

gion, member of the George Washington Post No. 1, Commander in Chief of the army and navy in the Great War" and one who had succumbed to wounds received in that war—ex-President Woodrow Wilson.

9. Advocating closer follow-up methods by the Veterans Bureau and protesting the indiscriminate reduction of compensation to veterans of the World War.
10. The body of Charles Graves of Georgia selected by the United States Government to represent the known soldiers of the War will be given due honor by the erection of a memorial, part of the cost of which it was hoped that national organization of The American might share. Charles Graves, a mountain boy

of north Georgia, volunteered and went to France with the earliest forces and was killed in action. His body was returned home and buried by his people in a small plot outside of Rome, Georgia. The Legionnaires in Rome had a section of the cemetery in Rome set apart for his grave and the body reinterred there. This grave was marked at a cost of \$2,000 which was borne by the Shanklin-Attaway Post of Rome. An additional sum for further beautification of this spot is desired.

11. Thanking the city of Savannah, the County of Chatham, the Post and Unit of the Legion and other civic and patriotic organizations of the city.

NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF THE POSTS

1924

No.	Post	Town	Members
1		Atlanta	1304
2	John D. Mathis	Americus	82
3	Joseph N. Neel, Jr.	Macon	238
4	Louis L. Battey	Augusta	328
5	Shanklin-Attaway	Rome	201
6	Morris Little	Milledgeville	61
7	Paul E. Bolding	Gainesville	271
8	Roy Dozier	Crawfordville	17
9	Brunswick	Brunswick	86
10	Ware County	Waycross	98
12	White County	Cleveland	38
13	Valdosta	Valdosta	207
14	Edmund Brewer Tate	Elberton	63
15	Troy D. Barnett	Griffin	20
17	Laurens County	Dublin	50
19	Putnam County	Eatonton	...
20	Allen R. Fleming	Athens	141
21	Tift County	Tifton	63
22	Jerome A. Wootten	Washington	103
28	Hubert Ledford	New Holland	42
29	Horace Orr	Marietta	199
30	Albany	Albany	288
31	T. L. Spence, Jr.	Thomasville	86
32	Newton County	Covington	48
35	Charles S. Harrison	Columbus	1098
36	Chatham County	Savannah	621
37	Calvin George	Madison	35
41	Thomas S. Teabeaut	Moultrie	45
42	Carl Boyd	Cartersville	19
43	Ransum S. Rabun	Louisville	48
45	Thomas M. Brady	Canton	43
47	Paul Gwinn	Calhoun	43
48	Wilbur Oglesby	Quitman	...
49	Stone Mountain	Stone Mountain	23
53	John Rich Pentecost	Winder	88
54	Harris County	Hamilton	20
57	Alvin Hugh Harris	Newnan	15
58	Dial Eves	Tallapoosa	15
62	Bainbridge	Bainbridge	36
67	Burns Geiger	Glenwood	19
71	Albert Parker	Millen	25
75	Baxter L. Shaub	LaGrange	5

No.	Post	Town	Members
76	Fredrick Withoft	Fort Valley	67
80	Telfair County	McRae	23
84	Habersham County	Clarksville	114
85	Joseph S. Brewster	Cedartown	45
87	Ross Graham	Lafayette	27
88	Manchester	Manchester	23
90	Dexter Allen	Statesboro	56
91	Cook County	Adel	29
96	Reese Hyman	Warrenton	46
98	Dewey Hulsey	Ashburn	23
99	Mars McDonald	Ftgerald	15
103	Emanuel County	Swainsboro	22
104	Stephens County	Toccoa	92
108	Candler County	Metter	23
109	Hart County	Hartwell	34
112	Dalton	Dalton	35
113	C. A. Brownlee	Sylvester	63
120	Burke Light Infantry	Waynesboro	76
127	Ivy Woodward	Buford	31
126	Morton Richardson	Richland	7
133	Davis Daniel	Dawson	28
33	Ernest D. Bannister	Cummings	65
60	Henry Gillespie	Maysville	32
129	Levie-Montgomery	Mount Berry	6

COMMANDERS AND ADJUTANTS
OF THE POSTS
DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA

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No.	Post	Town	Commander	Adjutant
1		Atlanta	J. B. Conyers	G. M. Normandy
2	John D. Mathis	Americus	R. C. Lane	H. C. Branch
3	Jos. N. Neel, Jr.	Macon	W. E. Pendleton	W. A. Mann
4	Louis L. Battey	Augusta	H. E. Waller	J. E. Marriott
5	Shanklin Attaway	Rome	Dr. W. H. Lewis	Jos. M. Carr
6	Morris Little	Milledgeville	M. F. Stembridge	J. E. Holton
7	Paul E. Bolding	Gainesville	A. E. Roper	Pierpont Brown
8	Roy Dozier	Crawfordville	R. R. Gunn	Roy Lunsford
9	Brunswick	Brunswick	J. B. Hand	C. P. Watson
10	Ware County	Waycross	D. H. Minchew	S. Y. Mason
12	White County	Cleveland	W. L. Norton	Robert Johnson
13	Valdosta	Valdosta	H. K. Wilkinson	Harry Sheep
14	Edmund Brewer Tate	Elberton	Drukel Jones	R. P. Adams
15	Troy D. Barnett	Griffin	R. A. W. Barnett	
17	Laurens	Dublin	Roy A. Flynt	O. S. Duggan
19	Putnam County	Eatonton	Dr. E. F. Griffith	G. M. Scheer
20	Allen R. Fleming	Athens	Fleetwood Lanier	F. O. Miller
21	Tift County	Tifton	M. C. Owens	R. F. Terrell
22	Jerome A. Wooten	Washington	A. S. Quinn	B. I. Cheney
24	Porterdale	Porterdale	M. F. Hammons	F. D. Holmes
28	Hubert Ledford	New Holland	Marshal Stone	E. E. Dale
29	Horace Orr	Marietta	Fred Morris	A. L. Crowe
30	Albany	Albany	W. G. Lagerquist	M. Rosenberg
31	T. L. Spence, Jr.	Thomasville	Henry M. Moore	H. G. Turner
32	Newton County	Covington	T. C. Meadows	E. B. Rogers
33	Ernest D. Bannister	Cummings	H. W. Moore	M. Mashburn
35	Charles S. Harrison	Columbus	J. P. Jones	F. C. David
36	Chatham County	Savannah	A. W. Faucett	E. A. McWhorter
37	Calvin George	Madison	E. M. Cohen	T. B. Baldwin
41	Thos S. Teabeaut	Moultrie	J. L. Dowling	G. O. Mobley
42	Carl Boyd	Cartersville	R. W. Knight	J. E. Nelson
43	Ransum S. Rabun	Louisville	S. L. Perkins	J. W. White, Jr.
45	Thomas M. Brady	Canton	O. G. Renniger	G. A. Doss
47	Paul Gwin	Calhoun	W. B. Watts	Frank Dobbs
49	Stone Mountain	Stone Mountain		Brice Labranche
51	Slade Leonard	Talbotton	Brooks Culpepper	T. H. Mahone
53	John R. Pentecost	Winder	D. L. Nowell	P. H. Williams
54	Harris County	Hamilton		C. S. Grant
57	Alvin Hugh Harris	Newnan	J. B. Mooney	E. C. Long
58	John Eaves	Tallapoosa	W. L. Mosely	
60	Henry Gillespie	Maysville	H. R. Hancock	F. S. Carr
62	Bainbridge	Bainbridge	B. A. Garrett	C. B. Hawthorn

No.	Post	Town	Commander	Adjutant
63	Grover C. Calhoun	Arlington		
67	Burns Geiger	Glenwood	B. I. Segall	Guy O. Stone
68	Newsome Sumner	Tennille	E. C. Hartley	W. H. Mills
71	Albert Parker	Millen	Walter Harrison	A. G. Moore
75	Baxter L. Shaub	LaGrange	R. W. Martin	Ralph Clark
76	Fredrick Withoft	Fort Valley	Cornelium Hall	
78	Liberty	Hinesville	W. F. Mills	J. W. Miller
80	Telfair County	McRae	Lamar Murdaugh	E. Harbin
82	Mitchell County	Camilla	J. M. Spence	C. E. Crow
84	Habersham County	Cornelia	F. M. Crawford	J. R. Kinsey
86	Joseph S. Brewster	Cedartown	E. T. Trotter	R. N. Pharr
87	Ross Graham	Lafayette	H. V. Henry	W. C. Kemp
88	Manchester	Manchester	H. S. Peters	J. D. Harris
89	M. C. Overton	Greensboro	W. H. Baugh	H. W. Sanders
90	Dexter Allen	Statesboro	H. C. Parker	E. T. Daves
91	Cook County	Adel	H. L. Fain	H. H. Herring
96	Reese Hymen	Warrenton	J. P. Wilhoit	Ned Lee
97	Jordan Owens	Royston		
98	Dewey Hulsey	Ashburn	G. O. Doss	E. F. Knowles
99	Mars McDonald	Fitzgerald	J. M. Luke	Roston Seonor
103	Emanuel County	Swainsboro	Guy Alford	G. C. Peebles
104	Stephens County	Toccoa	Palmer Simpson	P. G. Furr
108	Candler County	Metter	R. S. Youmans	P. E. Brown
109	Hart County	Hartwell	J. R. Gaines	I. J. Phillips
112	Dalton	Dalton	Gordon Mann	Grady Barfield
113	C. A. Brownlee	Sylvester	E. C. Pullen	C. A. Davis
117	Ira C. Weaver	Blairsville	C. J. Wellborn	L. B. Speer
119	Marion County	Buena Vista	E. B. Reese	
120	Burke Light Infantry	Waynesboro	H. J. Martin	J. H. Walters
123	Seminole County	Donaldsonville	C. A. Lester	W. L. Bryan
127	Ivy Woodward	Buford	D. G. Amick	E. P. Rowe
128	Morton Richardson	Richland	C. J. Watson	W. C. Bryant
131	Reynolds	Reynolds	E. A. Newsom	S. M. Trapp
133	Davis Daniel	Dawson	Karl Thompson	W. C. Grimes
28	Hubert Ledford	New Holland	Marshall Stone	E. E. Dale
33	Ernest D. Bannister	Cummings	Harris W. Moore	M. Mashburn
60	Henry Gillespie	Maysville	H. R. Hancock	F. S. Carr

TROPHIES

In the membership contest sponsored by this administration two divisions existed, namely, (a) the 100 per cent membership contest, and (b) the highest percentage of increase contest. Three silver cups for each division were offered as trophies. The winners of these contests were:

(a) The One Hundred Per cent Membership,

First—Paul E. Bolding, Post No. 7, Gainesville.

Second—Charles S. Harrison Post No. 35, Columbus.

Third—Shanklin-Attaway Post No. 5, Rome.

(b) The Highest Percent Increase:

First—Paul E. Bolding Post No. 7, Gainesville.

Second—Charles S. Harrison Post No. 35, Columbus.

Third—Habersham County Post No. 84, Cornelia.

The individual trophy offered to the Committeeman making the best record in his Congressional District was won by J. R. Fitzpatrick, of Columbus, Committeeman from the Fourth Congressional District. He organized four new Posts and his district percentage in membership was 103 per cent (only one other District in the Department reached the 100 per cent mark).

THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS: In the election of officers Alex Fawcett of Savannah was nominated for Department Commander by Basil Stockbridge, of Atlanta, and this nomination was seconded by the Louis L. Battey Post of Augusta. J. R. Fitzpatrick of Columbus was nominated by Roy Moore of Macon and the Brunswick Post No. 9, seconded this nomination. In the voting which followed Fawcett polled 108 votes and Fitzpatrick received 170. Upon the motion of Alex Fawcett the election of J. R. Fitzpatrick was made unanimous.

OFFICIAL STAFF

**THE DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA
1924-1925
THE AMERICAN LEGION**

Commander, J. R. Fitzpatrick Columbus
Senior Vice-Commander, Hugh A. Carithers Winder
Jr. Vice-Commander, Leroy Cowart, Jr. Statesboro
Adjutant, M. C. McMullen Columbus
Chaplain, Ensign John Horgan Rome
Historian, J. L. R. Boyd Atlanta
Treasurer, J. A. Bankston Atlanta

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN

Natl. Executive Committeeman, Asa W. Candler Atlanta
Natl. Executive Committeeman, Alternate: Heywood C. Hosch Gainesville

DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMEN

First Cong. Dist. T. A. Furlong Savannah
Second Cong. Dist., Steve Mitchell Tifton
Third Cong. Dist., C. L. Brownell Americus
Fourth Cong. Dist., A. E. Adams Columbus
Fifth Cong. Dist., W. A. Sirmon Atlanta
Sixth Cong. Dist., Charles J. Block Macon
Seventh Cong. Dist., A. L. Crowe Marietta
Eighth Cong. Dist., Fleetwood Lanier Athens
Ninth Cong. Dist., A. E. Roper Gainesville
Tenth Cong. Dist., S. L. Perkins Louisville
Eleventh Cong. Dist., Emory P. Bass Valdosta
Twelfth Cong. Dist., Guy O. Stone Glenwood

STATE AT LARGE

Roy W. Moore Macon
Capt. M. S. Eddy Gainesville
Harry Wallenstein Atlanta

**JOHN READ FITZPATRICK
COMMANDER**

John Read Fitzpatrick, the son of Virgil A. and Laura Lee Read Fitzpatrick, was born in Munfordville, Ky., on April 25, 1892. His



J. R. FITZPATRICK, Commander

early education was obtained in the elementary and high schools of his native State.

Entering the armed service of the nation on May 27, 1918, John R. Fitzpatrick was

sent to Camp Gordon, Ga., where he became a private in the Infantry. On December 20, 1918 he was discharged from service.

As a charter member of the Charles S. Harrison Post No. 35, The American Legion, of Columbus, Ga., J. R. Fitzpatrick served as the first Adjutant of this post, and occupied this office for three years; then being elected as Commander.

In Catlettsburg, Ky., on December 22, 1917, John Read Fitzpatrick was married to Miss Ruth Mae Higgenbotham of Charleston, West Virginia. They have one child Miss Mary Ruth Fitzpatrick.

**M. C. McMULLEN
ADJUTANT**

By his services in the navy during the World War, Adjutant M. C. McMullen became eligible for membership in The American Legion. He was born in Wilmington, Delaware, on October 27, 1895, the son of Charles Palmer and Elizabeth H. McMullen. His early education was acquired in the schools of his native state, but he graduated from high school in Tutherford, N. J.

M. C. McMullen enlisted in the Navy at Plattsburg, in 1918 and after the Armistice was honorably discharged in 1919.

On Oct. 29, 1919, M. C. McMullen was married to Miss Erlene Richards. Three children, Elizabeth, Charles, and M. C. Jr., bless this union.

As a member of the Charles S. Harrison Post No. 35, Columbus, Ga., M. C. McMullen was appointed, by J. R. Fitzpatrick, Adjutant of the Department; this appointment



M. C. McMULLEN, Adjutant

being approved by the Executive Committee As Department Adjutant, M. C. McMullen served efficiently.

THE SIXTH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

The Sixth annual National Convention of The American Legion was held in St. Paul, Minnesota, on October 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 1924.

The Department of Georgia occupied forty-third place in the membership list, having a Department membership on August 15, 1924 of 6,970 members, with a percentage of 73.5 per cent.

In the Parade however Georgia was assigned the twelfth place. The representation of the Department was as follows, 13 in number:

DELEGATES

J. R. Fitzpatrick	-----	Columbus
E. B. Dunlap	-----	Gainesville
Dr. W. H. Lewis	-----	Rome
Harry Wallenstein	-----	Atlanta
J. G. C. Bloodworth, Jr.	-----	Atlanta
T. A. Furlong	-----	Savannah
E. E. Cocke	-----	Dawson
M. C. Baines	-----	Augusta
Albert J. Little	-----	Valdosta
M. S. Eddy	-----	Columbus
Asa W. Candler	-----	Atlanta
Roy Moore	-----	Macon
Charles J. Bloch	-----	Macon

ALTERNATES

Hyman Esserman	-----	Rome
Hugh A. Carithers	-----	Winder
Frank S. Chalmers	-----	Atlanta
Legare Davis	-----	Valdosta
M. C. McMullen	-----	Columbus
E. P. Bass	-----	Valdosta
Meyer Rosenberg	-----	Albany
W. G. Lagerquist	-----	Albany
Simerly	-----	
Evan P. Howell	-----	Atlanta
W. A. Mann	-----	Macon

The Department of Georgia was represented on the National Finance Committee by Edgar B. Dunlap, 1923-1924.

National Legislative Committee by Edgar B. Dunlap, 1923-1924.

National Military Affairs Committee, M. S. Eddy, 1923-1924.

National Trophies and Awards, Asa Warren Candler, 1923-1924.

RESOLUTIONS: A resolution was introduced by the Georgia delegation to confirm the movement in Georgia to establish the Woodrow Wilson Memorial College at Valdosta. The National Convention in St. Paul endorsed this movement.

ENDOWMENT FUND

It was the intention of the National Organization of The American Legion to raise the sum of Five Million Dollars to be used as a trust fund, the revenue derived therefrom to be utilized in the Legions program of Child Welfare. Quotas were assigned the

different Departments which constituted the National organization and the amount assessed the Department of Georgia was \$75,000.00. The Endowment Fund campaign started in Georgia on February 1st, on the arrival of George W. Fritschie and O. D. Oliphant, Field Secretaries. On February 8th, a meeting of the Executive Committee was held in Columbus, and the plans for this drive laid before it by those two field men. A committee was appointed and on the 15th of February met in Atlanta, approving the assessments made on the Posts in the Department, and through Edgar B. Dunlap, a member of the Committee, succeeded in securing the acceptance of Honorable Hugh M. Dorsey, the War Governor of Georgia, as state chairman. One hundred and twenty-nine leading men in the State served on this general committee. The committee met in the Kimball House, Atlanta, Ga., on March 2, 1925, and was addressed in the interest of the campaign by National Commander James A. Drain. April 6th, was the date set for the start of an intensive campaign of solicitation. Judge Landis, the National Adjutant of The American Legion, Field Supervisor Barbre visited the Department in the interest of the Endowment Drive. Between April 6 to 13, \$54,608.30 had been raised, of this amount \$36,148.78 had been forwarded to the National Treasurer, according to a report issued on June 10, 1925 by National Headquarters. Floods in many parts of the State prevented the Department reaching its quota.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1924-1925

First

City Auditorium, Savannah, Ga., June 6, 1924.

Second

Hotel Dempsey, Macon, Ga., June 24, 1924.

Motion by Charles J. Bloch, seconded by Roy W. Moore. Salary of Adjutant be made \$200 per month. Carried Motion by Fonville McWhorter, seconded by W. A. Sirmon, salary of Stenographer be made \$75 per month, carried.

Third

DeSoto Hotel, Savannah, Ga., August 24, 1924.

Appointment of Department Finance Committee; Steve Mitchell, Tifton, Chairman; M. S. Eddy, Columbus and T. A. Furlong, Savannah.

That the proceeds of the Official Source Records be used by the Department and not by the individual posts, was the motion made by Asa Warren Candler and seconded by W. A. Sirmon, carried.

The Commander was authorized to borrow \$1500 to carry on the work of the Department.

Fourth

Club rooms of Valdosta Post No. 13, Valdosta, Ga., Nov. 11, 1924.

Resignation of A. T. Levie as 8th District Committeeman. Condemnation of the permission of the Shanklin Attaway Post No. 5, Drum and Bugle Corps entering in the Parade of the Klu Klux Klan.

Fifth

Club rooms Charles S. Harrison Post No. 35, Columbus, Feb. 8, 1924.

Resignation of Fonville McWhorter as Committeeman State at Large. Harry Wallenstein elected to this place.

Miss Elizabeth Grimes, Atlanta, elected as Department Historian at the Savannah Convention, resigned. J. L. R. Boyd, elected to fill the vacancy.

Introduction of George W. Fritschie and O. D. Oliphant, Field Secretaries of the Endowment fund drive.

Dates set for the Convention in Rome, Georgia.

Sixth

Piedmont Hotel, Atlanta, Ga., June 14, 1924.

Robert C. Lane, 3rd District Committeeman resigned, C. L. Brownwell elected as his successor.

Seventh

General Forest Hotel, Rome, Ga., August 18, 1924.

Matters pertaining to Endowment fund drive.

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL
CONVENTION

THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT, THE
AMERICAN LEGION
ROME, FLOYD COUNTY, GA.,
AUGUST 19-20-21
1925

The convention call had been issued and the fair city of north-western Georgia, like the city it is named for, built on the eternal hills, prepared to receive the Legion of Georgia.

CONVENTION COMMITTEES

Julian Reese, Commander Shanklin-Attaway Post No. 5, Ex-Officio.

Joe M. Carr, Adjutant, Shanklin-Attaway Post No. 5, Ex-Officio.

Dr. W. H. Lewis, General Chairman

Allen Battle Charles Burkes

S. S. Puryear E. M. Jones

W. A. Patton

ENTERTAINMENT

Mrs. W. H. Lewis

E. M. Reese J. A. Nichols

Clyde Gentry E. M. Price

Gardner Wright

PROGRAM

James Maddox, Chairman
HOTELS AND ACCOMMODATIONS
Lamar Camp, Chairman

FINANCE

W. H. Barron, Chairman

DISTRICT LIAISON

D. M. Plowden

PUBLICITY

W. A. Patton

LEGION SONG

E. L. Wright Paul Nixon

TRANSPORTATION

John Glover

August 18th

7 p. m.

Dinner to Executive Committees of Legion and Auxiliary by Shanklin-Attaway Post No. 5, Rome, at General Forest Hotel.

8:30 P. M.

Executive Committee meeting, General Forest Hotel.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19TH

8:30 A. M.

Registration of Delegates at General Forest Hotel.

10:00 A. M.

Joint Meeting: American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary, Municipal Auditorium.

Music: "Stars and Stripes Forever."

Convention called to order by Commander J. R. Fitzpatrick.

Invocation: Department Chaplain John Horgan, Rome.

Advancement of Colors.

Singing of "Star Spangled Banner."

Reading Convention Call, Adjutant M. C. McMullen, Columbus.

Addresses of Welcome:

First Commissioner of City of Rome, George Weathers.

Homer Watkins on behalf of Seventh Congressional District.

Julian A. Reese on behalf of the Shanklin-Attaway Post No. 5.

Response: Department President of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Report of Rules and Credential Committee.

Report of Department Officers.

Song: "Legion of America."

Address: Judge John S. Candler, Atlanta, Ga.

Music: War Songs.

Address: Mrs. E. W. Burt, National Vice-President American Legion Auxiliary, Salisbury, N. C.

Announcement of Convention Committees.

1:00 P. M.

Adjournment.

1:00 P. M.

Luncheon of Grounds of Auditorium.

2:30 P. M.

Automobile tour to points of interest.

5:30 P. M.

Banquet and election of officers, 40 and 8.

7:30 P. M.

Band Concert.

8:00 P. M.

Show at Auditorium.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20TH

9:00 A. M.

Convention called to order, Municipal Auditorium.

Invocation.

Report of Department Committees: Louis Harper, Macon, Chairman Americanism Committee.

Frank Holden, Athens, Chairman Historical Committee.

Cliff Hatcher, Waynesboro, Chairman Legislative Committee.

M. C. McMullen, Columbus, on Endowment Fund.

Rev. Oliver Hart, Macon, Chairman Child Welfare Committee.

J. G. C. Bloodworth, Jr., Atlanta, State Service Bureau.

Music.

Address: Judge Kennesaw Mountain Landis, Chicago.

Music.

Address: General J. R. McQuigg, Department of Ohio.

Music.

Introduction of Charles D. Rountree, Wrightsville, President of the Georgia Press Association.

Address: Garland W. Powell, recent National Director Americanism Commission, now of the Woodrow Wilson Memorial College, Valdosta.

1:00 P. M.

Barbecue at Memorial Park.

4:30 P. M.

Convention Parade from Auditorium to Myrtle Hill Cemetery.

Memorial Exercises at the grave of the "Known Soldier", Charles Graham.

Colors lowered to half-mast.

Song: "Legion of America."

Introduction of Judge Landis.

Placing of wreath by the American Legion and the Auxiliary.

Prayer by Chaplain Horgan.

Taps.

Colors to full mast.

Master of Ceremonies, Basil Stockbridge, past commander.

7:00 P. M.

Dinner at General Forest Hotel to distinguished guests.

8:00 P. M.

Street Dance, Third Avenue.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21ST

9:00 A. M.

Joint meeting Legion and Auxiliary.

Awarding of trophies.

Address: Governor Clifford Walker.

Address: President of the American Legion Auxiliary of Georgia.

Committee reports.

Unfinished business.

New business.

Election of officers.

Selection of next convention city.

Introduction of American Legion Auxiliary officers.

Benediction and adjournment.

The music during the convention was furnished by the Sixth Cavalry Band, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

Immediately after the close of the convention the newly elected officers of the Department of Georgia went into their first Executive Committee meeting.

CONVENTION COMMITTEES

The following were the convention committees appointed by Commander Fitzpatrick:

CREDENTIALS

J. L. Storey, Chairman.....Rome
Guy Alford.....Swainsboro
Joseph Hand.....Brunswick

RESOLUTIONS

J. A. Lynch, Chairman.....Columbus
Charles Russell.....Savannah
Basil Stockbridge.....Atlanta
Roy Moore.....Macon
E. C. B. Danforth.....Augusta

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS COMMITTEE

Hugh A. Carithers, Chairman.....Winder
Royal Daniel.....Quitman
S. L. Perkins.....Louisville
Lamar Murdaugh.....McRae
A. Morris Kelly.....Monroe
William Patton.....Rome
Dr. L. M. Gable.....Griffin

John M. Slaton, Jr.-----Atlanta
 Joseph Peavy-----Hamilton
 Walter L. Bell-----Americus
 John Joe West-----Albany
 James H. Walters-----Waynesboro
 Members of the Rome Convention Committee are ex-officio members of this committee.

AERONAUTICS

R. E. L. Cone, Chairman-----Atlanta
 T. H. McHatton-----Athens
 Daniel T. Dixon-----Tifton
 Joe C. Nelson-----Cartersville

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

J. J. McCreary, Chairman-----Macon
 Leroy Cowart-----Statesboro
 J. P. Hoyan-----Milledgeville

MILITARY AFFAIRS

C. F. Taliaferro, Chairman----Manchester
 Captain Saulnier-----Fort Benning
 J. T. Wilcox-----Hartwell
 M. S. Eddy-----Columbus
 Allen L. Henson-----Calhoun

RULES AND PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

R. C. Thompson, Chairman-----Augusta
 J. Paul Jones-----Columbus
 Frank Callaway-----Atlanta

PLACE OF NEXT CONVENTION

W. A. Sirmon, Chairman-----Atlanta
 Eugene Dunaway-----La Grange
 T. A. Camp-----Dublin
 James P. Davidson-----Cleveland
 W. J. Powell-----Thomasville

REHABILITATION

R. S. Roddenberry, Chairman-----Albany
 John F. Battle-----Augusta
 Evan P. Howell-----Atlanta
 Alex R. Faucett-----Savannah
 Hoke Peters-----Manchester

CHILD WELFARE

Chaplain John Horgan, Chairman---Rome
 S. Chas. Candler-----Covington
 Dr. W. H. Jarrell-----Cornelia
 W. A. Williams-----Fitzgerald

FINANCE

H. K. Parks, Chairman-----Columbus
 A. J. Little-----Greensboro
 M. C. Baines-----Augusta

NAVAL AFFAIRS

Thos. A. Furlong, Chairman-----Savannah
 Chas. P. Watson-----Brunswick
 C. L. Brownell-----Americus
 Malcolm Ainsworth-----Macon

The following resolutions were passed at this Department Convention.

1. Of thanks to Shanklin Attaway Post No. 5, and the City and people of Rome for hospitality during the Convention.
2. Limiting the period of Department Conventions to two days.
3. Extending sincere thanks to the Georgia Press Association for its assistance in publicity.
4. Authorizing the Edmund Brewer Tate Post No. 14, Elberton, Ga., to represent the Department in conjunction with the local Post of the American Legion at Abbeville, S. C. in the dedication of the memorial bridge over the Savannah River; this bridge being dedicated to the memory of the World War soldiers, etc., of Elbert County, Ga. and Abbeville County, S. C.
5. That a definite athletic program be adopted by the Department.
6. Reaffirming the indorsement of the Woodrow Wilson Memorial College.
7. Thanking Hon. Hugh M. Dorsey for his interest in the Endowment Drive.
8. Urging the purchase of the Stone Mountain Memorial Coin, by Posts and members of the Legion.
9. That the Department accept no invitation for the annual convention from any city which does not have a Post of the Legion and a Unit of the Auxiliary in it.
10. Endorsing the National Convention of the D. A. V. in Atlanta in 1926.
11. Asking the indorsement and assistance of the National organization in the erection of a proper and appropriate memorial to Charles W. Graves, the "Known Soldier of the World War," buried in Rome.
12. Asking for the National Convention in Atlanta.
13. Endorsing Miss Moina Michael for the

- award of \$5000 for the accomplishment of a National achievement.
14. Extending thanks to the Sixth Cavalry Band, U. S. A., of Fort Oglethorpe.
 15. Asking that all landing fields and towns in the State be marked for use by aeroplanes and other aircraft.
 16. Favoring a twenty-five year record of service by the Army for retirement instead of thirty.
 17. Advocating November 11 as National Defence Day.
 18. Protesting against the decrease in appropriations in maintaining the provisions of the National Defence Act.
 19. Protesting against the time limit set forth in World War Veterans Act of 1924, and the amendments passed in 1925 by Congress.

THE LEGION OF AMERICA

(Dedicated to The American Legion by the Shanklin Attaway Post No. 5 through the Georgia Department)

From North and South, from East and West
 We heard our country's call for men
 To guard the right against the might
 That freedom's cause should live again;
 We answered, every mother's son,
 We put our work and play aside,
 We took the khaki and the gun
 And saw it thru—some of us died.

Chorus

Legion of America!
 Bound by ties of comradeship
 Sanctified by memories
 Sealed in the blood of sacrifice;
 Sworn to the deed of helpfulness
 Justice, Freedom, Democracy
 We'll carry on! We'll carry on!
 O, Legion of America.

There was no thought of selfish greed
 That fosters war, we loved the mirth,
 But fought and bled for human need
 That peace should be in all the earth.
 We stood the dead monotony
 Of camps far distant from the field

The maddening waits to meet the foe
 A soldier's right his arms to wield.

Through Belleau Wood and dread Argonne
 Through mud and blood for mile on mile
 In mass, in file, in echelon
 And screams from lips that used to smile
 We went though sick with fear and dread
 Thru smoke, thru gas and cannon roar
 And fought and swore o'er buddies dead
 That hellish war should be no more.

Our buddies, dear departed Dead
 We pledge our comradeship again
 And here above your hallowed head
 We swear you have not died in vain.
 We played the bloody game with you
 With gas and bomb and bayonet
 We've not forgot—God keep us true
 We'll not forget! We'll not forget!

At the request of the Shanklin Attaway Post, E. L. Wright, an ex-Marine, and Paul Nixon, an ex-Band Director, both Legionnaires, wrote the words and the music, respectively. It was adopted as the official song of the Georgia Department in 1925, and was sung at the Omaha convention upon the entrance of the President of the United States to the Convention Hall. It has been used by many Departments of the Legion and has been repeatedly broadcast over the radio.

TROPHIES

1. To Guy O. Stone, Executive Committeeman, 12th District. A silver loving cup in appreciation of his District being the first to attain in 1925 one hundred percent of its 1924 membership.
2. To Commander Terrill W. Hill of the Charles S. Harrison Post, 35, Columbus, two bronze plaques, for being the first post in Class A (500 or more membership) to reach in 1925 one hundred percent of its 1924 membership; and for the largest percentage of increase in 1925 in membership over 1924.
3. To Bright McConnell, Commander of the Louis L. Battey Post of Augusta, for the largest percentage of increase in membership in 1925, over 1924 membership.

4. To L. F. Howell, Commander of Valdosta Post, Valdosta, for his Post being the first Post in Class B to reach in 1925 the one hundred percent of its 1924 membership.
5. To Laurens County Post, Dublin, first Post in Class C to reach 100 per cent in 1925 of its 1924 membership.
6. To S. Charles Candler, Commander of Newton County Post, Covington, for his Post, was presented a bronze plaque of merit on reaching 100 percent in 1925 of its 1924 membership, leading Class D.
7. Mars-McDonald Post 99, Fitzgerald trophy won for the highest percent of increase in 1925 over 1924 membership.
8. Certificates of Merit:
These certificates were issued by National Headquarters and were made for the fine showing of re-establishing membership in their respective posts prior to January 1, 1925. S. Charles Candler, Commander Newton County Post, Covington; Hoke S. Peters, Commander Manchester Post No. 88, Manchester; Guy O. Stone, Commander Burns-Geiger Post No. 67, Glenwood.

Homer Watkins, on behalf of the Legionnaires assembled, presented the retiring Commander with a silver pitcher in appreciation of the work and the loyalty of the Commander to the Department of Georgia.

The retiring Department Adjutant was presented by Homer Watkins with a silver vase in appreciation of his efforts during the year.

COMMANDER AND ADJUTANTS AND MEMBERSHIP POSTS DEPARTMENT
OF GEORGIA

1925

No.	Post	Town	Commander
1		Atlanta	834. W. A. Sirmon
2	John D. Mathis	Americus	51. W. L. Bell
3	Jos. N. Neel, Jr.	Macon	116. U. T. Winslett
4	Louis L. Battey	Augusta	431. B. McConnell
5	Shanklin Attaway	Rome	246. Julian Reese
6	Morris Little	Milledgeville	39. H. S. Wooten
7	Paul E. Bolding	Gainesville	136. W. T. Carlisle
8	Roy Dozier	Crawfordville	17. R. R. Gunn
9	Brunswick	Brunswick	66. J. B. Toomey
10	Ware County	Waycross	25. A. J. Carswell
12	White County	Cleveland	51. Jos. P. Davidson
13	Valdosta	Valdosta	228. J. F. Howell, Jr.
14	Edmund Brewer Tate	Elberton	48. T. H. Cooley
15	Troy D. Barnett	Griffin	18. Dr. L. M. Gable
			W. C. Cawthorn
			Lee Ray
			Paul Ambrose
			R. C. Thompson
			Joe M. Carr
			J. F. Bell, Jr.
			R. A. Newman
			Roy Lunsford
			C. J. Watson
			A. S. McCrear
			T. V. Glover
			O. L. Koegal
			H. S. Hunter
			T. J. Denham

BALLOT SHEET

SEVENTH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT
CONVENTION

ROME, AUGUST 19-21, 1925

No.	Post	Town	Mem.	Votes
1		Atlanta		33
2	John D. Mathis	Americus		3
3	Jos. N. Neel, Jr.	Macon		6
4	Louis L. Battey	Augusta		13
5	Shanklin Attaway	Rome		10
6	Morris Little	Milledgeville		3
7	Paul E. Bolding	Gainesville		6
9	Brunswick	Brunswick		2
12	White County	Cleveland		2
13	Valdosta	Valdosta		10
14	Edmund Brewer Tate	Elberton		2
21	Tift County	Tifton		2
22	Jer. A. Wooten	Washington		1
29	Horace Orr	Marietta		3
30	Albany	Albany		7
32	Newton County	Covington		3
35	Charles S. Harrison	Columbus		43
36	Chatham County	Savannah		3
42	Carl Boyd	Cartersville		3
43	Ransom S. Rabun	Louisville		1
47	Paul win	Calhoun		3
48	Wilbur Oglesby	Quitman		1
53	John Rich Pentecost	Winder		2
54	Harris County	Hamilton		2
56	Albert Gordon	Jefferson		1
58	Dial Eaves	Tallapoosa		2
64	Lindsey Garrett	Monroe		1
67	Burns Geiger	Glenwood		1
75	Baxter L. Shaub	LaGrange		2
80	Telfair County	McRae		3
84	Habersham County	Cornelia		2
86	Joseph S. Brewster	Cedartown		4
88	Manchester	Manchester		1
90	Dexter Allen	Statesboro		1
96	Reese Hyman	Warrenton		1
127	Ivy Woodward	Buford		2
129	Chattooga County	Summerville		2
133	Davis Daniel	Dawson		2

This is the official list of registered delegates at this convention as submitted by the Credential Committee, by J. L. Storey, Rome Chairman.

No.	Post	Town	Mem.	Commander	Adjutant
17	Laurens County	Dublin	74	J. J. Trammell	G. A. Satterfield
19	Putnam County	Eatonton	15	E. F. Griffith	H. R. Dejarnette
20	Allen R. Fleming	Athens	54	T. H. McHatton	F. H. Williams
21	Tift County	Tifton	38	O. V. Barkuloo	D. D. Dixon
22	Jerome A. Wootten	Washington	83	A. S. Quinn	B. I. Cheney
23	Toombs County	Vidalia	21	H. H. Powell	
24	Porterdale	Porterdale			
27	Chas. E. Methvin	Jeffersonville	15		
28	Hubert Ledford	New Holland	24	W. R. Thompson	E. H. Ashley
29	Horace Orr	Marietta	100	Harold Schillings	A. L. Crowe
30	Albany	Albany	154	R. S. Roddenberry	M. Rosenberg
31	T. L. Spence	Thomasville	71	W. J. Powell	McJefferies
32	Newton County	Covington	64	S. C. Candler	E. B. Rodgers
33	Ernest D. Bannister	Cummings		H. W. Moore	M. Mashburn
35	Chas. S. Harrison	Columbus	1134	T. W. Hill	Frank C. David
36	Chatham County	Savannah	410	W. A. Winburn	J. F. Cavanaugh
37	Calvin George	Madison	reorgan.	Dan McDowell	T. B. Baldwin
41	Thos. S. Teabeaut	Moultrie	40	Dr. E. L. Lawson	A. P. Harper
42	Carl Boyd	Cartersville	50	J. C. Nelson	Sam McGowan
43	Ransom S. Rabun	Louisville	35	Dr. I. S. Ketchins	J. W. Wilson
45	Thomas M. Brady	Canton	2	G. O. Doss	C. C. Edge
47	Paul Gwinn	Calhoun	61	Dr. Z. V. Johnson	Frank Dobbs
48	Wilbur Oglesby	Quitman	41	Royal Daniel	Bennett McDonald
49	Stone Mountain	Stone Mountain	11	Dr. B. W. Osborne	Brice LeBranche
51	Slade Leonard	Talbotton		J. F. Woodall	Thos. H. Mahone
53	John R. Pentecost	Winder	89	Dr. W. L. Mathews	W. H. Jennings
54	Harris County	Hamilton	23	Dr. R. M. Avery	A. B. Priddy
55	Albert M. Hargrove	Eastman	30	C. H. Peacock, Jr.	
57	Alvin Hugh Harris	Newnan	reorgan.	J. B. Mooney	A. Sid Camp
56	Albert Gordon	Jefferson	25	H. W. Davis	Dr. J. H. Campbell
58	Dial Eaves	Talapoosa	24	Latimore Mosley	J. B. Fitzgerald
60	Henry Gillespie	Maysville	6	H. R. Hancock	F. Styles Carr
62	Bainbridge	Bainbridge	25	Sr. S. Ehrlich	A. B. C. Johns
63	Grover C. Calhoun	Arlington		B. A. Garrett	
64	Lindsey Garrett	Monroe	29	A. M. Kelly	P. A. Dickinson
67	Burns Geiger	Glenwood	61	C. P. Beacham	Guy O. Stone
68	Newsome Sumner	Tennille		E. C. Hartley	W. H. Mills
71	Albert Parker	Millen	reorgan.	Walt. Harrison	A. G. Mills
75	Baxter L. Shaub	LaGrange	17	Gene Dunaway	Ralph Clark
76	Fredrick Withoft	Fort Valley	14	Dr. M. L. Bazemore	J. P. Lubetkin
78	Liberty	Hinesville		W. F. Mills	J. W. Miller
79	Robert McLain	Lindale	27		
80	Telfair County	McRae	43	L. Murdaugh	Edison Harbon
84	Habersham County	Cornelia	30	G. S. McMillen	J. K. Kinsey
86	Jos. S. Brewster	Cedartown	88	P. A. Merriam	Robt. Durham
87	Ross Graham	Lafayette	11	M. F. Nuckolls	W. C. Kemp
88	Manchester	Manchester	68	Hoke S. Peters	J. D. Harris
90	Dexter Allen	Statesboro	32	Homer C. Parker	C. H. Suddath
91	Cook County	Adel		Homer Nelson	
96	Reese Hyman	Warrenton	25	J. P. Wilhoit	Ned Lee
97	Jordon Owens	Rovston			
98	Dewey Hulsey	Ashburn		E. F. Knowles	
99	Mars-McDonald	Fitzgerald	92	W. A. Williams	W. B. Williams
103	Emanuel County	Swainsboro	23	Guy Alford	
104	Stephens County	Toccoa	92	P. J. Ridgway	Corbin Smith
108	Candler County	Metter	22	Lonnie Lanier	H. C. Kennard
109	Hart County	Hartwell	55	M. M. Parks	J. T. Wilcox
112	Dalton	Dalton	14	Gordon Mann	Grady Barfield
113	C. A. Brownlee	Sylvester	24	E. C. Pullen	C. A. Davis
117	Ira C. Weaver	Blairsville		C. J. Welborn	L. D. Speer
119	Marion County	Buena Vista		E. B. Reese	J. M. Brady
120	Burke Light Infantry	Waynesboro	80	J. H. Walters	R. K. Lewis
127	Ivy Woodward	Buford	29	D. C. Amick	Erskine Rowe
128	Morton Richardson	Richland	17	W. C. Bryant	C. S. Woodham
129	Chattooga County	Summerville	15	Duke M. Esby	J. A. Scoggins
131	Reynolds	Reynolds		W. T. Whatley	S. M. Trapp
133	Davis Daniel	Dawson	38	D. F. Barrington	W. C. Grimes

POST CHARTERED

1924-1925

No.	Name	Post No.	Town	Date of Charter
150	Stone Mountain	49	Stone Mountain	6-18-24
151	Lindsey Garrett	64	Monroe	1-10-25
152	Toombs County	23	Vidalia	2- 4-25
153	Charles E. Methvin	27	Jeffersonville	5- 6-25

No.	Name	Post No.	Town	Date of Charter
154	Chattooga County	129	Summerville	6- 1-25
155	Albert Gordon	56	Jefferson	7- 7-25

CANCELLATION OF POST CHARTERS
1924-1925

Post No.	Name	Town	Date of Cancellation
49	University of Georgia	Athens	9-14-24
51	William B. Coleman	Atlanta	9-14-24
52	Wilbur S. Sewel	Emory University	9-14-24
78	Henry Thomas Ross	Atlanta	9-14-24
88	Dan M. Boswell	Manchester	9-14-24
100	Harold King	Oglethorpe University, Atlanta	9-14-24
23	West End	Augusta	6-15-25
27	Bob Toombs	Lyons	6-15-25
56	Georgia Tech	Atlanta	10- 4-25
129	Levi Montgomery	Mount Berry	6-15-25

THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Judge James Maddox of Rome nominated Homer Watkins of Cedartown as Commander, and Legionnaire Watkins was unanimously elected. Commander Watkins appointed Joe M. Carr of Rome as Adjutant. Quite a spirited contest developed in the race for National Executive Committeeman. Asa Warren Candler of Atlanta, E. Erle Cocke, of Dawson, and Terrell W. Hill of Columbus were nominated. Three ballots were necessary to make sure the nomination. The result of these ballots were:

	Candler	Cocke	Hill
First Ballot	46	79	64
Second Ballot	44	81	63
Third Ballot	--	90	101

And upon the motion of E. Erle Cocke the election of T. W. Hill was made unanimous.

M. C. McMullen, upon the motion of R. C. Thompson of Augusta, was nominated Alternate National Executive Committeeman; but McMullen declined and A. E. Adams of Columbus, nominated by C. F. Taliferro of Manchester, was elected to this place.

In the selection of the next Convention city a spirited contest was waged by Valdosta and Albany, the latter city winning by a vote of 111 to 69.

Nominations for the other officers were made and these were made unanimous. The officers elected were:

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Commander, Homer Watkins	Cedartown
Senior Vice Commander, Steve F. Mitchell	Tifton
Junior Vice Commander, Guy O. Stone	Glenwood
Adjutant, Joe M. Carr	Rome
Treasurer, James M. Bankston	Atlanta
Historian, J. L. R. Boyd	Atlanta
Chaplain, Rev. J. B. Turner	Albany

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMEN

Nat. Exec. Committeeman, Terrell W. Hill	Columbus
Alternate National Executive Committeeman, A. E. Adams	Columbus

DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMEN

First Cong. Dist., Alex R. Fawcett	Savannah
Second Cong. Dist., Robt. S. Roddenberry	Albany
Third Cong. Dist., C. L. Brownell	Americus
Fourth Cong. Dist., Gene Dunaway	La Grange
Fifth Cong. Dist., Asa W. Candler	Atlanta
Sixth Cong. Dist., Quimby O. Melton	Griffin
Seventh Cong. Dist., A. L. Crowe	Marietta
Eighth Cong. Dist., S. Charles Candler	Covington
Ninth Cong. Dist., A. E. Roper	Gainesville
Tenth Cong. Dist., Glover Bailie	Augusta
Eleventh Cong. Dist., J. L. Newbern	Valdosta
Twelfth Cong. Dist., Lamar Murdaugh	McRae
State at Large, Captain M. S. Eddy	Columbus
State at Large, Basil Stockbridge	Atlanta
State at Large, Bright McConnell	Augusta

HOMER WATKINS
COMMANDER

Homer Watkins was born in Carroll County, Georgia on April 9, 1876, the son of Moses Denham and Devine Howard Word Watkins.

He graduated in 1893 from the Carrollton High School, and attended the University of Texas.

At the age of fifteen years Homer Watkins enlisted in the 4th, then in the 7th and 23rd Infantry from December 1, 1896

to January 12, 1912. He served in the Spanish American War and was three and a half years in the Philippines. He was called into service as Major, and assigned to 326th Inf.



HOMER WATKINS, Commander

from August 15, 1917 to Jan. 1, 1919. He was stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., Camp Gordon, Ga., Camp Upton, N. Y., A. E. F., in France, and at Camp Dix, N. J. Major Watkins was overseas from April 29, 1918 to May 23, 1919. He participated in the Meuse Argonne and the St. Mihiel offensives, in the former engagement he was severely wounded in action November 6, 1918. Major Watkins was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross (per Co. GO. 59 WD. Series Aug. 4, 1918).

He was also cited in A. E. F. order November 12, 1918 for specially gallant and courageous conduct while leading his battalion across the Aire River under heavy machine gun and artillery fire from the enemy. Major Watkins was discharged from service at Camp Dix, N. J., on May 24, 1919. He was promoted Lieutenant Colonel Janu-

ary 1, 1919, and on May 25, 1919 he was promoted Colonel of Infantry.

Colonel Watkin's record in the American Legion is typical of the man who served his country so well. He is a charter member of Post No. 1, Atlanta, Ga.; Acting State Commander, June to August 1919; charter member Joseph S. Brewster Post No. 86, Cedartown, in 1920, being Post Commander for four years. He was elected Department Commander of Georgia 1925-1926, and served in 1925 on the Executive Committee of the Department, representing the Seventh Congressional District.

Colonel Watkins was Mayor of the city of Cedartown, Ga., 1922-1923 and Vice President of the Atlanta Bar Association in 1919.

He was married on April 23, 1918, in Cedartown, Ga. to Miss Lois Mundy. They have two children Miss Martha Watkins and Homer Watkins, Jr.

Colonel Watkins is practicing his profession of law in the city of Rockmart, Georgia. His love for the Legion is consistent with the patriotism displayed by Homer Watkins during his service in the armed forces of the Nation—pure and undefiled.

JOE M. CARR
ADJUTANT

Joe M. Carr was born in Nashville, Tenn., on August 10, 1894, the son of James Ashley and Laura Ferris Carr.

He attended high school in North Augusta, S. C. and graduated from Richmond Academy, Augusta, Ga., in 1913.

With his enlistment in Battery C, Field Artillery, National Guard of Alabama, Joe Carr's military service began. He was in service on the Mexican border. He enlisted as a student officer in the First Officers' Training Camp at Fort McPherson and on August 17, 1917 was commissioned First Lieutenant and was assigned to the Machine Gun Company, 328th Infantry, 82nd Division. Serving with the company throughout the World War, he was promoted Captain on August 10, 1918. He participated in the St. Mihiel and Argonne offensives.

Joe Carr's record in the Legion began with

his membership in the Shanklin-Attaway Post No. 5, of Rome, Ga., serving this post as Adjutant for two years. He held other offices in this post. Commander Homer Wat-



JOE M. CARR, Adjutant

kins appointed him Adjutant of the Department of Georgia, and in 1926 he was elected by the Executive Committee Adjutant for three years. In 1929 he was again elected for a three year term. During this latter term of office he was elected National Commander of the "Soviet," the Association of Past and Present Department Adjutants, having served the preceding year as Secretary of this body. He resigned as Adjutant of the Georgia Department on January 1, 1930 to accept another position in Florida.

Joe M. Carr was married on October 12, 1922 to Miss Katherine McCall Daniel, of Rome. They have one child, Miss Mary Shelley Carr.

SEVENTH NATIONAL
CONVENTION
OMAHA, NEBRASKA
OCTOBER 5-6-7-8-9, 1925

The Department of Georgia according to

the membership records of the date of September 5, 1925, stood 49th in the list of Departments, with a membership of 4505, and a percentage based on the preceding years membership record, of 62.62 per cent.

At this Convention the headquarters for the Department of Georgia was:

The American Legion, the Conant Hotel.

The American Legion Auxiliary, the Flatiron.

Homer Watkins, Commander of the Georgia Department, was the chairman of the Georgia Delegation to this convention, which consisted of Homer Watkins, Joe M. Carr, Terrell W. Hill, of Columbus, Miss Annie L. Gallagher, of Atlanta, J. Paul Jones, of Columbus, J. B. Odom of Valdosta, J. G. C. Bloodworth of Atlanta, T. A. Furlong of Savannah, E. B. Dunlap of Gainesville, M. C. Baines of Augusta, and Asa Warren Candler of Atlanta.

During Commander Watkins' administration the National Headquarters assigned to the Department of Georgia a quota of 12,951 members. Compared to the past membership records of the Department this quota was considered exceedingly high, yet upon consideration the assigned quota is representative of only twenty per cent of the white soldiers who served in the World War from the State of Georgia. Commander Watkins succeeded in increasing his membership one thousand over that attained by the Department during the preceding administration; and during his regime 23 posts were ahead of their peak year; 32 Posts were ahead of their four year average, and ten districts had surpassed their membership of the preceding year. With the exception of 1923 Commander Watkins secured the largest membership the Department has enjoyed in its history up to this period.

It was during this administration that Joe M. Carr, the Adjutant of the Department began the publication of his "Adjutant's Letters." These letters carried the news of the Posts of the Department and matters pertaining to the Legion in the State. The Department had no official publication and meager space was given to Legion affairs by the Press of Georgia. These letters proved of great value as they established an intimate

contact between Department headquarters and the various Posts which made up the Department. The importance of this form of communication led the Department in the next year or two to adopt an official publication.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS
1925-1926

FIRST

City Auditorium Rome, Ga. August 21, 1925. Commander given right to appoint delegates to the National Convention.

SECOND

Savannah Hotel, Savannah, Ga., September 6, 1925. Appointment of Department Finance Committee: James A. Bankston, and Homer Watkins, ex-officio, W. A. Winburn, Savannah, Bright McConnell, Augusta, W. A. Sirmon, Atlanta.

It was moved and seconded and carried that the \$1200 annually appropriated by the Department to augment the salary of the Director of the State Service Bureau be discontinued.

THIRD

Hotel Dempsey, Columbus, Ga., January 24, 1926. Report of T. A. Furlong, Savannah, appointed by the Governor of Georgia to distribute German trophies, was accepted.

PROGRAM

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA
THE AMERICAN LEGION

ALBANY, GA. JUNE 17 AND 18, 1926
JUNE 16, 1926

8:30 P. M.

Executive Committee meeting, Gordon Hotel.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 1926

8:30 A. M.

Registration of delegates.

9:30 A. M.

Joint session American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary.
Music.

Convention called to order by Commander Watkins.

Invocation: Department Chaplain, Rev. J. B. Turner.

Advancement of colors.

Singing of "Star Spangled Banner."

Reading Convention Call, Adjutant Joe M. Carr.

Addresses of Welcome: W. H. Burt, Albany Post No. 30, Honorable E. H. Kalmon, Mayor City of Albany, John A. Davis, Chamber of Commerce, Albany.

Response: Mrs. A. L. Henson, President American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Georgia.

Introduction of Mrs. A. F. McKissick, National Vice President, American Legion Auxiliary. Mrs. Fitzgerald, Tallulah Falls Industrial School.

Reports of Rules and Credentials Committee.

Reports of Department Officers: Commander Watkins, Adjutant Carr, Treasurer Bankston.

Song: "Legion of America," 26th Infantry Band, Fort Benning, Ga.

Address: Eddie V. Rickenbacker, American Ace, Detroit, Mich.

Memorial Service:

A—"There is No Death," by Mrs. O. D. Culpepper, Albany.

B—Silent Prayer.

C—Taps.

Announcement of Convention Committees.
Adjournment until 3 p. m.

Barbecue at Fair Grounds for Legion and Auxiliary.

3 P. M.

Convention called to order.

Reports of Department Committees:

Americanism Committee, Col. M. C. Baines, Chairman.

Child Welfare Committee, Miss Annie L. Gallagher.

Legislative Committee, Arthus Maddox, Chairman.

France Travel Committee, E. B. Dunlap, Chairman.

Rehabilitation Committee, R. C. Thompson, Chairman.

5:30 P.M.
Parade.

8:00
Banquet State Executive Committee.
Legion and Auxiliary and Distinguished
guests at Hotel Gordon.

9:00
Street Dance in front of Hotel Gordon.

10:00
Dance at Elks' Club.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18TH
9:30 A. M.
Convention called to order by Department
Commander.
Invocation by Department Chaplain.
Music.

Address: James F. Barton, National Adju-
tant, Indianapolis.
Awarding of Prizes.
Committee Reports.
Unfinished Business.
New Business.
Election of officers.
Selection of next Convention city.
Introduction of American Legion Auxil-
iary officers.
Retirement of colors.
Benediction.
Adjournment.
The members of the newly elected execu-
tive committee will meet with the new De-
partment Commander on the stage of the
Auditorium immediately after adjournment.

CITATIONS AWARDED

The following District Committeemen won Honor Citations; their districts equalling or surpassing their membership of 1925:

Standing	Percentage	Membership		District	Committeeman
		1925	1926		
First	231	134	310	Sixth	Quimby Melton
Second	168	544	912	First	Alex R. Faucett
Third	151	352	523	Second	R. S. Roddenberry
Fourth	141	380	537	Eleventh	J. L. Newbern
Fifth	134	1241	1668	Fourth	Gene Dunaway
Sixth	132	198	268	Third	C. L. Brownell
Seventh	128	845	1087	Fifth	Asa W. Candler
Eighth	118	547	647	Tenth	Gover Bailie
Ninth	101	348	351	Eighth	S. C. Candler
Tenth	100	281	317	Twelfth	Lamar Murdaugh
Eleventh	91	636	570	Seventh	
Twelfth	71	494	352	Ninth	
Total	5744	7568			

MEMBERSHIP: HONORS AND TROPHIES

The trophy winners, being the first Posts in their class to enroll one hundred per cent of their membership of 1925, were:

Class A—Argonne Post No. 1, Atlanta, Ga.; Class B—Louis L. Battey Post 4, Augusta, Ga.; Class C—Joseph S. Brewster 86, Cedartown, Ga.; Class D—Baxter L. Shaub No. 75, LaGrange, Ga.

Posts in their class having the largest per

cent in its membership of 1926 compared with 1925, were:

Class A—Argonne Post No. 1, Atlanta, Ga.; Class B—Chatham County Post No. 36, Savannah, Ga.; Class C—John D. Mathis Post No. 2, Americus, Ga.; Class D—Baxter L. Shaub Post No. 75, LaGrange, Ga.

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