

Auxiliary Department President: Irene Smithers, 133 N. College, Salina, Kansas.

Auxiliary Department Secretary: Mary Green, Salina, Kansas.

Having been elected and installed as Department Commander of Kansas. I hereby take control of the office and establish headquarters at 200 S.W. 2nd, Newton, Kansas.

I thank the officers and members for the honor bestowed upon me by electing me their Department Commander and I shall endeavor at all times to keep the duties of the office above reproach and give my best efforts and interests to our Order.

A public Memorial Service was held in the Methodist Church, Sunday, May 4th by the Members of the Allied Orders.

A joint Memorial Service was held by the Sons and Our Auxiliary Monday afternoon in the Hall of the Auxiliary in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and the members of both Orders who have departed during the year.

The Past Commanders and Past Presidents breakfast was held at Dean's Cafe and was well attended.

The following officers were elected.

President: Mr. Charles E. Katterman Jr.

Vice President: Mr. A.P. Phillips.

Treasurer: Mr. F.A. Hobbble.

Patriotic Instructor: Mrs. Rose Reece.

Chaplian: Mrs. Sadie Dix.

Secretary: Mrs. Iva Perry.

The banquet served by the Auxiliary to the Sons in the Dining Hall of the I. O. O. F. building was a very enjoyable occasion. A number of gifts were presented and it was a delightful affair.

The Chaplain blanks will be mailed out with this Order and should be mailed as soon after Memorial Day as possible to the Department Chaplian E.S. Spangler, 401 East Fourth, Newton, Kansas. These reports must be in the hands of the Department Chaplian by June 15th, or your Camp will not receive recognition.

Full information in regards to Memorial Sunday and Decoration Day should be included.

Brothers remember all National Holidays and display the flag, especially Memorial Day, which is just a few days away and make a special effort to attend the Church of your choice on May 25th in honor of the Union Soldiers of the Civil War, and please don't neglect going to the cemetary and help decorate the graves of the Old Comarades along with all the graves of all soldiers.

The Commander-in-Chief Roy Bennet attended a lovely dinner prepared by the Department Auxiliary to the Sons of Unior Veterans in honor of their National President. He is a most delightful individual, one eminently qualified for the Honorable position he holds and is full of enthusiasm for the Order. It was a treat to the members of the Sons and Auxiliary who were present and privileged to meet with him.

The Federated banquet was held in the Y.M.C.A. dining room, Brother Hobbble in charge. After a long discussion it was voted that henceforth the heads of each Order take care of the sale of the banquet tickets in advance of the Encampment and not to leave it up to the Federated President which has been a trying job in pass years.

The election was held and the following officers were elected:

President: Mrs. Iva Perry of El Dorado.

Vice President: Mrs. Bertha Marts of Salina.

Secretary: Mrs. Lizzie Upright of Russell.

Patriotic Instructor: Daisy McMullen of Great Bend.

The 1953 Encampment is scheduled to be held in Kansas City, Kansas on May 3, 4, & 5 and now is the time to begin preparations to attend this event. We should make this coming meeting an out standing one, I am sure that the people of Kansas City will do all they can to make it a success.

Camp Secretaries should see to it that all reports due Department officers are completed and mailed on time in order that the Department officers may be able to keep records up to date. It is especially important that all Camp Officers be listed; names and address be correct.

The 71st National Encampment will meet in Atlantic City, New Jersey the week of August 24th.

Headquarters will be established in the Fetter Family Hotels. Room reservation cards may be secured from the National Secretary.

In making your reservations please be advised that tentative plans are for the Sons and Auxiliary Memorial Services.

All news for the Banner should be sent to the Press Correspondent C.B. Martin, 1718 Belmont, Parson, Kansas.

Being the National Per Capita has been raised and the Department has remained the same, it will be neccessary to combine the orders for this year until other means is established to raise more money.

To all Department Officers and Members of the Grand Army of the Republic and their Allied Organizations we extend our sincere greetings and best wishes for a successful year.