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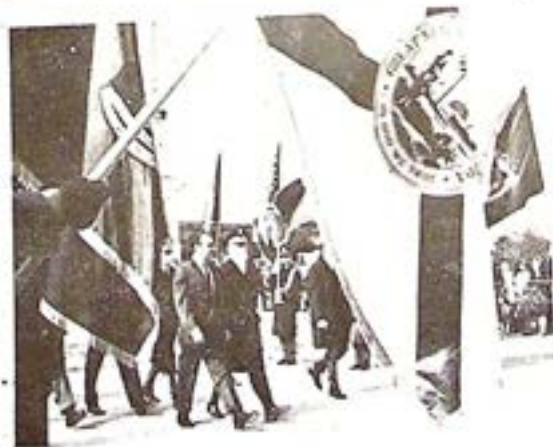
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SUVCW Participates in Services at Lincoln Memorial



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February 12 . . .

LINCOLN MEMORIAL OBSERVANCE

Because of his close association with President Lincoln, President Harding in 1922 asked the Military Order of the Loyal Legion to arrange a suitable ceremony for the dedication of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C. This was the last public appearance of Robert Todd Lincoln, the President's son.

The dedication was so successful that the Commandery of the District of Columbia arranged appropriate ceremonies for Lincoln at his memorial every year since, on the anniversary of his birth.

For several years past our organization has taken part in these ceremonies to place wreaths and do homage to one of this Nation's greatest leaders.

PICTURED ON COVER

Top Picture (Left to Right): Commander-in-Chief Heacock, Donald B. Lewis, Elton P. Koch, Robert Birchell, William Williams, Bernard Gray, Irvin Himeback, James Ledwith, Elmer Himeback.

Middle Picture: Massed Color Guards.

Bottom Picture: President Nixon leaving following placing of his wreath.

Other SUVCW members present were Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Fred Combs Jr.; Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles Brady, and members of the Lincoln-Cushing Camp of Washington. Natl. Secy-Treas. Shriver was the photographer.

The United States Army Band provided music. United States Senator Matthias of Maryland gave Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Commander-in-Chief Heacock lead the SUVCW delegation at the MOLLUS Luncheon in the State Department following the services.

GENERAL ORDER No. 11 SERIES 1868

By Command of

GEN. JOHN A. LOGAN

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

I. The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their death a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of a free and undivided republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us.

Let us then at the time appointed gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist

NATIONAL GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER

As your National Graves Registration Officer, I would like to stress the importance and the urgency of the work of compiling a list of Civil War Veterans' graves on a National basis. The task is monumental; if it is to be accomplished in our time, by our Organization, it must be given immediate attention. It is our inherited right, our sacred duty, to do all in our power to fulfill this last obligation. It is an extremely difficult and sometimes frustrating task. In the past, records have been lost; some are in huge volumes, not easily transported, and almost impossible to copy. Several of my predecessors in this office have spent long hours in this work; my thanks are extended to them and to those who have sent me lists in the past months.

Due to the severe illness of our son, who has had an inoperable brain tumor since last July, we have spent much time helping in their home; and with other offices in the Vermont Department, I have been more than busy. I am serving a term on jury duty, which is a new experience to me. However, the work of Graves Registration is proceeding, and I trust that with the Spring and Summer seasons just ahead of us, there will be increased activity in this important work. There seems to be some apathy or indifference which must be put aside if this work is to be completed.

A message is being sent to all Department Commanders. I hope to receive a hearty response.

ARTHUR L. BALLOU

National Graves Registration Officer

Forms 990 - 990(SF) - 990-T . . .

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE U. S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Camps and Departments are required to file one of the above Forms as an Organization Exempt from Income Tax. Such report must be filed on or before the 15th day of the fifth month following the close of the organization's annual accounting period.

At the top of the blank is the question "Date of Bureau Exemption Letter and Code Subsection." Your answer should be "June 11, 1941" and Subsection 501 (C) (4).

Proceedings of the 1968 National Encampment have been distributed. Several delegates neglected to list their address on their Credential Card, and therefore will not receive their copy. Any delegate present at the Wilmington Encampment that does not receive his copy should contact the Natl. Secy. Treas.

Secretaries are urged to order Credentials, Badges, and other supplies EARLY to avoid disappointment and delay in delivery.

CHESTER S. SHRIVER Natl. Secy-Treas.

GENERAL GRANT'S BOOK

We are informed by the publishers that "Ulysses S. Grant, Warrior and Statesman" by U. S. Grant 3rd is now scheduled to be published on Oct. 31, 1969. The publisher is William Morrow & Co., 425 Park Avenue South, New York, N. Y. 10016. Price \$12.50.

those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude — the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the Commander-in-Chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department Commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.



G. L. Cashman

ELUDING HISTORY

by George L. Cashman

Abraham Lincoln once said, "We cannot escape history," but somehow, and with seemingly little effort, we do manage to escape a knowledge of it. One has but to visit any of our historic sites, and eavesdrop on the conversations and statements heard there, to be convinced that we can and do manage to escape a knowledge of history.

It is not only the average member of John Q. Public who has, quite frequently displayed a woeful lack of knowledge and understanding of history, but many of our historians, or those who are paid to be historians, are prone, at times, to exhibit little knowledge in historical accuracy. Even the great Sandburg not always concerned with historic fact.

Recently, a gentleman called on me for the purpose of discussing Abraham Lincoln. He was bent upon obtaining material for the writing of a Lincoln article for a national magazine. During our conversation he read the following excerpt taken from a book written by a prominent educator and author, and asked me to comment on it. This is the excerpt. "Lincoln was born to a Kentucky family of poor whites. They lived barely above the subsistence level in a crude, dirt-floored log cabin in which a bath was hardly possible during the winter months. Lincoln's mother, who died in his youth, was an illegitimate child and his father was essentially illiterate." That statement simply gives substance to my contention above.

In recent years radio and television have presented sketches of what is termed, Lincoln history. In one of these presentations I recall the following utterly ridiculous statement, ". . . Lincoln visited the grave of his mother in Ohio." In another, "During the twilight hours Lincoln and Ann Rutledge strolled hand in hand along the banks of the Mississippi River." There are a number of others that are equally as

Worth Repeating . . .

INDEPENDENCE DAY, 1948 — PRAYER FOR THE UNITED STATES

by Peter Marshall, Chaplain of the Senate

O God our Father, we pray that the People of America, who have made such progress in material things may now seek to grow in Spiritual understanding.

For we have improved means, but not improved ends; We have better ways of getting there, but we have no better places to go. We can save more time, but not making any better use of the time we save.

We need Thy help to do something about the World's true problems — the problem of lying which is called propaganda; the problem of selfishness, which is called self-interest; the problem of greed, which is often called profit; the problem of license, disguising itself as liberty; the problem of lust, masquerading as love; and the problem of materialism — the hook which is baited with security.

Hear our prayers, O Lord, for the Spiritual understanding which is better than political wisdom, that we may see our problems for what they are.

This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

A bee is not as busy as he seems — he just can't buzz any slower.

Some men are destined to be successful — others are determined to be.

When some of us find the green pastures that we have been looking for, we are no longer able to climb the fence.

far off the mark and equally lacking in historical knowledge.

We recognize that there are scores of myths concerning Lincoln. Most of them have been given authenticity by historians who have not bothered to indulge themselves in proper research. Because they did not trouble to dig deep enough, some of these fables are honest mistakes, made with no intention to deceive. With some, however, we find that the writer has taken a snakes-eye view of history, which we deplore. A competent historian is, above all else, a seeker of truth. As Lincoln once said, "History is not history unless it is truth."

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR ANNUAL DRIVE FOR G.A.R. MEMORIAL FUND 1969 DEPARTMENTS - CAMPS - MEMBERS: Once a year, you are asked to support this fund. With your help we will keep alive the memory of the G.A.R. This fund finances many projects in the National Organization, including a Scholarship, Lincoln Tomb Exercises, Lincoln Monument Exercises, and committees for Grave Marking, G.A.R. Highway, Centennial, and G.A.R. History. This is your investment in our Order, your assurance of a part in the work of the National Organization. It is a wise investment, its dividends the practice of true patriotism. Send your check or money-order and let the annual report come to you as a shareholder. (Contributions are deductible for Income Tax purposes — Section 170 of the Code of 1954.) To - Chester S. Shriver, Natl. Treas. P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325 Enclosed please find \$..... as a contribution to the 1969 G.A.R. Memorial Fund. Name..... Street..... City and State.....



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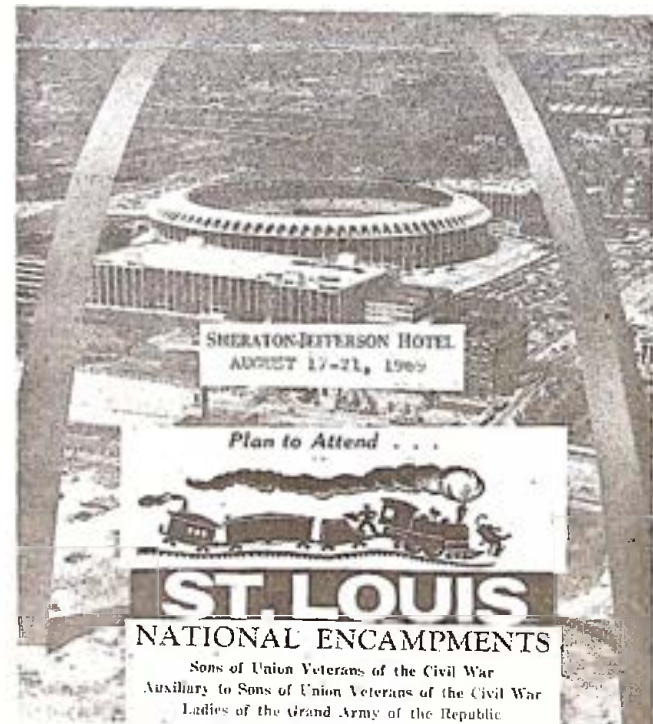
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**RESOLUTION PROPOSING
 CONSTITUTION CHANGE**

The Vermont Department submits the following Resolution for consideration at the 88th National Encampment to be held in St. Louis, Missouri, August 17-21, 1969.

1. Resolved that since it is well known that many of our Associate Members in all branches of our Order have proved many times over that they are Patriotic, Loyal, Faithful, Hard-working and enthusiastic members
2. That we feel that often we are deprived of the full benefit of their capabilities, and that the Order as a whole is the loser
3. Therefore, the Vermont Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, at their 86th Annual Encampment, recommends "That Associate Members be granted the right to hold all elective offices, at the discretion of their Departments."



Our 88th National Encampment will be held the week of August 17th in St. Louis, Missouri with the Hotel Sheraton-Jefferson as headquarters.

St. Louis, on the West bank of the Mississippi River is the largest City in Missouri. Named for Louis IX of France it was founded as a fur trading post in 1763. Known as the Gateway to Missouri and the West, it was used by Lewis and Clark Expedition and later became part of the United States through the Louisiana Purchase. It became a city in 1823 and one of the nation's busiest river ports. During the Civil War it was Unionist in sympathy. Nearby is the military establishment of Jefferson Barracks, with an air base and a National Cemetery.

Presently a transportation center for river traffic, railroads and airlines, it has excellent libraries, parks, orchestras and universities.

Rates at the Hotel Sheraton-Jefferson:

Single Rooms	\$10.50	\$11.50	\$13.00	\$15.00
Twin Bedrooms	14.50	15.50	17.00	19.00
Suites		25.00	40.00	60.00

**RESERVATION CARDS ARE AVAILABLE
 FROM YOUR DEPARTMENT SECRETARY**

FRANK M. HEACOCK, SR.
 Commander-in-Chief

1. The Council of Administration has elected Charles A. Brady Jr., 9144 S. Bishop St., Chicago, Ill. 60620 to the Office of Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief for the unexpired term, due to the untimely death of Roderick Van Trump Sr.
2. In accordance with established American custom, the 102nd annual observance of Memorial Day will be held on May 30 — the day set aside by the Grand Army of the Republic as promulgated in their General Order No. 11, under date of May 5, 1868, which is printed in its entirety in this issue.
3. We are organized, among other things, to "properly observe the day set aside by the Grand Army of the Republic as Memorial Day, and to do all within our power to have others do the same." Let us then, at the time appointed, gather in every locality where our organizations exists, for that purpose.
4. Other dates worthy of mention, of observance, and for display of Old Glory:
 - April 6—Anniversary of Founding of G. A. R.
 - 9—Appomattox Day
 - 15—Anniversary of Death of President Lincoln
 - 27—Anniversary of Birth of President Grant
 - May 14—Mothers' Day
 - 23—Armed Forces Day
 - June 14—Flag Day
 - 15—Fathers' Day
5. Commencing in April, Department Encampments will be held. To the incoming Department Commanders and their staffs go hearty congratulations of the National Organization. Into your hands fall the responsibilities of your Departments and without you and your Camp members, our organization could not exist.
6. Department Commanders are reminded that their G. A. R. Highway Chairmen must submit detailed reports of the highway in their respective Departments to Natl. G. A. R. Highway Chairman, J. B. Johnson, RD 4, Waterloo, Iowa 50701.
7. Natl. Legislative Chairman, P.D.C. Thos. L. W. Johnson has forwarded another detailed report that is appearing elsewhere in this issue. Your attention is called to this worthwhile report.
8. To all Brothers and their families, as well as to the sisters of our Auxiliary and their families, and the other Allied Organizations whose homes have felt the pangs of death, we extend the heartfelt sympathy of the National Organization.

THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The House Committee on Un-American Activities is no more. No, it has not been abolished by an antagonistic Congress. But it has received a major face lifting. Under the leadership of its new chairman, Rep. Richard Ichord of Missouri, the committee has been renamed and its mission broadened.

It all began in the last Congress when efforts were made to redesignate the group as the House Committee on Internal Security and redefine its function as one of the three permanent investigating committees of the House of Representatives. Strenuous opposition developed in relation to those proposals on the part of groups identified with the extreme Right as well as the far Left. Right-wing organizations recalled the efforts needed to keep the committee alive in past Congresses and flatly opposed any move to tamper with the existing structure. Left-wing groups renewed their traditional opposition to the very existence of the committee as a standing body of the House. As a result, all efforts at reform came to naught.

Introduced anew in the 91st Congress and labeled H. Res. 89, the reform proposal carried the endorsement and active support of Chairman Ichord and Rep. John M. Ashbrook of Ohio, the ranking minority member of the committee. For 30 years the Un-American Activities committee has frequently been the center of controversy. Chaired originally by Rep. Martin Dies of Texas and given the task of investigating "subversive and un-American propaganda activities . . . instigated from foreign countries or a domestic origin," its jurisdiction has been limited in recent years by Supreme Court rulings to the investigation of communist groups shown to be under the domination of the Soviet Union. Critics have charged that the committee has been more interested in muzzling free speech than in ferreting out subversive influences. Its supporters have defended its actions as being constructive but also recognized that the problems faced today differ in scope and degree from those apparent in 1938, the year the committee was formed.

In an effort to combat the tactics of the New Left and to make the committee more effective as an investigating body, H. Res. 89 was specific in authorizing the investigation of groups seeking to overthrow our government by unlawful means as for example by violence, terrorism, treachery, espionage, sabotage, or insurrection. As Chairman Ichord stated, "The mandate would clarify our authority but wouldn't change the basic operation of the committee." He explained that the activities of revolutionary groups would come under scrutiny as well as the extent to which criminal subversion is practiced today. Under the old mandate, doubts had been expressed as to whether investigations of this nature would have been authorized. In addition, the proposal specified that the committee name was to be changed from Un-American Activities to the Committee on Internal Security so as to make it more descriptive of its true function.

Debate on the proposed changes took place in the House on February 18. Opponents of the measure argued that its powers would be in conflict with those of the Judiciary committee and that the investigatory function could better be assumed by the latter committee. After a parliamentary maneuver, aimed at giving the House a chance to vote on a motion to kill the committee, had been rejected by a vote of 262 to 123, the Ichord resolution was adopted on a roll-call vote of 305 to 79. Upon formal approval of the new committee, Rep. Ichord announced that an investigation of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) and groups allied it would be high on its agenda. It will be interesting to watch the progress of the committee. Except for its new chairman who has been a staunch supporter of its work, the four remaining majority party members are new appointees and some have not been sympathetic to its past endeavors. The four minority members served on the old committee in the last Congress and are considered strong supporters of its record.

Thomas L. W. Johnson
 Chairman

To understand the future we must understand the present.
 To understand the present we must study the past.

CAMPUS DISRUPTION

In one of its latest rulings, the United States Supreme Court has established a useful precedent for university administrators plagued by violent demonstrations.

The Court ruled that students have the right to engage in protest at schools. But it also held that the conduct of the students must not be disruptive or interfere with the rights of others.

The principal has been violated unmistakably in recent campus protests. They are marked by the same sinister pattern.

"Non-negotiable" and usually unreasonable demands, or demands for changes already under consideration by the administration, are issued. This is followed by forcible takeover of campus buildings. The demonstrators generally represent only a fraction of the student body. And they do not consult the majority before taking violent action in their name.

These student militants, black and white, trample on the rights of the majority with impunity, even contempt. They prattle about "liberation" — and commit acts of the most gross intolerance. They demand lower academic standards to permit entrance of unqualified students.

This new order of student militants is more anxious to burn than learn. Their basic philosophy has been stated in threats to "bring the university to its knees."

A DAY FOR REMEMBRANCE

Memorial Day has been celebrated each May 30 since 1868, when it was suggested as a Civil War memorial holiday by Gen. John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. It commemorates the four years of war in which the Union came as close to dissolution and death as it has at any time in its history.

Judged in comparison with the wars of our own time, which have involved the great nations of the world, the Civil War was not a major conflict. Statistically, it might be classified as a small-time conflict. It was anything but that. For one thing, it was the bloodiest war ever fought on this hemisphere. And it was a huge, fierce and enormously expensive war by any standard of comparison. And, insofar as this country was concerned, it was the most tragic in our history, turning brother against brother and ravaging the land mercilessly.

Today Memorial Day assumes a much broader significance. New wars have created a thousand smaller Arlingtons, and of these the greater number are not marked. They are to be found everywhere, in formal, carefully tended plots on the continent, in the Aleutians, on the islands of the Pacific, in trackless jungles, in forests of Burma.

It is a day of remembrance. The dead do not need remembrance. But the living need to remember for their own good. Once a year it is good for the American people to revive by the ceremonies of Memorial Day their respect, honor and gratitude to all who have fought and died for them.



NATIONAL PRESIDENT HONORED

Mrs. Irene K. Murphy, seated right, Auxiliary National President was honored with a Testimonial Dinner on March 15. Behind her is Frank Heacock, Commander-in-Chief. At left are Mr. and Mrs. C. Leroy Stoudt. Stoudt, a Past Commander-in-Chief was toastmaster, and P. N. P. Anna Stoudt was chairlady.

A delightful dinner and reception honoring National President Irene K. Murphy was held on Saturday evening, March 15th in the Ballroom of the Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Reading, Penna. There were 340 members and friends in attendance, a most fitting tribute to our National President. Eleven Departments were represented namely: California, Maryland & Delaware, New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Missouri, Connecticut, Wisconsin, and Maine, as well as Pennsylvania. National Officers of the Auxiliary in attendance were Frances Winter, Vice President; P. N. P. Hazel Moushey and Eileen Coombs both members of the National Council; Agnes Davis, National Secretary; Budget Director P. N. P. Beatrice Riggs; Counselor P. N. P. Anne O. Clayton; Chief of Staff Kathleen Runkle and P. N. P. Anna I. Stoudt, Personal Aide. National Officers of the Sons headed by Commander in Chief Frank Heacock included Council Members P. C., in C. Wm. Haskell and Norman Furman; Secretary-Treasurer P. C. in C. Chester Shriver; Chaplain B. Franklin Lucas; Personal Aide John Yocum and Dist. of Columbia Representative Arthur Glenum. The National President of the Ladies of the G. A. R. Mrs. Erma Landis was among those who extended greetings to our honored guest. Greetings were extended from the City of Reading, the County of Berks as well as Veterans Organizations from Reading. Past National Presidents attending included Katherine Joyce, Margaret McKinney, Anne Clayton, Ursula Shephardson, Beatrice Riggs, Edith Paulding, Dorothy Hilyard, Anna Stoudt, Edith Snyder, Flora Bates, Hazel Moushey and Edna Lambert. Past Commanders in Chief present were Leroy Stoudt, Harold Arnold, Chester Shriver and Wm. Haskell. Following a most enjoyable dinner entertainment was furnished for the pleasure of those present.

A True Story . . .

THERE WAS A BILLY YANK AND A JOHNNIE REB

Billy Yank, a native of the State of Maine, joined the Federal Army under the banner of the 20 Regiment of Maine, 3rd Brigade of the 5th Corps then under the Command of Col. Joshua L. Chamberlin. At the Battle of Gettysburg, Billy fought to defend the southeast slopes of Little Round Top on July 2, 1863.

On the same day, the east side of Cemetery and Culps Hill was attacked by Early's and Johnson's troops, which were a part of the Regiment known as the Louisiana Tigers, organized in New Orleans in May, 1861. Johnny Reb, who joined the service to defend the Confederacy in New Orleans in 1861, found himself among these troops. He was a native of the Deep South State of Louisiana.

They saw Armies becoming solidified and hardened, great military Generals arising to direct them. They saw the South forging a tempered sword and the North forging a weapon of the toughest steel. In a short time they saw two hundred thousand converged on the fields surrounding Gettysburg. Here, two great Armies, locked in combat, charged and rained blows on each other like hammers on a mighty anvil.

Johnny and Billy survived the struggle and served the duration of the War until the Armies were disbanded and then each settled down to civilian life in the states of their origin. In the State of Maine, Billy Yank became a lobster fisherman, while in New Orleans, Johnny Reb operated a famous nightclub on Bourbon Street.

Johnny and Billy never met again until the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg in 1913, at which time they established a nostalgic relationship, and both looked forward to being reunited at the last Reunion of the Blue and the Gray which was the 75th Anniversary of the Battle in July 1938. God did grant them good health and they both returned, and both expressed a wish that if they had their life to live over again, they would have established themselves at Gettysburg.

Surviving the war and many years of good life, they were both claimed by death in 1941. Their last known addresses were: Billy Yank, Main St., Bar Harbor Maine and Johnny Reb, Moss St., New Orleans, Louisiana.

CHESTER S. SHRIVER
Natl. Sec. Treas.

Permanent Fund

Our Permanent Fund was authorized to unite us and to assure a permanent association. No member is obligated to contribute, nor may he be assessed. All funds in the Permanent Fund must be voluntary to fulfill its intent and purpose. Any member may contribute in memory of his family or Civil War ancestor to honor and perpetuate the memory of their name.

To—Chester S. Shriver, National Secretary Treasurer,
P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325

Kindly enter the following Civil War record on the HONOR ROLL FUND.

Name of Veteran
Company & Regiment
Enclosed find (\$10.00 or more) donation to the HONOR ROLL FUND from
Name
Address

(Donations, legacies, and bequests to this fund are welcome and will be preserved.)

(Contributions are deductible for Income Tax purposes — Section 170 of the Code of 1954)

The following contributions have been received since the last issue of THE BANNER:
Walter R. Menear, Mt. Lebanon, Pittsburg, Pa. in \$10.00 memory of Pvt. Paul Grim, Company E, 15th West Virginia Vol. Infantry.
Pickering Dodge Stone, Weston Mass., in memory \$20.00 of John Howard Stone, 44th Massachusetts Infantry.

Thank God For It . . .

THE ESTABLISHMENT

The Capitalistic system of government in the United States has proven to be superior to any form of Socialism or Communism. Let's be positive by showing the world how superior it is — although they already know.

America is a power without precedent in history. United States industry produces twice as much goods and services as the Common Market plus Britain. Its production capacity is two and a half times that of the Soviet Union, which has a greater population. With only 7 percent of the world's population, the United States produces 33 percent as much as the rest of the world put together.

Half the passenger miles flown each year are flown by U. S. airlines. Americans own almost three out of five automobiles in the world.

America, with roughly the same population, has four times as many people graduating from college as the Common Market countries. As for science and technology: in one year, 25,000 persons graduated in Common Market countries with degrees in science, against 78,000 in the United States. Of all the students in the world pursuing higher education, one third are Americans.

This is the "Establishment" against which malcontents protest. All of the advantages and standard of living that they enjoy have been made possible by the very "Establishment" that they are too stupid to recognize or appreciate.

With adolescents perhaps the sudden physiological changes associated with puberty, the puzzling onset of an unusual sex drive, and the awkwardness resulting from growth spurts are responsible, and cause him to become cynical. Unfortunately journalistic emphasis is too often upon the more erratic behavior, and protest apparently for protestations' sake. In spite of such emphasis, there is a substantial majority of young people who already have the personal traits of responsible leaders.

Rebellion is nothing new — what is new is how it is handled.

THE ESTABLISHMENT had the character to bring this country victory in three wars in your lifetime, built it back from a shattering depression, and fed and saved the civilized world.

Winston Churchill once said "Democracy is the worst form of government in the world — except all the others."

THE SPIRAL

Higher and higher wages (who cares about "guidelines" any more?) . . . minimum wages to workmen not yet well enough trained to produce them . . . more and more government non-defense programs (increased 10 billion dollars a year in the past two years) — all very pleasant except they are the causes of inflation, and inflation can kill.

Higher unearned wages bring higher prices; increased government spending brings deficits which have to be paid by issuing more and more dollars worth less and less. Both mean that you pay more for everything you eat and use.

Higher productivity could earn the higher wage, and common sense could trim some of the needless government frills. But there's not much time; inflation is a galloping disease — once started, it may be impossible to stop.



Department News



ILLINOIS

The annual Lincoln Day Dinner sponsored by Gen. Geo. A. Custer Camp No. 1 and Auxiliary No. 30 was held this year on February 8 in the English Room at Marshall Field & Co.'s downtown store. Co-chairmen of the event were P.D.P. Helen S. Brady and P.D.C. Charles A. Brady, Jr. The table decorations and dinner program covers carried out a log-cabin theme. Speaker at the dinner was Elmer Underwood, Secretary of the Chicago Civil War Round Table, whose topic was "Glimpses of Lincoln's Family Life." Entertainment was provided by The Hi-Noters, a barbershop quartet. Among the V.I.P.'s in attendance were: Beatrice Swanson, Dept. Pres., ASUV; Donald M. Berlin, Jr., Dept. Comdr., SUVCW; Marianne J. Tully, Dept. Pres., DUVCW; and Josie Kracht, Natl. Sr. Vice Pres., LGAR.

Work is nearing completion on refurbishing of the Angel Room Museum of the G.A.R. Hall in Aurora, and it is scheduled to be opened to the public on April 27 when the G.A.R. Memorial Assn. holds its annual Loyalty Day program.

Colors were posted at the February meeting of the G.A.R. Memorial Assn. of Cook County by a color guard team made up of two S.V.R. men and two members of the Sons of Spanish War Veterans (dressed in "hiker" uniforms). The evening's program combined the annual observance of Abraham Lincoln (Continued on Page 8)

NO WONDER WE'RE BROKE

American taxpayers have authorized your government to give or "loan" \$122,358,500,000 to other nations, 1945 through 1966. This was not to win the war (you had already paid for that, too) but since the Second World War's end. The following is a partial listing of your gifts. What has it all accomplished?

France	\$9,409,600,000.00
Germany (Federal Republic)	4,997,400,000.00
Italy	6,092,900,000.00
Netherlands	2,470,400,000.00
Norway	1,236,000,000.00
Spain	2,004,300,000.00
United Kingdom	9,044,900,000.00
Yugoslavia	2,863,900,000.00
Vietnam	4,590,100,000.00
China (Republic of)	4,899,500,000.00
Japan	3,972,900,000.00
Korea	6,676,700,000.00
Philippines	1,925,000,000.00
Thailand	1,089,200,000.00
India	6,769,200,000.00
Pakistan	3,079,800,000.00
Turkey	5,039,800,000.00
Brazil	3,185,700,000.00
Chile	1,242,200,000.00
Mexico	1,068,200,000.00

Still we are giving away more billions — billions we haven't got, billions we have to borrow (and pay interest on) to give away, billions we desperately need at home. Any sane American can write his own editorial on this subject. Or obituary.

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coln's birthday with a special recognition for the anniversary of the sinking of the Battleship Maine. Representing SUVCW on the color guard team were P.D.C. John Brooks Davis and Maj. James F. Ginnott, Comdr. of Camp No. 1.

GLORIFY OLD GLORY stickers are still available in packets of 50 for \$1.00. Contact Elsie L. Evans, 1913 S. 22nd Ave., Maywood, Ill. 60153.

MASSACHUSETTS

Our Department and the National Organization was deeply saddened by the untimely death of Bessie Drown on December 27, 1968. Sister Drown was elected as National Chaplain of the Auxiliary at the Wilmington Encampment and was looking forward to conducting the Memorial Service in August in St. Louis.

Her cheerful and loyal devotion to the interests of the Auxiliary for many years contributed largely to the progress of her Auxiliary. Her loss creates a void that will be difficult to fill.

Warm sympathy is extended to her husband, Harold, and to other members of her family in their great loss.

NEW JERSEY



Left to right: Mrs. Edith Rice, Aux. Dept. Pres. Commander-in-Chief Frank M. Heacock Sr. Mrs. Irene Murphy, Aux. Natl. Pres. Mr. Walter H. Williams, Department Commander.

Just missing a huge snow storm by one day, an enjoyable Lincoln Dinner was held on Feb. 8th at Nassau Inn, Princeton. Mr. Russell Bush, a noted Lincoln Lecturer from Philadelphia kept the attention of the large attendance with tender and beautiful tribute to the Great Emancipator. Many Camps and Auxiliary from New Jersey and Pennsylvania were represented. Natl. Officers present included Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Fred Combs Jr., Natl. Chief of Staff C. Leroy Stouidt, National Counselor Albert C. Lambert, Natl. Pers. Aide Jack Yocum, Aux. Natl. Vice-Pres. Frances Winter, Aux. Natl. Secy. Agnes Davis, Aux. Natl. Counselor Anne O. Clayton, Aux. Natl. Pers. Aide Anna Stouidt and P. N. P. Edna S. Lambert. Past Commander Richard Hines was Toastmaster.

The Spring dinner meeting of State Camp No. 100 will be held in the University Room of Nassau Inn, Princeton on Saturday evening, April 26 with Commander Leroy Davenport Jr. presiding.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Camp No. 10, Keene, suffered a distinct loss in the death of Brother Henry W. Smith, who was widely known and respected in the Department.

Bro. Smith was born in 1895 and passed away Dec. 20, 1968. He joined our order at an early age and remained an active member until ill health forced his retirement. He was a past Camp Commander of Camp No. 10 and for many years served as Chairman of the Cemetery Committee. He annually delivered Lincoln's Gettysburg Address at our local Memorial Day Exercises. He served as Department Commander in 1961.

Largely attended funeral services were held in Keene. Bearers were Arthur Sharkey, Camp Commander; Major William Morse, Major Oliver Farra and Lt. William Wilson

of S.U.V. Reserves. Interment was in the family lot in Woodland Cemetery, Keene.

Past C-in-C, Cleon E. Heald, was re-elected for his Fifth two-year term to the General Court of New Hampshire. He again, for his third consecutive two-year term, is Chairman of the House Committee on Public Health, Public Welfare and State Institutions. This committee handles all bills concerning health and welfare and all matters concerning the State Prison, State Industrial School for Juvenile offenders, State Mental Hospital, State School for Mentally Retarded, State T. B. Sanitarium and the State Veteran's Home.

NEW YORK

Lincoln Camp 6 of Rochester, under direction of Grover C. Scott, assisted by Harold Beilby and Joseph S. Rippey observed the 80th anniversary of the traditional patriotic ceremony known as the "Transfer of Flags" in February. Rochester's public schools with 104 Standard Bearers and 104 Guardians of the Flag was the scene as bronze medals were presented by Bausch & Lomb, whose co-founder, Capt. Henry Lomb was a noted Civil War figure.

Dept. Commander Charles Doane visited Camp 6 on Feb. 25, preceeded by an informal dinner. Plans were made for the flagging of some 11,000 Rochester Veterans Graves on Memorial Day.

Mrs. Mattie St. Clair of Aux. 48, Troy was presented her 25 year pin recently, while Myrtle B. Phillips and Robert Wagoner received their 50 year pins. Mrs. Francis Ganley was installed as President by Mildred Nistisco. Edith Paulding was the installing officer for Sally Sommers of Aux. 24, New York City.

Sisters Edith Snyder, Mildred Nistisco, Mattie St. Clair, Connie Zdonick and Mina Wickware attended the Testimonial Dinner honoring Natl. Pres. Irene Murphy in Reading, Pa on March 15.

Plans are in progress for Memorial Day, as well as annual observances at Mt. McGregor and at Grant's Tomb.

The Grant Birthday Committee appointed by New York Sons and Auxiliary Departments are arranging a program for services to be held at Grant's Tomb, Riverside Drive and 121st St., New York City on Sunday, April 27 at 2:30 P.M. The program will contain a list of Patrons. Boosters of G. A. R. Memorials are \$1.00 each. Camps, Auxiliaries or Groups, \$3.00. Send to Chairman, Edith Paulding, 410 E. 240th St., Bronx, N. Y. 10470.

OHIO

Gov. Dennison Camp I of Columbus is holding interesting monthly meetings in Veterans Memorial Building. Their recent Camp Bulletin is impressive and instructive. Plans are in progress for Memorial Day Work and for their booth at the Ohio State Fair in August.

PENNSYLVANIA

The 101st Annual Philadelphia Lincoln dinner held Feb. 15 proved to be most enjoyable and inspiring. P. D. C. Stark presided and P. C. in C. Albert C. Lambert the principal speaker. Others included Commander-in-Chief Heacock, Aux. Natl. Pres. Mrs. Irene Murphy, Ladies GAR Natl. Pres. Mrs. Erma Landis and the Department Commander Charles Thompson as well as the Dept. Presidents of the Auxiliary, the Ladies of the G. A. R., and the Daughters of Veterans. The invocation and benediction were given by Rev. Elmer Finger. Following the dinner there was a Reception honoring Dept. Commander Thompson. New officers of the Sons of Veterans Club are Ivan E. Frantz as President, succeeding Leland Hedemark. Robert Townsend was named Vice-President, and John C. Yocum was reelected as Secretary-Treasurer. Directors elected include Fred H. Combs Jr., B. Franklin Lucas, Donald Lewis, George Long, Chester Shriver and Robert Werkheiser. Frank Heacock Sr. was named banquet chairman for 1970.

TAPS — Bro. David A. Tawney, 33year member of Gettysburg Camp 112 passed away Jan. 29. He had served 36 years in the Gettysburg Post Office, and for many years on the Camp as well as the Joint Veterans Memorial Day Committee. His dedication and service will long be remembered.