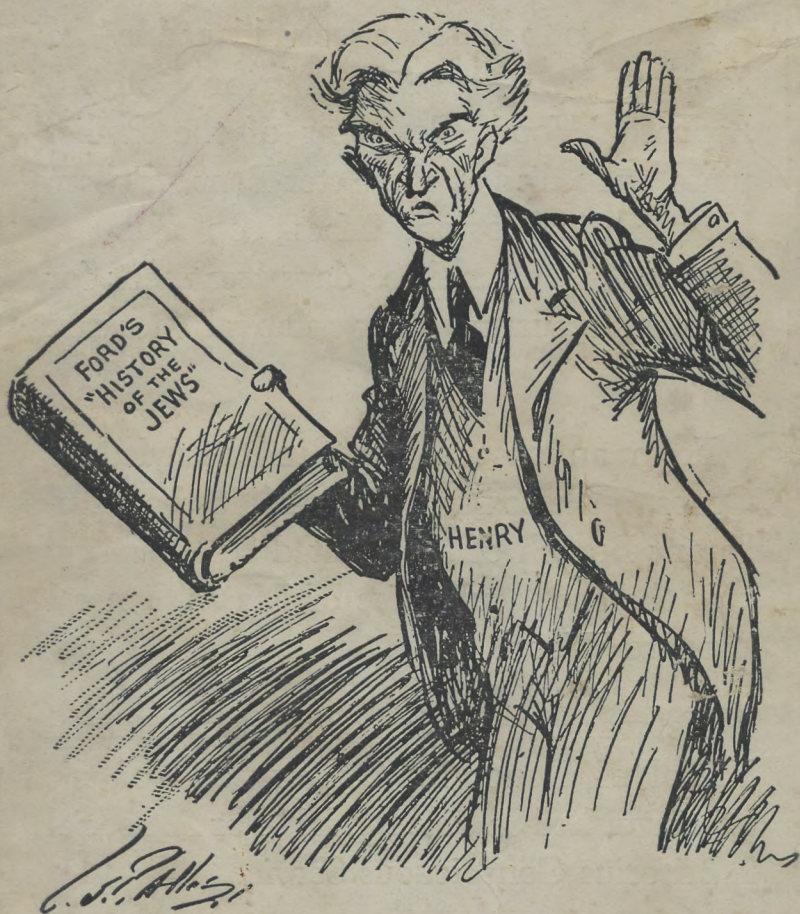


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"HISTORY IS A LOT O' BUNK!"

—Alley in the *Memphis Commercial Appeal*.

Henry Ford thinks that Benedict Arnold was commended by General George Washington for his valorous conduct at the Battle of Bull Run during the Spanish-American War.

GENERAL LEONARD WOOD

As we go to press we are saddened by the report of the death of Major General Leonard Wood, Governor of the Philippines, who died at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston, Mass., on Sunday, August 7th, after three days treatment for a tumor recurring after removal 17 years ago.

From an obscure post in the Medical Corps to the commanding rank in the Combatant Branch of the United States Army was the spectacular rise of Major General Leonard Wood.

He was the holder of a Congressional Medal of Honor for Bravery and of the Distinguished Service Medal "For A Special Meritorius Conspicuous Service."

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AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

My dear Comrades:

Permit me to express my thanks for the splendid recognition of my services by the very substantial gift you voted me at the Convention, and for electing me to lead you for the fourth consecutive year.

I believe that there is a great future for this organization and, with your active co-operation, we can grow to a position of prominence in civic, state and national affairs, beneficial to all veterans and to the people of our race.

I urge you to help in this work by supporting your Posts, helping your officers and doing your bit towards bringing about the successful consummation of our several undertakings.

I pledge you the best that is in me for the year to come.

It is up to us now to increase our membership by every available means.

In closing, I wish to express my thanks to the members of the "On-the-Quiet Committee," to those that subscribed to that fund, and particularly for your extravagant praises of my small efforts to build up the organization.

Sincerely yours in comradeship,

MORRIS J. MENDELSON,
Commander-in-Chief.

STATUE TO SALOMON DENIED

*Jewish Veterans to Investigate
Art Commission's Action*

At the first meeting of the National Executive Council of the new administration, Adjutant-General Hyman Margulies was instructed to communicate with Mr. Z. Tygel, Secretary of the Federation of Polish Jews, relative to the refusal by the Municipal Art Commission of the City of New York to permit the erection of a statue in Madison Square Park of Haym Salomon, Jewish financier and patriot of the Revolutionary War period.

The Adjutant General was instructed to tender to the Federation of Polish Jews the services of this organization, financial and otherwise, and if it is found that there was prejudice traceable to the action of the Art Commission, the Jewish Veterans will demand a review of the entire matter at the hands of Mayor James J. Walker.

HELP WANTED

This organization needs the services of a business manager for its national publication.

Comrades having the qualifications please apply at once.

HENRY FORD RECANTS WITH A VENGEANCE— NOW THINKS JEWS THE "SALT OF THE EARTH"

FOR reasons best known to himself, Henry Ford has seen fit to actually disclaim responsibility for his many vicious attacks upon the Jews over a period of years. Notable in his charges against the "International Jew" were the age-old statements, many times disproved, of the so-called "Protocols" and "Ritual Murders."

Friend Henry, to give the whole situation a most peculiar aspect, states in his ample retraction that he did not know these charges were being promulgated in the publication bearing his stamp of ownership, and in many instances over his own signature.

The Jews acclaim his retractions as the acts of "a big man," and they are falling all over themselves to be amongst the first to pat Henry on the back, tell him what a good sport he is and to welcome him as a friend (sic) of

FORD ASKS FORGIVENESS OF THE JEWS

The Jew for thousands of years has freely forgiven his enemies and persecutors, and so we Jews forgive Henry Ford the terrible wrongs he has inflicted upon us. We forgive him whole-heartedly without reservation, but the writer wants to know whether Henry Ford apologized because he came to a realization of the great wrong he was doing, or is it because business or politics made his seeming change of heart the expedient of the moment.

If the former, which we hope to be the case, then we say to him, "Henry Ford, you have harmed an innocent people.

the Jew. Louis Marshall, our own good Comrade Congressman William I. Sirovich, Nathan Straus, Jr., and others have publicly accepted this apology on behalf of the Jewish people.

The writer, however, while he feels that discontinuance of this propaganda of vilification must of necessity benefit the Jews, just as the growth of a cancer whose inroads and destructiveness ceasing suddenly would benefit the patient, cannot understand the attitude of the leaders of Jewry in their eagerness now to heap plaudits upon the one individual whose enormous wealth enabled him to wield such a tremendous evil influence upon the lives of our people. With all the power that his billions can give, Henry Ford cannot heal a single wound of his making, let alone bring back to life even one of the large number whose deaths may be traced directly to his very doors.

"Unwittingly, taking you at your own statement, you have caused misery, suffering and death to thousands of innocent human beings. This you have been enabled to do because of your accumulation of vast wealth permitted under our present social system; Henry Ford, use some of these millions to right the wrong which you have done. In that way, you will convince even the most skeptic that you are sincere in your apologies, and that you are deserving of that forgiveness which you ask and which is so freely granted.

MORRIS J. MENDELSON.

SEND GREETINGS TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

Past Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief A. I. Hausman and Comrade Pauline Bigelson of Cleveland sent telegrams of greeting to the National Convention in Troy, as did Col. Nicholas Korngold of Chicago.

"The greatest pacifist is the American soldier. He never creates war. Whenever he fights, he fights for peace. He is the embodied flag. Multiply him. Honor him. This is not militarism. It is the truest patriotism."—Brig. Gen. Samuel Fallows.

—Illinois Veteran, May, 1927.

SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT JEWISH VETERANS WARS OF THE REPUBLIC

Reported by George B. Fales

THE members of David Chodikoff Post No. 15, Jewish Veterans of Troy, were the hosts for the sixth national encampment of this organization, July 2, 3 and 4. The meeting began with a general assembly in the Young Men's Hebrew Association Building, 87 First St., Saturday evening, July 2nd, attended by a large number of delegates.

The meeting was called to order by Commander Ben Chuckrow, General Chairman, who told of his pleasure in opening the convention and how the Troy post was organized. He had received a letter from Commander in Chief Col. Morris J. Mendelsohn, and at first did not favor the project, but later he was induced to take it up with the result that Chodikoff post was formed and it now has 60 members and is one of the best known posts in Troy.

Commander Mendelsohn was then introduced and called upon Rev. Dr. Edward Lissman, Chaplain of the New York Fire Department, to offer a prayer. A special meeting of the Executive Committee was held when Adjutant General A. Kraditor referred to the Kings County Hospital investigation which affected three Jewish internes. Commander Mendelsohn stated that the business would be in charge of committees which were named by him as follows:

Credentials Committee:—Past Commander, Harry Rockmaker, of Bayonne Post 18; Philip Tischler, Manhattan Post 1; George Margulies, Brooklyn Post 2; Edward Rodin, Cutler Post 3; Moe Ozleck, Philadelphia Post 13; George Blumenthal, Cleveland Post 14; Abraham C. Goldstein, Troy Post 15.

Resolutions Committee:—Isadore Weill, Chairman, Post 1; Louis Millowitz, Post 2; Maurice Snow, Post 3; Abe Nitzberg, Post 13; J. P. Rose, Post 14; J. Kaplan, Post 15; Dr. Irving L. Herman, Post 18.

Grievance Committee:—Col. Maurice Simmons, Chairman; A. I. Hausman, J. David Delman, S. Paul Epstein, Samuel Fine, Ely Koplovitz, Herman Weiner.

John Spiro, Cleveland, was chairman of the Committee on Officer's Reports, and Samuel Fine, Philadelphia, chairman of the Auditing Committee.

A. C. Goldstein announced the arrangements for entertainment. Joseph Hormats expressed the hope for a successful convention and declared that in the future we will look back to these days and be proud of what we had accomplished.

Further business was taken up Sunday morning and following prayer by Rabbi H. M. Lasker, addresses of welcome were given by Corporation Counsel, Edward J. Donohue, the representative of Mayor Harry E. Clinton. He said, "The City of Troy is pleased that you have selected Troy for your national encampment. We Trojans are proud of our military organizations; our G. A. R., the Camp Russell organization, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion Boys, and all other military organizations, together with their auxiliaries. We are particularly proud of the David Chodikoff Post, No. 15, which was recently organized in our city. I had the pleasure and honor of being one of the invited guests at the installation of the Post during the month of November, 1925. It was indeed a glorious event. This post memorializes the Jewish boys who fought and died for our staunch American principles, and we who are gathered here today would willingly sacrifice our lives, our property and all we possess in order that those principles might be preserved and protected."

Commander Mendelsohn asked that thanks be extended to Mayor Clinton for his warm words of welcome. Col. James A. McCarthy, City Comptroller, stated that the words of the Mayor needed no

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CAPT. WM. J. CUNNINGHAM

AN outstanding feature of this epochal Encampment was the banquet tendered by Capt. William J. Cunningham, Past Commander of the Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, to his comrades of the Spanish-American War who are members of this organization.

On Sunday, July 3rd, 50 comrades left the Convention Hall in automobiles, and following the lead of Capt. Cunningham, were entertained by him at a sumptuous roast duck feast at Crooked Lake. Throughout the meal, the delegation was entertained by a band of music. Honorary Chaplain-in-Chief Rabbi Edward Lissman of New York, and Chaplain-in-Chief Abraham Nowak of Cleveland accompanied the delegation.

After the banquet, the comrades present listened to a number of inspiring addresses, and the affair was voted a huge success.

The suggestion was made that the Spanish War veterans of our organization form a club which shall convene at our annual conventions for the purpose of renewing old acquaintanceship, and from their years of experience to advise the newer organization in the course it should pursue. This suggestion the Commander-in-Chief is expected to take up, with the view of bringing out such an organization.

**CUT OFF IN WILL FOR
CUTTING TRADITION**

Hereafter worldly young Jews will think twice before they omit prayer for dead.

The late Israel I. Gotfried, who lived in Everett, Mass., incensed because his six sons did not say "Kaddish" for their dead mother, cut off each with \$1.00 and directed that the clause dealing with the bequests to his children be published in three newspapers.

The will directs the executors to use the bulk of his estate in building a dispensary in Everett, to be free to everybody, regardless of race, color or religious belief.

**NATHAN STRAUS VERSUS
HENRY FORD**

WHILE we were busily engaged at our Encampment in Troy, formulating plans beneficial to our beloved organization, the Jewish people and in the interest of all veterans, the world was astounded by the bomb-shell which Henry Ford exploded in his apologies to the Jews for his many years of vicious attacks upon them.

To date, no one of the many who have commented on this situation has been able to dance a plausible theory as to the reasons for Henry Ford's actions. We think we have the solution.

Our comrades will recall that at our 32nd Annual Memorial Services, held at the Riverside Synagogue, 310 West 103rd Street, on Sunday, May 22nd, the great philanthropist, Nathan Straus, after briefly expressing his respect for the veterans, launched an attack on Mr. Ford. He reviewed his offer to Mr. Ford, a year ago, to let a jury of ten Christians, eight to be picked by Ford and two by himself, consider Ford's claims regarding the Jews and to render a verdict.

"He never answered this challenge," Mr. Straus declared. "Henry Ford is a contemptible coward." Continuing, he said: "I wouldn't trade places with Ford. I wouldn't have his sin of maligning 15,000,000 people upon my shoulders for all his millions. I pity the man, he has been so deceived, but he is apparently not man enough to say he was mistaken."

The thought that this organization may have been instrumental in bringing about Ford's change of heart is certainly highly gratifying.

A number of important resolutions passed at the Encampment are omitted from this issue for lack of space. They will, however, be published in later issues.

HOW DO YOU LIKE OUR NEW ISSUE?

Beginning with this number, National Headquarters proposes to make a determined effort for advertising, and on the advice of an experienced magazine publisher, we have taken on this new form.

Your criticisms are earnestly solicited.

FAMOUS ARMY BAND WILL TOUR COUNTRY

WASHINGTON, July 30.—The United States Army Band, outgrowth of the famous A. E. F. Band, will make its first public concert tour next winter, the War Department announced today.

LEGION MEN GET LEAVES

110 Policemen and 11 Firemen to Attend Paris Convention

Thirty-day leaves have been granted to 110 members of the New York Police Department and eleven members of the Fire Department to attend the American Legion Convention in Paris in September, it was announced recently.

PRIZES FOR RECRUITING

In the next issue, we shall offer a series of prizes to the Posts and individuals which we hope will influence recruiting all along the line.

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strengthening. He would prefer to talk as a comrade and not as a city official. We number, he said, among our best comrades the Jewish Veterans. John J. Ahern, president of the Common Council was heard in words of cordial greeting. "Troy," he said, "welcomes your convention and is glad to entertain you." The speakers were elected honorary delegates of the convention.

The Credentials Committee reported all comrades and delegates registered. The roll-call was omitted. National Chaplain Rev. Abraham Nowak in his remarks invited the convention to meet in Cleveland next year.

Adjutant General Abraham Kraditor in his report showed a year of marked activity, and at the conclusion of his report, he was the recipient of hearty and prolonged applause.

Quartermaster General Harry Raymond read the financial report, which was well received by the delegates present.

In the report of Inspector General, Dr. Irving L. Herman, he urged that quartermasters in all posts should be bonded. Several commanders reported that these officials were already under bonds. Honorary Chaplain Edward Lissman reported that in his twenty years' connection with Post duties, what he had done was done cheerfully and that he was ever ready to be of service on joyful as well as sad occasions. He declared that he was heart and soul in the work of the Jewish Veterans.

Captain Jacob Rubinoff, Patriotic Instructor, spoke on "Military Etiquette," what we were supposed to do and how to do it in our post meetings. He told of the proper use of the American flag both inside and outside and that parades had been carried out in good form.

With Commander Samuel Fine in the chair, Chairman Isadore Weill of the Resolutions Committee, presented his report. Summarized, it opposed the conferring of military titles, favoring the creation of a department of aeronautics with Col. Charles A. Lindberg in charge, favoring sample of grave markers provided by Cleveland post,—copyrighting all insignia by National headquarters, increasing the per capita tax from 50c to \$1.50 a year, favoring a monument in New York to all Jewish veterans. Action was left to the Commanders. Procuring all hospital facilities to war veterans; petition to Congress for a charter. Additional resolutions provided for a medallion badge not to be changed for a period of five years; the presentation of \$300 to Com-

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FIRST COUNCIL MEETING

The National Executive Council held its first meeting Wednesday, July 27, at National Headquarters.

Hereafter meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of every month, but there will be no meeting in the month of August.

The Commander-in-Chief announced the following appointments:

Chief of Staff, Abraham C. Goldstein, Troy, N. Y.

Adjutant General, Hyman Margulies, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster General, Irving Coon, New York, N. Y.

Inspector General, Dr. Irving L. Herman, Bayonne, N. J.

National Patriotic Instructor, Maurice Snow, Bronx, N. Y.

Deputy Chief of Staff, Louis H. Apirian, New York, N. Y.

Matters of importance were taken up and discussed, and copies of the minutes as heretofore have been forwarded to the Adjutant of each Post.

Comrades interested in the activities at National Headquarters are urged to attend these meetings and to keep in touch with what is going on.

BROOKLYN POST PLANS**CHANGE OF QUARTERS**

The Congregation Shaari Zedek of Brooklyn, through its Secretary, Mr. H. B. Jungman, who is joining the organization, has extended an invitation to Brooklyn Post to make the Institute its Headquarters.

A special meeting has been called by Commander A. Kraditor for Thursday, August 4th, to consider this change, which has the approval of a number of the active members of the Post.

BRAZIL PASSES LAW**TO BAN COMMUNISM**

RIO JANEIRO, July 30.—A law for the suppression of Communism in Brazil was approved by the Chamber of Deputies, 118 votes to 18, last night.

**JEWISH VETERANS TO
HAVE APPROPRIATE SYM-
BOLIC MEDALLION**

DR. A. WEIL, DESIGNER

The Jewish Veterans of the Wars of the Republic, after 33 years of existence, have finally adopted a medallion which symbolizes their service to their country, their Jewishness and their inherent desire for peace with honor.

In a later issue, the design of the new medallion will be published, with the full description as outlined by Dr. Abraham Weil, of Manhattan Post No. 1.

VETS DEFAULT ON LOAN

Gen. Frank T. Hines, Director of the Veterans' Bureau, disclosed last week that more than 6,000 former soldiers who borrowed on their bonus certificates had failed to redeem them at their banks. All of these defaulted certificates have been received by the Bureau and paid in full since July 1, the General said.

Failure of the former service men to redeem their certificates, which they had deposited as security for loans, was attributed by Gen. Hines to misconception of their value and "an eagerness to convert them into cash and then forget all about it."

"Up to today," he said, "473,024 loans, with a value of \$44,336,204 had been made by banks over the country. We are prepared to take up the entire amount if necessary, and at a moment's notice." In addition to 90-day loans made by the banks, the Veterans' Bureau has made direct loans of \$24,000,000 on approximately 275,000 additional applications.

National Headquarters on behalf of the organization expresses deep sympathies to Comrade Louis Milowitz, former National Recruiting Officer, on the death of his mother.

FREE EMPLOYMENT BUREAU

National Headquarters has added to its activities the formation of an employment bureau, which will render service free to comrades in good standing and to employers of all kinds of help.

Comrades out of work are urged to register with this office at once.

Employers needing help are assured of loyal and faithful service by applying to this office.

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JEWISH DISSENTION

The Jews have heretofore been regarded as strictly unified and not bothered about anything. But it seems that there is a split between the "Orthodox" on one side and the "Modernists" on the other. This was intensified by the appointment of a radical rabbi, R. M. Barishansky, as chief rabbi of Washington. The fight seems bitter and may extend.

From the Washington National Tribune

ABE SLOBODIN Member Brooklyn Post INSURANCE

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SIXTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT—Continued

mander-in-chief Mendelsohn in appreciation of his very able conduct of his office.

Rev. Abraham Nowak, of Cleveland Post, stated that memorial services had been held by posts in all parts of the country.

Commander Mendelsohn urged that all posts take part in such services with a combined service for the posts of New York City. He commended interest in the welfare of our country and training camps for boys. He declared that Miss Rose Heckelman, in the office of Adjutant-General Kraditor knew more of the details of the work of the posts than did any veteran. The formation of auxiliaries was favored and he recommended the continuance of the organization monthly "The Jewish Veteran." It was hinted that Troy Post should make an effort to establish a post in Albany. The relation with Veterans of Foreign Wars have been beneficial. Commander Mendelsohn expressed his thanks for the honor of serving in his position for three consecutive terms. His report was received with thanks.

The session Monday morning opened with prayer by Rabbi Lissman. Reports of Post activities were given by Adjutant-General Kraditor, Commanders Maurice Snow, Cutler Post, New York; Samuel Fine, Philadelphia Post; Joseph Rose, Cleveland Post; S. Paul Epstein, Bayonne, N. J., Post. Happy remarks were made by Ben Rosen, Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Troy and William J. Cunningham. In appreciation of the valuable services of Rabbi Lissman (his birthday, July 4) Past Commander Philip Muskat presented him a dainty electric lamp. A suitable response was made.

The following officers were chosen,—others named for positions gracefully withdrawing:

Commander-in-Chief, Morris J. Mendelsohn, New York, who later named A. C. Goldstein, Troy, Chief of Staff.
Senior Vice-Commander, Samuel Fine, Philadelphia.
Junior Vice-Commander, Philip Muskat, Troy.
Judge Advocate General, Capt. Jacob Rubinoff, Brooklyn.
Surgeon-General, Dr. David Fineberg, Bayonne, N. J.
Honorary Chaplain, Rev. Edward Lissman, New York.
Chaplain-in-Chief, A. Nowak, Cleveland.

The designation of the city in which to hold the 1928 encampment was left to the Executive Council. Adjournment followed after a prayer

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CAPT. JACOB RUBINOFF

The outstanding comrade of the Convention is by unanimous choice Capt. Jacob Rubinoff of Brooklyn Post, who was elected Judge Advocate General.

Comrade Rubinoff is deserving of all this consideration and more. He is a type of comrade whose membership is a decided asset to any organization.

SPANISH WAR VETERAN ACTIVITIES

Naval Disarmament.

In speaking of the naval disarmament conference now being held between England, Japan, and the United States, Senator Means stated:

"We are not a militaristic organization, and we believe in a disarmament of navies, but we as veterans say to President Coolidge, Congress, and the American public that we must have a Navy in all ways equal to that of any other nation on earth today.

"The present conference has disclosed that selfishness is the guiding spirit of participation. We shall always work for a lasting peace, but so long as selfishness is the cardinal sin of the world and controls men's hearts, we will have strife, turmoil and war.

"It is our duty, one that the

country has prepared for us, to believe that no individual is entitled to citizenship unless at the same time he is willing to defend his nation.

Cooperative Spirit

"During the past years there has been a fine spirit of cooperation between all veteran organizations, and this is as it should be, for the American people ask only of a veteran, 'Did you serve cheerfully, willingly and well? If you did you are comrades in arms.'

"Veterans of the Spanish-American War, it is and will be our aim to continue this friendly spirit in order that a great deal of good can be accomplished through the medium of veterans' organizations.

"We have now reached the average age of 53 and are possessed of sound and conservative and constructive thought, and it is for these reasons that the American people have placed this confidence in you.

Service Opportunity

"For the next few years, there is an opportunity of service to our country as well as to our comrades. We may build ourselves monuments of lasting marble and imperishable brass, but the greatest that we can build is one of service to our country and thereby receive the esteem and gratitude of America.

"Comrades, service must be our watchword! Service to ourselves and to our country!"

From an address by Senator Rice W. Means, Commander-in-Chief of the United Spanish War Veterans, at the Department of Illinois Convention at Kankakee, Ill., June 23, 1927.

To all of which ye Ed. cheerfully subscribes.

THIS IS YOUR PUBLICATION

Articles, stories, jokes wanted for publication.

If you come across anything which you deem of interest to the organization, mail it in. Take nothing for granted. We cannot read everything that is printed.