made the principal address at the opening session and, while his speech was short it was both inspiring and helpful in that it presented, in a most forceful manner, the aims and purposes of The American Legion.

A great misfortune had befallen The American Legion a short time previous to the convention in the death of its National Commander, Frederick William Gailbreath, Jr., who was killed in an automobile accident in Indianapolis, Ind., June 9th, 1921. Commander Emery opened his address with a glowing tribute to his predecessor. The first business transacted by the convention at the close of the Commander's speech was the adoption of resolutions in memory of Commander Gailbreath. The resolutions were introduced by the Department Adjutant, J. G. C. Bloodworth.

The main feature of the program for the afternoon of July 4th, was the mammoth parade which was witnessed by several thousand people. In the line of march were representatives from Posts and Units throughout the Department of Georgia, World War Veterans, Confederate Veterans, Boy Scouts, County and City Officials, Civic and Fraternal Organizations and Units from Camp Benning. Commander Walter A. Richards of the Charles S. Harrison Post acted as grand marshal and the parade was headed by the popular 29th Infantry Band of Camp Benning.

The National and Department officials of the Legion and other distinguished guests witnessed the parade from the reviewing stand.

Immediately after the parade the women of the Auxiliary held a conference with National Commander Emery who outlined the manner in which the Auxiliary might truly aid the Legion.

The closing event of the Fourth was the presentation of the light opera "H. M. S. Pinafore" by the Charles S. Harrison Post. The opera was staged aboard a steamer at the city wharf and was presented in a novel and artistic manner.

The following morning, July 5th the women of the Auxiliary units assembled at the Chase Conservatory of Music for the purpose of organizing the Georgia Department of the American Legion Auxiliary. Basil Stockbridge, Atlanta; Walter A. Harris, Macon; Landon Thomas, Augusta; Dr. R. Peacock, Eastman; and Walter Flourney, Columbus, all prominent Legionnaires, were present to assist the women in the work of organization.

In addition to the Legionnaires, seats were given on the stage to Father Leman, Columbus; Miss Adele Foley, President of the local Unit; Mrs. John Flourney, Vice-President; Mrs. E. L. Murrah, Secretary; Mrs. Dave Greentree, Treasurer; Mrs. Lucy B. Grimes; Mrs. Mary L. Groover; Mrs. Charltin Suttles, Executive Committee; Mrs. W. R. Blanchard, President of the City Federation of Woman's Clubs; Mrs. Lucius H. Chapell, member of the local unit, and Miss Moina Michael of Athens, the Poppy Lady.

Mrs. E. L. Murrah, acting as temporary Chairman, called the meeting to order and requested Father Leman to offer the opening prayer. An eloquent address of welcome in behalf of the city of Columbus was given by Mrs. Lucius H. Chapell, who said in part:

"Mothers and wives, and sisters and soldiers, men of the American Legion—

"In the precious privilege that I have today of extending to you an official welcome to the city of Columbus, I hope I can tell you how very glad we are to have you, and why we welcome you with such particular pleasure.

"We may never have seen each other before today, but we are not strangers. Between us is the mighty cohesion of suffering—the indissoluble bond of grief and anxiety that we once shared together and alike.

"Our nerves are thrilling today to the magnetism of triumphant music, rippling flags, and crowds of young men, gay, full of vigor, facing life, but in our hearts is the echo of the same music, the vision of the same flags, and the poignant memory of the same men, gay, full of vigor, and facing death.

"We see them as they were four years ago, when they renounced the hopes and dreams, and certainties of dear familiar things, and turned to the strangest destiny that could have befallen an American, a Georgia boy, that of offering his young life on the European battle field.

"It is so glorious that so many of them came back. It thrills us to hear the sentiments of so many, in the voice of one, who says, 'I count it my greatest privilege to have gone, of course, I am thankful to be home, deeply appreciative of all you do and say. I am young, strong, unhurt, richer by an immense

experience—and just want to go to work now and earn a living.' That is fine, our soldier is running true to form—but deep in his heart is an ineffaceable memory, of himself as a straw on the dark current of immense destiny. In two years he lived a lifetime of emotion and experience—he saw and felt and suffered what we can never know, save as we feel it, because we love him. We who stayed behind, living only for letters, never became used to the miracle of a safe return. Thank God, they are with us today. We give them the tribute of highest love and honor.

"But there are those to whom we must give more. Those who can never forget because of the reminder of pain that never stills, wounds that ever ache, and throb, broken bodies, or sightless eyes. They must go on living though all the strength and glory of life is over. We can never forget the price they paid; our debt to them should seek every opportunity of payment, particularly should we women, in the use of the new power of the ballot, be mindful of the needs of the disabled soldier—and there are those whose long, long trail ended under a white cross in France, we give them immortal honor, imperishable renown. They are of 'God's high chivalry, His shining soldier saints, who row on row burn upward, each to his own point in bliss.'

"Such a one was Charles S. Harrison, a hero in life and in death.

"Diplomats and heads of governments may say that America fought in the World War in fear of a victorious Germany. We women know very certainly that the millions of young men who made up this great army of citizen-soldiers, were moved by a spirit of justice and mercy. It was their great hour, and they met it, and doing so, they gave the world a new knighthood and a new chivalry. And friends, it is now our high commission to remember.

"Great things become commonplace, the glory and the dream grow dim, because we let it happen. Those nations who had no poets died to the memory of the world, and those that cherished their ideals and achievements, lived forever.

"The minstrel of olden days sang his songs and told his tales at the fireside, and children heard and learned with the dawn of consciousness.

"Home is the cradle of the nation's greatness, and we are the keepers of the homes. We will build monuments to our heroes and in our hearts and homes we will keep a sacred fire burning to their memory, and we will tell our son's sons the story and so implant the ideals by which they lived and died that when our next great trial comes, be what it may, Americans again shall answer, 'Ready, aye ready.'

"Your presence here today is thrilling to us. Lo! touch the hand and hear the voices of men and women who carried our flag, its ideal in service to the heart of the old world, and fought and now humanity's cause gives us a great hour.

"There is much I might tell you of our city, its commercial importance, its worthy history and achievements, but you will hear this from others, and see it for yourselves. I had much rather talk about you. Having you here today gives us the past again, and quickens once more the great impulses to heroism and service.

"Once more the commonplace rolls away. We lift our eyes to men who have walked with danger and have seen death. We welcome you as reminders and shares of our greatest, noblest hour, and together to our soldiers we pledge undying remembrance."

A response to this address was made by Miss Moina Michael of Athens, after which the meeting adjourned in order that all present might enjoy the address of the "silver tongued orator" Colonel Paul B. Malone of Camp Benning. His address was given in the Springer Opera House where the Legion was in session.

During Colonel Malone's address the members of the Columbus Unit paid a beautiful tribute to the memory of Charles S. Harrison, who gave his life in France and for whom the Columbus Post was named. A large wreath of immortelles was placed on the stage and Colonel Malone eulogized the brave lad who gave his all for America.

After Colonel Malone's speech three Columbus men, Commander W. A. Richards, Milton Long and J. W. Milner were decorated with Distinguished Service Crosses.

At 1100 a. m. the women returned to the Chase Conservatory of Music where the meeting was called to order by the temporary chairman, Mrs. E. L. Murrah. Mrs. Frank E. Fleming was made permanent chairman and Mrs. T. L. Nimmons, LaGrange, Secretary.

After some discussion as to the representation and number of votes which the various Units should be allowed, the following official delegates were seated: Mrs. J. G. C. Bloodworth, Mrs. Basil Stockbridge, Atlanta; Mrs. John P. Mulherin, Mrs. Frank E. Fleming, Mrs. Olin K. Fletcher, Augusta; Mrs. E. L. Murrah, Columbus; Mrs. J. L. Schwab, Mrs. T. L. Nimmons, LaGrange; Mrs. I. M. Tilser, Moultrie; Mrs. Harry Dixon, Richland; Mrs. J. L. Newbern, Valdosta.

A nominating committee, composed of the following women, was elected: Mrs. E.

L. Murrah, Mrs. J. G. C. Bloodworth, Jr., Mrs. J. L. Newbern, Mrs. John P. Mulherin, and Mrs. W. F. Walker. This committee was instructed to report to the meeting at five o'clock that afternoon. A committee to draft a constitution and by-laws was appointed and was instructed to report also at the afternoon session. This committee included Mrs. W. F. Baker, Mrs. E. L. Murrah, Mrs. H. M. Dixon, Mrs. J. G. C. Bloodworth, Jr., Mrs. Basil Stockbridge, and Mrs. J. L. Newbern.

At 12 o'clock the meeting adjourned to enable the women to attend a luncheon at Camp Benning, where the Legionnaires, Auxiliary members and distinguished guests were entertained. General W. H. Gordon and his staff were hosts on this occasion and their guests were entertained in a unique and interesting manner. After lunch a sham battle was staged. This battle brought into action battle planes, tanks, artillery, smoke screens, observation balloons, machine guns and other paraphernalia of war.

At 5:00 o'clock on the afternoon of July 5th, the second business session of the Auxiliary convened in the Chase Conservatory for the purpose of electing officers and continuing the work of the organization.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Frank E. Fleming, who at once called for a report from the nominating committee. The committee submitted the following names for Department officers; President, Mrs. Frank E. Fleming; First Vice-President, Mrs. W. F. Baker; Second Vice-President, Mrs. John P. Mulherin; Third Vice-President, Mrs. J. G. C. Bloodworth, Jr.; Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. L. Murrah; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. T. L. Nimmons; Treasurer, Mrs. J. L. Newbern; Historian, Mrs. Mary L. Groover; Auditor, Mrs. Harry L. Dixon. All of the above officers were unanimously elected. Mrs. Rufus Barnett, Atlanta; Mrs. I. M. Telser, Moultrie; Mrs. Misell, Valdosta; the President of the Macon Unit and the President of the Dublin Unit were elected members of the Executive Board. Mrs. Frank E. Fleming was elected National Executive Committeewoman. Mrs. Harry M. Dixon, Richland was elected delegate to the National Convention; her alternates being Mrs. W. F. Baker, Savannah, and Mrs. J. L. Newbern, Valdosta.

With the election of officers and their acceptance of the duties incumbent on their respective office the Georgia Department of Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion came into being. A glamour of romance hovered over its birth for it was in the historic city of Columbus, in the year 1866, that the first memorial association was formed, which established the custom of setting apart one day in each year on which the graves of the soldiers should be decorated with garlands, and the brave deeds of the fallen heroes recalled and memorialized.

On the morning of the last day of the convention the members of the Auxiliary assembled in the opera house, with the Legion, to listen to the address of Colonel W. M. Miller, Alien Property Custodian. During the war Colonel Miller gave up his business, enlisted as a private and rose to the rank of Colonel. He served with remarkable distinction, and after the close of the war was one of the prominent figures in the organization of The American Legion. His splendid military record and his devotion to the cause of the Legion during the years immediately following the Great War made him a figure of tremendous importance to the Legionnaires, members of the Auxiliary and the guests of the convention.

ACTIVITIES

July 5, 1921 to July 17, 1922

At the time of the Columbus Convention there were fifteen Units in the Georgia Department and during her administration, Mrs. Fleming centered her efforts on placing the Department on a firm foundation from which it was destined to grow into one of the strongest and most useful woman's organizations within the State. The growth of the Auxiliary in Georgia during the first year was steady and remarkably few mistakes were made which proved a tremendous asset during the succeeding years. The various Units, forming the Department entered into the great work before them with an earnest-

ness and zeal which could have but one result, namely, that of becoming a power for good in the communities in which they were located.

Keeping ever in mind the thought that the real reason for being of the American Legion Auxiliary, is the care and comfort of the disabled men of the World War, each Unit, at the same time, recognized the duty it owed to its community. Thus, striving never to infringe on the line of activity of other organizations, the Units found much to do along the lines of Americanism, Community Betterment, etc.

So well was the work of the organization carried forward that the close of Mrs. Fleming's administration found the number of Units increased from fifteen to twenty-two, with a total membership of 809.

During the year the president visited the veterans' hospitals within the State, bringing to the disabled men, confined therein, greetings of love and loyalty from the women of Georgia. With her charming personality and wonderful gift of leadership, she gave to the Units a vision of service to the sad-eyed men, who had left their youth, and all that youth holds dear, in France.

Georgia was represented at the First National Convention in Kansas City, October, 1921, by Mrs. Fleming and Mrs. Harry M. Dixon, Richland. During this convention, Mrs. Fleming was nominated for National Vice-President, Southern Division, but withdrew in favor of Mrs. E. C. Murray, Houston, Texas.

SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE DEPARTMENT

July 17, 18, 19, 1922

The second annual convention of the Department of Georgia was held in Waycross. The call for this convention was issued by the Department President, Mrs. Frank E. Fleming, who had served with distinction during the preceding year.

The opening session was held in the Presbyterian Church, where an interesting and impressive program was presented. After the introductory music a processional was played by Mrs. E. M. McLaurey, organist, during which pages entered escorting distinguished guests, Department officers, and Presidents of the local Woman's organizations.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Walter E. Lee, President of the Ware County Unit, No. 10. After the invocation had been offered by the Rev. Julian S. Sibley, D. D., a vocal number "The Birds are Singing" was rendered by the Waycross Choral Club. An address of welcome to the visitors was given by Mrs. Walter E. Lee, who then introduced the Department President; an eloquent response was made to Mrs. Lee's address of welcome. The program continued as follows:

Music: "Slumber Sea", Richer by Waycross Choral Club.

Presentation of the Colors.

Pledge to the Flag and the American Creed, Audience.

"America", Audience and Choral Club.

Announcements.

Benediction: Rev. E. W. Balleck.

In beginning her address, Mrs. Fleming first introduced the Department officers, Mrs. W. F. Baker, Mrs. J. L. Newbern, Mrs. J. P. Mulherin, Mrs. H. M. Dixon, she then thanked the ladies of Waycross for their hospitality and asked that two of the committee chairmen, Mrs. A. L. Bowden, and Mrs. E. D. Dimmock, come forward for recognition of their valuable work. Mrs. Edith Pircle and Miss Helen Morris of Waycross, who served overseas as nurses, were asked to take places on the platform.

Mrs. Fleming announced that the Waycross Unit had the honor of being the first Unit in the Department of Georgia to apply for a permanent charter, and that it gave her great pleasure to present the charter to the Unit President, Mrs. Walter E. Lee.

The Savannah Unit was awarded a Certificate of Honor for having done the most meritorious work during the past year, and this certificate was accepted in the name of the Unit by Mrs. W. F. Baker. The splendid work for which the Savannah Unit received this recognition was rehabilitation activities among the ex-service men of the city and the

TREASURER, Mrs. J. P. Mulherin ------Augusta
HISTORIAN, Mrs. E. D. Dimmock ------Waycross
CHAPLAIN, Mrs. Frank E. Fleming -----Augusta

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mrs. C. H. Orr ----------Washington
Mrs. W. C. Elrod ----------Atlanta
Mrs. R. E. Trexler ----------Waycross
Mrs. Allen McDonnell ----------Macon
Mrs. W. R. Gignilliat ----------Savannah
Mrs. Paul McGee ----------Waycross

MRS. W. F. BAKER
PRESIDENT, 1922-1923

Pamela Lamar, the daughter of George Whitehead Lamar and Pamela Wragg Lamar, was born in Savannah, Ga. On April 7, 1896, she was married in Savannah, Ga. to William Frederick Baker. The children of this union are: Lamar Baker, Frederick Morrell Baker and Pamela Lamar Baker (m. Robert Adams Brown).

During the World War, Mrs. Baker instructed classes in making surgical dressings in Savannah and throughout Georgia. She was a charter member of the Chatham County Unit, being eligible to membership in the American Legion Auxiliary through the service of her two sons. She served as Unit President, as a member of the committee which drafted the Constitution and By-Laws of the Department at the Columbus Convention in 1921, as First Vice-President, 1921-1922, as Department President, 1922-1923, and as National Committeewoman from Georgia in 1923.

MRS. LEWIS H. HARPER
SECRETARY, 1922-1923

Plessye Ware, the daughter of Pleas and Tommie Melson Ware, was married to Lewis Heymes Harper, on February 6, 1907, at Hogansville, Ga.

She is a charter member of the Joseph N. Neel, Jr. Unit, of Macon, and served as Unit Treasurer.

She served as Department Secretary in 1922-1923.

1922 - 1923

Mrs. Baker accepted the duties of her office with enthusiasm and, with the splendid

groundwork of the previous year to build upon, she was enabled to carry forward the Department activities and to increase the strength and usefulness of the organization. Under her guidance, Georgia forged steadily forward, and was recognized as a Department to which the National organization could point with pride.

On September 22nd, 1922, Mrs. Baker signed an application for a permanent charter for the Department of Georgia. The application was countersigned by Mrs. Lewis Harper, Department Secretary, and forwarded to National Headquarters. On October 2nd, 1922, a permanent charter, signed by Dr. Kate Waller Barrett, National President, was issued to the Department of Georgia.

Mrs. W. G. Eager, who was elected Corresponding Secretary by the Waycross Convention, found that as she was living some distance out from town where it was impossible to secure stenographic help and her time being so occupied with the care of four small children, she could not give the time and attention which she deemed necessary for the good of the organization, therefore, on July 31st, she tendered her resignation to the Department President. Mrs. Eager was a devoted member of the Auxiliary and had given such intelligent service that Mrs. Baker was loath to lose her from her official staff. Mrs. Eager very kindly consented to serve until her office could be filled, and thus, at a great personal sacrifice, she continued her duties as Corresponding Secretary until October when Mrs. L. E. Owens of Valdosta was elected by the Executive Board to fill the unexpired term.

The spirit of close co-operation which has existed since the earliest days of the Legion and Auxiliary in the Georgia Department is manifested by a letter from Mr. Rodney S. Cohen, Commander of the Georgia Department of the Legion, 1922-23, to Mrs. Baker as Department President of the Auxiliary. The letter reads as follows:

"Mrs. W. F. Baker,
President Woman's Auxiliary,
Savannah, Georgia.
My dear Mrs. Baker:—

Allow me to extend my congratulations to you and the entire Auxiliary over your election as head for the ensuing year. I am deeply grateful that the Auxiliary should have seen fit to select one who will endeavor during the year to place the Georgia Department on a firm foundation of enlarged membership.

It is needless to say that during the coming year our work, in a great many instances, will be together and I wish to take this opportunity to offer myself and Mr. Spencer L. Hart, Adjutant, and at any time on any question where we can assist you, you have only to command.

With assurances of great personal interest, I am

Very truly yours,
Rodney S. Cohen."

The Georgia Department was well represented at the Second National Convention in New Orleans, October 16th to 20th. Serving on the various committees were: Credentials, Mrs. Arthur Wilson, Savannah; Permanent Organization, Mrs. Frank E. Fleming; Rules, Mrs. Harry M. Dixon; Resolutions and Recommendations, Mrs. E. H. Johnson, Athens; Legislation, Mrs. W. F. Baker; Welfare and Hospital Relief, Miss Elma Morton, Richland; Finance, Mrs. J. W. Oglesby, Quitman; Americanism, Mrs. E. H. Johnson, Athens.

One of the objectives that Mrs. Baker announced on assuming the duties of her office was to have a unit attached to every post within the Department. Thus the work of arousing interest in the Auxiliary among the bachelor posts went steadily forward and new units continued to come into the fold. In September a temporary charter was issued to the Seminole Unit, No. 123, Donaldsonville, and in October the Paul E. Bolding Unit No. 7, Gainesville, came into the ranks. During the month of January, 1923, two new units were formed, namely, Albany Unit No. 30, Albany, and Henry Ross Thomas Unit No. 78, Atlanta.

During Mrs. Baker's administration every unit, that had functioned long enough, received a permanent charter bringing to Georgia the honor of being the first Department

to reach one hundred per cent in this respect. This was accomplished mainly through the patience and perseverance of the Department President.

In February, 1923, the Department was honored with a visit from the National President, Dr. Kate Waller Barrett, who came to Georgia, at that time, to welcome the German War Brides of the American soldiers who returned on the SS St. Mihiel on that date. Mrs. Baker was official hostess to Dr. Barrett and accompanied her to the pier to welcome the War Brides to their adopted home. Dr. Barrett received a warm welcome to Georgia where she had many old friends who retained loving memories of the years she had spent in this State during her early married life. Her husband, an Episcopal minister, was rector of an Episcopal Church, Athens, Ga., for a number of years, during which time Dr. Barrett received her medical degree.

National Commander Alvin M. Ousley visited Georgia during March and was entertained by the Legion in the cities where he spoke to the Legion and Auxiliary. While in Savannah he was the guest of honor at a banquet in the Savannah Hotel on March 10th. The Auxiliary was honored by having its President seated at the right hand of the National Commander at this banquet. She also occupied a seat on the stage of the auditorium later in the evening, when Commander Ousley delivered an address to a large audience. On March 14th Commander Ousley reached Atlanta and was entertained jointly by Posts No. 1, 51, and 78.

Early in the Spring of 1923 The American Legion and Auxiliary undertook to raise a fund to be known as the Graves Memorial Fund. The amount of this fund was to be $200,000, the interest from which would be used to decorate the graves of the American soldiers of the World War who were buried in foreign countries. The quota allotted to the Georgia Department of the Legion and Auxiliary was $1,118.80, and the Department officials labored zealously to raise this amount. A bulletin was issued by the Department President urging the units to subscribe generously to this fund.

On March 28th a temporary charter was issued to the Tift County Unit No. 21, Tifton, and on May 29th a similar charter was issued to the Reese-Hyman Unit No. 96, Warrenton.

In support of the "Bursum Bill", which had previously been indorsed by the Legion, the following letter was written:

Savannah, Georgia,
Feb. 16, 1923.

Honorable J. W. Overstreet,
Member of Congress,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:—

As President of the Georgia Department of the American Legion Auxiliary, representing twenty-six different Units located in this State, we want to urge upon you the necessity of taking from the Table the "Bursum Bill" Senate No. 1565, and have favorable action taken on same.

We understand that two hundred and thirty-five members of Congress have signed this bill and that the Secretary of War has given it his approval. This is a just bill and we feel that it should be passed during the present term of Congress.

Won't you kindly get after Honorable William C. Wright, member of Congress, who we understand is Chairman of the Committee covering this bill and get him to present it to Congress at once.

Trusting to have your assistance, I am,

Very truly yours,

Mrs. W. F. Baker,
President Georgia Department,
American Legion Auxiliary.

The Georgia Department of the Auxiliary had given whole-hearted support to the Legion in its efforts to have the Adjusted Compensation Bill passed, as the following telegram will bear witness:

September 17, 1922.

Honorable W. G. Harding,
President United States,
Washington, D. C.

Georgia Department, American Legion Auxiliary, representing over one thousand women, beg you to sign Adjusted Compensation bill. This measure has been before Congress three years and approval will be an expression of Country's appreciation of service rendered by men and women of World War.

Signed,

Mrs. W. F. Baker, President.

In reply to the above telegram the following letter was received:

Mrs. W. F. Baker,
American Legion Auxiliary,
Savannah, Ga.

My dear Madam:

Your telegram of yesterday has been received, and I am glad to call it to the attention of the President in connection with his consideration of the bill to which you refer.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Christian, Jr.,
Secretary to the President.

During the spring of 1923 the Auxiliary aided by the Legion formulated plans for the proper observance of Mothers Day, May 13th and, in a bulletin to the Units, Mrs. Baker urged them to appoint a Mothers Day Committee to co-operate with the Post in arranging a suitable program for that day. This was done by a number of Posts and Units, tribute being paid especially to the Gold Star Mothers of their communities.

In January Mrs. Baker represented the Department at the National Executive Board meeting at Indianapolis. During this meeting she was offered the Chairmanship of the National Americanism Committee which she declined as business prohibited her from giving the time required for the proper conduct of this important office.

During the year the President and the splendid staff of officers supporting her, accomplished many things for the Department. Mrs. E. D. Dimmock, Department Historian, had drafted a historical outline to be submitted to the Department Convention for adoption. This outline, comprising some eight volumes covered some of the principal phases of historical work to be carried on by the Unit historians.

The second year of the Georgia Department, which was in all respects a very successful one, came to a close at the Third Annual Convention held in Athens, July 3, 4 and 5, 1923. The call for this convention was issued by Mrs. Baker on May 5, 1923. A meeting of the Department Executive Board was held in the Sample Room of the Georgian Hotel, in Athens, just prior to the opening session of the Convention with the following members present: Mrs. W. F. Baker, Mrs. J. L. Newbern, Mrs. L. H. Harper, Mrs. Allan McDonnell and Mrs. C. H. Orr.

The first business session of the Convention was held at 3:00 P. M., July 3 in the Seney-Stovall Chapel, Lucy Cobb Institute, with fourteen units represented and a voting strength of seventy-one. The meeting was called to order by the Department President, Mrs. W. F. Baker. The pledge to the flag was given in unison and the assembly then repeated the Lords Prayer led by the Department Chaplain, Mrs. Frank E. Fleming.

At 11:00 A. M., Tuesday, the Auxiliary held a joint session with the Legion in the Colonial Theater. At this meeting the Legionnaires and Auxiliary members were welcomed to the city by Mayor George C. Thomas of the city of Athens, Chancellor David C. Borrow, of the University of Georgia; Henry H. West Commander of the Allen R. Fleming Post and Mrs. E. H. Johnson, President of the Allen R. Fleming Unit. A response to this cordial welcome was given by the Department President, Mrs. W. F. Baker, Savannah.

At 1:30 P. M., the Auxiliary officers, delegates and distinguished guests were entertained at a delightful luncheon at the Cloverhurst Country Club. The Allen R. Fleming Unit was hostess at this luncheon with Mrs. E. R. Johnson president.

The evening of the 3rd was given over to pleasure. At 9:00 o'clock a program of living pictures was presented on a balcony of the Georgian Hotel overlooking the lawn of the City Hall. The pictures, under the direction of Miss Manita Bullock, were beautifully presented. Music was furnished by Haughey's Orchestra; Master of ceremonies, Dr. Jere M. Pound; Reader, Miss Ruth Conyers; Soloist, Miss Lucile Kinnebrew. The following are the pictures in the order in which they were presented: Bleeding France; Call to Arms; Behind the Guns; The Sentinel of Civilization; Christmas, 1917; The Great Givers; The Rose of No-Mans-Land; The Y. Canteen; Our Doughnut Girl; The Armistice; He Kept His Pledge; Victory Knight-

ing Her Son; His Guardian; The American Legion; Oh Boy; The Story of The Lost Battalion; The Veterans; Doughboy Spirit; Merci; We Shall Remember Them; The Future; Decoration Day; My Best Girl. The cast of characters included Miss Carolyn Vance, Mr. Henry West, Mr. R. C. Heslip, Mr. W. D. Paschall, Mr. Garland Hulme, Miss Martha Holliday, Mr. W. J. Miller, Miss Elizabeth Rowland; Lieutenant May Morris, Mrs. Arthur J. McCoy, Judge Henry S. West, Mr. J. J. Wilkins, Jr., John Warren Smith, Jr., Mr. A. G. Elder, Maybeth Mitchell, Miss May Hall, Augusta, Ga., Mrs. John J. Wilkins. Later in the evening the Legionnaires, Auxiliary members and their guests attended a dance at the Moss Auditorium.

The second business session convened, in the Seney-Stovall Chapel, Wednesday morning at 9:30 were reports of the year's work given by the various Units.

The following committees served with marked efficiency during the convention:

CREDENTIALS

Mrs. Julius Talmadge, Chairman ---------Athens
Mrs. E. E. Kimbrough ----------Gainesville
Mrs. John P. Mulherin ----------Augusta

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Mrs. Arthur Wilson ----------Savannah
Mrs. Lloyd Bradfield ----------LaGrange

RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Alan McDonald, Chairman ---------Macon
Mrs. Virgil Parham ----------LaGrange
Mrs. A. P. Treadwell ----------Atlanta

AUDITING

Mrs. E. T. Gause ----------Augusta
Mrs. J. L. Newbern ----------Valdosta

WAYS AND MEANS

Mrs. Rufus Barnett, Chairman ----------Atlanta
Mrs. Arthur Hagan ----------Donaldsonville
Mrs. M. O. Council ----------McRae

RULES

Mrs. L. E. Owens, Chairman ----------Atlanta
Mrs. W. A. Roberts ----------Gainesville
Mrs. Roy A. Flint ----------Dublin

PROGRAM

Mrs. J. L. Newbern, Chairman ---------Valdosta
Mrs. E. H. Johnson ----------Athens
Mrs. J. L. Ruble ----------Quitman

Wednesday afternoon the election of officers took place. The nominating committee composed of Mrs. Grant Fuller, Mrs. Frank E. Fleming, Mrs. W. A. Roberts, Mrs. E. W. Johnson and Mrs. Boyce Ficklen, Jr., presented the following names: President, Mrs. J. L. Newbern, Valdosta; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Kingman White, Savannah; 2nd Vice-President, Lewis Harper, Macon; Treasurer, Mrs. Jewitt Williams, Athens; Chaplain, Mrs. W. A. Roberts, Gainesville; Historian, Mrs. E. D. Dimmock, Waycross; Secretary, Mrs. J. R. Johnson, Valdosta, (appointed by the incoming President) Members of the Department Executive Board, Mrs. Grant Fuller, Macon; Mrs. E. H. Johnson, Athens; Mrs. Boyce Ficklen, Jr. Washington; Mrs. C. W. Mathews, Warrenton; Mrs. D. B. Saunders, Atlanta; Mrs. B. F. Robinson, Gainesville. All of these ladies were unanimously elected.

As an expression of appreciation for the faithful and devoted service of Mrs. W. F. Baker and her official staff, a rising vote of thanks was given them and the third annual convention of the Georgia Department of the American Legion Auxiliary came to a close.

During her administration Mrs. Baker organized eight new Units and the membership grew from eight hundred and nine to fourteen hundred and fifty-seven which was a remarkable growth for an organization so young as the American Legion Auxiliary was at that time in Georgia.

UNIT PRESIDENTS, 1922

1 Atlanta, Atlanta .....Mrs. Rufus Barnett
2 John D. Mathis, Americus.....Mrs. Lawson Stapleton
3 Joseph N. Neel, Jr., Macon .....

4 Louis L. Battey, Augusta.....Mrs. J. P. Mulherin

10 Ware County, Waycross.....Mrs. Walter E. Lee

13 Valdosta, Valdosta.....Mrs. J. L. Newbern

20 Allen R. Fleming, Athens....Mrs. E. H. Johnson

22 Jerome A. Wootten, Washington .....Mrs. M. P. Pope

31 T. L. Spence, Jr., Thomasville .....Mrs. B. W. Stone

35 Charles S. Harrison, Columbus .....Miss Adele Foley

36 Chatham County, Savannah....Mrs. W. F. Baker

48 Wilbur Oglesby, Quitman.....Mrs. J. W. Oglesby

47 Paul Gwin, Calhoun .....Mrs. Ralph Meeks, Mrs. P. R. Lay

78 Henry Thomas Ross, Atlanta .....Mrs. A. P. Treadwell

80 Telfair, McRae .....

120 Burke Light Infantry, Waynesboro .....Mrs. R. C. Neely

123 Seminole, Donaldsonville.....Mrs. A. G. Hagan

128 Morton-Richardson, Richland .....Mrs. Harry M. Dixon

OFFICERS

1923 - 1924

PRESIDENT, Mrs. J. L. Newbern _____Valdosta

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT, Mrs. W. Kingman White _____Savannah

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT, Mrs. Lewis Harper _____Macon

SECRETARY, (Appointed), Mrs. J. B. Johnson _____Valdosta

TREASURER, Mrs. Jewett Williams _____Athens

HISTORIAN, Mrs. E. D. Dimmock _____Waycross

CHAPLAIN, Mrs. W. A. Roberts _____Gainesville

AUDITOR, Mrs. J. P. Mulherin _____Augusta

Committeewomen, members of Department Executive Board.

Mrs. Grant Fuller _____Macon

Mrs. E. H. Johnson _____Athens

Mrs. Boyce Ficklen, Jr. _____Washington

Mrs. C. W. Mathews _____Warrenton

Mrs. F. B. Saunders _____Atlanta

Mrs. B. F. Robinson _____Gainesville

MRS. J. L. NEWBERN
PRESIDENT, 1923-1924

Flavia Petrie, daughter of F. A. Petrie and Mattie Kimbrough Petrie, was born in Thomasville, Alabama. On December 31, 1916, she was married to J. Lamar Newbern of Valdosta, Georgia, through whom she is eligible to membership in the American Legion Auxiliary. Major Newbern graduated from the first Officers Training Camp at Fort McPherson, Georgia, in 1917. He went overseas as 1st Lieutenant, was promoted Captain, C. A. C. September 11, 1918 and received his majority after the signing of the Armistice.

Mrs. Newbern graduated from the Atlanta Law School, and was admitted to the bar, practicing her profession through the same office as her husband, who was also a lawyer.

Mrs. Newbern was a delegate to the first Department Convention and served as Treas-

urer in the first group of Department officers. She served as Department Vice-President, 1922-23, as Department President, 1923-24 and was elected National Committeewoman at the Savannah Convention in 1924 but resigned later in the year on account of illness.

MRS. J. B. JOHNSON
SECRETARY, 1923-1924

Marie Harris, the daughter of Jesse R. Harris and Rose Moore Harris, was married to Jared B. Johnson on August 26, 1917, at Thomasville, Georgia.

Mrs. Johnson served as Secretary and as President of Valdosta Unit, No. 13.

She served as Department Secretary in 1923-1924, as Department Historian in 1932-1933 and as Memorials Chairman in 1933-1934.

1923-1924

With the splendid foundation, laid by the group of pioneer workers in the cause of the Auxiliary in Georgia during the two previous years, to build upon, the new staff of officers entered the field with the assurance of an excellent year ahead.

Mrs. Newbern, who had been placed at the helm by the Athens convention, was well qualified to guide the Department. First of all the cause of the Legion was close to her heart and as she had been one of the small group of women who had organized the Auxiliary in Georgia and had forced it to the front among the women's organizations in the State, she had the keen insight into the ideals of the organization which alone can maintain harmony and promote progress.

One of the first duties performed by the new President was the appointment of Department Standing Committees to correspond with the committees appointed by National Headquarters.

The following women consented to assist the Department officers in carrying forward the various phases of Auxiliary work in Georgia:

AMERICANISM, Mrs. Sam Register ------Valdosta

PUBLICITY, Mrs. Harry M. Dixon -----Richland

REHABILITATION, Mrs. R. L. Oakman---Augusta

POPPY, Mrs. Harry M. Dixon --------Richland

LEGISLATIVE, Mrs. C. C. Proctor------ Valdosta

SONG, Mrs. Robert Kersch ----------Savannah

FINANCE,
Mrs. Boyce Ficklen, Jr., Chm.--Washington
Mrs. Joseph M. Toomey -------Washington
Mrs. J. P. Mulherin ----------Augusta

At the third National Convention, held in San Francisco, California, October 15 to 19, 1923, the Georgia Department was represented by Mrs. J. L. Newbern, Mrs. W. F. Baker, Mrs. Edgar B. Dunlap, Gainesville; Mrs. Heyward Hosch, Gainesville; Miss Helen Dudley, Columbus and Miss Martha Dedman, Columbus. In addition to the above named delegates two alternates were present namely, Mrs. Asa Warren Candler alternate National Committee woman and Mrs. C. M. Wood of Marietta, a gold star mother.

The larger part of the Georgia delegation left Atlanta on October 5th, in order that

they might have time for stop-over privileges at points of interest enroute. Places visited were New Orleans, San Antonio, El Paso, Grand Canyon and Los Angeles. At all these places special courtesies were shown the Georgia delegation.

The opening session of the Auxiliary Convention was called to order by the National President, Dr. Kate Waller Barrett. The report of the credentials committee showed that there were five hundred delegates present, every state in the Union, as well as Panama, Hawaii, Mexico and Alaska being represented.

The Georgia women who served on convention committees were as follows:

CREDENTIALS, Mrs. J. L. Newbern ------Valdosta

LEGISLATION, Mrs. W. F. Baker -------Savannah

RESOLUTIONS, Mrs. Edgar Dunlap ---Gainesville

WELFARE AND HOSPITAL RELIEF, Miss Martha Dedman ----------Columbus

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, Mrs. J. L. Newbern ----------Valdosta

FINANCE, Mrs. Heyward C. Hosch ---Gainesville

REHABILITATION, Mrs. W. F. Baker ----Savannah

POPPY, Miss Martha Dedman ---------Columbus

CHILD WELFARE, Mrs. Heyward C. Hosch ----------Gainesville

MEMORIALS, Mrs. Edgar Dunlap ----Gainesville

ORDER OF GOLD STAR, Mrs. W. F. Baker ----------Savannah

CO-OPERATION, Mrs. J. L. Newbern ----Valdosta

In the great military parade on Tuesday, October 16th, Georgia had the honor of first place due to the fact that the Georgia Department of the Legion had shown the greatest increase in membership during the year.

The States' Dinner held in the Saint Francis Hotel Tuesday evening was the outstanding social event of the convention. When in the course of the evening the National President called the roll of the Departments, which was in the order of their increase in membership, Georgia came fourth, Alabama, Oklahoma and California being in advance of her.

Every minute from the start to the finish of the convention was filled either with business or pleasure for the people of San Francisco had arranged an interesting program for every day. The Georgia delegation came home overflowing with enthusiasm and a firm determination to keep the Department in the front ranks where it had stood so proudly in the convention just closed.

Realizing that the first step in forwarding the work of the Auxiliary in Georgia lay in organizing new Units and increasing the membership of those already organized, Mrs. Newbern formulated plans which would bring results in both instances. In July she wrote the new Department Commander, pledging her loyalty to the Legion and asking the assistance of the Department officers and Post commanders in the extension work of the Auxiliary.

At the Athens Convention Colonel J. L. Newbern, Valdosta, introduced a resolution asking that a Liaison Committee be appointed for the purpose of co-ordinating the work of the Legion and Auxiliary. The Department Commander offered Mrs. Newbern the privilege of suggesting the members of this committee but she declined to this stating that she was willing to trust the judgment of the Commander and asking only that he appoint men who would really work; men who would catch the vision that this committee would be a vital one in the extension work of both the Legion and the Auxiliary.

Mrs. Newbern wrote a personal letter to the commander of every post in the Department that had no Auxiliary Unit, asking him to lend his assistance in organizing a Unit and in a number of instances met with great success.

Amid all the enthusiasm of building up the Department numerically the primary object of the Auxiliary was not overlooked as the following extract from one of the President's bulletins will attest:

Re-Boxes for Disabled at Christmas Time,
Attention Unit President:

Just to remind you to begin to make your plans for doing something to make happier some disabled man in the hospital at Christmas time. If there is a World War Veteran from your town in one of

the hospitals, write him a good letter, send him a box. If there isn't one from your town, then help some other town. We are counting on each Unit to "Do its bit" in this work.

Mrs. J. L.Newbern, President.

In compliance with their President's request practically every Unit within the Department sent boxes to the hospitals. The Valdosta Unit alone sent boxes to fifty-five men.

With the beginning of the new year the Georgia Units entered the work with zest and every phase of Auxiliary activity seemed to prosper. The closest co-operation existed between the Legion and Auxiliary as hand in hand they labored for the disabled and for the many other worthy causes to which they were pledged.

A very pleasing surprise was given the Auxiliary with the advent of the following letter:

Department of Georgia,
The American Legion,
Gainesville, Ga., Jan. 8, 1924.

Mrs. J. L. Newbern,
Valdosta, Georgia.

Dear Mrs. Newbern:—

The Department of Georgia desires the privilege of offering a loving cup to the Auxiliary Unit showing the largest increase of membership during 1924. We have secured a beautiful silver loving cup, standing thirteen and one half inches and measuring eight inches in diameter, for presentation to the Auxiliary Unit showing the greatest increase of membership during the year.

We will leave the rules of this contest to your Executive Committee.

As soon as the cup is suitably engraved I will express it to you for you to use as you see fit during the year.

We intend this cup to be presented at the Convention in Savannah the first Thursday in June.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

Edgar B. Dunlap,
Commander, Georgia Dept.

This generous offer on the part of the Legion was gratefully received by Mrs. Newbern who at once issued a bulletin to all the Units appraising them of the trophy being offered by the Legion and urging them to prove worthy of the interest the Legion manifested in their growth.

At about the same time a letter from the Department Historian announced that the Ware County Unit would offer a prize to the Unit sending the greatest number of pages of historic matter to the Department Historian before the next annual Convention.

The Department Executive Committee of the Auxiliary also voted to offer a trophy in the membership contest which made three beautiful trophies to be awarded at the Savannah Convention.

Through the efforts of Mrs. Newbern a close contact was established with the U. S. Veteran's Hospitals within the Department and a definite program of Rehabilitation was begun. For the first time the Units, in towns other than those in which the hospitals were located, began sending monthly contributions to the Red Cross Directors in the Hospitals for purchasing small comforts for the men who were receiving no compensation.

Early in the spring of 1924 the Valdosta, Savannah and Atlanta Units donated funds for purchasing swings for the Hospital ground and these were presented to the men on Hospital Day, May 12th.

The Auxiliary rendered valuable service to the Legion during the fight for the passage of the Adjusted Compensation Bill. February 10th to 17th an intensive drive was put on, the Department officers, Unit officers and individual members showering the Georgia Senators and representatives with letters and telegrams urging their support of this Bill.

On February 29th the Department President visited Columbus and was the honor guest of the Charles S. Harrison Post and Unit during their entertainment of the National Commander, John R. Quinn. From Columbus Mrs. Newbern proceeded to Atlanta where she was joined by the Department Secretary, Mrs. J. B. Johnson, of Valdosta. While in Atlanta they attended a reception given by the Argonne Unit in the afternoon and a banquet in the evening given by the Argonne Post in honor of the National Commander. An official visit was also made by the Legion and Auxiliary officers to U. S. Veteran's Hospital No. 48.

On March 22nd the National President, Mrs. Franklin Lee Bishop, of Leicester, Mass., arrived in Atlanta and was entertained by the Argonne Unit. Mrs. Bishop visited Hospital No. 48 where she was conducted through the hospital by the commanding officer, Major Pitcher, and the chairman of the hospital committee of the Argonne Unit, Mrs. C. A. Mauck. After leaving the hospital Mrs. Bishop was the guest of the Argonne Unit at a luncheon in the Georgian Terrace. Leaving Atlanta that night Mrs. Bishop traveled to Augusta where she was entertained by the Augusta Unit and representatives from other sections of the Department.

Although the convention year was of but eleven months duration, the convention being scheduled for the first week in June, instead of the first week in July as in previous years, a splendid record was made. Eleven Units had been organized and the membership had increased from 1,420 (the membership at the close of the previous year) to 2,092. Another notable fact is that not a single Unit was lost during the year. Altogether the year was one of remarkable achievement in growth, in Rehabilitation work, in Americanism programs and in all other phases of Auxiliary activities. The Department funds being extremely limited the President and Secretary practiced the most rigid economy, never sparing themselves in the efforts to carry the work forward.

The Fourth Annual Convention was held in Savannah, June 5th, 6th and 7th, 1924. A very interesting Convention program had been arranged by Mrs. W. Kingman White, Department First Vice-President, and Mrs. W. F. Baker, chairman of the Convention Committee for the Savannah Unit.

A meeting of the Department Executive Committee was held in the De Soto Hotel Wednesday evening, June 4th.

From 10:00 A. M., to 1:15 P. M., June 5th a joint session of the Legion and Auxiliary was held in the City Auditorium. The meeting was called to order by the Department Commander, Edgar B. Dunlap, of Gainesville, followed by the invocation by the Department Chaplain, Rev. O. J. Hart, of Macon, and the advancement of the colors.

Addresses of welcome were given by Honorable Paul E. Seabrook, Mayor of Savannah; Alex R. Fawcett, Commander of the Chatham County Post and Mrs. W. Kingman White, President of the Chatham County Unit. A response to this cordial welcome was given by the Department President, Mrs. J. L. Newbern.

The principal address at the opening session was delivered by General James M. Drain of Washington, D. C. At the close of this address a memorial service, for the Legionnaires who had died during the year, was held. "There is no Death" was sung by Stewart West, Savannah, and after a moment of silent prayer taps was sounded. The convention then adjourned for a luncheon at the DeSoto Hotel. The members of the Auxiliary and their distinguished guests were entertained at lunch by the Chatham County Unit.

At three-thirty P. M. the first business session of the Auxiliary Convention was held in Gregory Hall. The music at this session was furnished by Miss Lois Pugh and Mrs. R. L. Kersh.

After the President had read her report she was given a rising vote of thanks for her loyalty and devotion to the cause of the Legion and Auxiliary.

A nominating committee composed of the following women was appointed: Mrs. Sam Register, Mrs. G. W. Corley, Mrs. J. P. Mulherin, Mrs. C. H. Orr and Mrs. Kingman White. This committee was instructed to report the following day. The meeting then adjourned until 10:00 A. M. June 6th.

At 5:30 on Thursday afternoon a big parade formed and marched down Bull Street amid the blare of trumpet and the roll of drums. That evening dances were given at the De Soto and the Savannah Hotels and a street dance took place in front of the De Soto Hotel on Bull Street. At 11:00 o'clock the name of Miss Carolyn N. Newton of Gainesville, was announced as the winner of the contest for the convention sponsor. At the business session of the Legion on the following morning Miss Newton, then "Miss Georgia" was escorted to the stage and decorated with the sash of her rank.

On Friday, June 6th the Auxiliary again convened in Gregory Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Department President. During the morning session Theron Mann, of North Carolina, National Vice-Commander of the Legion, was introduced by Asa Warren Candler, National Committeeman from Georgia. Mr. Mann brought greetings from the National organization and complimented the Georgia Department very highly on the excellent work it had done for the disabled veterans. Mr. Candler also introduced J. Y. Cheney, Adjutant of the Department of Florida, who brought greetings from his Department. The musical program during this session consisted of two vocal numbers sung by Mrs. W. H. Meyers, accompanied by Miss Emma Coburn, and a brilliantly executed piano duet by Mrs. A. D. Bergen and Miss Irma Howard.

During the morning session Judge Albert Little, of Valdosta, addressed the Convention urging the support of the Auxiliary for the Woodrow Wilson College being planned for Valdosta. The Convention went on record as endorsing this movement.

Mrs. Nowell, of the Marine Hospital in Savannah, and Mrs. D. M. Robinson, Red Cross Director at U. S. Veteran's Hospital No. 48, Atlanta, addressed the Convention, telling of the work of the Auxiliary among the disabled men in these hospitals. Mrs. Robinson thanked the Auxiliary for all it had done during the year and urged the continuance of this program.

The silver loving cup, known as the "American Legion Trophy" was presented to the Albany Unit, Mrs. W. M. Wilder, President, for having the greatest increase in membership for that year. A sterling silver basket, offered by the Department Executive Committee of the Auxiliary, to the Unit having the greatest increase in membership in proportion to the membership of the Post to which it was attached, was won by the Jerome A. Wootten Unit, Washington, of which Mrs. Joseph M. Toomey was President.

The Ware County Historical Trophy, to be presented to the Unit compiling the greatest number of pages of historical matter, was won by the Chatham County Unit, Savannah, of which Mrs. Kingman White was President. The historical material of the Chatham County Unit was compiled by Mrs. Augusta Wood DuBose and represented an excellent piece of work. This Unit had the honor of compiling the first volume of World War records in the Georgia Department.

The nominating committee at this time, brought in its report and the officers were elected as follows:

PRESIDENT, Mrs. Boyce Ficklen, Jr.--Washington

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT, Mrs. W. M. Wilder ----------Albany

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT, Mrs. W. A. Richards ----------Columbus

TREASURER, Mrs. W. Kingman White ----------Savannah

CHAPLAIN, Mrs. Horace M. Holden -----Athens

HISTORIAN, Mrs. E. D. Dimmock ------Waycross

NATIONAL COMMITTEEWOMAN, Mrs. J. L. Newbern ----------Valdosta

DISTRICT COMMITTEEWOMEN

1st District, Mrs. Augusta Wood Dubose ----------Savannah

2nd District, Mrs. W. H. Beckham ------Albany

3rd District, Mrs. H. M. Dixon-------Richland

4th District, Mrs. Floyd Bradfield,----LaGrange

5th District, Mrs. G. W. Corley --------Atlanta

6th District, Mrs. Joseph N. Neel -------Macon

7th District, Mrs. A. L. Henson -------Calhoun

8th District, Mrs. C. H. Orr -------Washington

9th District, Mrs. W. C. Thomas ----Gainesville

10th District, Mrs. Frank Fleming -------Augusta

11th District, Mrs. R. E. Trexler, ------Waycross

12th District, Mrs. F. L. Fincher -----Fort Valley

Mrs. Boyce Ficklen, Jr., Mrs. Frank E. Fleming, Mrs. G. W. Corley, Mrs. J. L. Newbern, Mrs. W. F. Baker, Miss Gertrude Nettles, Mrs. W. W. Houseal were elected delegates to the National Convention to be held in St. Paul, Minn., September 15-19, with the following alternates: Mrs. E. P.