powell, D. P. Indiana
A. LeRoy Reynolds, D.C. Illinois
Alice Paine, P.D.P. Minnesota
Ethel Jones, P.D.P. Iowa.

The following were appointed on the Finance Committee:

Chester Hubbard, D.J.V.C. Wisconsin
Crystal Powell, D. P. Indiana
A. D. Rhinesmith, Illinois.

The following were appointed on the Nominating Committee:

Chester Hubbard, D.J.V.C. Wisconsin
A. LeRoy Reynolds, D.C. Illinois
Ethel Jones, P.D.P. Iowa.

Roy Lewis, P. D. C. of Wisconsin read the Treasurer's Report and also the report of Gertrude Beachler, Chairman for Arlington Home. This report included the pledges made by the various Departments for Arlington Hom, our project. On a motion by Dr. Smith, Wisconsin, seconded by Hugh Snider, Indiana, it was voted to accept both Reports as read.
Carried.

Richard Locke, P.N.C. Illinois spoke at length regarding the National Encampment, held at Grand Rapids, Michigan, September 26-30, 1948. He was happy to report that the Central Region came home with the honors. The following Sons were elected to National Offices:

National Commander - Perle L. Fouch, Michigan
Sr. Vice Commander - Roy Bennett, Iowa
Council Member - - - George Bailey, Minnesota
Patriotic Instructor - Franklin S. Hubbard, Wisconsin.

Mr. Locke also gave a very complete report on the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. He reported favorably on the States through which it passes, inasmuch as he made an inspection from Iowa City East to New York.

The Report on Grave Markings was read by the Chairman, Dr. J. O. Smith of Wisconsin. A discussion followed the reading of this report.

Brother Henry Goldsmith, P. D. C. of Wisconsin was called upon, inasmuch as he has been a Son for over 65 years. He welcomed the members to th City of Milwaukee and told them he takes great pride in wearing his 65 year badge.

Commander-in-Chief Perle L. Fouch was introduced and he gave an interesting talk on the activities of this Organization. He mentioned our interest in Grave Markings. He also reminded the members present that we hold Department Encampments and not Conventions.

The Commander-in-Chief's wife, Mrs. Fouch, was also introduced
Meeting recessed until Sunday Morning at 9 o'clock A. M

Saturday evening at 6:30 P. M., a Banquet was held at the Wisconsin Hotel for the Regional Officers. This delightful affair was planned by the Chairman on Arrangements, Ellinore Konrad, P.D.P. and her Committee. They left no doubt in anyones mind that they were in the State of Wisconsin. The State flower, Violets, graced the tables as well as the State Animal, Badgers. A souvenir of PABST BLUE RIBBON was given to each guest. A very nice program followed and was enjoyed by all. 75 attended.

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The second session of the Regional Conference was called to order at 9:30 A. M. Sunday morning, by the Regional President, Wilbur F. Hathaway.

He announced that our Commander-in-Chief, Perle L. Fouch and wife left for Michigan early in the morning, but met with an accident 45 miles from Milwaukee. Richard Locke and A. LeRoy Reynolds drove to the scene of the accident and would be at the meeting later in the morning.

The sitting Department Presidents and Commanders were called upon to report the activities in their respective Departments. The efforts and results of their gifts and donations to Hospitals, etc., were very gratifying. They also spoke of the increase in membership of both Sons and Auxiliaries.

Amy Noll, D. S. of G. A. R. of Iowa spoke at length on the resolution that was passed regarding the last encampment. She informed the members that it does not mean they are disbanding. The G. A. R. does not disband until the last Grand Army man is gone. She also stated there is some question that it may be brought up again and they may wish to have it carried on.

Franklin S. Hubbard, D. C. of Wisconsin gave an interesting talk on how the American Flag should be displayed in Churches. He quoted Public Law 829-77th Congress-Chapter 806-2d Session-H.J.Res. 359:

"But when the flag is displayed from a staff in a church or public auditorium elsewhere than in the chancel or on the platform it shall be placed in the position of honor at the right of the congregation or audience as they face the chancel or platform. Any other flag so displayed should be placed on the left of the congregation or audience as they face the chancel or platform."

Crystal Powell, D. P. of Indiana announced that the National Encampment was to be held at Indianapolis, Indiana, beginning August 28, 1949, and extended an invitation to all.

Helen McGowan, N.T. Wisconsin, also gave a resume' of the Nat'l Encampment held at Grand Rapids. She reported the following Sisters were elected to office from the Central Region:

National Council - Clementine Vanasdal, Indiana
Patriotic Instructor - Bertha Longfield, Minnesota
National Chaplain - Marie Ineddera, Michigan
Nat'l Special Aide - Sadie Dix, Kansas
Nat'l Parliamentarian - Eva Blackman, Illinois
Nat'l Press Correspondent - Jean Thole, Illinois
National Secretary - Hellen Newbright, Ohio
National Treasurer - Helen McGowan, Wisconsin.

Brother Franklin S. Hubbard, Chairman of Committee on Program and Policy read his report. The following ideas and suggestions were submitted by this Committee: 1. Publicity; 2. Co-operation; 3. Correspondence; 4. Membership at Large; 5. National G. A. R. Fund; 6. Dedication Day; 7. Trophy. The recommendation on number seven is as follows:

"A trophy to be known as the Albert Belding Hubbard Memorial Trophy has been offered to the Region by his grandson, Chester Seymour Hubbard, Jr. Vice Department Commander of Wisconsin.

Your committee recommends that this trophy be accepted with thanks by our Regional Association and that it be used to stimulate a healthy rivalry between the Department of this Region in securing new or re-instated members.

We also recommend that the Department securing the largest number of such members be permitted to hold this trophy for a period of approximately one year or from one Annual meeting to the next Annual meeting. The contest to begin with the quarter during which the Regional meeting is held and ending with the quarterly report immediately preceding the Annual meeting."

A motion was made by Ted Mohr of Missouri, seconded by Hugh Snider of Indiana, that the report of Program and Policy be accepted as read.

Chester Hubbard, D.J.V.C. of Wisconsin presented the Albert Belding Hubbard Memorial Trophy to the Region. It was accepted with thanks by Hugh Snider of Indiana.

The Chairman on Resolutions, Alice Payne, P.D.P. of Minnesota, read her report. A motion was made that the Resolutions be adopted and it was carried.

Bills were read. On a motion by Chester Hubbard seconded by Hugh Snider it was voted that the bills be allowed. Carried.

Richard Locke, P.N.C. Illinois returned to the meeting to report on the accident of the Commander-in-Chief, Perle L. Fouch and wife. It was not serious, although they sustained multiple bruises and both were suffering from shock.

Roy R. Lewis, P.D.C. Wisconsin made a motion that the sum of \$5.00 be assessed the Departments, both Sons and Auxiliaries, as dues each year to the Region. This motion was seconded by Crystal Powell, D. P. Indiana and carried.

Ted Mohr, Missouri read the majority report on the naming of the Region. The minority report was read by Dewey Meade, P.D.C. Minnesota. The discussion called for a rising vote. The majority report was adopted and the name of the Conference is THE CENTRAL REGION.

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Chester Hubbard, D.J.V.C. Wisconsin, made his report as follows:

President -- Wilbur F. Hathaway, Iowa
Sr. Vice -- Theo. H. Mohr, Missouri
Jr. Vice -- Alice Payne, Minnesota
Secretary -- Ellinore Konrad, Wisconsin

Treasurer -- Roy Lewis, Wisconsin
Chaplain -- Ethel Jones, Iowa
Pat. Inst. -- Edith Snider, Indiana.

These Officers were unanimously elected.

There being no further business to come before the Conference, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 P. M., Sunday, October 17, 1948.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

ELLINORE KONRAD, Secretary

Central Region.

An invitation was extended by the Department Commander of Illinois, to hold the next regular Regional meeting at Decatur, Illinois, and it was accepted.

REPORT OF THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI VALLEY REGIONAL ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the Upper Mississippi Valley Regional Association of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its Auxiliary was held on Sunday October 13, 1946, at Madison, Wisconsin, in the Eagle's Memorial Hall.

In the absence (due to illness) of the Regional President, E. Baxter Travis, Edward G. Kaestner, Vice President, called the meeting to order, followed by prayer by Gladys Davis, Indiana, after which the pledge of allegiance to the flag was given.

The meeting was then formally open for business. Roll was called, which found the following representatives from the various departments:

Minnesota 5, Wisconsin 33, Illinois 18, Iowa 5, Indiana 4.

The following officers answered to roll call:

Regional Vice Pres.	Edward G. Kaestner, P.D.C. Wis.
Regional Secretary	Kittie Pillsbury, P.D.P. Wis.
Regional Treasurer	Roy R. Lewis, P.D.C. Wis.
Regional President	E. Baxter Travis, Ill., absent
Regional Chaplain	Clymene Curtis, Wis. absent

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as corrected.

Brother Dewey Mead, Minn., was called upon and spoke at length of the earlier years of the Regional Association, and of our project, the Arlington Home for Boys, located at Des Moines, Iowa.

Illinois, represented by Dept. Pres. Gertrude Beachler and E. Ray Reynolds, Jr. Vice Dept. Com.

Wisconsin, represented by Dept. Pres. Ellinore Konrad and Dept. Com. James O. Smith.

Indiana, represented by Dept. Pres. Agnes Boerger and P.D.C. Hugh Snider, representing Dept. Com. Clarence Bargendale.

Iowa, represented by Effie Duston representing the Dept. Pres. Zella Russell and P.D.C. Wilbur F. Hathaway representing Dept. Com. D. J. Hawe.

Minnesota, represented by Dept. Pres. Alice Payne and Dept. Com. Chester L. Charter.

National Representatives.

P.D.P. Helen Mc Gowan represented the National Pres. and Sr. Vice C. in Chief Roy R. Lewis represented the C. in C., who due to serious illness was unable to attend.

There being no unfinished business on our records we proceeded to take up new business. Sister Helen Mc Gowan, Madison, announced that members present would be served promptly at 12:30 at a nearby cafeteria on Monona Avenue.

Communications from those unable to be present were read and filed.

Nat'l. Pres. Edna L. Lambert, Trenton, N.J., C. in Com. Neil D. Cranmer, Elmira, N.Y.

Dept. Com. Geo. A. Clark, Iowa.

Regional Pres. E. Baxter Travis, Illinois.

Motion made and seconded and carried that the Secy. be instructed to send letters of regret at their inability to attend.

Sr. Vice C. in C. Roy Lewis ably represented our Com. in Chief, thanked the members for their support and co-operation in helping to make our meeting a success and brought the good wishes of his Commander in Chief, and spoke of his interest in the Arlington Home for Boys and asked that a collection be taken to send to the Home.

P. D. P. Helen Mc Gowan welcomed the members to Madison and brought the greetings and best wishes of our Nat'l. Pres. Edna L. Lambert.

Brother Roy Lewis was then given the floor and spoke regarding the object of our meeting and suggested that the present Upper Mississippi Regional Valley Association expand to include the outlaying states of Col., Wyoming, Neb., and Ohio.

Past Com. in Chief Richard Locke spoke at length and said that enlarging the Regional group to extend over so great a territory, would not only change the entire plan of the C. in C., who in 1934 suggested the groups, but would also defeat the purpose for which we are organized.

Considerable discussion followed and it was finally decided that we'd grow and be a credit to the Organization, and then if our group were unable to carry on, they in time would be the ones to ask for admission to the Upper Mississippi Valley Regional Association.

A motion was made at this time by Sister Helen Mc Gowan and seconded that the minutes of this meeting be sent to the five Dept. Commanders and Dept. Pres. Motion Bro. Charter and seconded by several that the motion be amended to include "and be read at the Dept. Convention, and in those Depts. we are interested in having join us." Seconded by Bro. Ed Biering. Motion carried.

Motion P. N. P. Eva Blackman, seconded by P. D. C. Dewey Mead that we send the sum of twenty-five dollars to the Arlington Home for Boys. Carried.

Motion Sister D. P. Eleta Cook, Illinois, that the Secretary be instructed to send a letter to the Nat'l. Pres. Edna L. Lambert, with regrets at her inability to attend our meeting, also letters of thanks and appreciation to the Madison Auxiliary, our hostesses, Sister Helen Mc Gowan for her untiring efforts in securing rooms for over-night guests and the fine luncheon served us at noon and in the evening at the G. A. R. Memorial Hall on Saturday, also the arrangements for Sunday dinner and the enjoyable Saturday evening spent at her home. Motion P. N. P. Minnie Groth that a rising vote of thanks be given P. D. P. Helen Mc Gowan and her committee on arrangements. Seconded and carried.

Motion P. D. P. Notte Hayes, seconded by Gertrude Hammond, that the sum of two dollars be donated to the Eagle's Memorial for use of same. Carried.

Brother Charter was called upon and gave an interesting talk regarding our activities, after which he made a motion to advance our meeting from the second Sunday in October to the first Saturday and Sunday in August. Seconded by Dewey Mead. Carried.

Dept. Com. James Smith, Wisconsin, thanked the out-of-town and out-of-state guests for being present and offered suggestions to increase interest and membership.

Election of Officers followed.

Reg. Pres. Wilbur F. Hathaway, 112-11th St., Des Moines, Iowa.
Reg. Vice Pres., Hugh Snider, Selma, Indiana.
Reg. Sec'y., Kittie Pillsbury, 2111 N. 41st St., Milwaukee 8, Wis.
Reg. Treas., Roy R. Lewis, 2163 No. 36th St., Milwaukee 8, Wis.
Reg. Chaplain, Gladys Davis, 39 Leonard St., Elgin, Ill.
Reg. Patriotic Instr., Agnes Boerger (Dept. Pres.) Fort Wayne, Ind.
These officers were installed by P. D. C. Dewey Mead of Minneapolis.

Bro. Mead announced that if given the list of names of officers and addresses that he would furnish the Regional Assn., with stationary. Bro. Mead given a rising vote of thanks.

Sister Boerger suggested that we go home with the firm determination to pledge ourselves a new member. Motion by Roy Lewis, seconded by several, that we have a "Get Together" at Nat'l. Convention. Carried.

Dept. Pres. Ellinore Konrad, Wisconsin, invited the Regional Association to attend Veteran's Night on November 16 in Milwaukee.

The meeting then adjourned after voting Peoria, Illinois the next annual meeting.

The Report of the Treasurer is as follows:

Receipts for 1943

Balance on hand-----	\$ 3.80
Janitors Fees-----	<u>2.00</u>
Balance on hand Oct. 13, 1946	\$ 1.80

Collected from Delegates-----	32.50
(65 at .50 each)	
Dept. Pres. Iowa 50¢ extra-----	.50
Collected for Boys Home-----	<u>25.05</u>
	<u>58.05</u>
	\$ 59.85

Disbursements

E. Baxter Travis, postage-----	\$ 16.47
Arlington Home by Regional-----	25.00
Eagle's Mem. Assn.-----	<u>2.00</u>
	<u>43.47</u>
Balance on hand Oct. 13, 1946-----	\$ 16.38

Kittie Pillsbury,
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Text of Mr. Eastman's statement follows:

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"I must say emphatically that conventions and other group meetings interfere and interfere seriously, with provision of adequate passenger service for movement of military and essential war-business traffic. In this regard, the difference between a large and a small convention is only one of degree. Any convention which attracts attendants from other cities who travel by train or bus requires use of travel space that is now needed by members of the armed forces or by civilians traveling on war business.

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"The problem is extremely serious when, as is the case today, there is a tremendous volume of military and highly important business traffic. Business men or government officials traveling on missions connected with war production or other war activities can seldom make plans far ahead. Inability to obtain transportation may easily cause serious delays in the projects on which they are engaged.

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OFFICE OF DEFENSE TRANSPORTATION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

JOSEPH B. EASTMAN
DIRECTOR

February 23, 1944

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To Executives of National, State, Regional and District Organizations:

Director Joseph B. Eastman of the Office of Defense Transportation issued a public statement today, in which he reiterated previous requests for the cancellation of conventions and similar group meetings because of the strain which such travel-stimulating events impose on our war-burdened public transportation facilities.

In order that you may be fully informed as to the impact of convention travel on the present transportation situation, and as to the attitude of the Office of Defense Transportation on this problem, I am sending you a copy of the full text of Mr. Eastman's statement.

I should like to emphasize one point: the Office of Defense Transportation cannot undertake to assess the essentiality of any convention or other group meeting. The decision as to whether or not a convention shall be held must be made by the appropriate officials of each organization without the benefit of special advice from this office. Our judgment, based wholly on transportation considerations, is that all events which stimulate travel should be cancelled for the duration.

After reading the attached statement, I hope you will find it possible to initiate action which will add your organization to the list of those showing leadership in and full cooperation with our travel conservation program.

Yours very truly,

H. F. McCarthy
H. F. McCarthy, Director
Division of Traffic Movement

P.S. If your organization has already cancelled the convention or other meeting which, according to our present information, is scheduled to be held this year, please disregard this letter and accept my congratulations on the action taken.



If principal responsibility for your organization's convention rests with some officer other than yourself, won't you please send this letter to that office?

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NORTHERN MISSISSIPPI VALLEY REGIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR? MENT on Sunday afternoon, October 17th, 1943. at Milwaukee, Wis., in the club rooms of the Veterans of Foreign wars, 2625 West Wisconsin Ave., with a goodly number of members present.

The meeting was called to order by the Regional Commander, Roy R. Lewis, Past Department Commander of Wisconsin. The meeting was opened with prayer by Gladys Davis, Department Chaplain of Illinois, after which the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

The meeting was then formally opened and we proceeded to Roll Call, which found the following number of representatives from the various Departments present.

Wisconsin 14
Illinois 6

The following officers answered to Roll Call.

Regional Commander, Roy R. Lewis, Wisconsin, Past Dept, Commander.
Regional Vice-Commander, Clementine Vapasdal, Indiana, P.D.P. (abs nt)
Regional Secretary-Treas. Abbie E. Brush, Illinois, P.D.P.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as corrected. Communications were then read from those who were unable to be present and filed.

Hugh H. Snider, Department Commander, Indiana, Indiana,
Edith M. Snider, Dept, Treas pf Indiana,
Bessie Landig, Dept, President Richmond, Indiana,
Gladys B. Salmon, Past National Chief-of-Staff, Chicago, Ill.,
Bessie Powers, President of Auxiliary #2, Madison, Wis.,
Also a letter of acceptance to attend the meeting from the Department Commander, of Illinois E. Baxter Travis, Peoria, Ill..

There being no unfinished business on our records, we proceeded to take up New Business. The revision of By-laws was suggested by Sister Ida L. Lewis, Past National President, and discussion followed.

A motion was then made by E. Baxter Travis, Dept, Commander of Illinois, and seconded by Edward G. Kastner, Dept Commander of Wisconsin, that the Regional Commander appoint a committee to draw up By-laws, seconded.

Regional Commander appointed the following members to serve on by-laws committee, Sisters Ida L. Lewis, Eva B. Blackman, Brothers E. Baxter Travis and W. Glen Davis, Illinois Department Chaplain.

The Regional Commander, spoke of the advisability of adding another office, that of Chaplain, to the Regional corps of officers.

Brother Edward G. Kastner, moved that a fund be created by the Association and that the sum of \$2.00 be assessed each State represented in the Organization, the same to be used to help defray the expense of the Association. Motion seconded by Sister _____ Hayes of Milwaukee, and carried.

Reference was made as to where and when the next meeting of the Association would be held. It moved by Sister Nettie Hayes and seconded by Brother Edward G. Castner, that during this time emergency, that this matter be left entirely up to the newly elected officer of the Organization.

The Regional Commander introduced the following guests and asked for remarks from each. Department Commander of Illinois, E. Baxter Travis, Jr. Vice-Dept. Commander, Charles R. Brush, Aurora, Ill., Edward G. Castner, of Wis., Sisters Eva B. Blackman, Past National President, and Sister Kittie Pillsbury. Brother W. Glen Davis, Elgin, Ill..

Brother Travis, spoke of the three year program which had been adopted by the Illinois Department, and outlined the program minutely.

Brother Brush - In referring to the three year program inaugurated thru the efforts of Brother Travis, for the State of Illinois, firmly believed would be a success and which had been fully agreed upon. In acting camps the results were gratifying the past year, and glad to know of the increase in membership.

Brother Castner - was called upon and spoke of his interest in and for his Department and asked for the earnest cooperation of his Department President, and for her assistance in the coming Department Encampment.

Brother Davis - spoke of the successful gain in membership of his Camp, at Elgin, having initiated nineteen new members during the last year.

Sister Eva B. Blackman - Spoke of the Sons of Union Veterans, and Auxiliary Joint Committee plan. Sister Blackman is the General Chairman of this Committee, and spoke at length of the activities and the increase in membership both in the Sons and Auxiliaries, thru the efforts of this Committee. Sister Pillsbury, asked that she might speak a little later in the afternoon. Privilege granted Sister Pillsbury. Many plans were offered as to how to interest the candidate in becoming members

~~Sister Ida L. Lewis Past National President, Told us why the Northern Mississippi Valley Regional Association was founded. She was pleased with the Illinois plan which she thought was very good. She suggested that a resolution be drawn up by this group, a copy to be entered upon our files and one copy sent to each, Mrs Mary E. Stapleton in the loss of her Husband and brother, and to Past Commander-in-Chief Dyer.~~

~~It was moved by E. Baxter Travis and seconded by Charles R. Brush, that a committee be appointed to draw up this resolution, Carried. The Commander Bros. Lewis appointed to serve on this committee, Sisters Ida L. Lewis and Eva B. Blackman~~

~~The Department Commander of Illinois, E. Baxter Travis, was then given the floor and gave us a very interesting and instructive talk on Americanization. Bros. Travis is well acquainted with his subject, and only wish there had been more members present to hear this wonderful speech.~~

A motion made by Sister Kittie Pillsbury, and seconded by Edward G. Castner, that the sum of \$2.00 be paid to the janitor for services. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Sister Kittie Pillsbury and seconded by Bro. Castner, that a copy of the minutes of this meeting be sent to each Department Commander and to each Department President of the following States. Wisconsin - Illinois - Iowa - Indiana - Missouri - Michigan - and Minnesota. Carried.

Motion made by Sister Nettie Hayes, seconded by Gladys Davis, that a Chaplain be elected, carried.

The Resolution Committee reported and asked the adoption, seconded and carried.

Motion made by Sister Ida L. Lewis, and seconded by Charles Brush, that a letter of thanks and appreciation be sent to Veterans of Foreign Wars, for use of Club rooms, Carried.

Commander Lewis appointed the following members to act on the nominating committee - Bros Baxter Travis - Edward Castner - Sisters Eva B. Blackman - Gladys Davis and Sister Elinor Conrad.

The Committee reported as follows,

Regional Commander, E.B. Travis,
 Regional Vice-Commander, E.G. Castner,
 Regional Chaplain, Chinone Sartis, ?
 Regional Secty-Treas., Ida L. Lewis.

A motion by Edward G. Castner that we give a rising vote of thanks to the Regional Commander and officers for their competent work rendered for the year. Thanks.

Regional Commander Roy R. Lewis, in his remarks as he closed his years activities, (and whom we are happy to recognize as the National Jr. Vice-Commander) of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, thanked each and every one for their support and co-operation of the past year and wished success and happiness for each in the coming years.

The report of the Treasurer is as follows.

Receipts for 1943.

Balance on hand	\$3.80
Donations to Arlington Hall,	
Auxiliary #30	\$12.10
Auxiliary #7	15.00
Auxiliary #60	5.00 33.10
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Total	\$36.90

Disbursements, 1943.	
Donations to Alrington Hall,	33.10
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Leaving a balance in the treasurer of	\$ 3.80
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Respectfully submitted, in F. C. & L.

Abbie B. Brush, Treas.,

The newly elected Regional Commander, E. Baxter Travis took the chair and closed the meeting.

Fraternally and sincerely,

Abbie B. Brush, Regional Secty-Treas.,

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REGIONAL MEETING OF THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY REGION OF THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR was called to order by the Regional Commander, Dr. James E. Gallagher at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, October 10, 1942 in the Crystal Room of the Hotel Sherman in the City of Chicago in the State of Illinois.

Meeting was opened with prayer by Sister Gladys Sallman, Past Department President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War of the Department of Illinois.

The meeting was then formally open and we proceeded to Roll Call, which found the following number of representatives from the various Departments present:

Illinois	14
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Motion by Brother Haag of Eau Claire, Wisconsin to include the States of Indiana, Michigan and Missouri as part of this regional jurisdiction. Seconded by Brother Edward G. Kaester of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Further discussion on this motion by Brother Lewis of Wisconsin and Sister Vanasdal, Department President of Indiana of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Sister Gladys Sallman of Illinois was called upon to comment upon the last regional meeting and explained the purpose of the Mid-Winter Regional Organization. The main purpose being to assist the Arlington Home and at the same time assisting in the prevention of juvenile delinquency.

Further comment was made by Brother E. Baxter Travis, Senior Vice-Commander of the Department of Illinois, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, who spoke at length of the crippled children's scholarship project that the Department of Illinois hopes to embark upon and so assist in giving our organization something more than merely a historical purpose. This project, he stated further, was the brain child of the present Junior Vice-Commander of Illinois, Brother Alexander J. Levy.

Vote was taken on the above motion and all voted to accept same, with much favorable comment on all the projects discussed.

The following members were appointed to the Steering Committee:

- Sister Lewis, Past Dept. Pres. of Wisconsin
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- Sister Vanasdal, Department President of Indiana
- Sister Hart of the Department of Indiana
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Letters of regret were read from:

Sister Renner of Arlington Home at Des Moines, Iowa

Sister May Kelly of Missouri

Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, whose letter was very interesting. He made some comment of having much to do with the New England Regional Territory.

Junior Vice Commander of Indiana
Department President of Iowa

The meeting then adjourned for Luncheon.

The afternoon meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by the entire group.

Report of the Steering Committee was made by Sister Lewis of Wisconsin giving the outline of the afternoon's order of business. A further Roll-Call found no further additions to the attendance records.

A report on the Luncheon showed a balance of 67¢ for the treasury. The Luncheon was handled by Sister Gladys Sallman.

There was further discussion on the Arlington Home project by Brothers Lewis and Haag of Wisconsin and Sisters Lewis and Blackman regarding gifts and donations, which they are accepting for the Arlington Home in the form of towels, washcloths or cash funds. Further comment on this subject was made by Brother Art Rhinesmith of Illinois who remarked about the means used in the past of raising funds for Arlington Home and stated that whoever is responsible for getting out the request this year be informed that such be done in time that donations can be sent in early enough. He stated that his method of procedure was to pick from random from the membership list of the Sons those men he knew were always in a position to contribute and that he knew would always be ready and willing with a liberal contribution. His main comment was that we could get something started early enough so that we have more concerted action than in the past.

At this point the Secretary was called to the phone by Brother Ralph Church, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War from Illinois, who express his regrets at not being able to attend due to illness.

The Secretary Brother Alexander J. Levy brought up the proposition and commented on the subject of doings at the Arlington Home and that instead of a Christmas donation because of the urgency of the situation that the donations be started immediately and in order to make sure that action will be taken a Thanksgiving donation fund be started. This met with favorable comment and pledges as follows:

Sister Eva Blackman pledged \$25.00 from Illinois
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A number of other small donations and pledges were made. This really started some action and the delegates were instructed to go back to their respective States and push the movement forward.

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Motion by Brother E. Baxter Travis of Illinois that the Committee be appointed to plan for contributions for the Arlington Home. Motion Seconded and Carried.

Sister Lewis of Wisconsin moved that a Nominating Committee be appointed. Seconded by Sister Eva Blackman and Carried.

The following Nominating Committee was appointed:

Brother Allan Holbrook of Illinois
Sister Gladys Sallman of Illinois
Sister Carpenter of Wisconsin
Sister Vanasdal of Indiana
Brother Kaester of Wisconsin

The financial report showed expenses of meeting as:

Dr. J.E. Gallagher - Postage \$3.60
40¢ received from Luncheon leaving a balance outstanding
of \$3.20.

Motion to pay bill made by Sister Eva Blackman, if and when funds are available. Carried.

Discussion on meeting date, which according to the By-Laws is the second Sunday in October. Because of the uncertainty of travel in the future a motion was made by Brother E. Baxter Travis seconded by Sister Helen MacGowan of Wisconsin that the place of meeting and other matters pertaining to it be left to the incoming Officers because of the emergency of the present hour. Motion voted on and carried unanimously.

Report of Nominating Committee by the Chairman, Brother Allan Holbrook as follows:

For Commander - Sister Hazel Lester of Wisconsin
For Senior Vice-Commander - Brother LL Shape of Iowa
For Secretary-Treasurer - Sister Abbie Brush of Illinois

Sister Hazel Lester declined the nomination and after much urging still insisted she could not accept because of other activities.

The following were then elected by acclamation:

Brother Lewis of Wisconsin as Commander
Sister Lewis of Wisconsin as Sr.Vice-Commander
Sister Abbie Brush of Illinois as Secretary-Treasurer
Favorable ballot cast by the Secretary making the election official.

Due to an emergency the Secretary pro-tem left the meeting at this time and was later informed by the Regional Commander that the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin
October 20, 1940.

A meeting called for the purpose of forming a regional organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its Auxiliary was called to order at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon at The American Legion Hall, Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, by Dewey B. Meade, Commander of the Department of Minnesota, who had been chosen Chairman of a temporary organization effected at a meeting held at La Crosse, Wisconsin, in 1939, and camp was opened with the following officers: Dewey B. Meade as Commander; Roy Lewis, Past Department Commander of Wisconsin as Senior Vice Commander; Charles E. Ross, Department Commander of Iowa as Junior Vice Commander; J. E. Gallagher, Department Commander of Illinois as Patriotic Instructor; Phil Byron, Junior Vice Commander in Chief as Chaplain; Ben Haag, Past Department Commander of Wisconsin as Guide and C. H. Dean as Color Guard, and W. R. Graves, Acting Secretary.

Brother Meade stated the purpose of the meeting was to effect a regional organization. He announced that in as much as there were three candidates of Fort Crawford Camp Number 3, of Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin in waiting to be mustered into the order and the mustering in of such candidates would be the next order of business.

Earl O'Brien, grandson of Tim O'Brien, Hubert C. Freeman, great grandson of Oliver Caswell, and Clarence Wade, grandson of Alvin Cook, being in waiting were duly admitted and mustered into the order as members of Fort Crawford Camp Number 3.

A telegram from Cecelia Dechent, Department President of Wisconsin was read expressing her regret at being unable to attend the meeting because of illness, and Brother Roy Lewis announced that he had received a letter from William Lumsden, Department Commander of Wisconsin expressing regret that he would be unable to attend because of the accidental death of a member of his family.

Brother A. S. Holbrook moved that this meeting organize as the "Upper Mississippi Valley Region" to be composed of the departments of Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota, including North Dakota and South Dakota. The motion was seconded by Brother Charles E. Ross and after some discussion the motion was voted upon and the acting Commander announced that the same had been carried and approved.

It was moved by Brother A. S. Holbrook and seconded by Brother Roy Lewis that the next meeting of this region be for two days to begin on Saturday or Saturday evening and carried through Sunday until the business was completed. The motion was carried.

It was moved by Brother J. E. Gallagher and seconded by Brother Roy Lewis that the officers of the region be a Commander,

a Vice Commander, a Secretary and an executive committee which shall be composed of the Department Commanders and Department Presidents of the four departments comprising the region. Motion carried.

At 12:20 p.m. recess was taken to 1:30 p.m., for the purpose of partaking of a luncheon at the Park Hotel.

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 and Junior Vice Commander in Chief, Phil Byron, gave an address explaining a system adopted by the Department of Illinois for securing members.

There was a general discussion of this Illinois plan and of other matters pertaining to the welfare of the order.

It was moved by Brother Phil Byron and seconded by Brother A. S. Holbrook that the Sons of Union Veterans and its Auxiliary have joint membership in this region. Motion carried.

The Acting Commander announced the next order of business to be the election of officers. Brother Phil Byron nominated Dewey Meade for Commander of the region and there being no further nominations it was moved, seconded and carried that nominations be closed and the Acting Secretary be authorized to cast the unanimous ballot for Brother Meade. The ballot was cast and Brother Meade was declared elected regional Commander.

Brother J. E. Gallagher nominated Sister Hazel Lester as Vice Commander and on rising vote Sister Lester was duly elected.

Brother Ben Haag nominated W. F. Hathaway for Secretary. There being no further nominations it was moved, seconded and carried that nominations be closed and the Acting Secretary cast the unanimous ballot for Brother Hathaway. The ballot was cast and Brother Hathaway was declared elected Secretary of this region.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the thanks of the meeting be extended to the American Legion Post at Prairie du Chien for the use of its hall.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the three officers of the region select a time and place for the next meeting.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the meeting adjourn.

The following members were registered at the meeting:

Illinois: Phil Byron, Kankakee
 Anna Byron, Kankakee
 J. E. Gallagher, Chicago

A. D. Rhinesmith, Oak Park
Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Holbrook, Dwight
Edward F. Ream, Aurora
Margaret E. Ream, Aurora
Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe C. Mathis, Prophetstown

Iowa:
Charles E. Ross, Des Moines
Dr. L. L. Shope, Des Moines
W. F. Hathaway, Des Moines
Frank N. Stull, Waterloo

Minnesota:
George E. Bailey, Minneapolis
Col. W. R. Boyce, St. Paul
Mrs. Agnes Upell Boyce, St. Paul
Mrs. B. L. Longfield, St. Paul
E. Hoyt, Minneapolis
Dewey B. Meads, Minneapolis
Warren S. Kellogg, Minneapolis

Wisconsin:
Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Haag, Eau Claire
Charles H. Dean, Eau Claire
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Speckner, Milwaukee
Mrs. Nettie A. Hayes, Milwaukee
Clymene Curtis, Milwaukee
Ida L. Lewis, Milwaukee
Roy R. Lewis, Milwaukee
Mrs. Bessie Bancroft, Madison
Leland Bancroft, Madison
Hazel Lester, Madison
Helen McGowan, Madison
Mrs. Powers, Madison
Dorothy Bryant, Madison
Laura Kissell, Prairie du Chien
William Bush, Prairie du Chien
T. E. Gander, Prairie du Chien
Stasia Sheehy, Prairie du Chien
Martha H. Graves, Prairie du Chien
Dr. C. A. Armstrong, Prairie du Chien
Robert W. Armstrong, Prairie du Chien
P. F. Sheehy, Prairie du Chien
Earl O'Brien, Prairie du Chien
Hubert C. Freeman, Prairie du Chien
Clarence Wade, Prairie du Chien
W. R. Graves, Prairie du Chien

(Signed) W. R. Graves

Acting Secretary

PREAMBLE or PURPOSE

Inspired and influenced by the many and good benefits that have been achieved by other organizations, national in scope, through their intra-state, district, or departmental, meetings and conferences, this organization is created solely for the purpose of promoting the general prestige of the two patriotic orders, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This organization shall in no manner or degree seek to oppose, supplant, or antagonize the Supreme Authority as is recognized and properly resides with the two National Bodies; or any of the Departmental edicts of the several Departments represented.

NAME

This organization shall be known as the UPPER MISSISSIPPI VALLEY REGION, and shall include the states or Departments of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Its personnel shall be drawn from the membership in good standing of both Orders, and identified with the Camps and Auxiliaries of the States or Departments above mentioned. Evidence of good standing in their respective Orders shall be the only requirement for eligibility herein.

MEETINGS

One regular meeting, or conference, of this organization shall be held each year at such time and place as is hereinafter prescribed.

OFFICERS

In conformity with the established and accepted form of all regularly constituted bodies, officers of this organization shall be; viz; President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, all of which shall be elected to serve for the term of one year. In addition to the regular officers above named, there shall be elected at the regular officers are elected, and for the same term, one Son and one Auxiliary member from each of the four Departments. This group of eight members shall constitute, or be known as, the Board of Directors, or Council.

TIME OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of Officers and Board of Directors for this organization shall occur near the close of the Order of Business during the last session of each annual meeting.

ELIGIBILITY FOR ELECTION TO OFFICE

All members of this organization are eligible for election to office. PROVIDED, they must be present at the time of election.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Not later than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed upon for the next annual meeting, the Secretary shall prepare and forward, or cause to be prepared and forwarded, to the Department Secretaries of both the Sons and Auxiliaries of the Departments comprising this organization, definite information covering the time and place for the next annual meeting. In turn- the several Department Secretaries above mentioned shall relay this information to each and every Camp and Auxiliary in his or her respective Department.

All other correspondence, notices and literature pertaining to

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this organization, shall be distributed in like manner.

CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Following election, the Board of Directors shall meet and select a member who shall act as Chairman of this Board. As such he will be responsible for all correspondence and reports wherein the Board of Directors may be involved.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The duties of the regular officers for this organization shall be those as properly devolve upon such officers, and within their respective scope and capacity.

The Board of Directors, or Council, shall be at all times closely identified with the regular officers of the organization as an advisory and general conference body, and a majority vote of same shall be required on all matters effecting the conduct and activities of the organization when same is not in annual sessions.

TIME AND PLACE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Time and place for the succeeding annual meeting may be decided by vote of the members present at, or near, the close of each annual meeting. In the event that time and place for the next annual meeting is not agreed upon as above permitted, then such selection shall be made by the President and the Board of Directors, and the Secretary shall be so advised.