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The records of the Topeka Chapter of the American War Mothers includes a complete set of minutes, membership rolls, scrapbooks, and miscellaneous material. This collection documents the activities of the American War Mothers focus on patriotic and service since the Topeka Chapter's start in 1927 to its disbandment in 1976. The American War Mothers, a national organization founded in 1917 and incorporated by act of Congress in 1925, is a perpetual patriotic, non-profit, non-political, non-sectarian, non-partisan organization whose members are mothers of children who have served or are serving in the U.S. Armed Services during a time of conflict.

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Date: 1927-1976

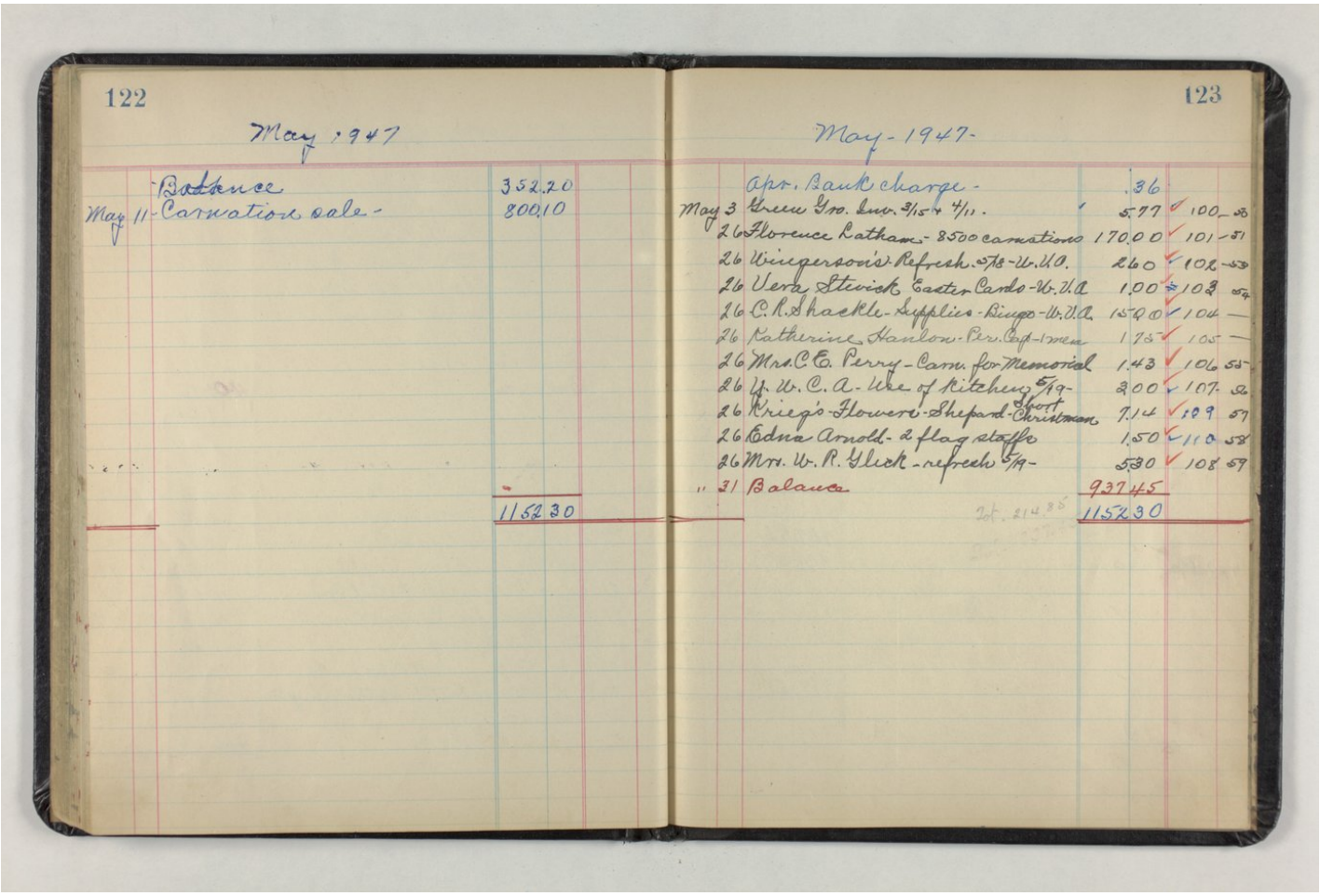
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May 1947

	Balance	352.20
May 11	Carnation sale -	800.10
		1152.30

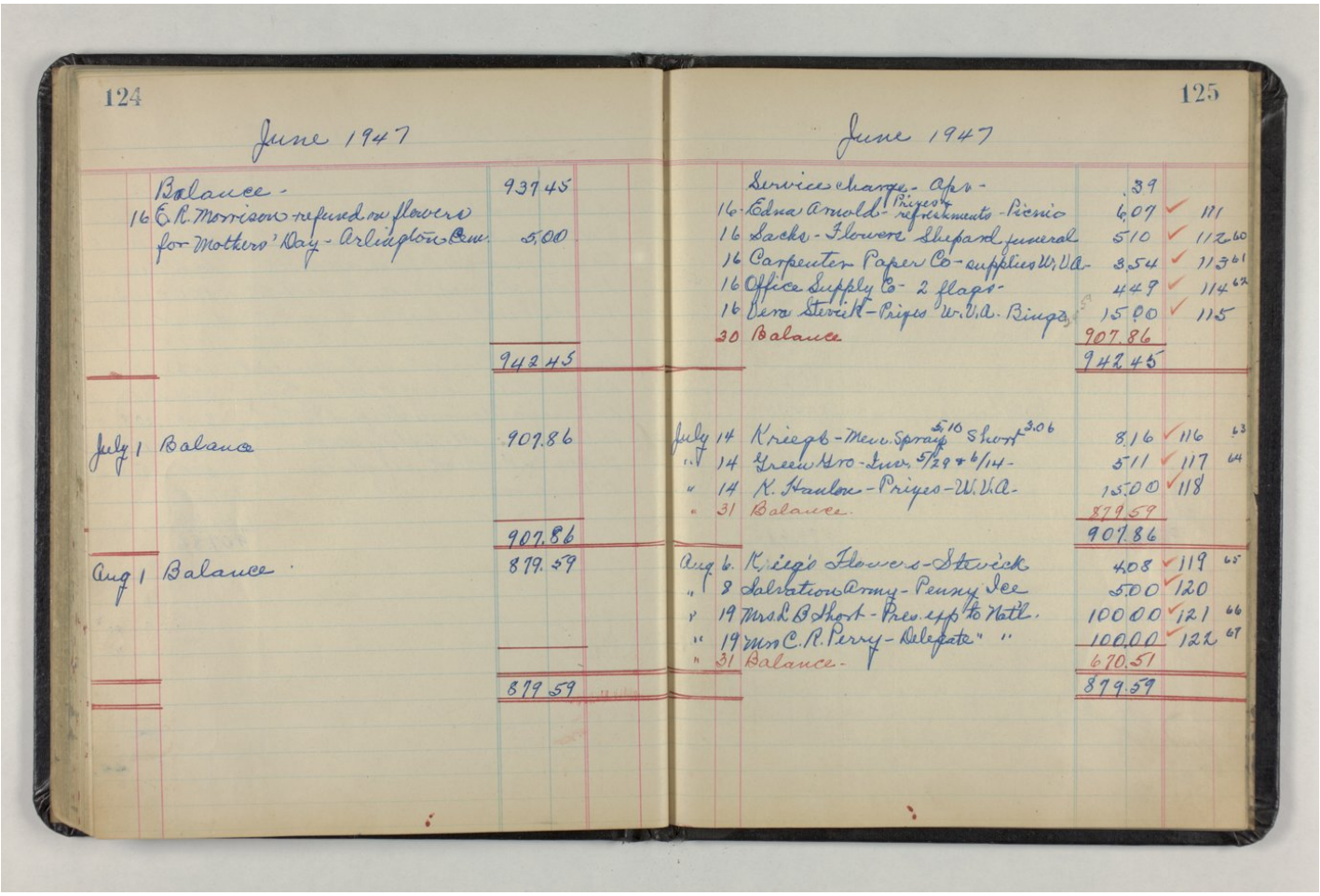
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May - 1947 -

		Apr. Bank charge -	.36	
May 3		Green Gro. Inv. 3/15 + 4/11.	5.77	100 - 50
	26	Florence Latham - 3500 carnations	170.00	101 - 51
	26	Wingerson's Refresh. 5/18 - W.V.A.	2.60	102 - 53
	26	Vera Stevick Easter Cards - W.V.A.	1.00	103 - 54
	26	C. R. Shackle - Supplies - Bingo - W.V.A.	15.00	104 —
	26	Katherine Hanlon - Per. Capt - 1 mem	1.75	105 —
	26	Mrs. C. E. Perry - Cam. for Memorial	1.43	106 - 55
	26	W. V. C. A. - Use of Kitchen 5/19 -	2.00	107 - 56
	26	Krieg's - Flowers - Shepard - Christman Short	7.14	109 - 57
	26	Edna Arnold - 2 flag staffs	1.50	110 - 58
	26	Mrs. W. R. Glick - refresh 5/19 -	5.30	108 - 59
"	31	Balance	937.45	
			1152.30	

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June 1947

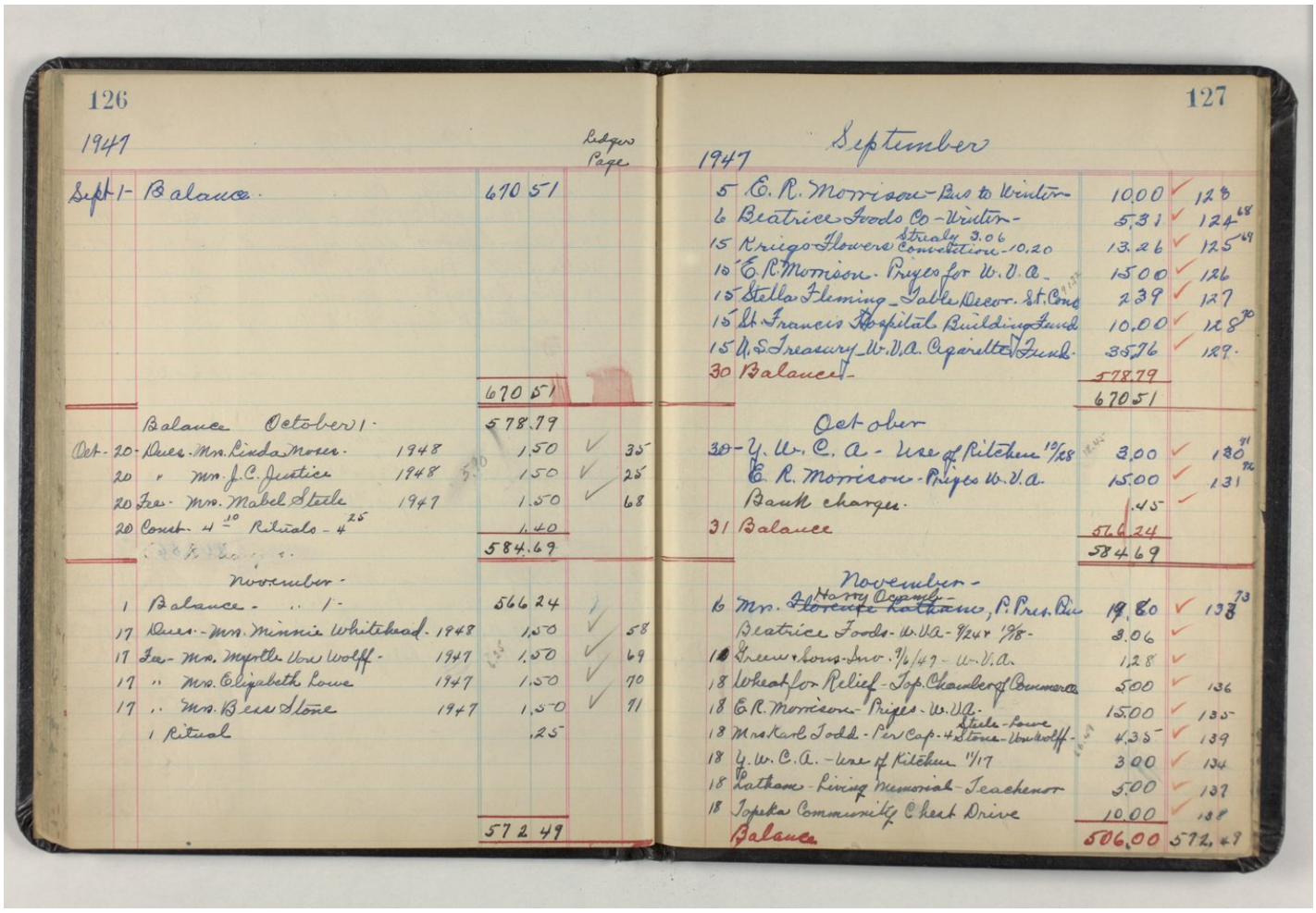
	Balance -	937 45	
16	E. R. Morrison refund on flowers for Mothers' Day - Arlington Cem.	5.00	
		942 45	
July 1	Balance	907.86	
		907.86	
Aug 1	Balance	879.59	
		879.59	

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June 1947

		Services charge - Apr -	.39	
16	Edna Arnold - Prizes - refreshments - Picnic		6.07 ✓	111
16	Sacks - Flowers Shepard funeral		5.10 ✓	112 60
16	Carpenter Paper Co - supplies W. V. A.		3.54 ✓	113 61
16	Office Supply Co - 2 flags -		4.49 ✓	114 62
16	Vera Streit - Prizes W. V. A. Rings		15.00 ✓	115
30	Balance		907.86	
			942.45	
July 14	Kriegh - Mem. Spray 5.10 Short 3.06		8.16 ✓	116 63
" 14	Green Hdw - Lwn 5/29 + 6/14 -		5.11 ✓	117 64
" 14	K. Haulon - Prizes - W. V. A.		15.00 ✓	118
" 31	Balance		879.59	
			907.86	
Aug 6	Krieg's Flowers - Stavick		4.08 ✓	119 65
" 8	Salvation Army - Penny Sale		5.00 ✓	120
" 19	Mrs L. B. Short - Prev. app to Natl.		100.00 ✓	121 66
" 19	Mrs C. R. Perry - Delegate " "		100.00 ✓	122 67
" 31	Balance		670.51	
			879.59	

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1947

				Ledger Page	
Sept 1	Balance.		670 51		
			670 51		
	Balance October 1.		578.79		
Oct 20	Dues. Mrs. Linda Moser.	1948	1.50	✓	35
20	" Mrs. J. C. Justice	1948	1.50	✓	25
20	Fee. Mrs. Mabel Steele	1947	1.50	✓	68
20	Const. 4 @ .10 Rituals - 4 .25		1.40		
			584.69		
	November -				
1	Balance - " 1 -		566 24	✓	
17	Dues - Mrs. Minnie Whitehead	1948	1.50	✓	58
17	Fee - Mrs. Myrtle Ure Wolff -	1947	1.50	✓	69
17	" Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe	1947	1.50	✓	70
17	" Mrs. Bess Stone	1947	1.50	✓	71
	1 Ritual		.25		
			572 49		

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1947 September

5	E. R. Morrison - Bus to Winfield -	10.00	✓ 123
6	Beatrice Foods Co - Winfield -	5.31	✓ 124 48
15	Krigo Flowers Steudy 3.06 Convention 10.20	13.26	✓ 125 49
15	E. R. Morrison - Prizes for W. V. A. -	15.00	✓ 126
15	Stella Fleming - Table Decor. St. Conv.	2.39	✓ 127
15	St. Francis Hospital Building Fund	10.00	✓ 128 50
15	U. S. Treasury - W. V. A. Cigarette Fund -	35.76	✓ 129
30	Balance -	578.79	
		670 51	

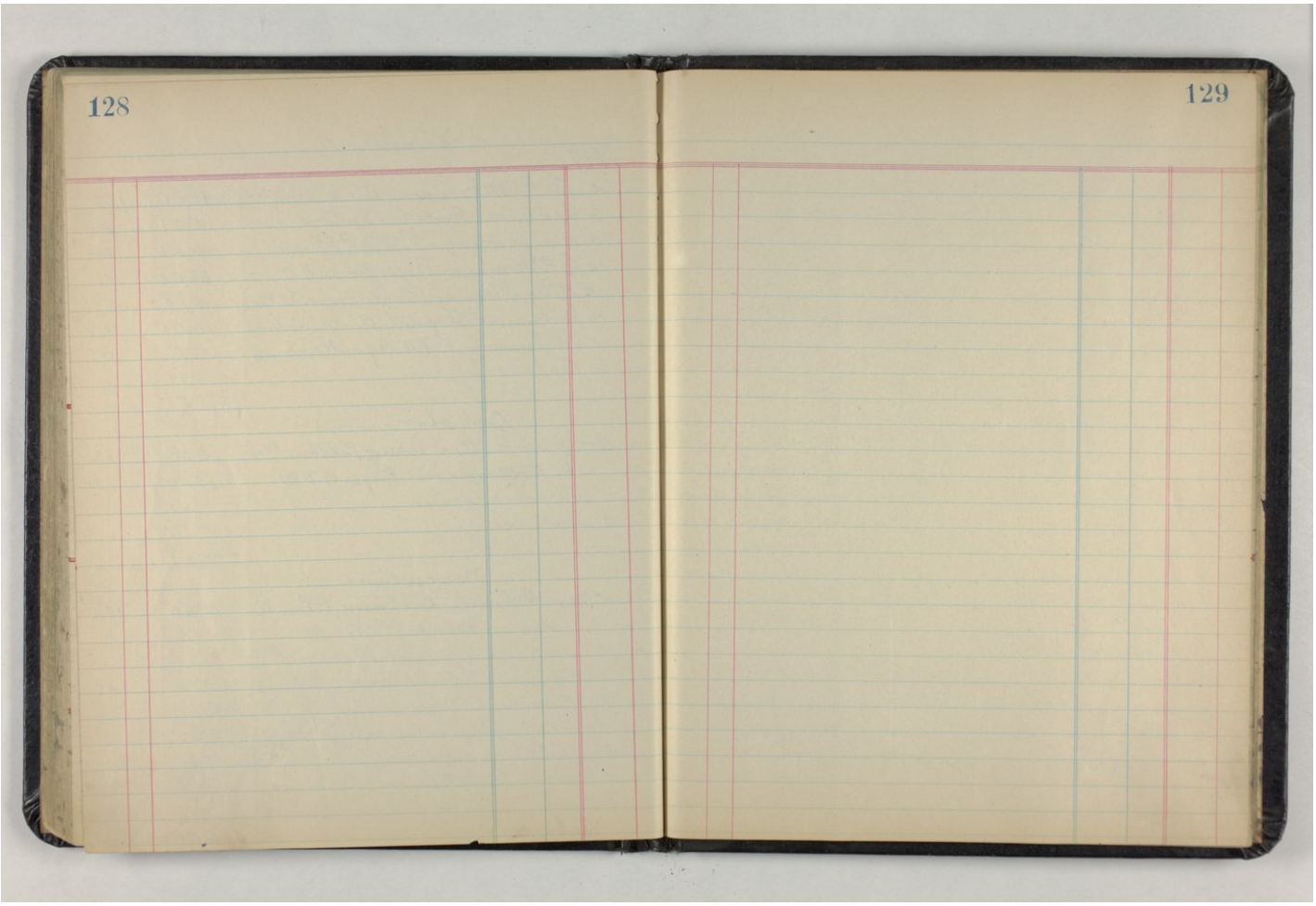
October

30	Y. W. C. A. - Use of Kitchen 7/28	3.00	✓ 130 71
	E. R. Morrison - Prizes W. V. A.	15.00	✓ 131 72
	Bank charges.	.45	✓
31	Balance	566.24	
		584.69	

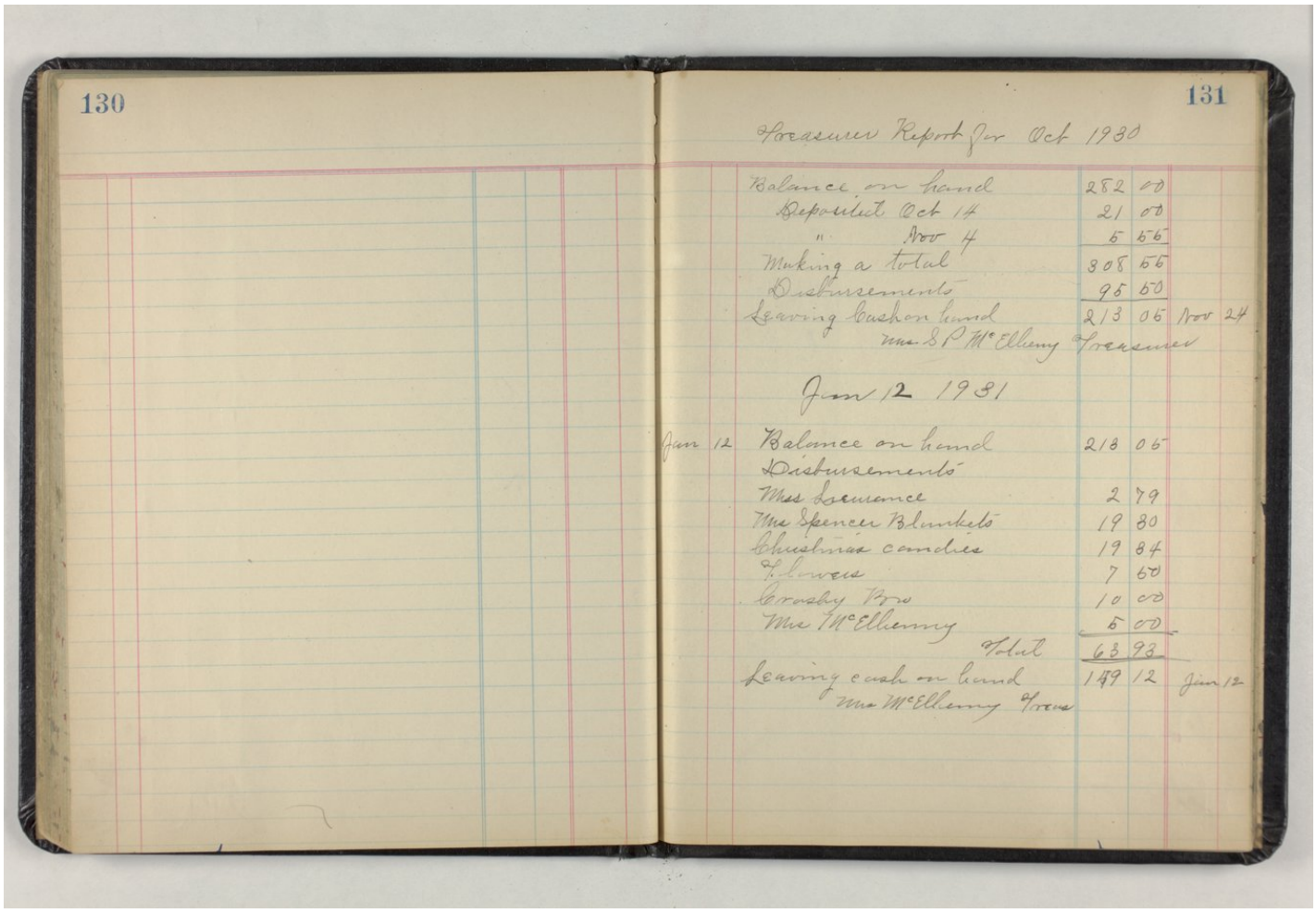
November -

6	Mrs. ~~Florence Kathman~~ Harry Cozad, P. Pres. Div.	19.80	✓ 133 73
	Beatrice Foods - W. V. A. - 9/24 + 1/28 -	3.06	✓
10	Green + Sons - Inv. 9/6/47 - W. V. A.	1.28	✓
18	Wheat for Relief - Top. Chamber of Commerce	5.00	✓ 136
18	E. R. Morrison - Prizes - W. V. A.	15.00	✓ 135
18	Mrs. Karl Todd - Per Cap. - 4 Steele - Lowe Stone - Von Wolff -	4.35	✓ 139
18	Y. W. C. A. - Use of Kitchen 11/17	3.00	✓ 134
18	Latham - Living Memorial - Teachenor	5.00	✓ 137
18	Topeka Community Chest Drive	10.00	✓ 138
	Balance	506.00	572.49

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Treasurer Report for Oct 1930

Balance on hand	282	00	
Deposited Oct 14	21	00	
" Nov 4	5	55	
Making a total	308	55	
Disbursements	95	50	
Leaving cash on hand	213	05	Nov 24

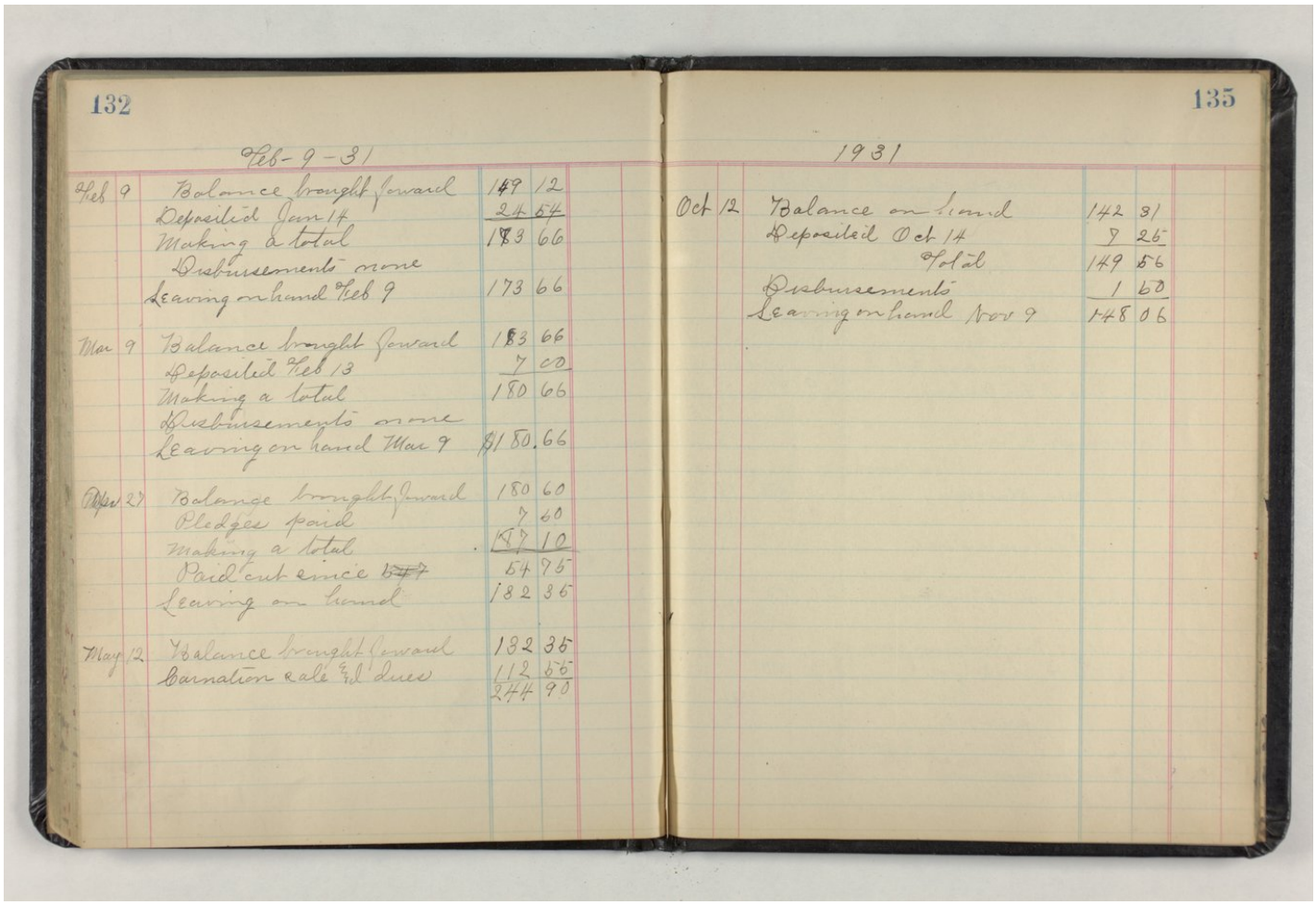
Mrs S P McElhenny Treasurer

Jan 12 1931

Jan 12	Balance on hand	213	05	
	Disbursements			
	Mrs Lawrence	2	79	
	Mrs Spencer Blankets	19	80	
	Christmas candles	19	84	
	Flowers	7	60	
	Crosby Bros	10	00	
	Mrs McElhenny	5	00	
	Total	63	93	
	Leaving cash on hand	149	12	Jan 12

Mrs McElhenny Treas

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Feb-9-31

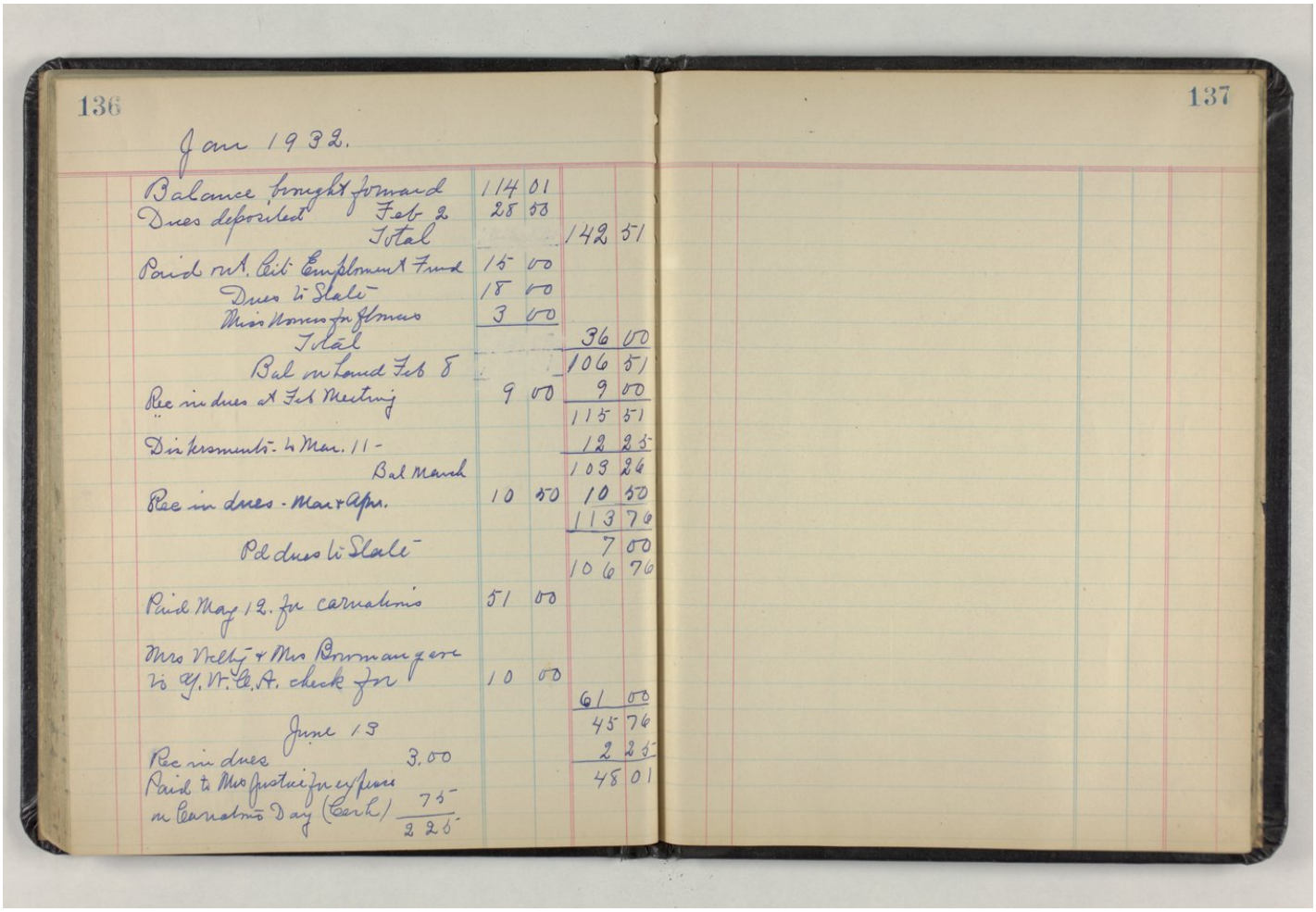
Feb 9	Balance brought forward	149	12
	Deposited Jan 14	24	54
	Making a total	173	66
	Disbursements none		
	Leaving on hand Feb 9	173	66
Mar 9	Balance brought forward	183	66
	Deposited Feb 13	7	00
	Making a total	180	66
	Disbursements none		
	Leaving on hand Mar 9	$180.	66
Apr 27	Balance brought forward	180	60
	Pledges paid	7	60
	Making a total	187	10
	Paid out-emcie ~~bff~~	54	75
	Leaving on hand	182	35
May 12	Balance brought forward	182	35
	Carnation sale & 2d dues	112	55
		294	90

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1931

Oct 12	Balance on hand	142	31
	Deposited Oct 14	7	25
	Total	149	56
	Disbursements	1	50
	Leaving on hand Nov 9	148	06

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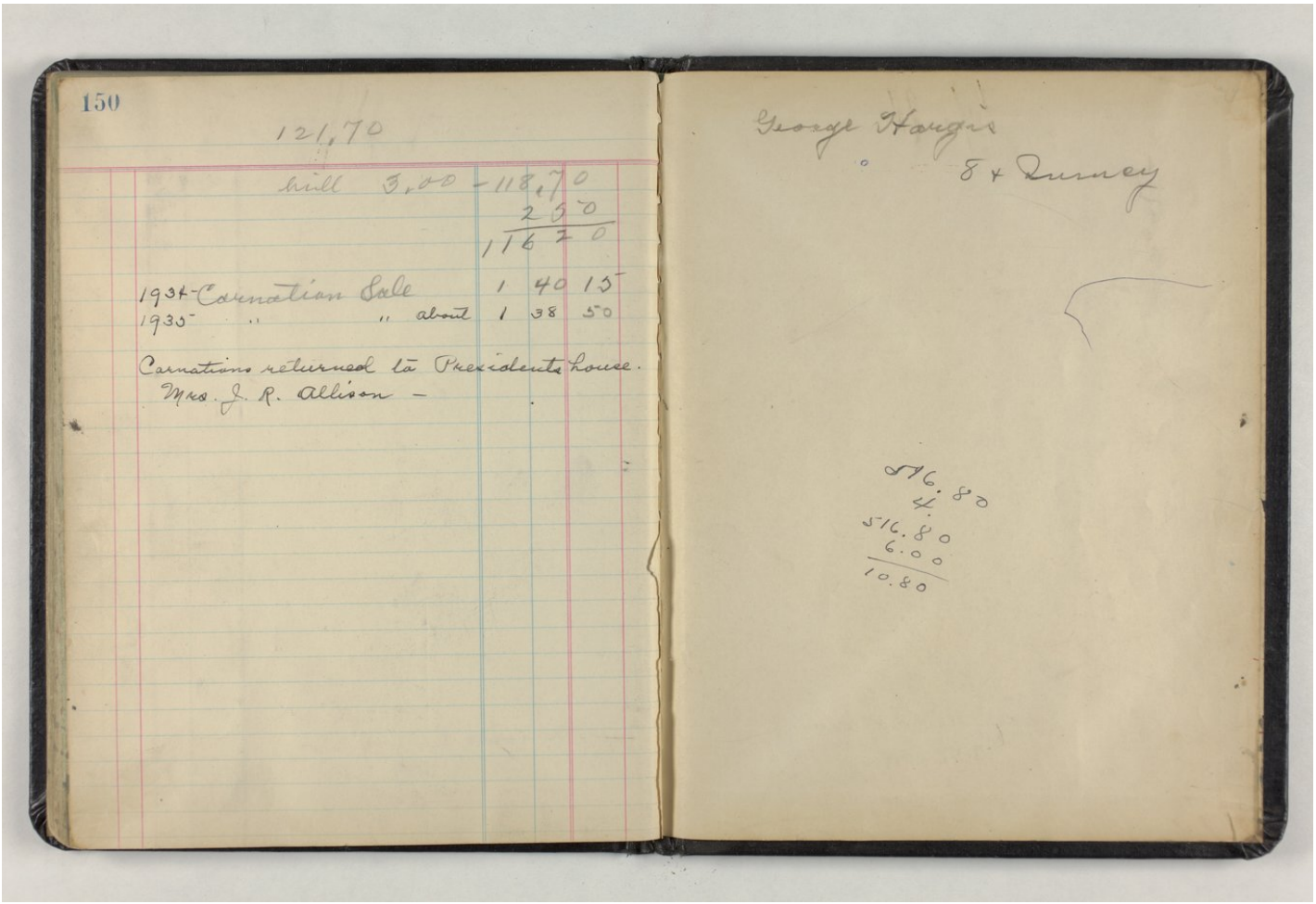
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Jan 1932.

Balance brought forward	114	01		
Dues deposited Feb 2	28	50		
Total			142	51
Paid nat. Citizenship Fund	15	00		
Dues to State	18	00		
Miss Nonnes for flowers	3	00		
Total			36	00
Bal on hand Feb 8			106	51
Rec in dues at Feb Meeting	9	00	9	00
			115	51
Disbursements to Mar. 11 -			12	25
Bal March			103	26
Rec in dues - Mar + Apr.	10	50	10	50
			113	76
Pd dues to State			7	00
			106	76
Paid May 12. for carnations	51	00		
Mrs Nelly + Mrs Bowman gave to Y.W.C.A. check for	10	00		
			61	00
			45	76
June 13				
Rec in dues 3.00			2	25
Paid to Mrs Gustine for expenses in Carnation Day (Each) 75 / 225			48	01

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121.70

bill 3.00 - 118.70
2.50
116.70

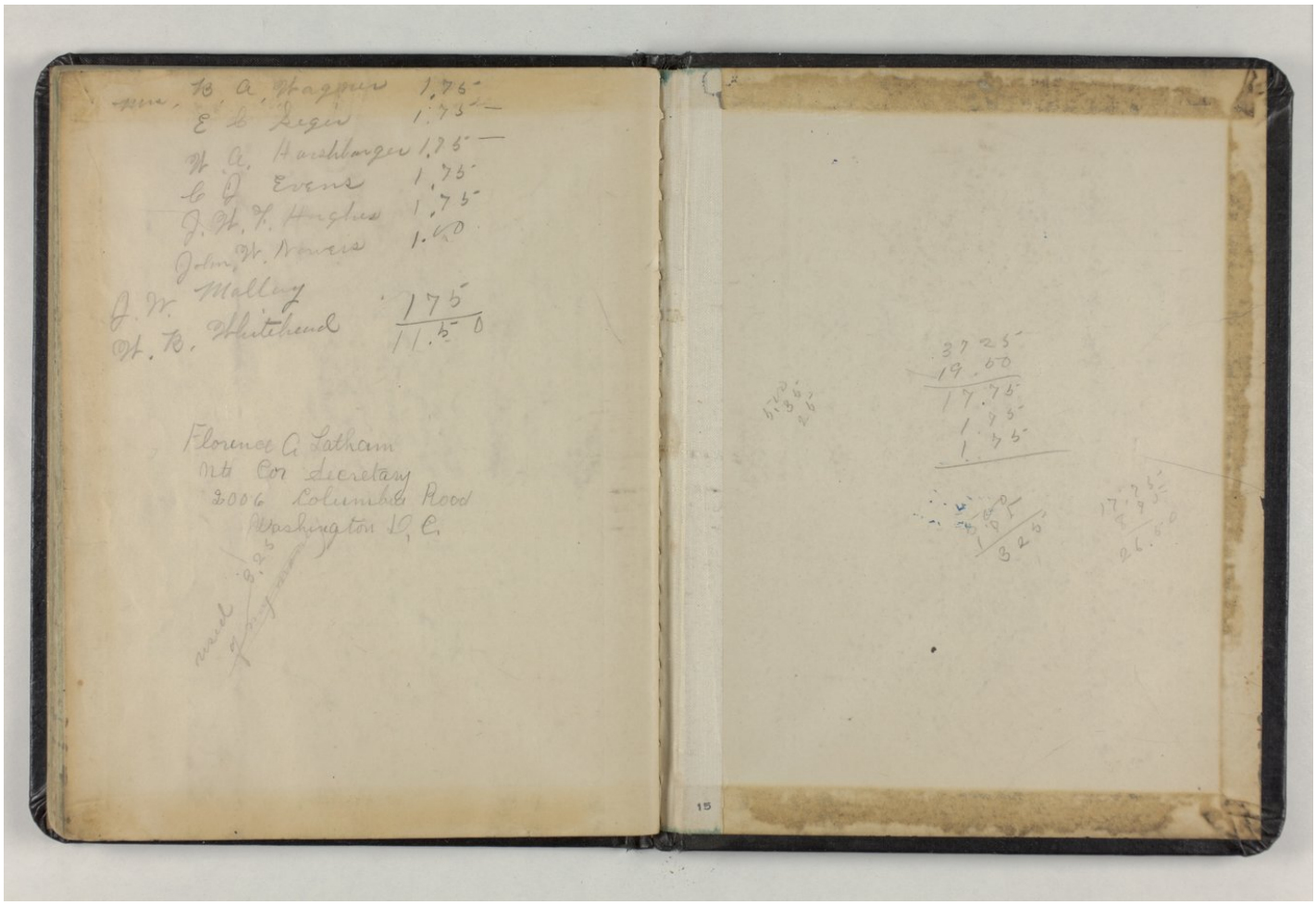
1934-Carnation Sale 1 40 15
1935- " " about 1 38 50

Carnations returned to Presidents House.
Mrs. J. R. Allison -

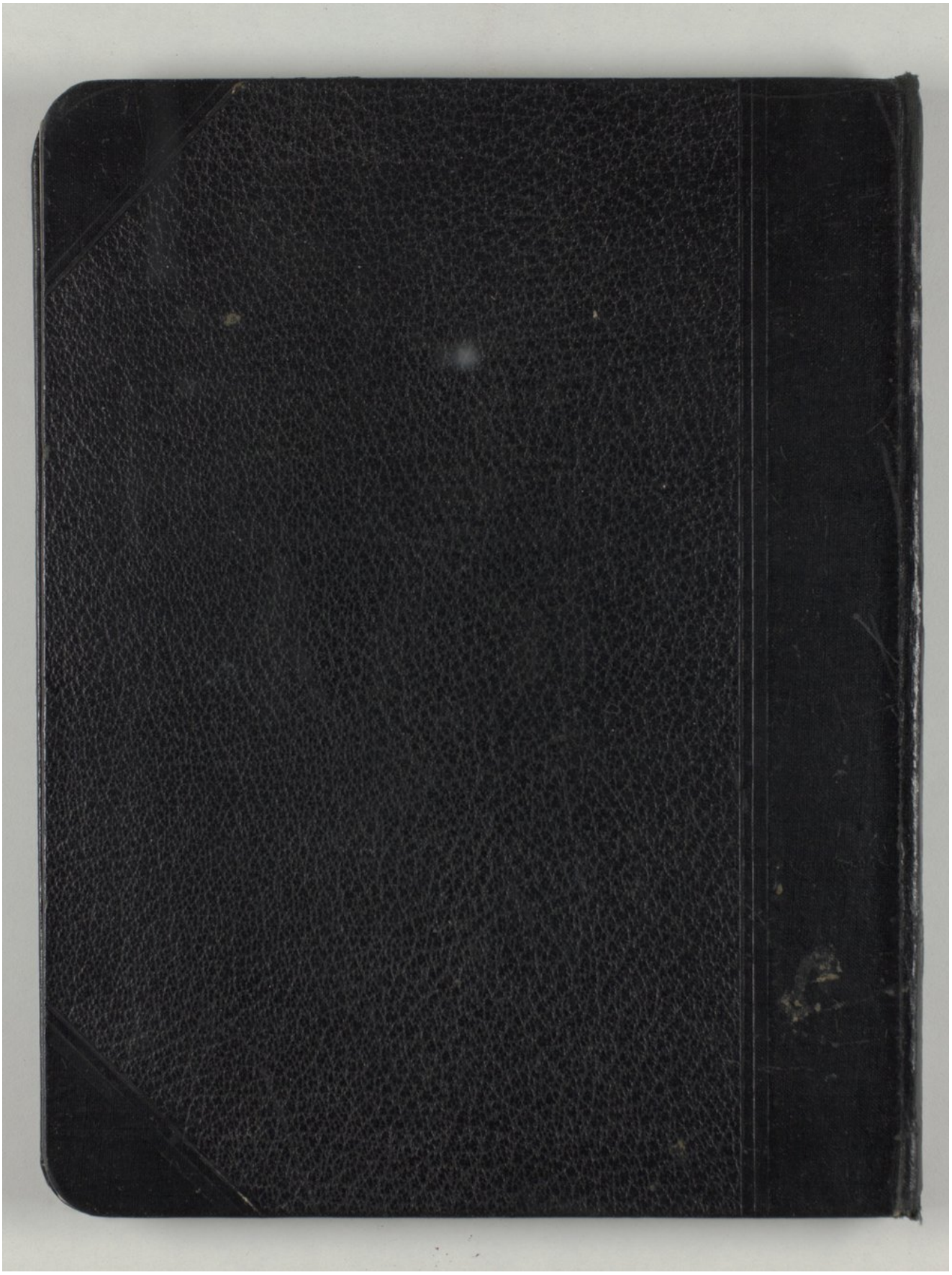
George Haugh's
& Sunney

16.80
4.
16.80
6.00
10.80

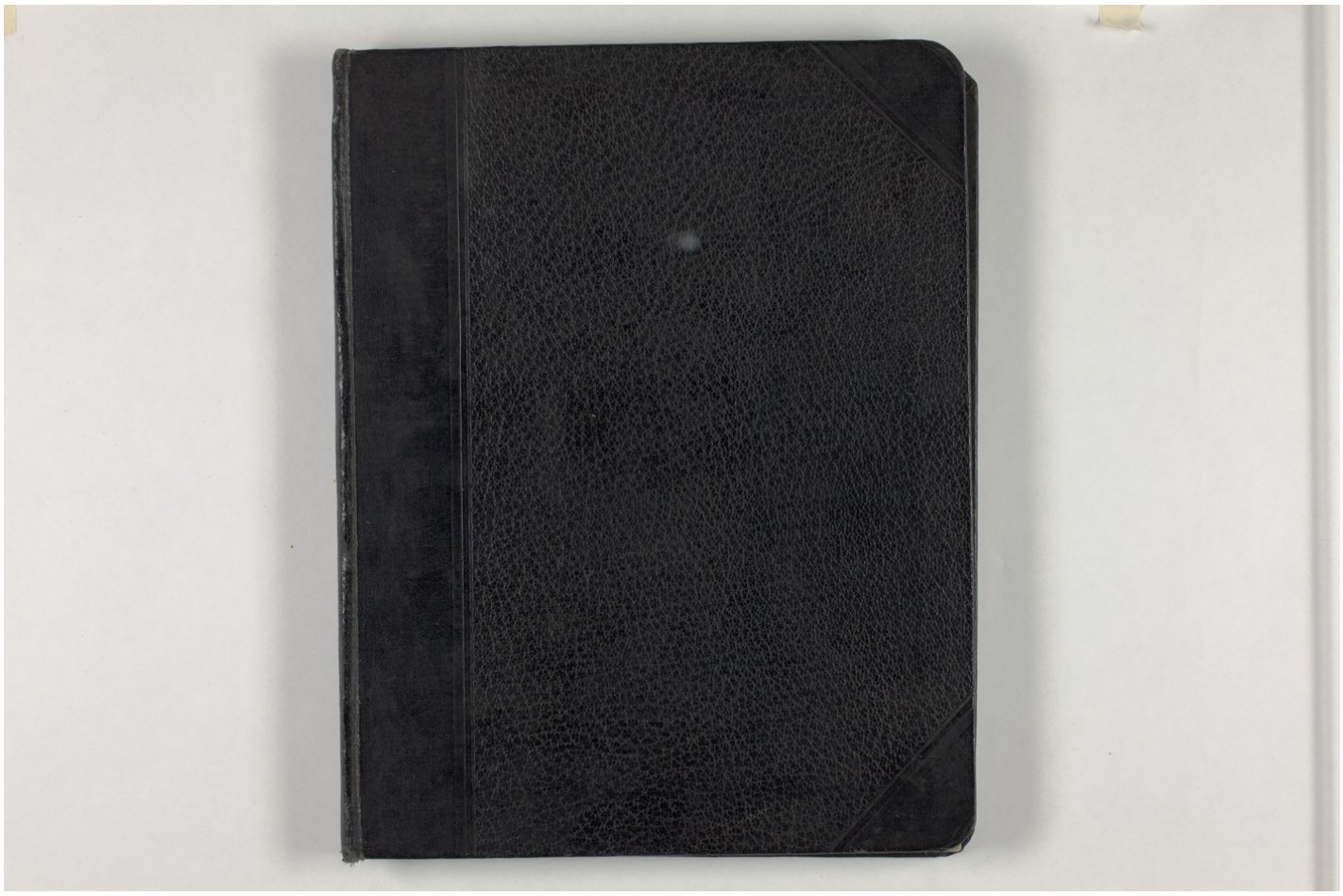
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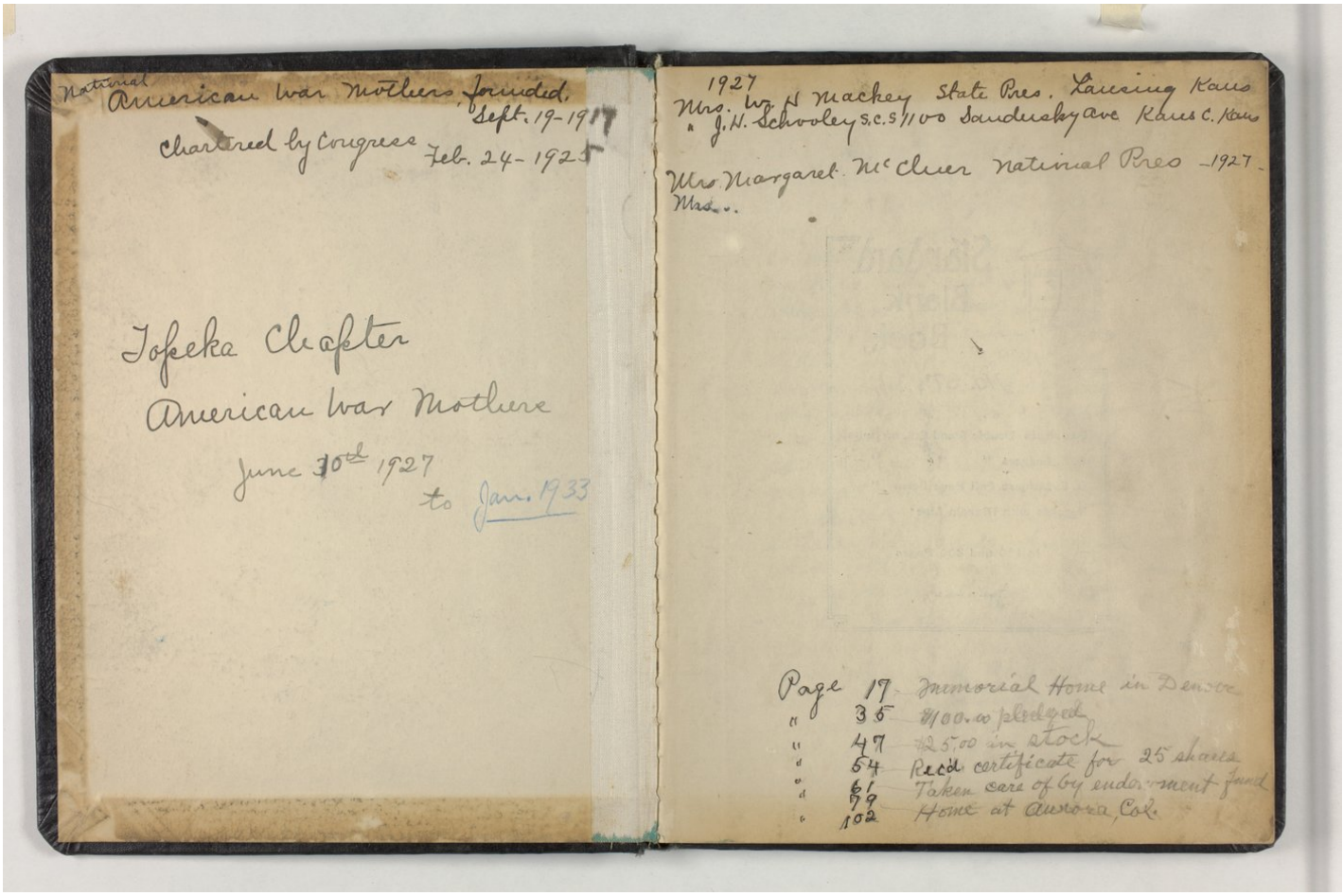
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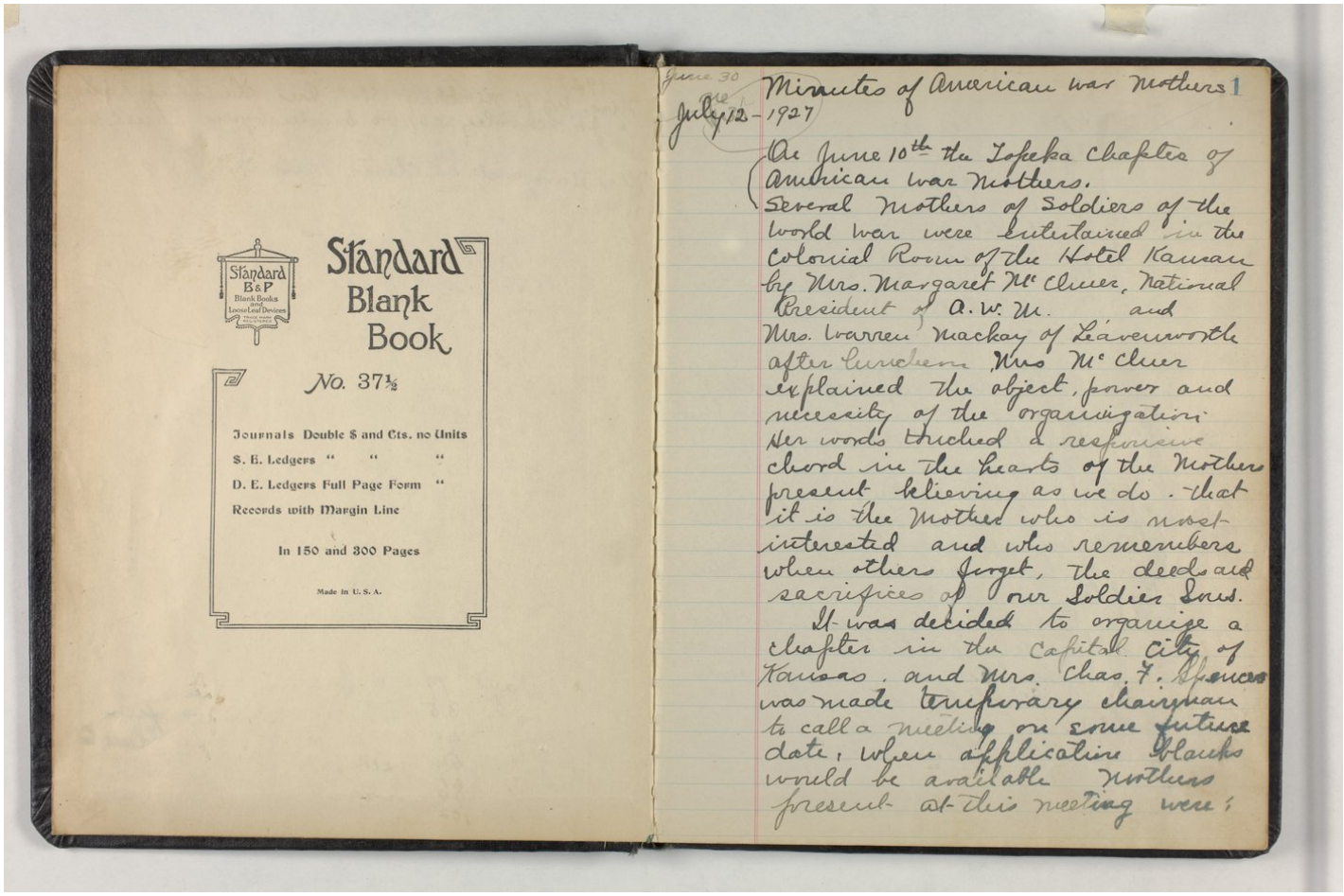
Topeka Chapter
American war Mothers
June 30th 1927
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1927
Mrs. Ivy N Mackey State Pres. Lansing Kans
" J.H. Schooley S.C.S 1100 Sandusky ave Kans C. Kans

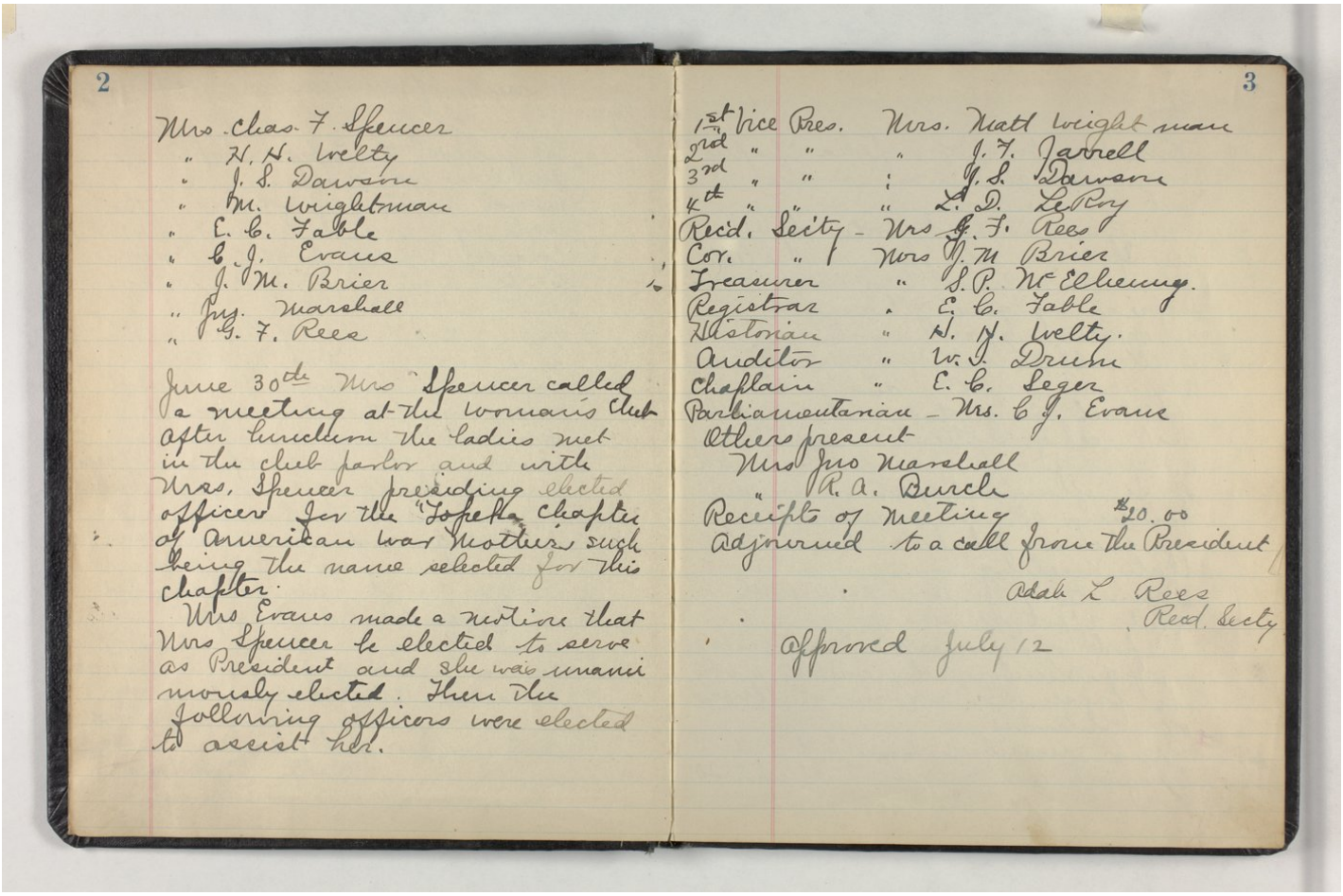
Mrs Margaret McCluer National Pres -1927-
Mrs..

Page 17 Memorial Home in Denver
" 36 $100.00 pledged
" 47 $25.00 in stock
" 54 Recd certificate for 25 shares
" 61 Taken care of by endowment fund
" 99 Home at Aurora, Col.
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Mrs. Chas. F. Spencer
" W. W. Welty
" J. S. Dawson
" M. Wrightsman
" C. C. Fable
" C. J. Evans
" J. M. Brier
" Jno. Marshall
" G. F. Rees

June 30th Mrs. Spencer called a meeting at the womans club after luncheon the ladies met in the club parlor and with Mrs. Spencer presiding elected officers for the Topeka chapter of American war Mothers such being the name selected for this chapter.

Mrs Evans made a motion that Mrs Spencer be elected to serve as President and she was unanimously elected. Then the following officers were elected to assist her.

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1st Vice Pres. Mrs. Matt Wrightsman
2nd " " " J. F. Jarrell
3rd " " " J. S. Dawson
4th " " " L. D. LeRoy
Recd. Secty - Mrs G. F. Rees
Cor. " Mrs J. M Brier
Treasurer " S. P. McElhenny.
Registrar " C. C. Fable
Historian " W. W. Welty.
Auditor " W. J. Drum
Chaplain " C. C. Leger
Parliamentarian - Mrs. C J. Evans

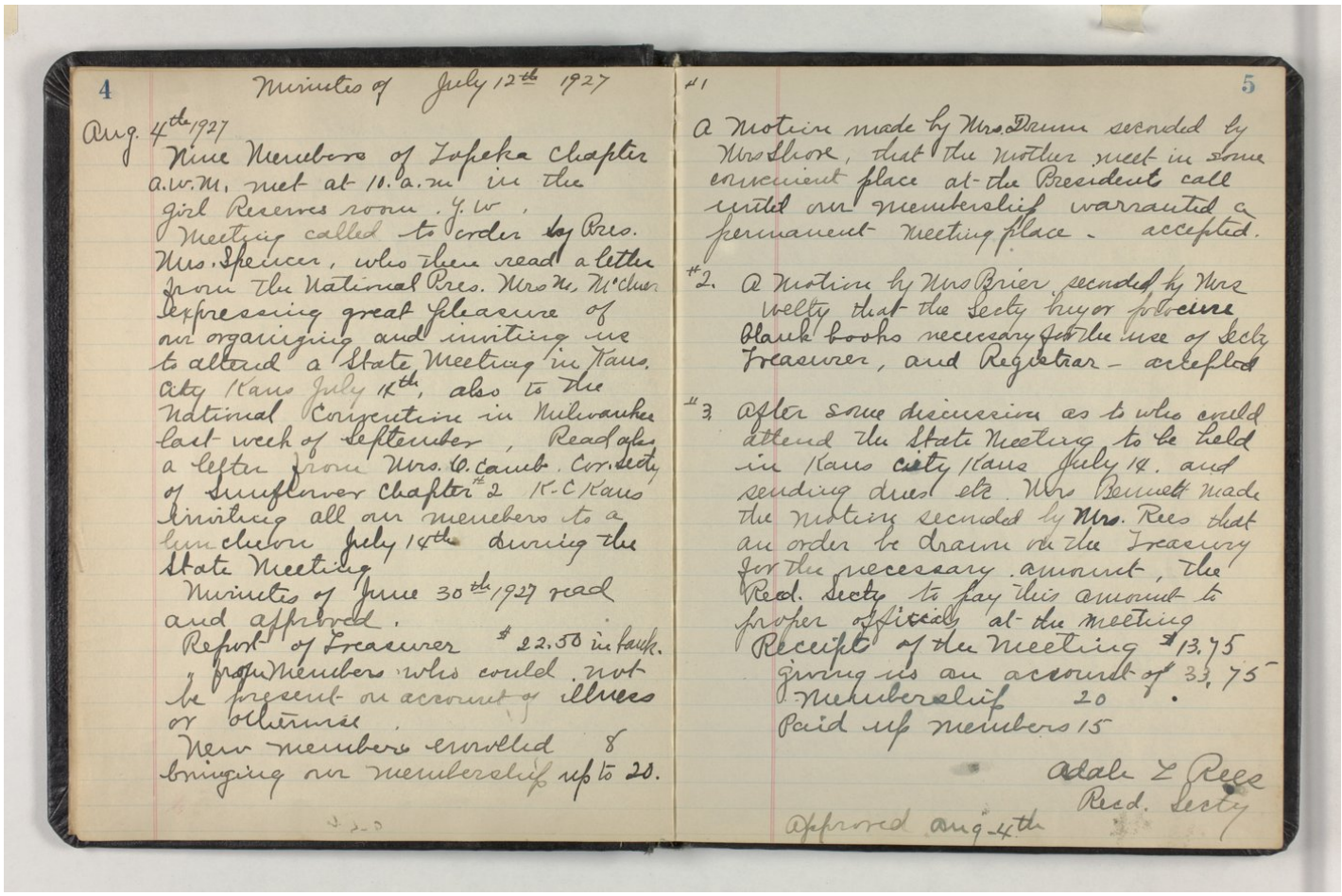
Others present
Mrs Jno Marshall
R. A. Burch

Receipts of meeting $20.00
Adjourned to a call from the President

Adah L Rees
Recd. Secty.

Approved July 12

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4 Minutes of July 12th 1927

Aug. 4th 1927

Nine Members of Topeka Chapter a.W.M. met at 10. a.m. in the girl Reserves room. Y.W. Meeting called to order by Pres. Mrs. Spencer, who then read a letter from the National Pres. Mrs N. McClure expressing great pleasure of our organizing and inviting us to attend a State Meeting in Kans. city Kans July 14th, also to the Ntional Convention in Milwaukee last week of September, Read also a letter from Mrs. C. Camb. Cor. Secty of Sunflower Chapter #2 K.C Kans inviting all our members to a luncheon July 14th during the State Meeting

Minutes of June 30th 1927 read and approved.

Report of Treasurer $22.50 in bank.

Regret from Members who could not be present on account of illness or otherwise.

New members enrolled 8 bringing our membership up to 20.

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#1 A Motion made by Mrs. Dunn seconded by Mrs Shore, that the Mother meet in some convenient place at the President call until our membership warranted a permanent meeting place. accepted.

#2. A Motion by Mrs Brier seconded by Mrs Welty that the Secty buy or procure Blank books necessary for the use of Secty Treasurer, and Registrar - accepted

#3 After some discussion as to who could attend the State Meeting to be held in Kans city Kans July 14. and sending dues etc. Mrs Bennett made the Motion seconded by Mrs. Rees that an order be drawn on the Treasury for the necessary amount, the Recd. Secty to pay this amount to proper officials at the meeting

Receipts of the Meeting $13.75 giving us an account of 33.75

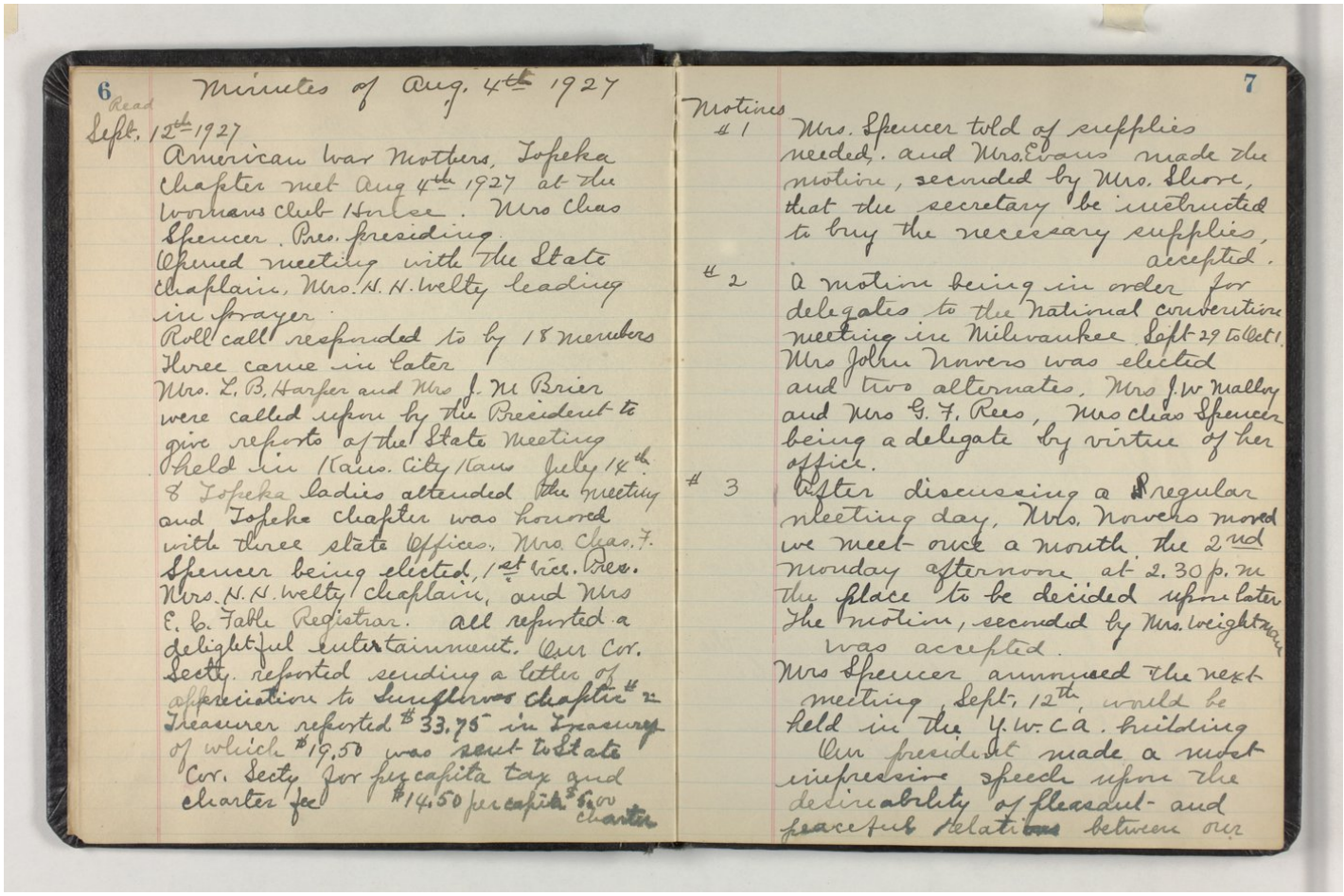
Membership 20

Paid up members 15

Adale L Rees
Recd. Secty

Approved Aug 4th

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Minutes of Aug. 4th 1927

Read Sept. 12th 1927

American War Mothers, Topeka Chapter met Aug 4th 1927 at the Womans Club House. Mrs Chas Spencer, Pres. presiding. Opened meeting with the State Chaplain, Mrs. N. N. Welty leading in prayer.

Roll call responded to by 18 members three came in later

Mrs. L. B. Harper and Mrs J. M. Brier were called upon by the President to give reports of the State Meeting held in Kans. City Kans July 14th & Topeka ladies attended the meeting and Topeka chapter was honored with three state offices, Mrs. Chas. F. Spencer being elected, 1st vice. Pres. Mrs. N. N. Welty chaplain, and Mrs E. L. Table Registrar. all reported a delightful entertainment. Our Cor. Secty. reported sending a letter of appreciation to Sunflower chapter #2 Treasurer reported $33.75 in Treasury of which $19.50 was sent to State Cor. Secty for per capita tax and charter fee $14.50 per capita $5.00 charter

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Motions

#1 Mrs. Spencer told of supplies needed, and Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Shore, that the secretary be instructed to buy the necessary supplies, accepted.

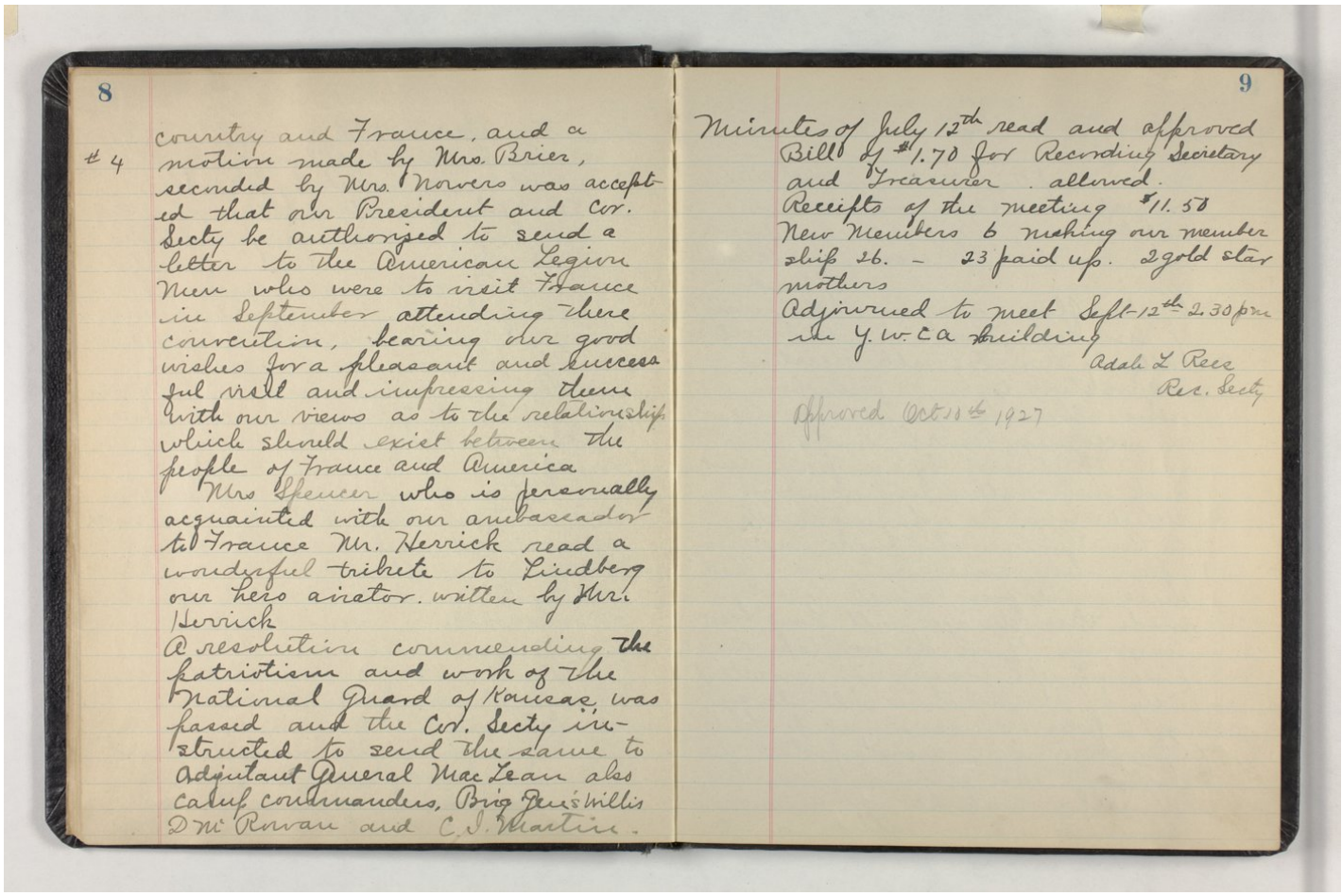
#2 A motion being in order for delegates to the National convention meeting in Milwaukee Sept 29 to Oct 1. Mrs John Nevens was elected and two alternates, Mrs J. W. Malloy and Mrs G. F. Rees, Mrs Chas Spencer being a delegate by virtue of her office.

#3 After discussing a Regular meeting day, Mrs. Nevens moved we meet once a month the 2nd Monday afternoon at 2.30 p. m the place to be decided upon later The motion, seconded by Mrs. Weightman was accepted.

Mrs Spencer announced the next meeting, Sept. 12th, would be held in the Y. W. C. A. building

Our president made a most impressive speech upon the desirability of pleasant and peaceful relations between our

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#4 country and France, and a motion made by Mrs. Brier, seconded by Mrs. Nowers was accepted that our President and Cor. Secty be authorized to send a letter to the American Legion Men who were to visit France in September attending there convention, bearing our good wishes for a pleasant and successful visit and impressing them with our views as to the relationship which should exist between the people of France and America

Mrs Spencer who is personally acquainted with our ambassador to France Mr. Herrick read a wonderful tribute to Lindberg our hero aviator. written by Mrs Herrick

A resolution commending the patriotism and work of the National Guard of Kansas was passed and the Cor. Secty instructed to send the same to Adjutant General MacLean also Camp commanders, Brig Gen'l Willis Dr. Rowan and C. J. Martin.

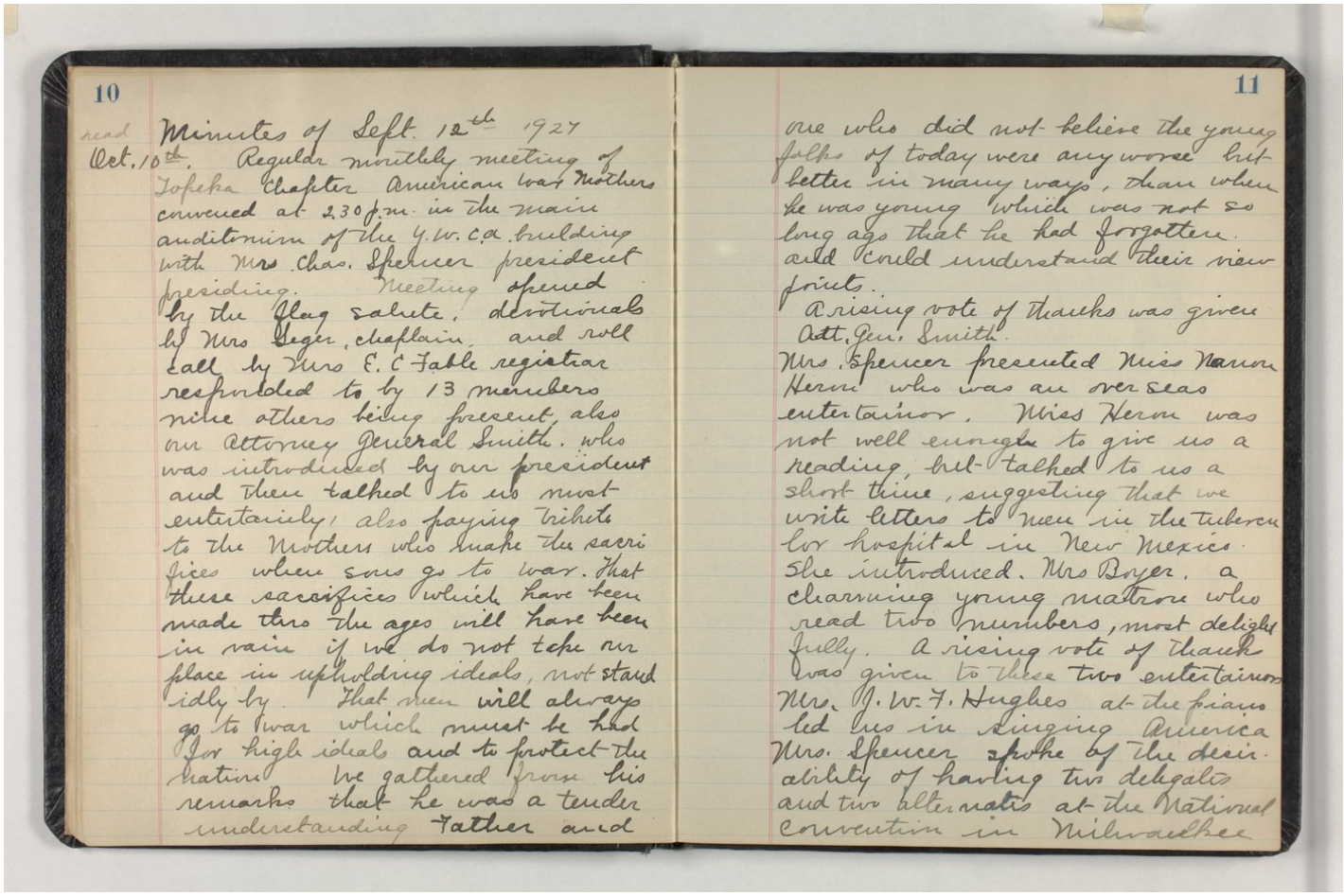
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Minutes of July 12th read and approved
Bill of $1.70 for Recording Secretary and Treasurer allowed.
Receipts of the meeting $11.58
New Members 6 making our membership 26. - 23 paid up. 2 gold star mothers
Adjourned to meet Sept 12th 2.30 pm in Y. W. C. A. building

Adah L Rees
Rec. Secty

Approved Oct 18th 1927

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read Oct. 10th.

Minutes of Sept. 12th 1927. Regular monthly meeting of Topeka Chapter American War Mothers convened at 2.30 p.m. in the main auditorium of the Y.W.C.A. building with Mrs. Chas. Spencer president presiding. Meeting opened by the flag salute, devotionals by Mrs Beger, chaplain, and roll call by Mrs E. C Fable registrar responded to by 13 members nine others being present, also our Attorney General Smith. who was introduced by our president and then talked to us most entertainingly, also paying tribute to the Mothers who make the sacrifices when sons go to war. That these sacrifices which have been made thro the ages will have been in vain if we do not take our place in upholding ideals, not stand idly by. That men will always go to war which must be had for high ideals and to protect the nation. We gathered from his remarks that he was a tender understanding father and

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one who did not believe the young folks of today were any worse but better in many ways, than when he was young which was not so long ago that he had forgotten and could understand their new fruits.

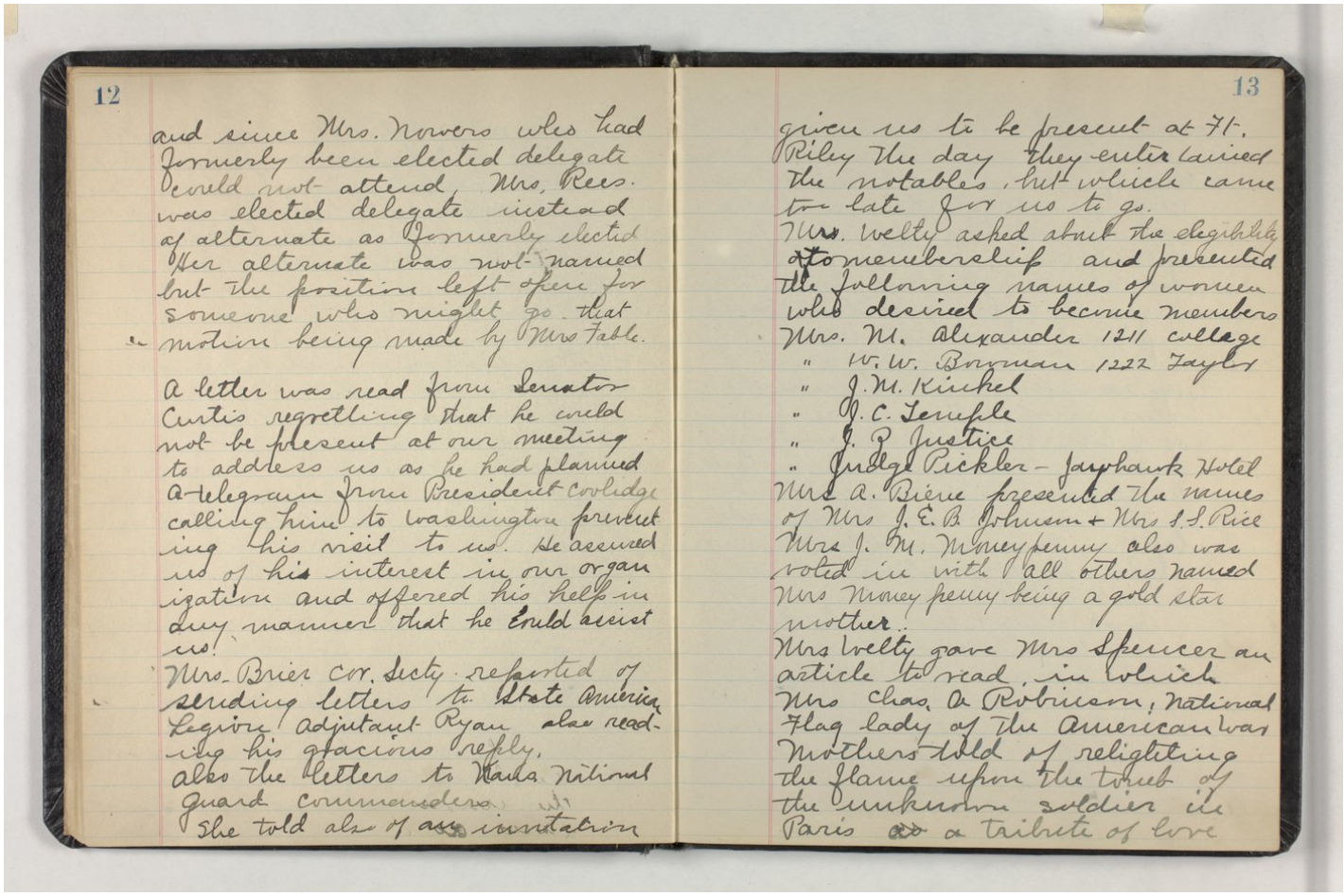
A rising vote of thanks was given Att. Gen. Smith.

Mrs. Spencer presented Miss Naomi Herm who was an overseas entertainer. Miss Herm was not well enough to give us a reading, but talked to us a short time, suggesting that we write letters to men in the tubercular hospital in New Mexico. She introduced Mrs Boyer, a charming young matron who read two numbers, most delightfully. A rising vote of thanks was given to these two entertainers.

Mrs. J. W. F. Hughes at the piano led us in singing America.

Mrs. Spencer spoke of the desirability of having two delegates and two alternates at the National convention in Milwaukee

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and since Mrs. Nowers who had formerly been elected delegate could not attend, Mrs. Rees was elected delegate instead of alternate as formerly elected Her alternate was not named but the position left open for someone who might go. that motion being made by Mrs Fable.

A letter was read from Senator Curtis regretting that he could not be present at our meeting to address us as he had planned a telegram from President Coolidge calling him to Washington prevent ing his visit to us. He assured us of his interest in our organ ization and offered his help in any manner that he could assist us.

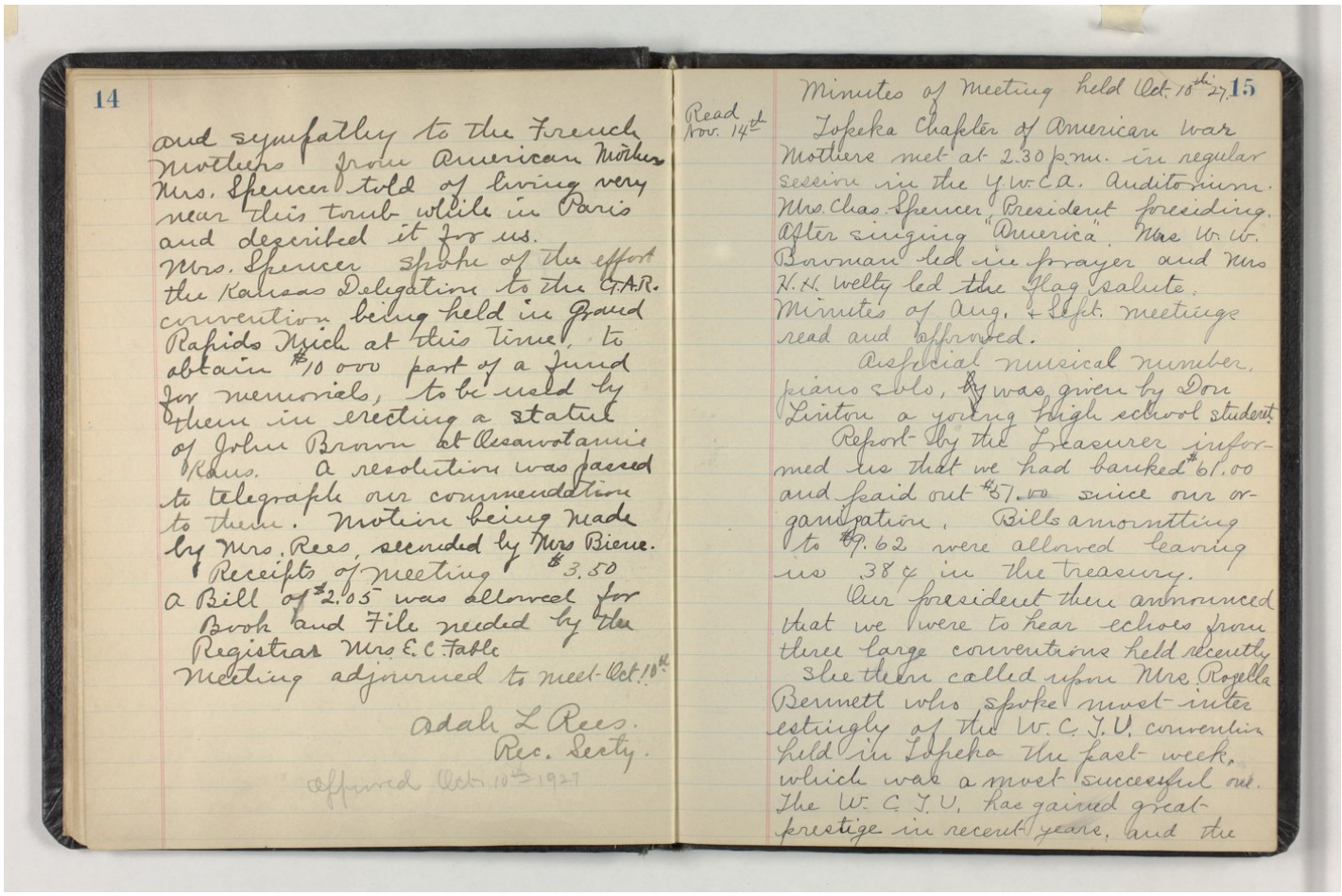
Mrs. Brier cor. Secty reported of sending letters to State American Legion adjutant Ryan also read ing his gracious reply.
also the letters to Kans National Guard Commanders.
She told also of ass invitation

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given us to be present at Ft. Riley the day they entertained the notables, but which came too late for us to go.

Mrs. Welty asked about the eligibility to membership and presented the following names of women who desired to become members
Mrs. M. Alexander 1211 college
" W. W. Bozman 1222 Taylor
" J. M. Kinkel
" J. C. Temple
" J. P. Justice
" Judge Pickler - Jayhawk Hotel
Mrs A. Brier presented the names of Mrs J. E. B. Johnson + Mrs S. S. Rice
Mrs J. M. Money penny also was voted in with all others named Mrs Money penny being a gold star mother.
Mrs Welty gave Mrs Spencer an article to read, in which Mrs Chas. A Robinson, National Flag lady of the American Mothers told of relighting the flame upon the tomb of the unknown soldier in Paris a tribute of love

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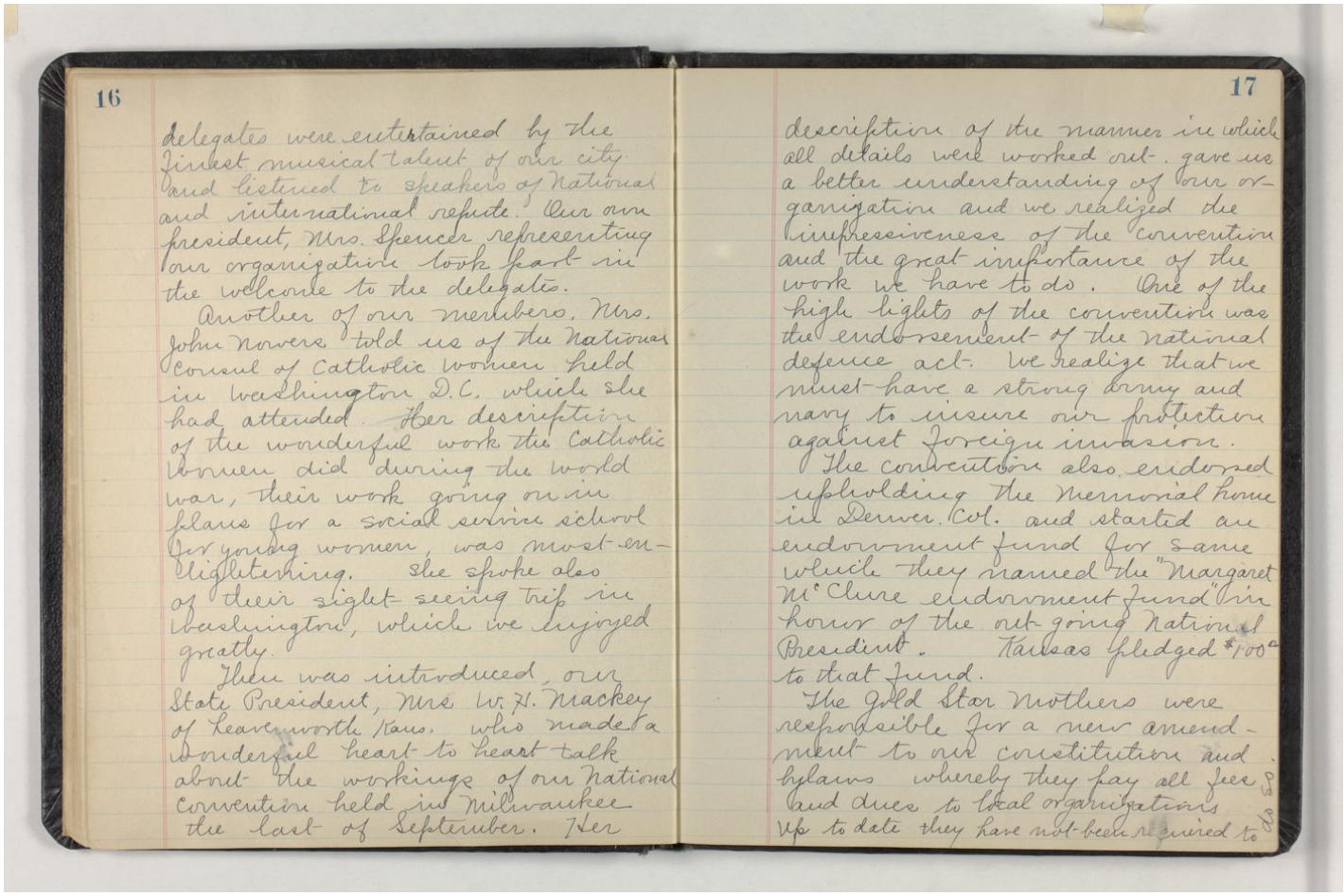
and sympathy to the French Mothers from American Mothers. Mrs. Spencer told of living very near this trouble while in Paris and described it for us.
Mrs. Spencer spoke of the effort the Kansas Delegation to the G.A.R. convention being held in Grand Rapids Mich at this time, to obtain $10 000 part of a fund for memorials, to be used by them in erecting a statue of John Brown at Ossawatamie Kans. A resolution was passed to telegraph our commendation to them. Motion being made by Mrs. Rees, seconded by Mrs Biene.
Receipts of meeting $3.50
a Bill of $2.05 was allowed for Book and File needed by the Registrar Mrs E. C. Fable
Meeting adjourned to meet Oct 10th
Adah L Rees.
Rec. Secty.
Affirmed Oct 10th 1927

Read Nov. 14th

Minutes of meeting held Oct. 10th 27. 15

Topeka Chapter of American War Mothers met at 2.30 p.m. in regular session in the Y.W.C.A. Auditorium. Mrs. Chas Spencer President presiding. After singing "America" Mrs W. W. Bowman led in prayer and Mrs N. H. Welty led the Flag Salute.
Minutes of Aug. & Sept. meetings read and approved.
As special musical number, piano solo, by was given by Don Linton a young high school student.
Report by the Treasurer informed us that we had banked $61.00 and paid out $57.00 since our organization. Bills amounting to $3.62 were allowed leaving us 38¢ in the treasury.
Our president then announced that we were to hear echoes from three large conventions held recently. She then called upon Mrs Rozella Bennett who spoke most interestingly of the W. C. T. U. convention held in Topeka the last week, which was a most successful one. The W. C. T. U. has gained great prestige in recent years, and the

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delegates were entertained by the finest musical talent of our city and listened to speakers of National and international repute. Our own president, Mrs. Spencer representing our organization took part in the welcome to the delegates.

Another of our members, Mrs. John Nowers told us of the National Council of Catholic women held in Washington D.C. which she had attended. Her description of the wonderful work the Catholic women did during the world war, their work going on in plans for a social service school for young women, was most enlightening. She spoke also of their sight seeing trip in Washington, which we enjoyed greatly.

Then was introduced, our State President, Mrs W. H. Mackey of Leavenworth Kans. who made a wonderful heart to heart talk about the workings of our National convention held in Milwaukee the last of September. Her

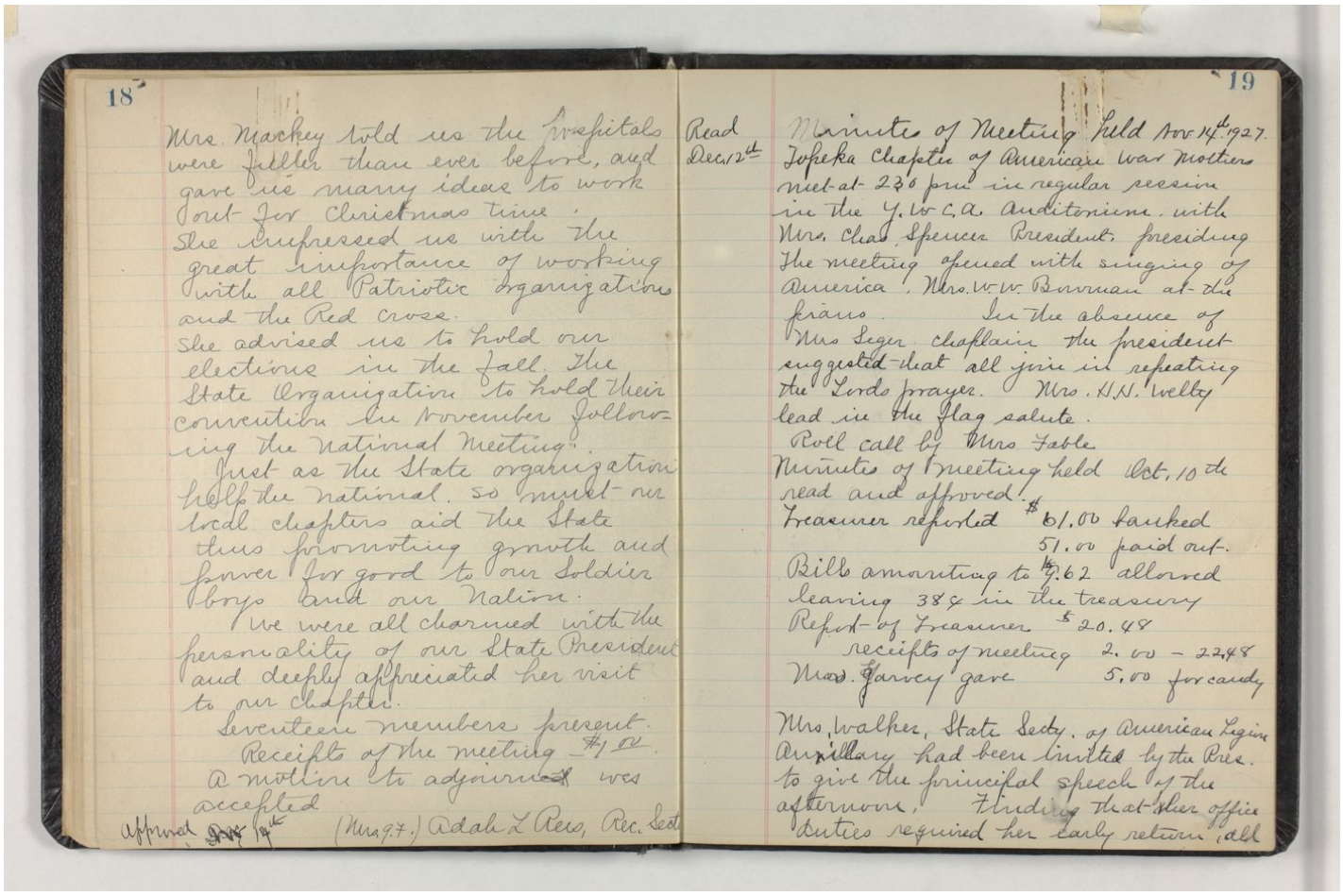
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description of the manner in which all details were worked out, gave us a better understanding of our organization and we realized the impressiveness of the convention and the great importance of the work we have to do. One of the high lights of the convention was the endorsement of the national defence act. We realize that we must have a strong army and navy to insure our protection against foreign invasion.

The convention also endorsed upholding the Memorial home in Denver Col. and started an endowment fund for same which they named the "Margaret McClure endowment fund" in honor of the out going National President. Kansas pledged $100 to that fund.

The Gold Star Mothers were responsible for a new amendment to our constitution and bylaws whereby they pay all fees and dues to local organizations Up to date they have not been required to

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Mrs. Mackey told us the hospitals were fuller than ever before, and gave us many ideas to work out for Christmas time. She impressed us with the great importance of working with all Patriotic Organizations and the Red Cross. She advised us to hold our elections in the fall. The State Organization to hold their convention in November following the national meeting.

Just as the State organization helps the national, so must our local chapters aid the State thus promoting growth and power for good to our Soldier boys and our Nation.

We were all charmed with the personality of our State President and deeply appreciated her visit to our chapter.

Seventeen members present. Receipts of the meeting $1.00. A motion to adjourn was accepted

Approved Dec 14th (Mrs. G.T.) Adah L Rees, Rec. Sec.

Read Dec 12th

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Minutes of Meeting held Nov 14th 1927. Topeka Chapter of American War Mothers met at 2:30 pm in regular session in the Y. W. C. A. Auditorium with Mrs. Chas. Spencer President presiding. The meeting opened with singing of America. Mrs. W. W. Brennan at the piano. In the absence of Mrs Seger chaplain the president suggested that all join in repeating the Lords prayer. Mrs. H.N. Welby lead in the flag salute.

Roll call by Mrs Fable

Minutes of meeting held Oct. 10th read and approved.

Treasurer reported $61.00 banked
51.00 paid out.

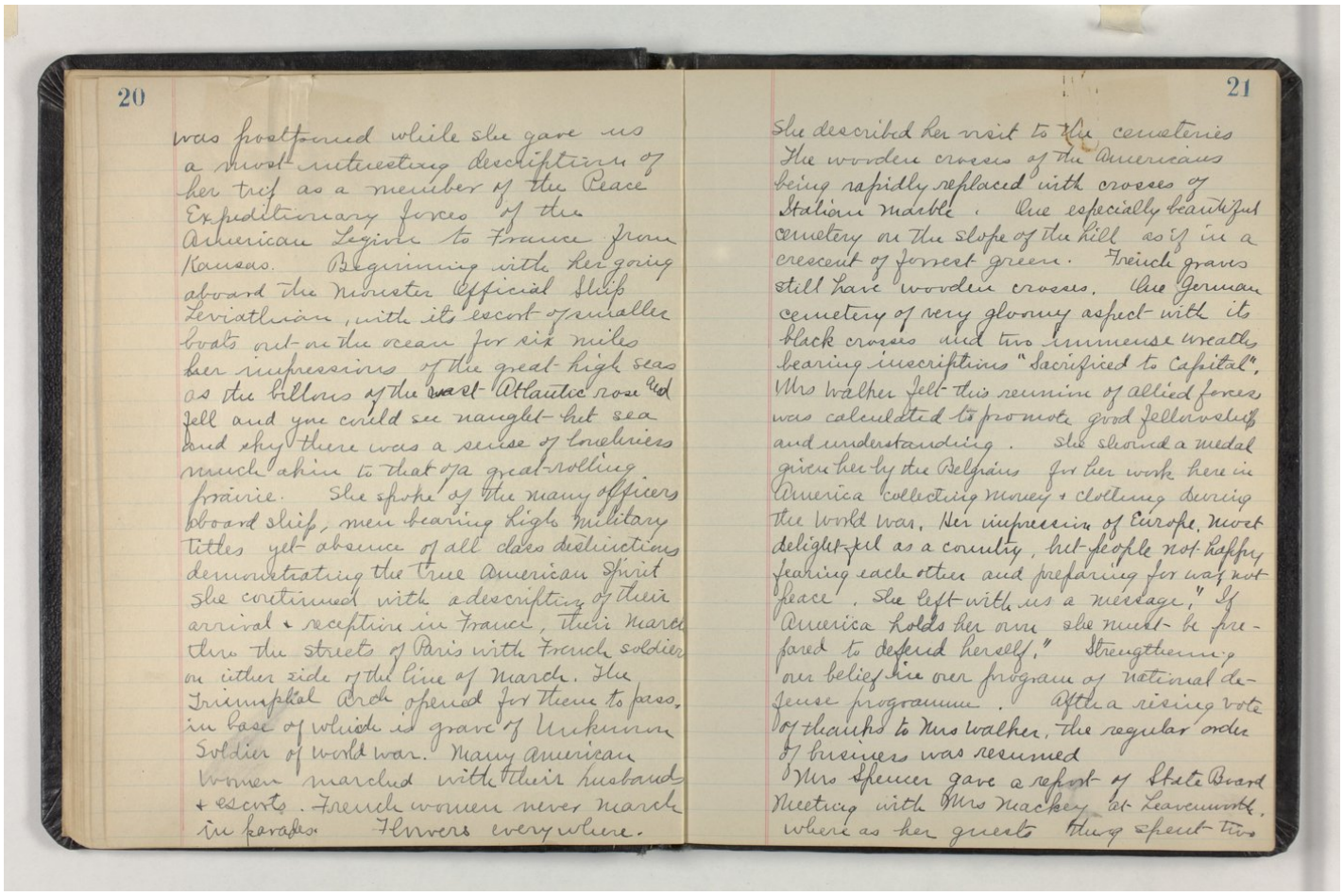
Bills amounting to $9.62 allowed leaving 38¢ in the treasury

Report of Treasurer $20.48
receipts of meeting 2.00 - 22.48

Mrs. Harvey gave 5.00 for candy

Mrs. Walker, State Secty. of American Legion Auxiliary had been invited by the Pres. to give the principal speech of the afternoon. Finding that her office duties required her early return, all

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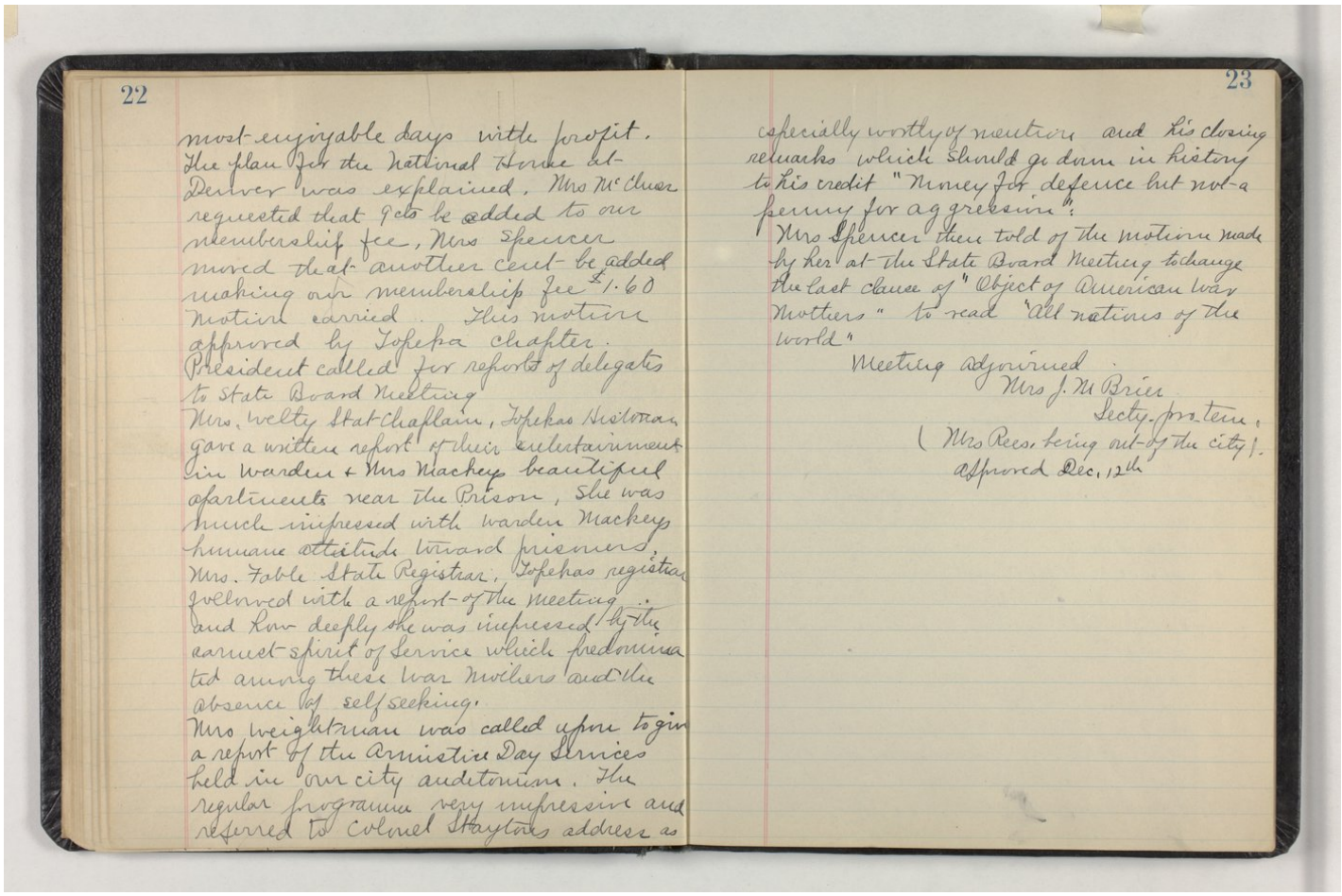
was postponed while she gave us a most interesting description of her trip as a member of the Peace Expeditionary forces of the American Legion to France from Kansas. Beginning with her going aboard the Monster Official Ship Leviathan, with its escort of smaller boats out on the ocean for six miles her impressions of the great high seas as the billows of the mid-Atlantic rose and fell and you could see naught but sea and sky there was a sense of loneliness much akin to that of a great rolling prairie. She spoke of the many officers aboard ship, men bearing high military titles yet absence of all class distinctions demonstrating the true American Spirit She continued with a description of their arrival & reception in France, their march thru the streets of Paris with French soldiers on either side of the line of march. The Triumphal Arch opened for them to pass, in base of which is grave of Unknown Soldier of world war. Many American women marched with their husband + escorts. French women never march in parades. Flowers everywhere.

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She described her visit to the cemeteries The wooden crosses of the Americans being rapidly replaced with crosses of Italian marble. One especially beautiful cemetery on the slope of the hill as if in a crescent of forest green. French graves still have wooden crosses. One German cemetery of very gloomy aspect with its black crosses and two immense wreaths bearing inscriptions "Sacrificed to Capital". Mrs Walker felt this reunion of allied forces was calculated to promote good fellowship and understanding. She showed a medal given her by the Belgians for her work here in America collecting money + clothing during the world war. Her impression of Europe, most delightful as a country, but people not happy fearing each other and preparing for war not peace. She left with us a message, "If America holds her own she must be prepared to defend herself." Strengthening our belief in our program of national defense programme. After a rising vote of thanks to Mrs Walker, the regular order of business was resumed

Mrs Spencer gave a report of State Board Meeting with Mrs Mackey at Lawrence, where as her guests they spent two

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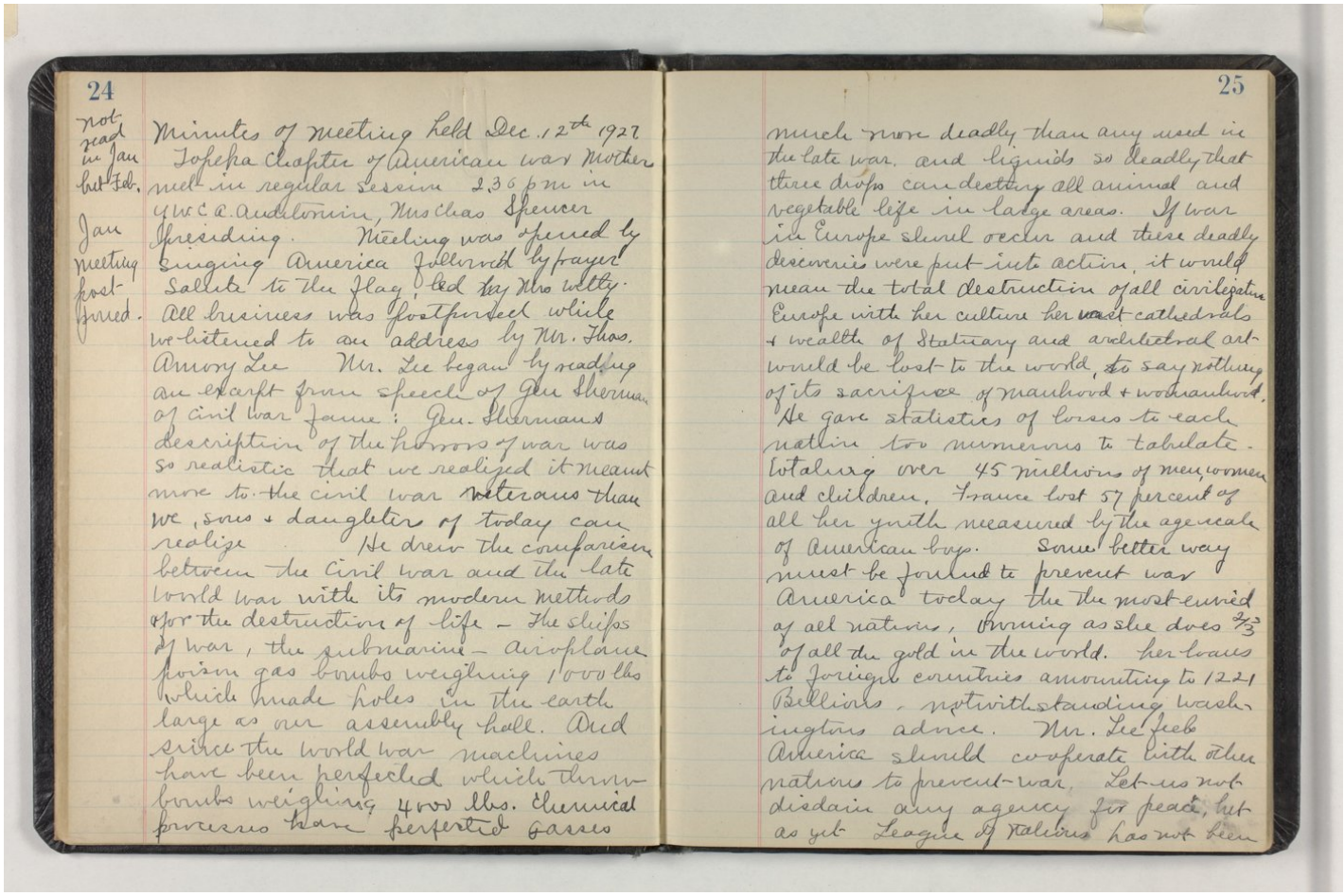
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most enjoyable days with profit.
The plan for the National Home at Denver was explained. Mrs McClure requested that 9cts be added to our membership fee, Mrs Spencer moved that another cent be added making our membership fee $1.60 Motion carried. This motion approved by Topeka chapter.
President called for reports of delegates to State Board Meeting
Mrs. Welty State Chaplain, Topekas Historian gave a written report of their entertainment in Warden + Mrs Mackey beautiful apartments near the Prison, She was much impressed with warden Mackey humane attitude toward prisoners.
Mrs. Foble State Registrar, Topekas registrar gave a report of the meeting and how deeply she was impressed by the earnest spirit of service which predominated among these war mothers and the absence of self seeking.
Mrs Weightman was called upon to give a report of the Armistice Day Services held in our city auditorium. The regular programme very impressive and referred to Colonel Staytons address as

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especially worthy of mention and his closing remarks which should go down in history to his credit "Money for defence but not a penny for aggression".
Mrs Spencer then told of the motions made by her at the State Board Meeting to change the last clause of "Object of American War Mothers" to read "All nations of the world"
Meeting Adjourned.
Mrs J. M Brien
Secty. pro tem.
(Mrs Rees, being out of the city).
Approved Dec. 12th

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not read in Jan but Feb.

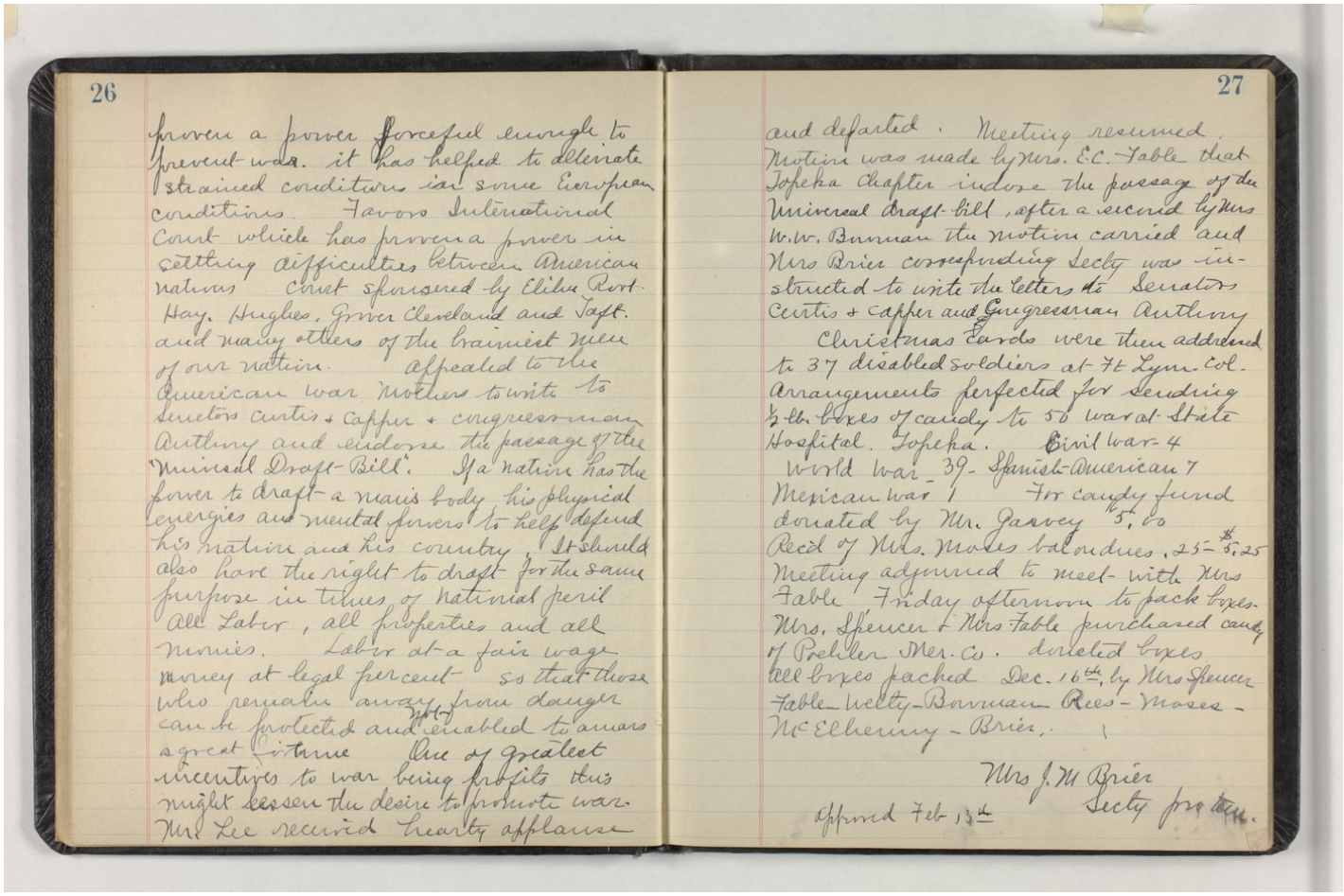
Jan meeting post-poned.

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Topeka Chapter of American war Mothers met in regular session 2.30 p.m. in Y.W.C.A. Auditorium, Mrs Chas Spencer presiding. Meeting was opened by singing America followed by prayer Salute to the flag led by Mrs Welty. All business was postponed while we listened to an address by Mr. Thos. Amory Lee Mr. Lee began by reading an extract from speech of Gen Sherman of civil war fame: Gen. Shermans description of the horrors of war was so realistic that we realized it meant more to the civil war veterans than we, sons & daughter of today can realize He drew the comparison between the civil war and the late world war with its modern methods for the destruction of life – The ships of war, the submarine – airoplane poison gas bombs weighing 1000 lbs which made holes in the earth large as our assembly hall. And since the world war machines have been perfected which throw bombs weighing 4000 lbs. Chemical processes have perfected gases

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much more deadly than any used in the late war. and liquids so deadly that three drops can destroy all animal and vegetable life in large areas. If war in Europe should occur and these deadly discoveries were put into action, it would mean the total destruction of all civilization Europe with her culture her vast cathedrals & wealth of Statuary and architectural art would be lost to the world, to say nothing of its sacrifice of manhood & womanhood. He gave statistics of losses to each nation too numerous to tabulate. totaling over 45 millions of men, women and children. France lost 57 percent of all her youth measured by the age scale of American boys. Some better way must be found to prevent war America today the the most envied of all nations, owning as she does 2/3 of all the gold in the world. her loans to foreign countries amounting to 1221 Billions. notwithstanding Washingtons advice. Mr. Lee feels America should cooperate with other nations to prevent war. Let us not disdain any agency for peace, but as yet League of Nations has not been

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proven a power forceful enough to prevent wars. it has helped to delicate strained conditions in some European conditions. Favors International Court which has proven a power in settling difficulties between American nations Court sponsored by Elihu Root. Hay. Hughes. Grover Cleveland and Taft. and many others of the brainiest men of our nation. Appealed to the American war Mothers to write to Senators Curtis & Capper & Congressman Anthony and endorse the passage of the "Universal Draft-Bill". If a nation has the power to draft a mans body his physical energies and mental powers to help defend his nation and his country. It should also have the right to draft for the same purpose in times of national peril All Labor, all properties and all monies. Labor at a fair wage money at legal percent so that those who remain away from danger can be protected and enabled to amass a great fortune One of greatest incentives to war being profits this might lessen the desire to promote war. Mrs Lee received hearty applause

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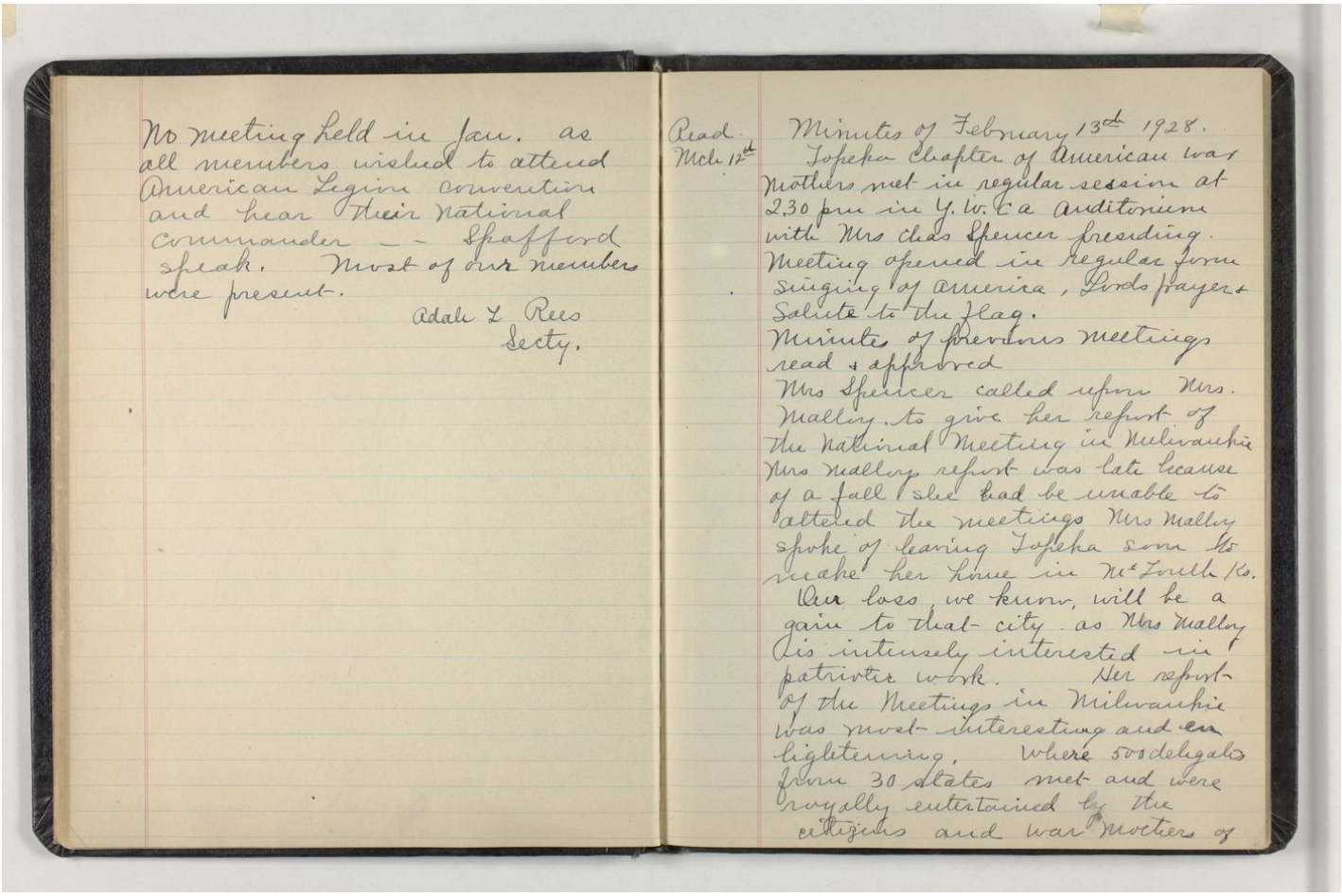
and departed. Meeting resumed. Motion was made by Mrs. E.C. Table that Topeka Chapter indorse the passage of the Universal Draft bill, after a second by Mrs W.W. Bowman the motion carried and Mrs Brier corresponding Secty was instructed to write the letters to Senators Curtis & Capper and Congressman Anthony

Christmas Cards were then addressed to 37 disabled soldiers at Ft Lyon Col. Arrangements perfected for sending ½ lb. boxes of candy to 50 war at State Hospital. Topeka. Civil war-4 World war 39- Spanish-American 7 Mexican war 1 For candy fund donated by Mr. Garvey $5.00 Recd of Mrs. Moses balance .25- $5.25 Meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs Table Friday afternoon to pack boxes. Mrs. Spencer & Mrs Table purchased candy of Preller Mer. Co. donated boxes all boxes packed Dec. 16th by Mrs Spencer Table Welty Bowman Rees - Moses - McElhenny - Brier.

Mrs J.M Brier
Secty pro tem.

Approved Feb 13th

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No meeting held in Jan. as all members wished to attend American Legion convention and hear their national commander -- Spafford speak. Most of our members were present.

Adah L Rees
Secty.

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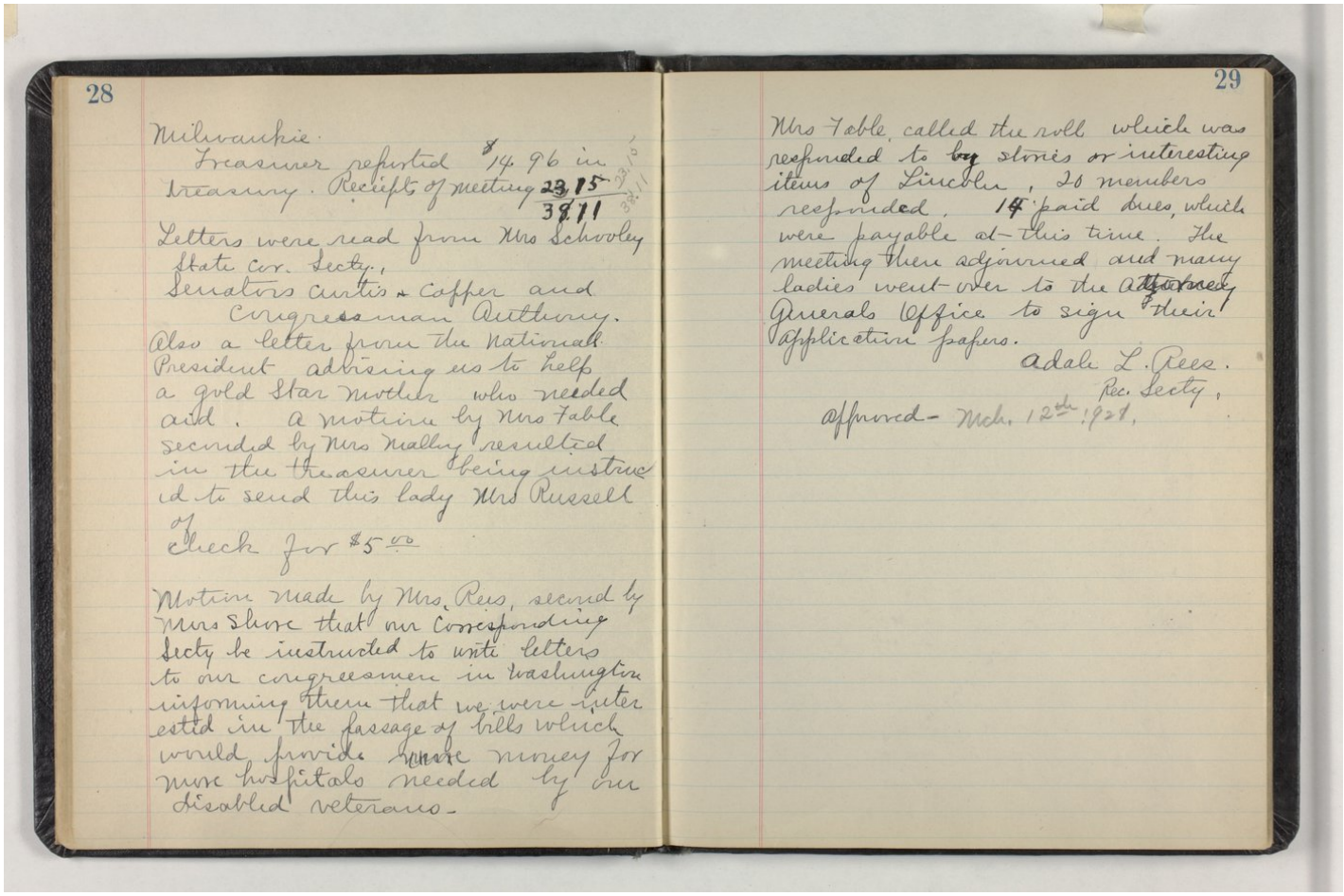
Minutes of February 13th 1928.

Topeka Chapter of American war mothers met in regular session at 2.30 pm in Y. W. C. A. auditorium with Mrs Chas Spencer presiding. Meeting opened in regular form singing of America, Lords prayer & Salute to the flag.

Minutes of previous meetings read & approved

Mrs Spencer called upon Mrs. Malloy to give her report of the National Meeting in Milwaukie Mrs Malloy report was late because of a fall she had be unable to attend the meetings Mrs Malloy spoke of leaving Topeka soon to make her home in McPherson Ks. Our loss, we know, will be a gain to that city as Mrs Malloy is intensely interested in patriotic work. Her report of the Meetings in Milwaukie was most interesting and enlightening. Where 505 delegates from 30 states met and were royally entertained by the citizens and war Mothers of

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Milwaukie.
Treasurer reported $14.96 in treasury. Receipts of meeting 23.15 38.11
Letters were read from Mrs Schooley State Cor. Secty.,
Senators Curtis & Capper and Congressman Anthony.
Also a letter from the National President advising us to help a gold Star mother who needed aid. A motion by Mrs Table seconded by Mrs Nally resulted in the treasurer being instructed to send this lady Mrs Russell a check for $5.00

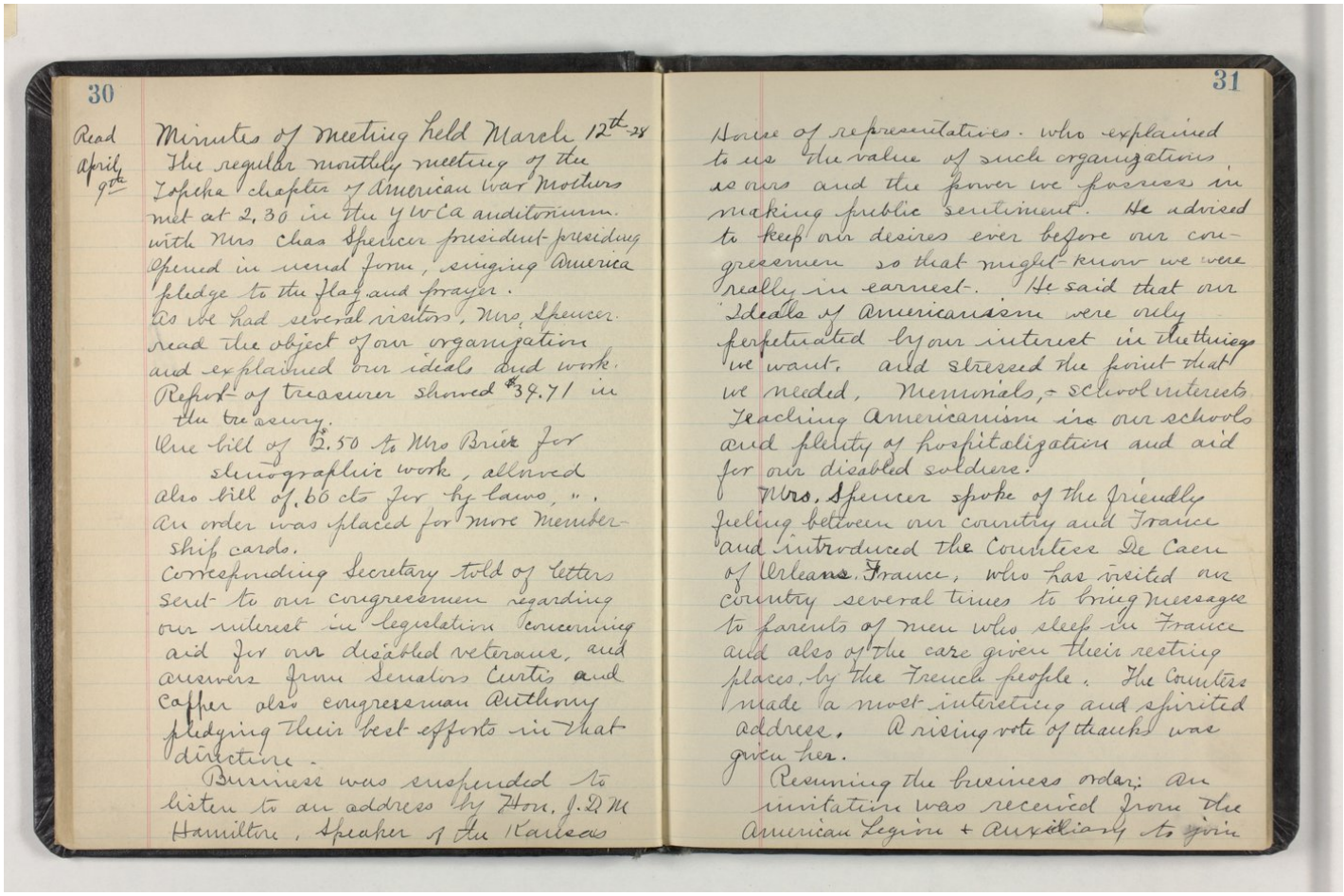
Motion made by Mrs. Rees, second by Mrs Shore that our Corresponding Secty be instructed to write letters to our congressmen in Washington informing them that we were interested in the passage of bills which would provide more money for more hospitals needed by our disabled veterans.

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Mrs Table called the roll which was responded to by stories or interesting items of Lincoln, 20 members responded, 14 paid dues, which were payable at this time. The meeting there adjourned and many ladies went over to the Attorney Generals Office to sign their application papers.

Adale L. Rees.
Rec. Secty.

Approved- March 12th 1921.



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Read April 9th

Minutes of meeting held March 12th-28

The regular monthly meeting of the Topeka chapter of American War Mothers met at 2.30 in the Y W C A auditorium with Mrs Chas Spencer president presiding Opened in usual form, singing America pledge to the flag and prayer.

As we had several visitors, Mrs Spencer read the object of our organization and explained our ideals and work.

Report of treasurer showed $34.71 in the treasury.

One bill of $2.50 to Mrs Brick for stenographic work, allowed also bill of .60 cts for by laws, " .

An order was placed for more membership cards.

Corresponding Secretary told of letters sent to our congressmen regarding our interest in legislation concerning aid for our disabled veterans, and answers from Senators Curtis and Capper also congressman Anthony pledging their best efforts in that direction.

Business was suspended to listen to an address by Hon. J. D. M Hamilton, Speaker of the Kansas

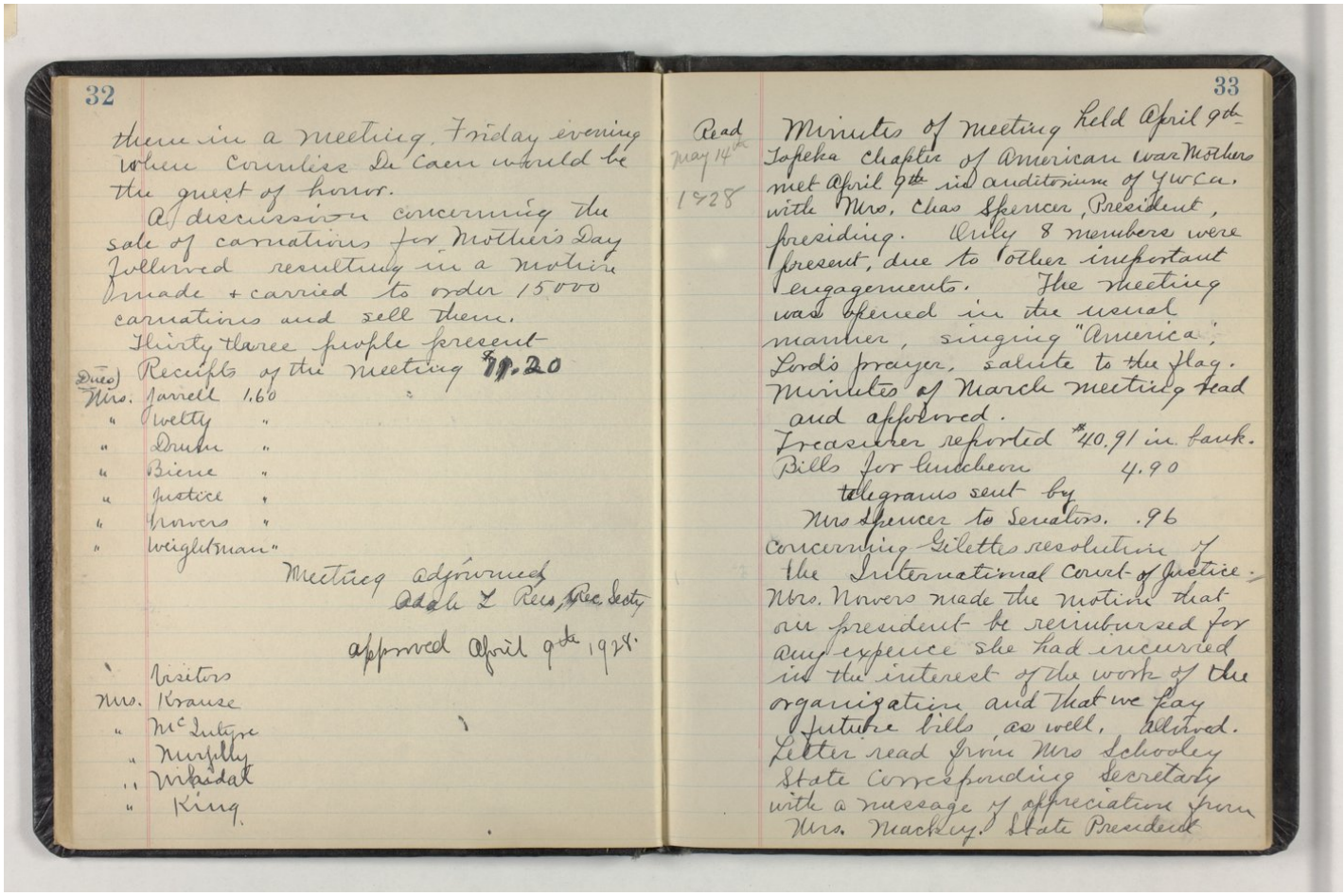
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House of representatives. who explained to us the value of such organizations as ours and the power we possess in making public sentiment. He advised to keep our desires ever before our congressmen so that might know we were really in earnest. He said that our ideals of Americanism were only perpetuated by our interest in the things we want. and stressed the point that we needed, Memorials, - school interests Teaching Americanism in our schools and fidelity of hospitalization and aid for our disabled soldiers.

Mrs. Spencer spoke of the friendly feeling between our country and France and introduced the Countess De Caen of Orleans, France, who has visited our country several times to bring message to parents of men who sleep in France and also of the care given their resting places by the French people. The Countess made a most interesting and spirited address. A rising vote of thanks was given her.

Resuming the business order; an invitation was received from the American Legion + Auxiliary to join

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there in a meeting, Friday evening when Comdiss De Caen would be the guest of honor.

A discussion concerning the sale of carnations for Mothers Day followed resulting in a motion made + carried to order 15000 carnations and sell them.

Thirty three people present

Receipts of the meeting $9.20

Dues)
Mrs. Jarrell 1.60
" Twitty "
" Druke "
" Biene "
" Justice "
" Powers "
" Weightman"

Meeting adjourned
Adah L Rees Rec Secty

approved April 9th 1928.

Visitors
Mrs. Krause
" McIntyre
" Murphy
" Mikesell
" King

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Read May 14th 1928

Minutes of meeting held April 9th Topeka Chapter of American War Mothers met April 9th in auditorium of YWCA. with Mrs. Chas Spencer, President, presiding. Only 8 members were present, due to other important engagements. The meeting was opened in the usual manner, singing "America", Lord's prayer, salute to the flag. Minutes of March meeting read and approved.

Treasurer reported $40.91 in bank.

Bills for luncheon 4.90

telegrams sent by Mrs Spencer to Senators. .96 concerning Gillettes resolution of the International Court of Justice.

Mrs. Powers made the motion that our president be reimbursed for any expence she had incurred in the interest of the work of the organization and that we pay future bills as well, Adopted.

Letter read from Mrs Schooley State corresponding Secretary with a message of appreciation from Mrs. Mackey. State President