

THE SALVATION ARMY
CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE - 1965

Whereas, Concord is celebrating its Bi-Centennial in this year Nineteen Hundred and Sixty-five, The Salvation Army is celebrating its Centennial year.

In 1865 William Booth founded the Army in the streets of London. At that time it was known as the Christian Mission. It was in 1878 that the name was changed to - The Salvation Army.

The Army made its first official appearance in New York in 1880 with the arrival of a "Pioneer Band" of seven women and one man, Captain Railton. The first official meeting by this group was at the docks at the request of the customs agents, on March 10th.

The first officers to be appointed were two men in Concord, New Hampshire, Captain H. White and Cadet Rix on September 16, 1891. Unfortunately, the first address of the Army here was not recorded. It wasn't until May of 1893 that the location was listed at Bridge St.

Most of the residents remember the location of the Army as 9½ Centre St, where it had been located from 1910 thru 1961. In May, the Army moved to its present location of 28 S. Main St.

At this writing, we have 53 members on the Senior Soldier's roll & 38 on the Junior Soldiers roll.

We have Youth Activities for: Sunbeams 6 -11; Girl Guards 12- 18, Junior Legion 6-12 for boys and girls; Torchbearers for teenagers & young adults through 30 years. We also have a Sunday School that ranges in age from 2 - adult Bible Class.

We also have an adult activity for the ladies called "Home League" for those of 30 years and over. League of Mercy - this group of women go monthly to the local and surrounding areas, Penacook, and Boscawen. These ladies visit each patient and distribute reading matter, candies and frequently pray with those who request they do so. In 1964, these ladies visited 12 homes monthly, visited 3, 655 during the year, and volunteering for 333 hours for the year.

The Salvation Army in Concord helps those in need over a period of emergency. Our Annual report for the year 1964 shows the following figures for assistance given as:

	Families assisted	209
	Transients assisted	111
Christmas *	*Individuals served	264
	*Sunshine Gift Packages	800

The Corps Officer also conducts a Sunday service the first of each month at the New Hampshire State Prison. Also available for these men if they want to attend is a Bible Class conducted each week, by the Corps Officer.

The local Corps is a member agency of the local United Fund.

The present Corps Officers Captain and Mrs. Gordon W. Clark, Jr. and their Assistant, Lt. Elsie Thomas were appointed June 29, 1964.