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Pictured after unveiling of plaque is Maj. Gen. Heywood, with young Bruce Warner to his right. A close-up of the plaque is shown below.

ROBINSON MOUNTAIN

ROBINSON MOUNTAIN, FORMERLY MAY MOUNTAIN, WAS RENAMED TO HONOR PRIVATE GEORGE F. ROBINSON OF THE EIGHTH REGIMENT OF MAINE INFANTRY IN THE CIVIL WAR

PRIVATE ROBINSON, A MAINE HERO, WAS CREDITED WITH SAVING THE LIFE OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S SECRETARY OF STATE, WILLIAM H. SEWARD, FOLLOWING AN ASSASSINATION PLOT APRIL, 1865.

PLACED DECEMBER 18, 1965
BY THE MAINE CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL COMMISSION
AND THE COMMISSIONERS OF AROOSTOOK COUNTY.

DEDICATORY CEREMONY HONORS MAINE CIVIL WAR SOLDIER

Scenic Robinson Mountain — formerly known as May Mountain — overlooking Mat-tawankeag Lake at Island Falls, Me., was the setting for what was probably one of the last official Civil War Centennial events. There on October 28, 1966, a plaque honoring Pvt. George Foster Robinson of Company B, 8th Maine Volunteers, was unveiled during a ceremony made possible through the cooperative efforts of the Maine Civil War Centennial Commission and the Commissioners of Aroostook County, the ones presenting the plaque, and the State Highway Department, which provided the site for the boulder to which the plaque is affixed. A presentation ceremony had been held in December of the previous year in the State House at Augusta, Me., but the formal dedication had been delayed for 10 months while arrangements for placement of the boulder were being completed.

The story behind the naming of a mountain in honor of Pvt. Robinson is an interesting one. It seems that, at the time the Civil War was drawing to a close, Robinson was serving as an orderly for William H. Seward, who was then Secretary of State and a member of Pres. Lincoln's cabinet. On April 14, 1865 — the night the President was shot at Ford's Theater in Washington, D.C. — an attempt was also made on Secretary Seward's life, and both he and Robinson were wounded but recovered. Robinson returned to Island Falls afterward and died there years later. It was for his heroism in saving the life of Secretary Seward that this Civil War veteran was so

honored. This was accomplished through passage of a resolution by the 102nd Maine Legislature, and with the consent of the property owner, Mr. Jack Shur.

On hand to witness the dedication of the plaque were two of Pvt. Robinson's four grandnephews, George Thorne and Clarence Thorne, and one of his two grandnieces, Mrs. Ethel Donham. There were many school children in the crowd, too, for the school authorities had thought the occasion of sufficient significance to grant the pupils a half-day off to attend the ceremony. Members of the 152nd Artillery formed the color guard escort, and Rev. Edwin Haysradt, Jr., delivered the invocation. Following the pledge of allegiance to the flag by the assembly, two state representatives participated in the program; Rep. Arnold Storm gave the welcoming remarks and Rep. James T. Dudley acted as master of ceremonies. The greetings of Gov. John H. Reed were brought

CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE FOCUSES ATTENTION ON FLAG

The Central Region Conference, held October 8 and 9, 1966, at the Mansfield Leland Hotel in Mansfield, Ohio, attracted a sizable representation of SUVCW and ASUV members from six of the 11 departments in the region. Regional Commander Thomas J. Lock (Ind.) was in charge of the conference, and the conference theme was "Courtesy to the Flag." The discussion groups gave enthusiastic attention to the topics assigned them, and their leaders presented many constructive ideas at the report session which followed. A very moving tribute to the Flag — entitled "What is a Flag?" — was read by P.D.C. George L. Cashman (Ill.).

P.C.-in-C. W. Earl Corbin (Ohio) served as master of ceremonies for the banquet on Saturday night. Greetings of the National Organization were extended by Natl. Pres. Flora D. Bates of ASUV and the late James L. High, the Jr. Vice C.-in-C. of SUVCW. The evening's address was delivered by a local clergyman, and dealt with problems in working with, and understanding, today's youth. Musical entertainment was provided by a chapter of the Sweet Adelines.

At Sunday morning's session, P.D.C. Thomas L. W. Johnson (Wis.) presented a resolution which was subsequently passed. It read:

WHEREAS the discussions relating to the Flag were instructive and inspirational for those attending the Central Region Conference, and
WHEREAS it is important that the youth of our country be imbued with knowledge and respect for our Flag,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Central Region Conference allow the sum of \$15.00 annually to be presented to the host department — Sons and Auxiliary — with the understanding that a Flag will be purchased and awarded to a recognized youth group within their State.

As the conference drew to a close, appreciation was expressed by the assembly to P.N.P. Anita Selby (Ohio), who had served as arrangements chairman. The final item of business was the election of officers, with Sis. Dora Johnson (Mich.) being chosen Regional Commander for 1966-67. The 1967 conference is scheduled for October in Lafayette, Ind.

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by Maj. Genl. Edwin W. Heywood, Adjutant General of Maine.

Principal speaker at the ceremony was Maurice J. Warner, who had served throughout the centennial years as chairman of the Maine Civil War Centennial Commission. He noted in his address that Pvt. Robinson, by his act of heroism, unknowingly aided the United States in securing what eventually became our 49th state — Alaska. During the Civil War the general public had referred to Seward's desire to have the United States purchase Alaska as "Seward's Folly." Had Seward died, his support of this project would have ceased and Russia might own that area today, Warner pointed out.

Unveiling of the plaque was performed by Maj. Genl. Heywood and by Bruce Warner, 6-year-old son of the speaker and a great-grandson of a Civil War veteran.

RECEPTION HELD FOR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AND AUXILIARY NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

The Department of California and Pacific sponsored a dinner and reception December 17 at the U. S. Grant Hotel, San Diego, Calif., honoring Comdr.-in-Chief Frank Woerner and Natl. Vice Pres. Betty Moon. Nearly 80 guests attended. Among those present were: Natl. Personal Aide Eugene R. McCoy and Dept. Comdr. Seborn Oftedal of SUVCW; P.N.P. Beatrice Riggs (who officially represented Natl. Pres. Flora Bates), P.N.P. Ethelyn C. Tucker, P.N.P. Lela Shugart and Dept. Pres. Florence Simonian of ASUV; Natl. Chaplain Faetta Bell of DUVCW; Dept. Pres. Mabel Johnson of WRC, and Joseph H. Jenkins, Jr., Comdr. of the Southern California Comdry., MOLLUS.



Comdr.-in-Chief Woerner addresses those attending testimonial gathering, as Natl. Vice Pres. Betty Moon and Leonard Case (left) look on. Brilliant red poinsettias were used to decorate head table.

Co-chairmen of arrangements for this gala event were Bro. Leonard Case (who also served as master of ceremonies) and Sis. Catherine McCoy. Entertainment was provided by a quartet from the Monte Vista High School with guitar accompaniment, and by a local soloist. Highlight of the evening was the presentation of a series of tableaux on the evolution of the American flag. This was performed by the flag pageant team from the San Diego Marine Corps Recruit Depot, with twenty Marines enacting scenes of historical significance in our flag's history, and concluding with a stirring rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner." E.R.M.

P.C.-IN-C. CORBIN HOSPITALIZED

We regret to report that P.C.-in-C. W. Earl Corbin has been hospitalized since December 26 at the Edwin Shaw Sanatorium, 2600 Sanatorium Rd., Akron, Ohio 44312.



GENERAL ORDER NO. 2

Series 1966-67

Headquarters

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
11200 Eastwood Ave., Inglewood, Cal. 90304

- In approaching the half-way mark in my term as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I do so with mixed emotions. The passing of such dedicated members as James L. High, who was Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and Col. O. G. MacPherson, who was Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee, leaves a great void, and our most heartfelt sympathy is extended to their families and friends.
- In General Order No. 2, Series 1964-65, your Commander-in-Chief at that time (Joseph S. Rippey) set a worthy goal when he wrote in the first paragraph "and that each of our members will himself enlist in our Order at least one new member." Did you get your new member last year? If not, make an earnest effort again this year.
- I ask each of you to support your Department Patriotic Instructor and the National Patriotic Instructor with your contributions. With the growing problems our nation faces from protesting mobs, conscientious objectors, beatniks, etc., we must step up our patriotic work and your help is needed now more greatly than ever.
- I want to extend my thanks to the Department of California and Pacific, and to Genl. Daniel McCoy Camp 27 of San Diego and its Auxiliary, for the splendid reception held in my honor. To the 70 or more guests that attended, thank you very much.
- In the latter part of March, I will be leaving California to visit the New England states and to attend as many department encampments as possible. I will be looking forward to meeting all of you in April.

FRANK WOERNER
Commander-in-Chief

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW!

1967 National Encampment — August 6-10
Chicago, Illinois

See next issue for full details.

DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

Department	Dates	City	Place
California & Pacific	April 21-22-23	Riverside	Mission Inn
Colorado & Wyoming	June 4-5-6	Manitou Springs	To be announced
Connecticut	April 8-9	New Britain	Hotel Burritt
Illinois	June 9-10	Chicago	Conrad Hilton Hotel
Indiana	Not Reported		
Iowa	June 16-17	Des Moines	Fort Des Moines Hotel
Kansas	April 30-May 1	Newton	Hotel Ripley and the Salvation Army Hall
Maine	June 17-18	Portland	Sheraton-Eastland Motor Hotel
Maryland	Not Reported		
Massachusetts	April 28-29-30	New Bedford	New Bedford Hotel
Michigan	June 6-7-8-9	Grand Rapids	Pantlind Hotel
Minnesota	Not Scheduled		
New Hampshire	April 28-29	Concord	New Hampshire Highway Hotel
New Jersey	June 9-10	Avon	Avon Inn
New York	June 25-26-27-28	Glen Falls	Queensbury Motor Hotel
Ohio	June 16-17-18	Columbus	Southern Hotel
Oregon & Washington	May 21-22-23	Seattle	Mayflower Hotel
Pennsylvania	June 18-19-20-21	York	Hotel Yorktowne
Rhode Island	April 7-8	Providence	Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel
Vermont	June 22-23-24	Barre	Barre Hotel
Wisconsin	May 20-21	Oshkosh	Hotel Raulff

Announcement of

ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

Springfield, Illinois

Saturday, April 15, 1967

The eleventh consecutive memorial ceremony commemorating President Lincoln's death will be conducted by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, assisted by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, at 11:00 a.m. on April 15 at the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois. Headquarters will be the State House Inn, Springfield. In charge of arrangements are George L. Cashman and Thomas L. W. Johnson.

A chartered bus will transport participants from the State House Inn to the Tomb and back after the ceremony. Reservations for seats on the bus, for which there is no charge, should be made with Thomas L. W. Johnson, 165 Administration Building, 750 University Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin 53706.

Edward G. Pree, attorney and a past president of the Sangamon County Historical Society, will deliver the principal address at a 12:30 p.m. luncheon at the State House Inn. The cost of the luncheon will be \$4.00. Reservations for the luncheon should be made with Brother Johnson at the address shown above at the earliest possible time. Please DO NOT send your remittance with your reservations. Tickets will be sold to those persons whose names appear on the reserved list in the lobby of the hotel during the morning prior to the luncheon.

All Departments and Auxiliaries are invited to send wreaths and/or representatives, conforming to the following procedure:

- In order to insure proper listing in the printed program, notify Brother Johnson at the address shown above of your intention so that he will receive your letter NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15.
- Even though a Department or Auxiliary is unable to have a representative present, a wreath will be welcome. To simplify matters, wreaths should be ordered through your local florists with instructions that they be delivered to George L. Cashman, Curator, Lincoln Tomb, Springfield, Illinois, no later than 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 15.

A PLEA TO DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES

The Editor recently contacted each Department Secretary to check THE BANNER'S mailing list of camp secretaries. The result? Camps found operating but not on the mailing list, 10; camps found disbanded but still carried on the mailing list, 26; camps with the wrong person listed as secretary on the mailing list, 30. Your cooperation is needed. Please forward information to THE BANNER promptly about newly formed camps, disbanded camps and changes in camp secretaries, so the mailing list can be kept up to date. Thank you.

Memories of Michigan

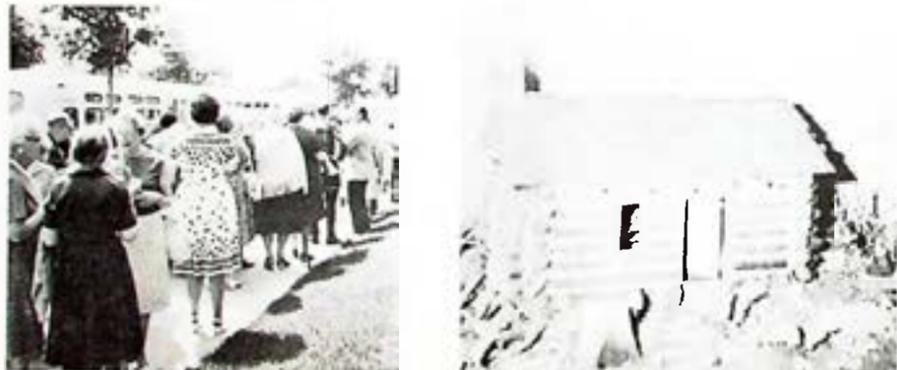


SCENES FROM THE 1966 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT IN GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. It's always fun to recall happy times, and pictures help us do this. Left, W. Earl Carbin (then Commander-in-Chief) and P.C.-in-C. U. S. Grant 3rd pose with framed memorial of Fairbanks Post No. 17, G.A.R., which Genl. Grant presented to the Michigan Department at the Camp Fire; center, Edith L. Snyder (then National President) presides over Auxiliary's encampment beneath a special display of her motto, "Effort — Loyalty — Service"; right, Bro. Carbin gets the SUVCW encampment under way in an adjoining hall.



Left, Sis. Snyder is presented at the altar during Auxiliary's exemplification of the ritual; center, a lively barbershop quartet provides both music and comedy following the chuck-wagon dinner; right, Donna Shriver seems to have the receiving line to herself following banquet honoring national officers, but each one in that line shook several hundred hands before participating in the grand march and dancing which followed.

FURNITURE INDUSTRY
The first cabinet maker in Grand Rapids was William Haldane, who in 1837 set up a shop in his home at the corner of Pearl and Ottawa Sts. During the ensuing decades Grand Rapids attracted increasing numbers of furniture craftsmen. Under able business management Grand Rapids had developed into the furniture capital of America by the 1860s. Buyers the world over come for the furniture markets first held in 1878. Grand Rapids today ranks among the leaders of the industry in quality, style, and price.



Left, historical marker acclaiming Grand Rapids "the furniture capital of America" greeted delegates upon visit to Grand Rapids Public Museum; center, busses have unloaded and delegates await signal to enter museum, some still sampling lollipops passed out by Michigan Department's tour guides; right, a bit of Michigan history was provided by exhibits such as this miniature log cabin in diorama on pioneer life.



Left, another section of museum contained Civil War relics and mementos, and this poignant statue of a slave aiding a wounded soldier was the center of attention in one display case; center, Bros. Hooper and Williamson join others in exploring the museum's Gaslight Village; right, Genl. Grant and the late James L. High pose with delegates who have boarded the Gaslight Village's trolley car.

CEREMONIES AT GETTYSBURG DRAW ATTENTION TO LINCOLN AND HIS "BOYS IN BLUE"

Saturday, November 19, was a busy day for history-conscious Americans in the Gettysburg, Pa., area. Four events — a luncheon, two outdoor ceremonies and a banquet — were scheduled for that day, and combined to make it a memorable occasion for those attending.

November 19 was, of course, Dedication Day — the 103rd anniversary of the Gettysburg National Cemetery's dedication, at which Pres. Lincoln delivered his now-famous Gettysburg Address. Marking the occasion as it does each year, the Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania held its annual luncheon at noon in the Holiday Inn. The luncheon speaker was Dr. David C. Mearns, Chief of the Division of Manuscripts, Library of Congress, who described the confusion that reigned in Gettysburg on November 18, 1863, as thousands descended on the town for the cemetery's dedication. His talk was entitled "Gettysburg on the Eve of an Address."

Presiding at the luncheon was Donald M. Swope, the retiring president, who read a proclamation by Gov. William W. Scranton declaring November 19 as Dedication Day and calling upon the schools and others to mark the day by the recitation of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and other services. Elected to succeed him as president of the Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania was Dr. Frederic Klein of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa. Three descendants of the man who had invited Lincoln to Gettysburg in 1863 — Judge David Wills — were special guests at the luncheon. There were the Judge's granddaughter, Mrs. Stanley S. Zimmerman, and her daughter and granddaughter.

After the luncheon, the activities moved out of doors for the two ceremonies. The first was at 2:30 p.m. before the Soldiers National Monument, which is said to stand at the approximate site of the platform from which Lincoln made his address 103 years ago. Wreaths were placed at the monument by David Tawney on behalf of Gettysburg Camp 112, SUVCW, and by Dr. Joseph H. Riley for the Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania — the two groups sponsoring the ceremony.

At 3:30 p.m. in Ziegler's Grove on the Gettysburg Battlefield, the ninth annual Grand Army of the Republic Remembrance Day ceremony was held before a crowd estimated at 450 persons. P.C.-in-C. Chester S. Shriver presided at the outdoor portion of this program, held at the statue of Albert Woolson, last survivor of the G.A.R. The speaker was Lt. Col. Oliver D. Coble, U. S. Army Chaplains Corps (Ret.), whose topic was "Spiritual Aid — The Civil War vs. Vietnam." A medley of patriotic numbers was performed by the Gettysburg Senior High School Band, with G. Henry Roth of SUVCW's

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Comdr.-in-Chief Frank Woerner and Pennsylvania Dept. Comdr. Robert Werkheiser pass the narrator, G. Henry Roth, as they place wreaths at Woolson Monument.



Memorial salute is fired by squad from 6th Regt., Pennsylvania Brigade, Sons of Veterans Reserve, under the command of Lt. Col. James B. McKee.



Those participating in wreath-laying ceremony at Woolson Monument were, left to right: Mrs. Mue E. Feick, Dept. Pres. (Pa.), LGAR; Robert U. Werkheiser, Dept. Comdr. (Pa.), SUVCW; Mrs. Helen Cheyne, Dept. Pres. (Pa.), ASUV; Miss Flora D. Bates, Natl. Pres., ASUV; Frank Woerner, Comdr.-in-Chief, SUVCW; Mrs. Merle Haynes, Natl. Pres., LGAR; Mrs. Hazel Gentlman, Dept. Pres. (Pa.), WRC; Mrs. Etta Mae Gunn, Natl. Pres., DUVCW, and Mrs. Bertha Leinbach, Dept. Pres. (Pa.), DUVCW.

Gettysburg camp serving at narrator, while wreaths were being placed at the monument by national and department heads from the G.A.R. Allied Orders. The outdoor exercises closed with the firing of a volley by units of the Sons of Veterans Reserve from Allentown and Reading, under the command of Capt. William K. Fallstick, and the sounding of taps.

The assemblage then moved indoors to the Visitor Center where P.C.-in-C. Thomas A. Chadwick acted as master of ceremonies. It was here that the national and department heads of the G.A.R. Allied Orders were each called upon for remarks appropriate to the occasion. All of the national heads were in attendance except the national president of the Woman's Relief Corps, who had been hospitalized and could not make the trip from her home in Topeka, Kan. "The Star-Spangled Banner" was played by the Gettysburg Senior High School Band. The opening and closing prayers were given by local clergymen.

The 36th annual Dedication Day dinner was held at 6:30 p.m. in the Holiday Inn, under the sponsorship of the Pennsylvania Department's Past Commanders and Past Presidents Assn., with 150 in attendance. Toastmaster at this event was P.C.-in-C. C. LeRoy Stoudt. The speaker was Dr. Woodrow C. Dellinger, a Lincoln student, who extolled Lincoln's virtues and exposed some of the myths about him. Presentation of a check for \$250 from the Commandery-in-Chief was made during the banquet program by Comdr.-in-Chief Frank Woerner to Dr. Charles R. Glatfelter, Professor of History at Gettysburg College, where the organization's annual gift is used to support a scholarship in the field of history.

National Military Department SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE

IN MEMORIAM

It is through pain that we attain anything of value; it was through pain that this Nation found itself, and upon the foundation thus secured and established, proceeded to advance with great strides to the forefront of the nations of the earth. In the long, hard courses of the school of experience, nothing is gained except with the expenditure of painful effort.

For more than half a century, a Past Department Commander of Pennsylvania has extended such efforts. Colonel O. G. MacPherson, Commanding Officer of the National Military Department, Sons of Veterans Reserve, faithfully carried out his oath to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Let us redouble our efforts to keep green the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic — in memory of this dedicated brother.

A detachment of WAC-S.V.R. was recruited and organized on November 11. Col. Howard Dissinger administered the oath on November 19 at Gettysburg, Pa., and designated said company to be carried on the roster as Headquarters Company, attached to the Second Military District. Corp. Erma P. Stark was appointed Sergeant of this detachment.

John H. Stark, Maj., S.V.R.
Public Information Officer

**Camp and Department Secretaries:
CHECK YOUR SUPPLY NOW**
of badges, rituals, etc.

Send your order for needed supplies to
Chester S. Shriver, Natl. Secty-Treas.
P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION LOSES TWO VALUED MEMBERS IN DEATH

The passing of two members of SUVCW who were prominent on the national level occurred in November. It is with no small measure of sorrow that we record their obituaries here:

IN MEMORIAM

JAMES L. HIGH — Deceased November 8, 1966 at Evanston, Ill. Interment Graceland Cemetery, Chicago, Ill. Bro. High had held a variety of offices in the Illinois Department over the years, and had been associated with SUVCW's Lincoln Tomb Ceremony as a member of the committee for the past 10 years and as co-chairman of that committee for a number of those years. He had also been active in the National Organization as a member of the Council of Administration, and was serving as the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief at the time of his passing. In addition, he was Ex-Commander and Recorder of the Illinois Commandery, MOLLUS, and an Emeritus Member of the Commandery-in-Chief's Board of Officers of that Order. Bro. High is survived by his wife, Gladys.

OLIVER G. MacPHERSON — Deceased November 21, 1966 at Harrisburg, Pa. Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Gettysburg, Pa. Bro. MacPherson was a Past Commander of the Pennsylvania Department and a Past President of the 60-20 Club (an organization of men who served as Department Commanders in 1960). He was one of the founders of the Gettysburg Civil War Round Table, and had served as its treasurer. He had also been a member of the Adams County Civil War Centennial Commission. At the time of his passing, Bro. MacPherson was serving the National Organization as chairman of the Military Affairs Committee, and as Commander of the National Military Department, Sons of Veterans Reserve. He is survived by his wife, Elsie, 11 children, 21 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and a sister.

The deepest sympathy of the National Organization is extended to the families of these two brothers, who will be sorely missed in the days ahead.

BLACKMAN NAMED AS JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

At a special meeting of the Council of Administration, held November 19 at Gettysburg, Pa., Bro. James M. Blackman of the Illinois Department was selected to serve as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief for the unexpired term of the late James L. High. Bro. Blackman, who served as commander of the Illinois Department in 1948, had been the last one to act as secretary to the Illinois Department of the Grand Army of the Republic. He held the office of commander in the G.A.R. Memorial Assn. of Cook County (Ill.) in 1964-65.

IN MEMORIAM

P.N.P. MARGARET C. BRADY
October 30, 1966

Mrs. Brady had served as National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in 1937-38.



News of the Departments



CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

A reception honoring Dept. Comdr. Seborn Oftedal and Dept. Pres. Florence Simonian on October 8 at Perry Boy's Smorgy in Fresno drew an attendance of nearly 50 for a smorgasbord dinner. Entertainment was provided by Sis. Rachel Hedges, Dept. Personal Aide, who sang, and Sis. Dorothy Greely, Pres. of Aux. 12, who played the accordion. Among those attending were Comdr.-in-Chief Frank Woerner, Natl. Vice Pres. Betty Moon, and Lew W. McKee, Dept. Comdr. of Oregon & Washington.

A joint meeting of Districts 1 and 2 was held the following day at the Grange Hall in Clovis. Bro. Harry Simonian, who heads District 2, presided; he was assisted by Bro. Tom Kelly. Approximately the same number attended.

TAPS: Auxiliary 14 mourns the loss of its member, Sis. Grace LaBelle, who died November 1 and was laid to rest at Anaheim, Calif.

ILLINOIS

A dinner honoring Dept. Comdr. Roderick Van Trump, Sr., and Dept. Pres. Beatrice Swanson was held Oct 23 at the Oak Park Arms Hotel, Oak Park, by Genl. Geo. A. Custer Camp 1 and Auxiliary 30. Also honored was Natl. Council Member Elsie Evans. For entertainment, the Elmer Luckows presented a narrated slide program entitled "Garden Paths Across America."

At the same hotel on November 12 the department's mid-term meeting was held. Ver Lynn Sprague, Director of the Illinois Sesquicentennial Commission, addressed the SUVCW business session on the subject of the forthcoming celebration of the State's 150th anniversary. Capitola Rehrmann, Dept. Treas., ASUV, presented the Auxiliary's love gift of \$100 to SUVCW. Following the evening dinner, P.D.C. John Brooks Davis showed slides taken on a Civil War Round Table battlefield tour, and P.D.C. Charles A. Brady, Jr., showed slides taken at the 1966 National Encampment.

Bro. Melvin L. Kurtz is serving as treasurer of the Historical Society of Arlington Heights, which has embarked on a \$40,000 fund-raising program to refurbish an 85-year-old local residence which will be used as the society's museum.

P.D.C. John Brooks Davis has been elected a vice president of the Illinois State Historical Society.

TAPS: The department regrets to report the passing on November 8 of Bro. James L. High, who was serving as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and a member of the Department Council. Also the passing on October 4 of Col. Russell P. Strange, a member of Amos Dunham Camp 14, who was a director of the Illinois State Historical Society, and, in the same month, that of Bro. Sylvester Clancy of Genl. Geo. A. Custer Camp 1.

IOWA

Among functions at which Dept. Comdr. Elmer Kirchner and Dept. Pres. Edith Wulf have been present during the 1966-67 term were the department's annual picnic and a dinner honoring department officers held at the Walden Hotel, Fort Dodge.

P.C.-in-C. Roy J. Bennett's current address is New Haven Rest Home, 5608 S.W. 9th St., Des Moines. Cards would be appreciated.

MAINE

Bro. Maurice J. Warner, who served in the Civil War Centennial years as both the Department Historian for

SUVCW and the Chairman of the Maine Civil War Centennial Commission, was honored last summer by the G.A.R. Allied Orders for his outstanding work during the centennial. A handsome plaque, appropriately engraved, was presented to him June 18, with Gov. John H. Reed making the presentation. This brother can take pride also in another testimonial to his active participation in the Civil War Centennial — a 79-page book on Civil War memorials in the State of Maine, compiled by Bro. Warner and published by the Maine Civil War Centennial Commission.



Bruce Warner, son of Bro. Maurice J. Warner, holds plaque presented to his father by the Maine Grand Army of the Republic Family.

MARYLAND

At the December 8 dinner and business meeting of Lincoln-Cushing Camp 2, held at the Army and Navy Club in Washington, D.C., Bro. Doren D. Vest was elected and installed as camp commander. P.C.-in-C. U. S. Grant 3rd served as installing officer. Two new members were initiated at this meeting — Bro. Walter H. Horn and Bro. George H. Miller. At the conclusion of the meeting, a patriotic film entitled "In the Hearts of Men" was shown.

MASSACHUSETTS

John A. Hawes Camp and Auxiliary, New Bedford, held a reception for Dept. Comdr. Chester W. Adshead, at which P.D.C. Millard F. Brown and his wife, P.D.P. Barbara Brown, served as host and hostess. National officers in attendance were: Sr. Vice C.-in-C. William W. Haskell and National Council Members Harold M. Drown and Allen F. Spink of SUVCW, and Natl. Counselor Maude B. Warren and Natl. Personal Aide Jessie G. Wells of ASUV. Enlivening the evening's activities was the music of the Sons of Veterans Reserve Band, which was organized by Lt. Col. Ernest G. Wells and made its initial appearance at this time.

A reception honoring Dept. Pres. Dorothy A. Newell had been held in Worcester the previous week with Natl. Pres. Flora D. Bates as honorary chairlady. Many of those

noted at the Department Commander's reception in New Bedford had also attended this reception in Worcester. Other ASUV leaders attending this reception were Natl. Chief of Staff Edna Wade and P.N.P. Emma Wheeler.

The Friendly Relations group, composed of all G.A.R. affiliates, observed its 46th anniversary at the annual dinner in October. General chairman was P.N.P. Alice F. Harwood of LGAR. Over 150 diners were entertained by Walter Childs, a magician, and by the S.V.R. Band which played Civil War music.

The Past Presidents and Past Commanders Associations' Christmas party at Hotel Bryant, Brockton, was an outstanding event. P.N.P. Maude B. Warren was hostess and Minnie E. Maderios, who is president of the Past Presidents Assn., was mistress of ceremonies for the luncheon.

NEW JERSEY

Dept. Pres. Joan Clark presented two flags to Timberlane Junior High School, Hopewell Township, on November 22. One was a beautiful, 50-star silk flag which will be used in the school's auditorium; the other was a large outdoor flag. Since the school had just opened, the gift of these flags was greatly appreciated.



FLAG PRESENTATION CEREMONY IN NEW JERSEY
Standing beside flag presented to Timberlane Junior High School are Dept. Pres. Joan Clark (left), Patricia Niederer, student council president (center), and William Schwaab, principal (right).

The department's mid-winter meeting was held November 19 in the G.A.R. Hall at Trenton, at which time the ritualistic initiation ceremony was performed for four new members. The department unanimously endorsed Bro. Fred H. Combs, Jr., for the office of Commander-in-Chief in 1969. Currently employed by the New Jersey Department of Education, Bro. Combs is a former school superintendent. He had served SUVCW as Department Commander in 1953, and the department feels he is particularly well qualified for the national office.

Dayton Camp 5, Trenton, is sponsoring the Lincoln Banquet, scheduled for February 11 at Nassau Inn, Princeton. The April 29th dinner meeting of the State Camp will also be held at Nassau Inn.

NEW YORK

The Livonia, Avon and Lakeville R.R. observed "Grover Cleveland Scott Day" on Sunday, October 30, in honor of Bro. Grover C. Scott. Several weeks earlier Bro. Scott had also been honored by the Attica and Arcade R.R., at which time he was escorted through the car used by Pres. Grover Cleveland on his honeymoon.

Several camps are making a determined effort to get many of their members outfitted with SUVCW caps and uniforms. Among those are the camps at Elmira, Ovid and Utica.

OHIO

Dept. Pres. Anita Selby's current tour of duty has found her in attendance at the meetings of District 1 at Unionport and District 2 at Mansfield, the Veterans Day luncheon and activities at Cleveland, and the convention arrangements committee meeting at Alliance, where Bro. Richard Greenwalt and Sis. Jane Greenwalt were installed as camp commander and auxiliary president respectively.

PENNSYLVANIA

Bro. Harry Richelderfer was presented with the Past Commander's badge at the annual banquet of Genl. E. O. C. Ord Camp, Mahanoy City, on November 12. Serving as master of ceremonies for this occasion was Bro. Feger Reed. Color slides of aerial views of the local area were presented by Charles Brayford, Jr., for the evening's entertainment.

A meeting of the heads of the G.A.R. Allied Orders was held at York on November 20, in connection with arrangements for the 1967 encampment.

Effective November 26, the mailing address for Dept. Comdr. Robert U. Werkheiser, Sr., was changed to R.D. 4, Bethlehem, Pa. 18015.

THANK YOU

Mrs. Elsie MacPherson and family wish to convey their sincere thanks and appreciation to their many friends for the floral tributes, cards and other expressions of sympathy received following the death of Col. O. G. MacPherson. It would be impossible to thank each one personally, but the kindness shown us at a time when it was most needed will not be forgotten.

VERMONT

P.C.-in-C. Thomas A. Chadwick and Florence M. Scovell, Secty. of District 5, were in an automobile accident November 17. Bro. Chadwick received only minor injuries, but Sis. Scovell's injuries necessitated lengthy hospitalization.

Auxiliary 7, Montpelier, celebrated its 50th anniversary on November 13 with a party which drew a large attendance from all parts of the State. Among those attending were Dept. Comdr. Ned L. Durkee, Dept. Pres. Myrtie L. Williams, and one of the auxiliary's two living charter members, Jennie Warren. Sis. Bessie Persons acted as mistress of ceremonies and gave an historical review of the auxiliary's half-century of operation.

TAPS: The department's sympathy is extended to the family of P.D.C. Ernest R. Eddy, who passed away October 8. A member of Hugh Henry Camp, Chester, he had served as Department Commander in 1944 and as New England Regional Commander in 1955-56.

TESTIMONIAL TENDERED NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Natl. Pres. Flora D. Bates was honored at a dinner and reception on December 3 at the Holiday Inn, Worcester, Mass. There were 135 guests in attendance—including many present and past national and department officers—from her own department and the departments of Connecticut, Maine, Maryland-Delaware, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island. Representing Comdr.-in-Chief Woerner, who could not attend, was Sr. Vice C.-in-C. William W. Haskell.

Described as a friendship testimonial, it was an occasion for presentation of many lovely gifts to Sister Bates. She was also presented with a key to the City of Worcester by Mrs. George Wells, wife of Mayor Wells, a school chum.

Decorating the tables were centerpieces of ivy encircling yellow roses, which were later given to guests as a remembrance of the evening. General chairman of the event was P.D.P. Minnie E. Maderios; serving as master of ceremonies was P.D.C. Addison A. Quinn.

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