As we enter the new year and the holiday rejoicings have faded to whispers our thoughts are turned to more serious matters.

One which concerns us very much is the “balancing of The ROUEN POST budget” and providing for operating funds for 1949.

According to the report of the Auditing Committee for Rouen Post 242, at the end of the fiscal year “the paper’s” financial status was:

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<td>Receipts from contributions</td>
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Our printer, Bob Johnson of Johnson, Inc., St. Louis has been very liberal in extending us credit enabling us to carry on without too much worry but he is not in the business of financing even such a worthy cause as our news sheet and cannot be expected to carry us indefinitely. And that brings us to our annual budget message.

Our mailing list fluctuates between 725 and 750 copies varying because of removals without forwarding addresses, new names and extra copies for special purposes. Should our contributions average but $2.00 per person we would never be in the “red”.

If our journal is of interest to a majority of those on the list then we should not have any financial concern. We recognize that we are not “finished newspaper editors” or “literary giants”, but we have tried to assemble and print items which we have considered to be of interest to most of us. That we have not failed entirely is reflected in the many flattering letters we received after last year’s appeal. We have quite a stack of them many of which we hope to publish from time to time.

Your continued support is invited. Please mail checks or money order to:

THE ROUEN POST
220 North Fourth Street
St. Louis, 2, Mo.

Thanking you again with warm, cordial greetings to each of you, we are,

Sincerely yours

Bill Engel, Editor.
Colonel Charles Shook of the 21 St. General and a member of Rouen Post #242 will travel from Toledo, Ohio to be present at this meeting.

We have no special plans for the evening at this writing, however, we hope to "cook up" something in the meantime. Mark your calendar for this date and let us give "Charlie" a royal welcome.

Some of you do not yet understand the importance of returning your reservation cards. Since we are having our dinner served buffet style, the quantities are predicated on the exact number of reservations we make. Should we make too few reservations the portion per person would be inadequate. However, when we order in excess of the number then we must pay in full for all reservations made. For our Xmas Party we had made reservations for a greater number than actually attended and as a result we are about $25.00 short of breaking even, which our post funds can illy afford.

We expect to "pass the hat" in January to make up the deficit.

Your co-operation in the future will be appreciated.

W. E. Engel,
Adjutant.