

American Legion Auxiliary

By **MRS. EDITH CURTIS**
Historian

The first meeting held for the purpose of organizing the James Maloy Unit No. 65 of the American Legion Auxiliary was held in the Legion Rooms of the old Post Office building on Church street October 5, 1920. Mrs. Jane Dodds was elected the first president. During this year each Gold Star Mother was presented with a Gold Star Pin from the unit, which held the distinction of being the first organized unit in St. Lawrence county.

County Unit

On May 22, 1924, the District Chairman came to Gouverneur to organize the Units of St. Lawrence County, and Miss Grace Maloy had the honor of being elected the first chairman of the St. Lawrence County committee.

Through the years we have contributed to the Legion Mountain Camp, Sunmount, and the Bath Hospital, with gifts of money, linens, cigarettes, candy and Christmas boxes. Every year we have held a Poppy Day Sale and we use the money for our rehabilitation work. We have joined with the Legion and other patriotic groups and organizations in all Memorial Services.

The unit has sent three girls to Girl's State, their expenses paid by the Auxiliary and St. Lawrence County committee. In the past year we have sponsored the Polio Drive which has been very success-

ful. In 1954 a scholarship of \$600 was given to a senior from Gouverneur high school to help continue her education.

We have contributed to the Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Cancer Drive, Heart Drive, Edward John Noble hospital, Salvation Army, Polio Drive, Girl Scout drives and have given the American Legion Post over \$2200.00 during this period.

At the present time we have 189 members of which Mrs. Grace Bulger is president.

As members of this great organization: For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States; To maintain Law and Order; To foster and perpetuate a 100% Americanism; To preserve the memories and incidents of our association during the Great War; To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; To make right the master of might; To promote Peace and Good-Will on Earth; To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; To participate in and to contribute to the accomplishments of the aims and purposes of the American Legion; To consecrate and sanctify our association by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

Woman's Relief Corps

By **EMMA DODDS**

The Woman's Relief Corps, an auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic, was created in 1883 by the mothers, wives, daughters and sisters of the Union Soldiers of the Civil War in 1861-1865 for the purpose of aiding and assisting the Grand Army of the Republic and to perpetuate the memory of the heroic dead, to extend needful aid to the widows and orphans, to find them homes and employment and to assure them of sympathy and friends, to cherish and emulate the deeds of our army nurses.

The E. H. Barnes Corps No. 200 was organized in Gouverneur February 15, 1892. There were 40 charter members and Florence Payne was the first president and Helen I. Parker was the second president. Other charter members were Anna Turner, Martha Reynolds, Harriet Barnes, Elizabeth Smith, Mrs. Henry Rogers and Alice Hartley.

There are now 52 members in the Gouverneur Corps who meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. They have given quilts, clothing, flags and books for relief work.

There are now three Corps in St. Lawrence county, Anderson Corps No. 18 at Massena, Marsh Corps No. 91 at Potsdam and E. H. Barnes Corps No. 200 at Gouverneur.



MEMBERS OF THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS were on their way to a tea given by the D.A.R. during Sesqui-centennial Week. Shown in the front row are Minnie McCartha, Iva Teal, Marion Stowell, Edna Bartholomew, Susie McPherson, president; and Gladys Richardson. In the second row are Jennie Murray, Emma Dodds, Edith Goodale, Ruth Congdon, Lillian Phelps, Margaret Shaw and Beulah Woodward. Officers not present when picture was taken are Sybil Randall, Isabelle Peck, Mabel Boulton, Mildred Dalton, Helen Leonard, Ida Hilts, Bertha Johnson and Grace Bailey.

V. F. W., Silas Wainwright Post

**By PAST COMMANDER
HERBERT O. BARTHOLOMEW**

This organization, composed entirely of overseas veterans, was established in 1899. However, the Gouverneur post was not organized until March 1946, soon after World War II.

Permission was granted by Mrs. Rachel Wainwright to name the organization in memory of her son Silas who lost his life in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Pharmacist mate first class Wainwright, the first Gouverneur area man to die for his country in World War II, was a member of the crew of the U.S.S. Arizona which was sunk in the harbor.

The charter application was approved, and Edwin Tupper was elected first post commander.

After a few months without quarters, the post rented rooms over the Sunshine Store on Main street. During the year 175 veterans became charter members.

In 1947 Paul R. Scott was elected commander, and the post continued to prosper in every way. It also became a vital force in community service.

The war dead began to arrive from military cemeteries overseas and the VFW, in conjunction with the American Legion, gave each man full military honors at the funeral services and at interment.

(A VFW basketball team was organized during the year and developed into a fast and winning combination.)

In 1948 Armand Beaudin was elected commander and during his term much money was raised and expended for the good of the order and community.

Two hundred and forty veterans joined the post that year; the average membership is 200.

The Dads of Foreign Service was organized during the year and that group is a great asset.

Another accomplishment begun this year was the awarding of a Good Citizenship medal. This practice has been continued annually and the recipient has been some person who has contributed outstanding service to the community. The purpose of the award is to develop incentive and give encouragement to people who have contributed to community service.

Awards have been presented to Ernest C. Hunkins, Sol Kaplan, Charles McAdam, sr., Mrs. Lillian McLearn, William H. Foster, John Willenbacher and Donald Church.

In 1949 Leon J. Sterling, jr., was chosen to head the post.

An outstanding accomplishment and probably the most important one in the post's history was the purchase of an iron lung for emergency use and as a gift to the E. J. Noble hospital at a cost of about \$1,750.

Hospital officials, doctors and citizens hailed the gift as a vital and important factor in meeting the needs of the hospital.

In 1950 and 1951, David Boscoe was elected commander. A combined resuscitator, inhalator and aspirator costing \$350 was presented to the Gouverneur Fire Department, replacing the old out-moded machine. Chief Ernest Washburn accepted the gift and stressed its importance.

The post and its auxiliary donated the sum of \$400 as a dental hygiene fund to be used to care

for the teeth of underprivileged children. This service is still being maintained and school authorities say it has done an immense amount of good. The average cost is about \$100 a year. Local dentists have given wholehearted co-operation.

In 1952 Harold Jerome was installed as commander; he was also a willing worker.

In 1953 Earl R. Hatch was elected commander. The building fund continued to grow and the post has a modest sum in reserve towards a future home.

Last year Mr. Bartholomew was elected to succeed Earl Hatch. His term will expire this June. The post has had an active year. The finances are sound and the membership stands considerably over 200 and is exceeded by only Ogdensburg in St. Lawrence county.

The post is fortunate in having a cooperative auxiliary. Each year the two groups sponsor jointly a buddy poppy day in May and the proceeds are used exclusively for rehabilitation and welfare work for disabled veterans, their widows and orphans.

The VFW post here has a great record of community service. Thousands of dollars have been donated for worthy causes and the motto is Veterans Welfare and their dependents, in addition to civic and community service.

In conclusion the writer wishes to emphasize that he mentioned only the highlights in the nine years of progress. He believes the Silas Wainwright post will continue to maintain a high standard of service to the community and a sympathetic and helpful attitude to all veterans and their dependents.

V. F. W. Auxiliary

By MRS. MARY STERLING

The Auxiliary to Silas Wainwright Post, 6338, V. F. W., was organized March 9, 1947 and the first slate of officers was installed March 28th by Mrs. Vina O'Marah of Ogdensburg and Mrs. Mary Topping of Watertown, both past presidents of their respective auxiliaries, in the present Post rooms over the Sunshine Store.

The charter members numbered 35, and the following women in

this order, have served as president: Mrs. Mary Sterling, Mrs. Alma Rumble, Mrs. Barbara Scott, Mrs. Audrey Carpenter, Mrs. Marjorie Dier, Mrs. Maybelle Pistolesi, Mrs. Doris Sigourney, Mrs. Ruth Boscoe and to be installed in June, 1955, Mrs. Betty Markwick.

From the time the Auxiliary was formed, it has taken an active part in the St. Lawrence County Council and in the Department of New York, V. F. W.

Auxiliaries. Several members have held various offices in the County Auxiliary, and Mrs. Barbara Scott is a past president of the St. Lawrence County group, having served during 1952-53.

Community Service

Always active in community affairs, the Auxiliary has, each year, has sponsored an essay contest for high school students on some topic of national interest, with local prizes of \$50 and entrance in

a state contest for the winner. To date, one former resident, Lemuel Schofield, won first prize for New York State, with an award of \$100 for his essay.

Contributions

The Auxiliary has contributed a total of \$150 in cash, \$225 toward the iron lung, and presented outright a \$750 oxygen tent to the Edward John Noble hospital. To local Red Cross, March of Dimes, Cancer Society and such organizations, they have contributed over \$400. To the Veterans at Sunmount hospital they have contributed \$1,995, plus another \$500

toward the purchase of a master television set for the hospital.

Also on the local level, they have spent \$200 for dental work for children who could not have the work done otherwise. The treasurer's record shows that, in all, the organization has contributed over \$5,000 to worthy causes in the eight years they have been in existence. They have also sponsored various parties for the children of the members of the Post and Auxiliary on Valentine's Day, Christmas and Hallowe'en.

Always mindful of their main purpose of being an Auxiliary to

the V. F. W. Post, the members have also donated many hundreds of dollars to the maintenance and decoration of the club rooms at East Main St. They have completely equipped a kitchen with stoves, refrigerator, sink and set of dishes, and have served many banquets for the Post.

To sum up, the Auxiliary to Silas Wainwright Post, 6338, V. F. W. has been, from the day it was formed, very active in all phases of work connected with a service club, and has every right to be very proud of its place in our community.

Daughters of Union Veterans

Julia Ward Howe, Tent No. 51, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, was organized at a meeting held September 17, 1921 at the home of Mary Bush. Officers were elected with Inez Gray Cox serving as the first president, Dora Pike Parker, senior vice-president; Lillian Tait Sheldon, chaplain; Ella Fishback Woodworth, junior vice-president; Edna Johnson Frazier, treasurer and Blanche Hodgkin as patriotic instructor.

Council member number one was Rhoda Fox Graves, with Louise Haile Case as number two and Nina B. Pike as number three. The first color bearers were: number one, Lelia Fox Rutherford; number two, Grace Fox McEathron; number three, Nina Fox Clark and number four Anna Fox Hutton.

Lula Freeman invited the new organization to use her home for the installation which was held two weeks later. Helen I. Parker was chairman at this meeting and Department President Anna I. Miner of Elmira was installing officer.

Charter Members

There were 34 charter members who were as follows: Blanche Hodgkin, Inez Gray Cox, Dora Pike Parker, Nina Pike, Carrie Pike, Inez Streeter Wallace, Hazel Wallace Graves, Lula Freeman, Bertha Stacy Payne, Nellie Gray West, Lillian Tait Sheldon, Maria M. Overacker, Anna Fox Hutton, Lelia Fox Rutherford, Nina Fox Clark, Dora E. Estella, Martha Griffis Murphy, L. Anna Murphy, Eva Fox Leach, Minnie E. Love, Grace Fox McEathron, Edna M.

Frazier, Estella M. Ackerman, Pearl Legate Turnbull, Hessa Legate Rush, Ella Fishback Woodworth, Julia M. Spencer, Nina Thayer Gerner, Jeanne D. Carpenter, Carrie Love, Cornie E. Smith, Rhoda Fox Graves, Louise Haile Case, and Mary Lynde Bush.

The object of this organization is not for profit but to perpetuate the memories of our fathers, their loyalty to the Union and their unselfish sacrifices for the preservation of the same, and to keep alive the history of those who participated in that heroic struggle for the maintenance of our free government. Aims also were to aid the families who may be in sickness or distress, to promote patriotism in the community and especially to inculcate lessons of patriotism among the children and to aid in the proper observance of Memorial Day.

Eligibility to membership requires that one must be blood kin of an honorably discharged soldier, sailor, or marine of the War of 1861 to 1865.

Tent 51

Tent No. 51 has always taken an active part in any historical or memorial service in the community. Members have joined with other organizations in observance of Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Armistice Day and any special local observances. Particularly their own Appomattox Day and Lincoln's Birthday have always been observed by special Tent activities. Veterans were honored with gifts and dinners on Appomattox Day, Christmas and birthdays and widows of veterans were also honored at such times.

On July 25, 1940 the Tent recognized the last member of E. H. Barnes Post No. 156 Comrade Hazelton by a testimonial dinner. Members of all local patriotic organizations as Commander of American Legion, President of American Legion auxiliary, Regent of Daughters of American Revolution, President of Red Cross, President of Women's Relief Corp, Senator Rhoda Fox Graves, our own Department President, Department Secretary, Rev. Harold Thomas and many others attended and spoke words of congratulations to Brother Hazelton. He was presented with many gifts and appeared to derive pleasure from the occasion.

We have given aid both in money and food to the United Helpers Home of Ogdensburg, Boy Scouts, March of Dimes, Red Cross, Heart Fund, Cancer Fund and our own hospital here in Gouverneur.

The D.U.V. home known as Oxford Home has received donations of money and food. We always have at least one adopted daughter at Oxford whom we remember regularly each year with gifts and money.

At graduation time the D.U.V. gives to the most outstanding eighth grade student in social studies a prize of \$5. Some of the students who have received this prize are as follows: John Rogers, Louise Merrithew, Rodney Kerr, Gene Curtis, Jeanette Scott, Rosita Herz, Elaine Lockie, Jean Boughner, Scott Brown, jr., Mary Manning, Judy Foster, Carl Davidson, Arnold Huntress, Charles McAdam, Joan Jennings and Shirley Goodison.

Free and Accepted Masons in Gouverneur

by Bro. Gordon J. Butler

During the year 1850 several Master Masons residing in Gouverneur, desired to establish a lodge of that ancient Order. In early 1851 Benjamin F. Skinner, William Holmes, Josiah Waid, Sylvanus Cone, Myron Cushman, Samuel Van Buren, O. L. Barnum, Henry F. Conklin, Newall Havens and William Bowne united in a petition to W. H. Minor, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York asking for authority. This was granted, and their first meeting "under dispensation" was held in what was known as "Lady's Hall," in the old Seminary building, January 24 1851, with Sylvanus Cone as Master; Josiah Waid, Senior Warden; William Holmes, Junior Warden; also present were, William H. Bowne, Newell Havens, Myron Cushman, O. L. Barnum, B. H. Smith, Edward Easton, William Barnet, William H. Andrews and William R. Fosgate.

On July 8, 1851, just 104 years ago, Worshipful Brother, A. Kingsbury, of Canton, acting under authority of the Grand Master, constituted Gouverneur Lodge No. 217, installing Benjamin F. Skinner, Master; Josiah Waid, Senior Warden; William Holmes, Junior Warden; and the lodge began its existence as a permanent body, with seventeen members, sixteen Master Masons, and one Fellowcraft.

Free Masonic Hall

The first suitable permanent quarters were obtained over Conklin's store in the Cone, Sterling and Conklin brick block, located on the corner of William and Church streets. This building was torn down to make room for the building of Union Hall.

On February 24, 1852, Dr. S. C. Wait, Issac A. Waid and Henry Schermerhorn were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons the first to receive this degree in this lodge.

The first Masonic funeral recorded as being held in Gouverneur was January 11, 1860, on the occasion of the burial of Josiah Waid, the first Senior Warden of the Lodge.

The first record made of any proposed candidate being rejected was on March 20, 1860, when two candidates failed to pass the test. A. S. Rhodes, the secretary,



came one of the Charter Members makes the following notation, after recording the business of the meeting, "Lodge closed in due form, peace and harmony about 25%."

An invitation was extended to members of this lodge to attend the anniversary of the Theresa Lodge on December 27, 1852. This invitation was accepted and several attended. The first record made of the visit of a brother of another lodge was the visit of George Parker, then a member of the Theresa Lodge, who was present at the meeting October 15, 1854. He had come to Gouverneur to reside and shortly after affiliated with this lodge.

On January 20, 1863, a committee was appointed to lease new quarters in the Egert block, at an annual rental of \$50. This building is now owned by the Odd Fellows, the upper floors of which are used as lodge rooms and club rooms. Dedication ceremonies took place July 8, 1863. There were present brethren from Evans Mills, Antwerp, Theresa, Edwards, Hermon and Ogdensburg. Following the dedication of the Lodge Rooms the craft formed in procession headed by Olds band from Ogdensburg and marched to the First Presbyterian church where public exercises were held and an address given by the Most Worshipful Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. After the address Brother E. C. Bruce presented the lodge with a copy of the Holy Bible as a gift from the wives, sisters and daughters of the members. H. L. Conklin, Master of the Lodge, made a few appropriate remarks in accepting the gift.

On May 19, 1868, or five years after taking possession, the lodge was informed by Mr. Egert's attorney that the rent would be raised to \$100 per year. A committee was appointed to confer with Mr. Egert, and as a result the terms were modified to be at the rate of \$75 per year for a term of five years.

Three years later, May 16, 1871, a committee was appointed to negotiate with McAllaster & Wood for the third story of their new brick block at an annual rental of \$150, and on August 1st a committee was appointed to make arrangements for the dedication of this hall. This committee never made a report, but the rooms were occupied until the Lodge moved into the rooms especially constructed for them on the third floor of the Union Hall block.

At a stated communication of the lodge March 21, 1876, a resolution was passed to rent the third floor of the Union Hall block for a term of ten years at a rental of \$150 a year, and at the same time a committee was appointed to purchase new furniture. The date of this lease was April 1, 1876. Early on the morning of October 7, 1877, the block burned. Some of the walls and foundations were left standing, and in the spring of 1878 Union Hall block had been rebuilt and finished for occupancy. During this period the Lodge held meetings in the Egert block. There is no record made of the length of time which the lodge occupied the hall in the Egert block, but a bill for \$10.00 for rent was presented and paid April 2, 1878.

"For many years the dream of the brethren has been to own a lodge home. Although distant as it appeared, the goal was never lost sight of and when the call came for funds to pay off the debt of the Masonic Temple in New York, Gouverneur Lodge was the first in the 15th Masonic District to pay its quota of \$6 per capita on its membership."

This left its treasury without funds, but continued prosperity soon brought relief and again the brethren began to look forward to the time when they could erect a building suitable for their use.

At the annual meeting held December 20, 1892, and after the reports of the committees and election of officers, the question of securing more suitable quarters was discussed and it was moved and carried that the trustees be authorized to look up a lot for the purpose of erecting a Masonic Temple thereon. On January 13, 1893, the trustees reported that they could purchase what was known as the Deacon Thayer property for the sum of \$3,900,

and on January 17th, the trustees were authorized to purchase the property. On February 7th, it was moved and carried that \$900 be paid on the lot. On March 22, 1893 a committee consisting of John McCarty, N. B. Thayer and A. B. Cutting was appointed to solicit funds, and a committee composed of John Webb, B. G. Parker, D. J. Whitney, Albert Hill, T. J. Whitney and Charles McCarty was appointed to make arrangements for obtaining plans for the proposed temple.

Laying of Cornerstone

On Thursday, May 18, work was commenced on removing the house and the following Monday, May 22, men were busy digging the cellar. The cornerstone was laid Thursday, August 10, 1893, by Brother John Webb, jr., who was authorized to act by the Grand Master of the State of New York. George M. Gleason acted as Deputy Grand Master and Charles McCarty as Grand Marshal.

The silver trowel used in laying the cornerstone was presented to Gouverneur Lodge No. 217 F. & A.M. together with a silver souvenir plaque by Dr. J. B. Carpenter on March 20, 1894. Since that time it has been on display in the club rooms.

At a time when the question of furniture was one of great anxiety to the brethren, the Late Worshipful Brother George H. Clark of Rochester, New York, a Past Master of Gouverneur Lodge, stepped into the breach with the magnificent gift of the entire furniture of massive quartered oak which is today the pride of the brethren and the admiration of all who visit their rooms.

The Temple is of four stories, stone and brick, the front being of the celebrated Gouverneur blue marble, of massive yet pleasing effect. The first story is occupied by stores; the second floor contains the lounge room, secretary's office, game room, modern kitchen and a very spacious dining room. The Temple is on the third floor and the fourth is used for storage.

Dedication Of The Temple

A special communication was held Tuesday, September 25, 1894 for the purpose of dedicating the temple, Charles E. Ide, of Syracuse acted as Grand Master, under dispensation.

For several years the fraternity struggled with a debt, but the same energy and perseverance

paid off the mortgage some years ago, and today the Masonic Temple Association has a property yielding a handsome income and which could not be replaced for much less than \$250,000.

The title is held by a Board of Trustees appointed under the laws of 1892, who manage the property for the different bodies who are joint owners.

Semi-Centennial Celebration

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of Gouverneur Lodge, No. 217, F. & A.M., was fittingly observed at a regular communication held on June 11, 1901. Because the membership was so large, it was not possible to send invitations to Sister Lodges. But representatives from a number of lodges were present and the assemblage completely filled the beautiful Chamber of the Temple.

The committee on preparations consisted of all the Past Masters of the lodge.

The third degree was fully exemplified on four candidates, Alger A. Conger, Milo B. Hillegas, John H. McLearn and Percy J. Parlow. The Worshipful Master J. V. Baker was assisted by District Deputy O. H. Farnsworth, Right Worshipful Brother White of Richville and Right Worshipful Brother Doty of Rensselaer Falls. The work of Senior Deacon Brother D. G. Scholton and the Fellowship team was commended with "The work was never done better."

Seventy-Fifth Anniversary

Gouverneur Lodge, 217, F. & A.M., observed its seventy-fifth anniversary on the evening of July 9th, 1926, in the Gralyn theatre with Grand Master Harold J. Richardson of Lowville, and his official family present at the celebration.

Seated on the stage with Grand Master Richardson were many dignitaries from various cities and villages in addition to the official family of the Masonic Chief of the State. Bligh A. Dodds, Master of the Gouverneur Lodge, was in charge of the meeting.

The largest membership was reached in the year 1921 when 383 members were in good standing. At the present time the membership is approximately 250.

It is significant to note that during our first 100 years, Gouverneur Lodge has had 62 Worshipful Masters, eleven District Deputy Grand Masters, one Grand Chaplain in the person of the late Rev.

William A. Braithwaite, who served the Gouverneur Lodge for ten years, one Grand Steward in the person of the late Clarence Bockus, a Grand Sword Bearer and a Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Kansas, both of which were represented by the late Herman H. Gerner. It is also significant that two of our members became Grand High Priests of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. They were the late John Webb and the late John O'Brien, while during this same period over 1,200 men have enjoyed membership and brotherhood in our lodge.

The records disclose that during the last 100 years there have been 39 Fifty Year Members and three Sixty Year Members, thirty having been awarded Grand Lodge Fifty Year Service Medals and three of that number receiving an additional 10 Year Palm. There are living today seven Fifty Year members, and one Sixty year member, John N. Draper, who is the only living member who was a mason when the cornerstone of the present Temple was laid. He has been a mason since September 26, 1893.

Grand Master's Visit

The greatest Masonic event that Gouverneur has witnessed since the 75th anniversary of the lodge, took place on Friday evening, September 7, 1939, in the auditorium of the Dean high school.

On that occasion Grand Master Dana B. Hellings of Rochester paid his official visit. It was estimated that over 800 Masons from St. Lawrence, Jefferson and Lewis

Lodges Attend Area

Meeting Here

A large number of Masons gathered in the Masonic Temple of Gouverneur Lodge, No. 217, F. & A.M., on Thursday evening, September 7th, 1950. With the heads of all York Rite Masonic Lodges on the evening's program as speakers, it was the first meeting of its kind in the practice of Masonry in New York State.

The momentous event was the official visit of M. W. Richard A. Rowlands, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York to the First and Second St. Lawrence Districts.

Canadian Mounties Visit

On Saturday evening, November 19, 1949, thirty-eight members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Degree Team from Ottawa, Ontario, visited this lodge. Eight hundred Master Masons from

thirty lodges in Northern New York, Rochester and Syracuse, assembled in Gouverneur to witness the work, performed with unusual military precision and pageantry.

Under special dispensation from the Grand Lodge, the Temple was moved to the auditorium of Dean high school.

At the close of the ceremonies, members of the Mounted Police Degree Team presented a plaque to the local lodge, and small badges to its officers. The badges, exact duplicates of the R.C.M.P. seal, with the insignia, inscribed in French, "Maintain the Right."

The plaque presented to Worshipful Master Sterling L. Tait, contained the same motto, and an inscription, on a wooden base shaped like a maple leaf. The inscription read: "Presented to members of the Gouverneur Lodge 217, F. & A.M., by members of the R.C.M.P. on their fraternal visit, Nov. 19, 1949; 'Happy to meet; Sorry to part; Happy to meet again.'"

Centennial Anniversary

It was with great greeting that Gouverneur Lodge, No. 217, F. & A.M. announced the observance of

its most important anniversary—Saturday evening, November 10, 1951, at six thirty o'clock for the purpose of celebrating its one hundredth anniversary.

A highlight of the ceremonies featured the presentation of a 60 year palm to Bro. A. J. Tumpson of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, oldest member in term of service. The anniversary was memorialized, too, in gifts of a Bible, flag, officers aprons and an altar cloth, all presented in memory of members of Gouverneur lodge, now long since passed to their reward.

Past Masters

Past masters of the Gouverneur Lodge are Benjamin F. Skinner, Sylvanus Cone, H. L. Conklin, Isaac Waid, C. A. Parker, A. E. Norton, G. B. Winslow, A. M. Barney, A. K. Jepson, J. M. Reynolds, John McCarty, G. W. Carpenter, George H. Clark, Frank H. Smith, S. A. Ackerman, T. R. Hossie, W. J. Donaldson, John Webb, A. S. Whitney, W. F. Bowhall, J. E. McFerran, Charles McCarty, J. V. Baker, D. C. Scholton, H. H. Gerner, J. B. Laidlaw, A. M. Rowley, E. H. Hampton, Hugh Abbott, W. M. Hyatt, H. W. Wallace, H. C.

Van Allen, Ward Young, W. A. Braithwaite, C. L. Bockus, Leo T. Wilcox, E. W. Peterson, Bligh A. Dodds, J. E. Salisbury, M. H. McOmber, A. K. Laidlaw, G. Wilson Dodds, A. Prescott Loomis, Roy D. Gibbs, George M. Hampton, Glenn A. Cole, Harvey L. Gleason, John D. Stammer, Maurice E. Hall, Donald S. Homer, Charles L. Crumb, Royal A. Powers, Edward R. Taylor, Hilton G. Ferguson, Paul L. Sprague, Nelson B. Winters, C. M. McCumber, Charles E. VanSchaick, Martin Kelley, James O. Marshall, Sterling L. Tait, Thomas E. Farley, Van D. Wight, J. Glenn Drumb, David G. Ryder, and William E. Lumley.

Present officers are Frank W. Sprague, master; William C. Wood, senior warden; James E. Fuller, sr., junior warden; Harvey L. Gleason, treasurer; William E. Lumley, secretary; Richard K. Janke, chaplain; Marvin G. Grow, senior deacon; Francis Blackmore, junior deacon; Archie Harron, senior M of C; Dexter Barkley, junior M of C; Donald E. Gillette, steward; Peter G. Story, steward; Hilton G. Ferguson, marshal; John L. Young, tiler; Nelson B. Winters, historian.

Order of The Amaranth

By EDITH VAN SCHAICK

Independence Court No. 161 Order of the Amaranth was instituted in the Masonic Temple February 20, 1947.

The organization was conducted by H. L. Helen E. Harder of Potsdam, Grand Commissioner of Appeals of the Grand Court of the State of New York. Assisting in the ceremonies were grand officers of the State of New York.

Officers of the newly instituted court included Mrs. Lela Evans, Royal Matron; Charles Van Schaick, Royal Patron; H. L. Anna Hillis, assistant matron; S. K. Roland Lord, assistant patron; secretary, H. L. Sally Patterson; treasurer, H. L. Edna Hall; conductress, Edna Hughes; third trustee, H. L. Mary Turnbull Hewitt; assistant conductress, Edna Hughes; third trustee, H. L. Bell Spilman; second trustee, H. L. Lula B. Hendra; chairman trustee H. L. Edith Van Schaick.

Marshal east, H. L. Lucille Hunkins; marshal west, H. L. Har-

riet Leach; standard bearer, H. L. Doris M. Woods; prelate, H. L. Margaret Payne; Truth, H. L. Ada Marshal; Faith, H. L. Elsie Caisell; Wisdom, H. L. Irene Glasford; Charity, H. L. Lois Pressler; musician, S. K. Dr. Charles Stahl; historian, H. L. Irene Stahl; warder, H. L. Ada Ritchie; sentinel, H. L. Florence Duchana.

On June 7, 1947, Independence Court No. 161 received its charter by H. L. Mildred Hutton, Grand Royal Matron and her Grand staff of officers. There were 42 charter members.

Charles Van Schaick was the first member of the court to receive a grand office which was that of assistant grand lecturer of the 28th district. Other grand officers of the district have been Lela Evans, District Deputy Grand Royal Matron; Roland Lord, A. G. L. and Edna Hughes, who is the District Deputy Grand Royal Matron at the present time.

Independence Court has 90 members who meet every third

Friday of the month in the Masonic Temple.

Past Royal Matrons are Lela Evans, Anna Hillis, Mary T. Hewitt, Edna Hughes, Blanche Lord, Maud Grow, Edith Van Schaick and Ethel Kerr.

Past Royal Patrons are Charles E. Van Schaick, Roland Lord, Glenn Drumb, Gordon Beecher and James Thompson.

Officers

Present Royal Matron, Doris Beecher; Present Royal Patron, Gordon Beecher; Associate Matron, Edytha O'Donnell; Associate Patron, Charles Van Schaick; treasurer, Edna Hall; secretary, Edna Hughes; conductress, Sally Patterson; associate conductress, Ruth McFerran; warder, Dorothy Phelps; sentinel, James H. Thompson; marshal east, Lela Evans; marshal west, Blanche Lord; standard bearer, Hazel Bell, Truth, Mary Thompson; Faith, Mable Bowers; Wisdom, Myrtle Ritchie; Charity, Beverly Maginn; trustees, Maud Grow, Edith Van Schaick and Ethel Kerr.

Royal Arch Masons in Gouverneur

By **CHARLES VAN SCHAIK**

In the fall of 1868 a group of Masons held a meeting to organize a chapter of Royal Arch Masons. Their first meeting, under dispensation from the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, was held in the Masonic Temple December 7, 1868, with Ex Companion George B. Winslow acting as High Priest. They held meetings every week until February 15, 1869 and received their charter under the name of Gouverneur Chapter No. 233 R.A.M. That night a full staff of officers was installed with Ex Companion George B. Winslow as High Priest an office he held for several years.

In the year of 1897, one of the High Priests, John Webb, jr., was elected Grand High Priest of R. A.M. of the State of New York.

The chapter had two Grand Representatives from Grand Chapter, R. E. Charles McCarthy and R. E. Donald Homer.

At the present time V. E. Charles E. Van Schaick represents Grand Chapter in the 16th district as the Assistant Grand Lecturer.

The following is a list of the Past High Priests and the present officers of 1955.

Past High Priests

George B. Winslow, James W. Spencer, jr., G. M. Gleason, John Webb, jr., A. K. Jepson, Charles McCarty, John McCarty, J. D. Harrigan, Alexander S. Whitney, S. A. Ackerman, Daniel J. Whitney, J. V. Baker, A. W. Orvis, D. G. Scholton, J. H. Lalone, Hugh Abbott, Frank A. Rich, H. O. Wallace and H. M. Shaw.

Also G. D. Ormiston, George M. Hampton, M. E. Loveland, Glenn

W. Severance, J. H. Hapgood, Blake B. Spilman, A. D. Burr, Ashton Liscum, Don Woodcock, Harold Loomis, William J. Barr, Lloyd Davis, Donald Homer, Roy D. Gibbs, Maurice Hall, Fred Hendra, Glenn Lehigh, Ward L. Young, Leo Eckman, Glenn Drumb, Charles Van Schaick, Roy T. Allen, Paul Winters and Hilton Ferguson.

Present officers in 1955 are High Priest, James H. Thompson; king, James Papayanakos; scribe, Marvin Grow, treasurer, Gordon Beecher; secretary, Charles Van Schaick; captain host, William Lumley; principle sojourner, Archie Harron; Royal Arch captain, Kenneth Wright; third veil, Kenneth Rice; second veil, Charles Safford; first veil, David Ryder and sentinel, Henry Scott.

The Order of the Eastern Star

Marble City chapter No. 92 Order of Eastern Star, was legally organized by the Worthy Patron of Empire Chapter No. 68, George N. Gilmour, who was deputized by the Most Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter March 24th, 1893.

The following women have served as Worthy Matrons:

Florence E. Payne in 1893, Zelma Henderson in 1902, Ida M. Loveless in 1905-1906, Sarah Brown in 1910, Vina Hull in 1911-1912, Kathleen Kinney in 1913-1914, Ora Donald in 1915-1916, Stella Olds in 1917, Cora McLean in 1918-1919, Winifred Fenner in 1920, Villa Ormiston in 1921-1922 and Alice W. Pierce in 1923.

Also Blanche Henderson in 1924, Bethany Collins in 1925, Maude Seaker in 1926, Ada Wells in 1927, Lula Freeman in 1928, Inez Wallace in 1929, Susie Baldwin in 1930, Edna Hall in 1931, Isabella H. Bresee in 1932, Anna Hillis in 1933, Lela Evans in 1934, Lucille Hunkins in 1935 and Agnes Reed in 1936.

Also Dorothy F. Gleason in 1937, Ethel Hampton in 1938, Mary Weatherup in 1939, Carrie Bancroft in 1940, Lyla Gibbs in

1941, Marian F. Collins in 1942, Doris Loomis in 1943, Iva Stammer in 1944, Bessie Freeman in 1945, Doris Sigourney in 1946, Jessie O'Hara in 1947, Ellamae Stiles in 1948, Jessie Sprague in 1949, Irene Hendra in 1950, Grace Bulger in 1951, Alta Austin in 1952, Maude Grow in 1953 and Mary F. Thompson in 1954.

The following have served as Worthy Patrons. B. Frank Hull, 1923-1927; Roy D. Gibbs, 1928-1950; James H. Thompson, 1951-1954.

Mrs. Vina Hull served as Grand Representative of Scotland in 1943.

Mrs. Ora Donald served as District Deputy Grand Matron. Mrs. Arvilla Ormiston served as District Deputy Grand Matron in 1923. Mrs. Lula Freeman served as District Deputy Grand Matron in 1929. Mrs. Agnes H. Reed served as District Deputy Grand Matron in 1941. Mrs. Isabella H. Bresee served as District Deputy Grand Matron in 1946. Mr. Gibbs served as District Grand Lecturer in 1933. Mr. Thompson served as District Grand Lecturer in 1954.

Present Officers

The names of the present officers are: Worthy Matron, Hazel

Bell; worthy patron, Glenn Drumb associate matron, Edith Van Schaick; secretary, Dorothy F. Gleason; treasurer, Jessie Sprague; conductress, Elaine Hatch; associate conductress, Mildred Schutt; trustee for three years, Mary F. Thompson; second trustee, Maude Grow; third trustee, Alta Austin.

Chaplain, Edytha O'Donnel; marshal, Doris Sigourney; assistant marshal, Bessie Drumb; historian, Bertha Blackmore; musician, Mabel Bowers; warder, Martha Hendericks; sentinel, Charles Van Schaick; color bearer, Beverly Maginn; Ada, Evelyn Bockus; Ruth, Sallie Patterson; Esther, Catherine Winters; Martha, M. Arloine June and Electa, Katherine Scozzafava.

Fifty Year Members

The following women have been members for 50 years or more. Mrs. Bertha Bennett, joined the order in 1895; Mrs. Jessie Gerner, 1896; Mrs. Sarah J. Brown, 1897; Mrs. Anna Hutton, 1898; Miss Blanche Hodgkin, 1898; Mrs. Laura Butcher, 1904; Mrs. Anna Harvey, 1904; Mrs. Kathleen Kinney, 1905; Mrs. Bertha Laidlaw, 1905 and Mrs. Susan Caccavajo, 1905.

The Gouverneur Citizens Club

Organized on December 14, 1892, as a social club, the Citizens club continued in that category during its early history. But in more recent years, with heavy demands for increased public improvements, this organization has, in a limited way, become a service organization. Its greatest contribution has been the donation to the Edward John Noble hospital in 1949 of equipment for a room at the Noble hospital, then under construction. The room the Citizens club furnished is designated by the presence of bronze letters over the doorway. The club also responded to requests for support from such institutions as the American Red Cross, the March of Dimes and other drives.

The first location of the Citizens club was at 27 E. Main street, which is over the left portion of the present B. O. Kinney, Inc., store. The club quarters were then over the store of George P. Taitt & Son. After several years in this location, quarters were acquired at 87 E. Main street, over the Northland Drug Co., formerly the VanSlyke & Curtis store.

About 1912 the club moved to a second floor location in a two store block owned by George L. Tait. They occupied both floors over what is now the combined jewelry store and town clerk's office of Sterling Tait at 11 E.

Main street and the grocery store of Ernest McCullough at 15 E. Main street. The stairway entrance was then in the center of the building, and the club used the left side of the floors for its card and pocket billiard rooms. On the other side, there was a large lounging room, with a fireplace, where the club assemblies were held. This room was also used for some small meetings held by the Chamber of Commerce and women's organizations.

Fire in 1924

In 1924, a fire in a restaurant under the Tait building, damaged the club rooms badly. The group then moved to the Dunkleberg home at 24 Barnes street, now the residence of George E. Caswell, jr. The club remained in this location until Jan. 1, 1926, when quarters were taken up on the third floor of the York building at 6 Church street. This site, formerly the Union Hall building, burned in 1922 and after William Gauthier, the owner, rebuilt the walls, Allen York of Oneida completed the building for tenants. In 1932 the club moved back to the former location in the George L. Tait building, but used only the left side of its original quarters there.

In 1935, a lease was made from the Gouverneur Savings & Loan association of the second floor over the American Stores at 37 E.

Main street, which later became the property of Triangle Shoe store, real estate division. Because of excessive rental charges, the club in the fall of 1953 made a lease for new quarters over 23 E. Main street, at that time occupied by Charles Stahl, optometrist and owned by Mrs. George F. Leak. This location is just one door to the west of where the club was started.

At the time of the club's organization in 1892, Dr. James B. Carpenter was chosen the first president. The early club records are not available, but the following list includes most of the presidents: Charles H. Anthony, Andrew H. Irving, Edward D. Barry, Fred H. Haile, Barnard G. Parker, Edward D. Taitt, David G. Scholton, Albert M. Jepson, Herbert G. Aldrich, Byron J. Carpenter, Morrell E. Loveland, George L. Tait, George E. Cook, Edward J. Cahill, James B. Thompson, John McFalls, Walter Spencer Corbin, Elmer J. Robinson, Sol Kaplan, Raymond G. Seaker, Grant W. Fuller, Scott L. Brown, Jack Ruderma, Glen Smith and Ora M. Wright.

Elmer J. Robinson served as president from 1934 through 1941; Sol Kaplan, 1941 through 1945 and Mr. Seaker 1946 through 1950 which accounts for 16 years of the 62 years of the Citizens Club existence.

The Gouverneur Rod and Gun Club

By **GORDON J. BUTLER**

At a meeting held Thursday evening, April 13, 1911 in the store of W. Lytle on Clinton street about fifteen local sportsmen organized the Gouverneur Fish, Game and Gun club. Mr. Glover from the DuPont powder company was present and assisted in the work. Dwight Bacon was elected secretary and H. D. Holmes, treasurer.

The next meeting was held the following Wednesday evening, April 19th at the St. Lawrence Inn with forty members. Charles H. Anthony was elected the first president and Frank Starbuck, vice-president. R. J. Brooks and W. E. Lytle were chosen as a

committee to secure grounds and have a trap house erected. A piece of land was secured on the Barney farm located on the Hailesboro road. It was later known as the Walter Perrin farm and is now owned by Mr. Reynolds

A few of the charter members were Howard S. Fuller, W. Lehigh C. Mosher, W. R. Patrick, A. Aliman, Del Stafford, C. C. Donald, William Poole and James Smith.

Still later trap shoots were held at the site of the present Central Airways.

Enthusiasm for the sport was high, and at one time more than 40 persons were active in the "trap shoot club" which became

widely known in the North Country for the high quality of its meets. One member, George Hampton, won recognition for the organization through his outstanding record in the grand national trap shooting events.

The late J. O. Canfield, the late Walter Lytle and Linden O'Neil of Balmat were all issued life memberships.

At present there are approximately 150 members.

George Couglar is now president and Henry White, secretary-treasurer.

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows

The local I.O.O.F. lodge was formed on April 4, 1888 by eight charter members. These members were: T. B. Mackey, A. C. Murdock, William Green, L. A. Moore, Jacob Green and George A. Palmer. Mr. Palmer had previously joined the Brier Hill Lodge on October 6, 1879. The last surviving charter member was William A. Green who died January 13, 1953.

The first officers were: T. B. Mackey, noble grand; A. C. Murdock, vice-grand; William H. Hall, secretary; William A. Green, treasurer; George A. Palmer, warden; Richard Fleming, conductor, and L. A. Moore, guardian.

The lodge was instituted in a hall in the Egert block, then moved to more spacious rooms in the old Union Hall block, then back to the Egert block, and then to rooms on the third floor of the Freeman block now owned by Sol Kaplan. They occupied these rooms for 18 years.

After the Egert block fire in 1921, that building, which they had purchased many years previously, was remodelled into spacious lodge and club rooms occup-



ing the second and third floors of the building.

A few of the past and present members besides those before mentioned who have in some way been instrumental in the upbuilding of the order are: Dr. George H. Summerfeldt, E. H. Neary, Charles E. Bowman, Lorenzo Smith, Frank W. Sprague, Alfred Smith, L. B. Murray, F. H. Farmer, E. W. Leahy, N. E. Brown, V. C. Bockus, George W. Parker, William A. Freeman, W. A. VanDuzee, M. J. Phillips, William Gilpin, Eugene Pickert, A. I. Davis, T. G. Morehouse, William McRobbie, Roy A. Price, William Rowley, L. D. Kerr, Byron L. Kinney, Verne Sullivan and many others who are still active.

Some of the past grands who have been appointed from this lodge as district deputy grand masters are W. A. VanDuzee, J. H. Gilmour, Roy A. Price, Charles Phillips, B. L. Kinney, L. D. Kerr,

Morris Davies, William Rowley, Ernest Wight and Verne Sullivan.

The present elective officers are: Floyd Tomilson, noble grand; Chester Wood, vice grand; Morris Davies, recording secretary; Charles H. Jones, financial secretary; Earl B. Jones, treasurer; Glenn Whitford, right support to noble grand; Merton Jennings, left support to noble grand; Raymond Davis, warden; Kenneth Kellogg, conductor; Ainsworth Spring, right scene suppotrer; Eugene Woodard, left scene supporter; Arnold Hubbard, outside guardian; Charles A. Ferguson, inside guardian; George Streeter, chaplain; David White, right support to vice grand; Raymond Hall, left support to vice grand; Melvin Simmons, past grand.

It is interesting to note the long terms of office held by its recording secretaries. Since the lodge's organization over 67 years ago, two members, the late Dr. Summerfeldt, and Roy A. Price, have held this office for nearly 40 years of that period.

The lodge celebrated its 50th anniversary April 4, 1938, with an appropriate program.

The Gouverneur Lions Club

The Gouverneur Lions club will celebrate its 20th anniversary during this sesqui-centennial year. A special observance will be held, probably in early October.

The actual date of organization was October 31, 1935. It was the first group, with interhational affiliations, to be formed here. In fact, it was one of the first Lions clubs established north of the rail line from Syracuse to Albany. On August 12, 1935, the first northern club was started at Tupper Lake. Canton and Massena followed, on October 21, 1935. Ten days later, the Gouverneur Lions completed its formation.

Our forefathers had a rugged existence and the pioneering Lions also found the early-day assignment rather tough. Herbert A. Dye of Niagara Falls was the district governor in 1935, and his territory was the entire state of New York, including Long Island. One visit to each club was required,

during his one-year term. In 1938, the state was divided into five districts with five governors. Another division, in 1949, created the present set-up of eight districts and that many district governors.

It was Governor Herb Dye's wish that Lionism be extended into Northern New York. Lions International sent him an organizer, L. W. Harte of Chicago, and Dye's wish became a fact. Locally, the signing of the 18 charter members proved a real task. Harold Murphy assisted the organizer and the two worked hard for two weeks. Money was tight, and the prospects knew very little about international service organizations. They really had to be sold. Today, most people know the Lions are the largest service organization in the world. They are also aware of the many worthwhile services rendered to community and to individuals who require assistance. The Gouverneur

club has also grown strong during the years and prospective members know of its scores of yearly activities.

Charter Presentation

To insure better roads for the district governor's long trip from Niagara Falls, the formal charter presentation was postponed until May 15, 1936. Harold Murphy had been elected first president at the organization meeting in October. Vice-presidents were the late Glen W. Severance, the late Roy D. Gibbs and Walter Clinch. Robert G. Cottrell was secretary-treasurer. Of the original 18 charter members, only five will be eligible for 20 year Old Monarch chevrons next October. They are: Ernest Hunkins, Fred Hendra, Harold Murphy, Dr. Arthur E. Head, and Robert Cottrell.

Presidents

Serving the club as presidents have been: Harold Murphy, 1935-37; the late Glen Severance, 1937-

38; Arthur E. Head, 1938-39; Arthur B. Hart, 1939-40; Rev. Harold A. Thomas, 1940-42; the late Roy D. Gibbs, 1942-44; Carl B. Wheeler, 1944-46; Ernest C. Hunkins, 1946-47; Robert G. Cottrell, 1947-48; Charles Stahl, 1948-49; Clark Bowen, 1949-50; Donald D. Prosser, 1950-51; Clifford K. Lincoln, 1951-52; Jack Ruderman, 1952-53; Charles Dievendorf, 1953-54. Elmer Drummond became president, July 1st, 1954.

Several members have been called to serve as officers of zone, region, district, and state organizations. In addition to a continuous term as club secretary since 1937, Harold Murphy served twice as deputy district governor, was district governor, and chairman of the state council. Charles Stahl, present deputy district governor, is a past zone chairman. Clifford Lincoln, Ernest Hunkins, and the late Roy Gibbs were zone chairmen. Steward Ritchie has been zone chairman, deputy district governor, and district governor.

Present Organization

The local club is rated high on performance and is one of the largest in district 20-W. Present membership is 76. It maintains a lively activity program and participates fully in intra-club, zone, and district meetings. It usually sends its full quota of delegates to State and International conventions.

Club activities, over the years, have been too numerous to list. Every Lions club is required to make monthly reports to the parent organization on activities completed during the particular month. It is not an exaggeration to state that allotted space is often too small for the local program. In general, boys' and girls' work, has been paramount. A standout has been the yearly banquets given high school varsity squads. The first club activity, back in 1935, was a banquet for the school football team which played in the

championship but didn't win it. The Lion's invitation was issued prior to that important game. The invitation stated that, "win, lose, or tie, we back you and want you as our guests." Gold footballs were presented to each varsity player.

There have been good seasons and bad ones for the past 20 years, but the Lions always feted the teams. Basketball was similarly honored, each spring. In recent years, a single yearly banquet has been held and its guests include football, basketball, and wrestling squads. Another very important activity of long standing has been Sight Preservation. Scores of eye examinations, and glasses, if required, are provided for children, if the parents cannot afford the expenditure, and it is not a welfare case. Solicitation of business places for the polio fund has been conducted by the club for several years.

The Lions Club Ladies' Auxiliary

In the fall of 1950 during Donald Prosser's term as president of the local Lions club, many of the Lions felt that a good Lions auxiliary could serve a definite need in their own right as well as assisting the Lions in their service to the community.

At the Ladies Night held in September, 1950 (a Ladies Night being when the Lion members invite their wives to their dinner meeting), the plan of organizing a Ladies Lions Auxiliary was considered. The Auxiliary would include all the wives of present Lions who cared to join as well as the wives of new Lions as they became members.

A meeting of women interested in the Auxiliary was held in the scout rooms in the Ruderman building on the West Side. Later, meetings were held in the East Side Grammar school. At the present time meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at different member's homes.

First Officers

The officers elected at the first

meeting were President Mrs. Leo Canale; vice-president, Mrs. Jack Ruderman; recording secretary, Mrs. John Christian and treasurer Mrs. Raphael Lee. The constitution was adopted and other officers elected were corresponding secretary, Mrs. Gordon Murphy; Tail twister, Mrs. Charles Dievendorf; chaplain, Mrs. Marvin Grow. Directors, for two years, Mrs. Charles Ruderman and Mrs. Kenneth Cooley; for one year, Mrs. Donald Prosser and Mrs. Clifford Lincoln.

At the November 6 Ladies Night Donald Prosser presented the Charter and District Governor Harold Murphy inducted the Auxiliary officers. A special gift to all charter members from the Lions club was a Lion Emblem bow-knot pin to be worn at all meetings and public functions conducted by either the Lions or the Auxiliary.

Charter members were Phyllis Balducci, Marie Bevans, Elsie Bullock, Margaret Canale, Carmelia Christen, Marilyn Clapp, Mildred Cooley, Ronnie Dievendorf,

Dorothy Eckman, Della Evans, Eileen Fiorimonti, Bessie Freeman Maude Grow, Lillian Head, Irene Hendra, Lucille Hunkins, Anne Kravetz, Pearl Lee, Lois Lincoln, Beverly Maginn, Joan Murphy, Dorothy Prosser, Pauline Ruderman, Louise Ruderman, Hanna Saidel, Irene Stahl, Ruth Tait and Lois VanOrnum.

This is a comparatively new organization but so far, as a club, the ladies have: sponsored a Girl Scout Troop, and sent a Girl Scout to camp for a week; sent overseas boxes to servicemen; packed Christmas baskets for needy families; taken care of several families in time of need with money, milk, clothing and Christmas gifts; helped the Lions club at the annual fair and at the two Model Airplane Meets which the men sponsored.

They have made three afgans. One has been sent to the Weiting-Johnson Rheumatic Fever hospital in Syracuse, one to be sent to the Polio Rehabilitation hospital in Ithaca and one to the Edward John Noble hospital in Gouverneur.