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## Lincoln Lives

It is almost a century now since Abraham Lincoln died and yet the shadow of that tall, gaunt, homely figure grows only broader, deeper and richer in its meaning as it falls across the long perspective of the years. Lincoln lives today in the imagination of his country more vividly than ever. His life and his character still fascinate the students of history and still possess a power to command the admiration and exalt the spirit of the American people.

One of the great blessings enjoyed by Americans is derived from the fact that the personality of Lincoln did not pass from this earth on the morning of April 15, 1865, in the Peterson House, opposite Ford's Theater. Only a few years ago Lord Halifax, then Ambassador to the United States, referred to him appropriately as belonging with "Plato or St. Paul or any other of that little group of men but for whose lives and thoughts we should all be different from what we are."

Abraham Lincoln was a tragic figure. A plain and peace-loving man, he had the misfortune to come to leadership at a time of complicated emotions and bloody hatreds. By nature a man with humor and a zest for life, he bore the griefs of a nation at war on his shoulders and came to an untimely end just when his faith in right had won its greatest vindication.

Lincoln was more than a great American. He was a great humanitarian and today his memory is cherished throughout the world wherever people have an understanding of his conception of the dignity of the common man.

## 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 Patriotic Instructor's Message

It is indeed difficult in these rapidly moving times to envisage or even to fully comprehend the trials and hardships of the men and women who settled this land so long ago. We read about them in books of history and novel; sometimes an old forgotten document or a personal letter brings poignantly to mind the real human flesh and blood, tears and heartache, of these rugged pioneers.

Truly we do well to honor and pay our tribute to the founders and great leaders of our beloved nation down through the years, but we should remember that leaders must have true followers, believing wholeheartedly in the worth of a common cause.

It is certain that we shall never know how much we in these times owe to the heroes of the past—nor to the enlisted men in military ranks, the laborer, the humble farmer, the road builder, those who forged the weapons of war, nor the builder of ships.

Again, we would do well to remember the women of those long ago times, who kept the home, raised the children, often times raising the very food that sustained life; and spinning and weaving the cloth that clothed them all.

Thus we owe to both men and women of the past a debt that can only be repaid by giving of the best that is within us, and to use our God-given talents in whatever manner we are gifted to keep the nation secure against our many enemies, within and without.

I truly believe our nation today is in more deadly peril than at any time in its history. I believe the gravest error we

could possibly make would be to depend on our own strength to see us through. Military might is of course necessary, though horrible to contemplate, skillful diplomacy essential, but dependence on Almighty God is the cornerstone today, as it has been throughout America's very being.

Religion in whatever form it takes must not be by-passed. Prayer in school, at home, from the heart and spirit of America, must be kept. "In God we Trust" is not merely a formal collection of alphabetical letters. It is one of America's foundation stones. Patriotism is love of country; surely God has given us much to love.

Memorial Day will soon be with us. It is the sacred obligation of the true Son of a Union Veteran to participate in the public observance of this day, set aside by the Grand Army to honor their hero dead. Today we honor the veterans of all our country's conflicts, for all have given "the last full measure of devotion."

The Union was preserved by the Boys in Blue, the veterans of the Civil War. We as their lineal descendants inherit the tasks the Grand Army entrusted to us.

Please give the G.A.R. Memorial Fund your earnest consideration, your full support in 1964, that our projects may be carried on. In this issue of The Banner is a form for your subscription convenience.

Arthur L. Ballou  
National Patriotic Instructor

## NEW CAMP

Maj. Gen. Henry J. Madill Camp 141 was instituted at Sayre, Pa. on March 21 with Dept. Comdr. John H. Stark in charge, assisted by Sr. Vice Commander Clarence Riddell, P.D.C. Frank Heacock, Sr., and P.D.C. Edwin K. Kramer. The meeting was held in the Town Hall Council Chamber with 19 applicants present. Nine were missing but had submitted their applications and fee.

One and one half years of publicity and research by Col. Ray Ward, Sayre businessman, and by P. C. in C. Chester Shriver was climaxed with the new Camp being named after Major General Henry J. Madill, a prominent Bradford County Veteran. General Madill served in the 141st Penn. Vol., thus the Camp will be known as Camp 141.

Olin C. Spencer is the new Camp Commander, and George K. Jones the Secretary-Treasurer. Three Bradford County Commissioners were included in the distinguished group of new members. P. C. in C. Shriver installed the new officers.

The Sayre Chamber of Commerce hosted the National and Department guests at dinner prior to the meeting.

## 1961 DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

DEPARTMENT	PLACE	DATE	HOTEL
California	San Diego	Apr. 17-19	U. S. Grant
Colorado	Manitou Springs	June 7-9	Cliff House
Connecticut	New Britain	May 2-3	Burrill
Illinois	Springfield	June 12-14	St. Nicholas
Indiana	Indianapolis	June 13-14	Severin
Iowa	Cedar Rapids	June 5-6	Sheraton-Montrose
Kansas	Newton	Apr. 26-27	Ripley
Maine	Portland	June 13-14	Eastland Motor
Maryland	Wilmington, Del.	May 1-2	DuPont
Massachusetts	New Bedford	Apr. 21-26	New Bedford
Michigan	Grand Rapids	June 16-17	Pantlind
Minnesota	Minneapolis	June 6	G.A.R. Hall—City Hall
New Hampshire	Concord	Apr. 24-25	Highway
New Jersey	Asbury Park	June 12-13	Berkeley-Carteret
New York	Utica	June 21-27	Utica
Ohio	Mansfield	June 18-20	Mansfield Leland
Ore. & Wash.	Portland	May 21-26	Congress
Pennsylvania	Pittsburgh	June 21-24	Penn Sheraton
Rhode Island	Providence	Apr. 19-21	Sheraton-Biltmore
Vermont	Rutland	June 25-27	Bardwell
Wisconsin	Fond Du Lac	June 12-14	Retlaw

You are not alive until you know what you are ready to die for.

## Tomorrow Must Be Earned — Not Appropriated

Voting more money for schools doesn't make this an educated nation. . . . It isn't billions for more veterans' hospitals that will make America healthy. . . . It is honest production, not shorter hours, that protects jobs. . . . It takes more than costly playgrounds to cure juvenile delinquency. . . . Pouring our billions all over the world doesn't buy security nor peace.

Nothing worth having or worth being is ever reached except by honest hard work, but it is becoming the tragic fashion to think we can short-cut the work, and have everything we want if we only spend enough "Federal" dollars. And then we mistakenly feel "the government has taken care of it," so we can sit back and relax.

Another once-great nation withered and died when its people were drugged with that same fatal poison. (Perhaps "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" should be required reading in many places today.)

Everything government offers "free" is obviously and always paid for by all of us in higher taxes or a worsening deficit—both of them deficits of dollars but, even more tragically, deficits in national character and self-respect. What would ever be worth that?

The longer one lives, the less importance one attaches to things, and also the less importance to importance.

The oldest, shortest words—"yes" and "no"—are those which require the most thought.

## THE BANNER

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Subscription \$1.00 yearly—all subscriptions expire on the first day of each year.

Albert C. Lambert, Editor, P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J.



## Join In The Fun

National Encampment

Providence, R. I.

August 16-20

The Encampment in Providence promises to be an outstanding one. United States Senator John O. Pastore, former Governor of Rhode Island will be the principal speaker at the Camp-Fire. A sightseeing trip to the Navy Yard, the beaches, and a Clam Bake are being planned.

Make reservations to the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel. Single rooms \$8.50—Twin Bedrooms \$12.50. All rooms with private bath and with TV and radio.

For those desiring to incorporate a post-convention tour into New York City and attend the World's Fair, Providence is only a matter of two hours from New York by rail. The Hotel Commodore in New York City is most anxious to be your host and assure you of a warm welcome. Special express subway runs from the Commodore to the World's Fair grounds. Cost of this special subway will be 15¢ each way and running time is 17 minutes.

## Prayer On The QT

Now I sit me down in school  
Where praying is against the rule.  
For this great nation, under God  
Finds public mention of him odd.  
Any prayer a class recites  
Now violates the Bill of Rights.  
Any time my head I bow  
Becomes a Federal matter now.  
Teach us of stars or pole and equator  
But make no mention of their Creator  
Tell of experts in Denmark and Sweden  
But not a word on what Eve did in Eden.  
The law is specific, the law is precise.  
Praying out loud is no longer nice.  
Praying aloud in a public hall  
Upsets believers in nothing at all.  
In silence alone can we meditate  
And if God should get the credit, great.  
This rule, however, has a gimmick in it:  
You've got to be finished in less than a minute.  
So all I ask is a minute of quiet  
If I feel like praying, then maybe I'll try it.  
If not, O Lord, this plea I make:  
Should I die in school, my soul you'll take

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By PAUL BENZAQUIN

## One Line Editorials

Many people commit sin and blame Satan.  
The Hurrier I Go, The Behinder I Get.  
Our friends, Britain and France have recognized Red China and continue to do business with communist countries. With such friends, who needs enemies?  
The twentieth century may be remembered for it's lazy majority.  
Today you have to go fast as you can to stay where you are—faster than that to get anyplace.

## THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Miami Beach, Florida  
August 21, 1963

BY RESOLUTION, unanimously adopted at their National Encampment, hereby offer their heartfelt thanks to

Mrs. Annamae D. Berhalter

for her efficient, faithful and accurate record of our annual National Encampments since 1941, missing only one, in 1946, when she was Department President of the Daughters of Union Veterans and so was obligated to attend their National Convention.

Through the years Mrs. Berhalter has won our esteem and love, and we have often wondered how she managed to make sense, for the record of our Proceedings, out of the chaotic discussions that took place; for the product of her labor is always correct in all essentials and clearly stated.

To us, the Sons, she is affectionately known as "Dolly," and now, as she retires to take a well earned respite from our meetings, she will leave a vacancy in our lives as well as in our records, a vacancy that will be oh, so hard to fill!

God be with you Dolly! May Good Health, Good Luck and Happiness await you, and we shall never forget you or what you have done for us.

U. S. Grant 3rd  
Chairman, Resolutions Committee

Chester S. Shriver,  
Commander-in-Chief

Albert C. Lambert  
Natl. Secy-Treas.

(The above resolution, mounted in plastic was presented to Dolly at the Appomattox Dinner in Reading, Pa., April 11 by Past Commander-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert.)

## 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

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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:

In Memory of Alonzo Grove Case, 1st Lt. 16th Conn. Vol. \$10.00  
Courtesy of Julia C. Case

In Memory of Tristram Coffin Edmunds, 80th N. Y. Vol. Inf. \$10.00  
Courtesy of Vincent E. Edmunds

In Memory of John Carpenter, Company B, 153rd Ref. Ill. Vol. Inf. \$10.00  
Courtesy of Ethel A. Rasmussen

**A Washington Tribute to Grant**



On March 7, the Centennial of Gen. U. S. Grant's assumption of supreme command of the Federal Armies was marked with a special Washington ceremony. The program began in the National Gallery of Art and concluded at the impressive Grant Monument on the west side of the Capitol. Participating in the event were the U. S. Marine Band, the U. S. Army Chorus, and the Combined Color Guard. Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd, his sister Julia Grant Cantacuzene and her daughter Lady Ida Handbury Williams of England were special guests. It was Lady Williams who in 1922 unveiled the Grant Monument. Robert Lincoln Beckwith, the grandson of Abraham Lincoln was also present, and Hon. Paul J. Sedgwick, Chairman of the District of Columbia Civil War Centennial Commission acted as Master of Ceremonies.

Several wreaths were placed at the Monument, including one placed on behalf of our Order by P. C. in C. Shriver, and one placed on behalf of U. S. Grant Camp 20 of New York, by Franklin B. Horbelt. The above previously unpublished picture of Gen. Grant was used on the cover of the program.

Our Commandery-in-Chief colors were escorted by men of C and G Companies, 6th Infantry, Pennsylvania Brigade, Sons of Veterans Reserve.

**Wanted: Photographs, Drawings, Posters**

Civil War Productions, 23526 Dolorosa St., Woodland Hills, California is planning a documentary movie and is desirous of borrowing any of the following items:

1. Any photographs taken during the Civil War showing famous people, unposed groups of soldiers, dead and wounded, encampments, war damage and other unusual scenes.
2. Drawing or sketches of the period.
3. Posters or old newspapers.

They realize that most of this material is irreplaceable and promise to take the utmost care of it during the brief period needed to transfer it to film. All material sent will be promptly returned.

Any Camp or member that can help is urged to communicate with Mr. Arthur S. Bruckman, Vice-Pres., Civil War Productions.

Love of country means love of countrymen.

**Important Notice**

Effective April 1, 1964, all routine business with the National Organization (supplies, reports, etc.) will be directed to Mr. Chester S. Shriver, National Secretary-Treasurer, P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325.

All communications regarding The Banner will continue to Albert C. Lambert, P. O. Box 457, Trenton, N. J. 08603.

**Can We Wave the Flag Too Much?**



Is it possible to wave the flag too much? Provided, of course, that you wave it with integrity? Is it possible to study Lincoln or Shakespeare too much? Is it possible to read the Bible too much? The great, the good, the true, are inexhaustible for inspiration, example and strength. I believe that we are not waving our flag enough, not nearly enough. It seems to me that we are developing a tendency to be timid or even apologetic about waving the stars and stripes. Walk up and down the streets on July 4th and count the flags. It is our nation's birthday, a sacred day in world history, the most important day of America. Why isn't the flag flying on every rooftop and from every home and building? This complacent attitude is strong evidence of cancerous patriotic decay. The flag is a symbol of our national unity. It is the spirit of our undying devotion to our country. It stands for the best that is in us . . . for loyalty, character, and faith in democracy. Isn't our flag a synonym of the United States of America? Does it not represent man's greatest, noblest, most sublime dream? Is it not the zenith of achievement, the goal to which generations have aspired? I believe it is time for us . . . for the mad, rushing Twentieth Century American . . . to stop for a moment and think. Let us arrest

our near reverential admiration of material success and return to the spiritual and ethical values. Let us imbue and rekindle in ourselves and our children the so-called old-fashioned way of patriotism, a burning devotion to the principles and ideals upon which our country was founded. Should not every home own and proudly display the colors on holidays and other such occasions? Isn't the flag Patrick Henry, Jefferson, Franklin, Washington, Nathan Hale, Gettysburg and Valley Forge, Paul Revere, Jackson and other great men and women who have given us our heritage. When you look at the flag can't you see the Alamo, Corrigedor, Pearl Harbor, The Monitor, The Merrimac, Wake Island, and Korea? Lest we forget, isn't the flag Flanders Field, Bataan, Iwo Jima, Normandy, Babe Ruth and Davy Crockett? The great events of our past and present are wrapped up in our flag. It is a symbol of this blessed nation, a giant in industry, education and commerce. Millions of fertile square miles, wheatlands, coal mines, steel plants. Our great republic, the chosen infant destined to be man's last and remaining hope for suffering humanity, a shining beacon of light, noble and glorious, the haven for the oppressed and persecuted and truly God's gift to mankind.

That is what the flag means to me. Can we wave it too much? I don't think so.

When a man is really important, the worst adviser he can have is a flatterer.

Sometimes one pays most for the things one gets for nothing.

A man too busy to take care of his health is like a mechanic too busy to take care of his tools.

**LINCOLN RITES**



President Johnson, observing the 155th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth stood hatless and coatless in the near-freezing weather at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington on February 12. Mr. Johnson said:

"Lincoln's words have become the common covenant of our public life. Let us now get on with his work."

The President and British Prime Minister Sir Alec Douglas-Home placed wreaths at the foot of the statue, along with many others including our Commander-in-Chief, Joseph S. Rippey. Music was furnished by the Air Force Band.

Pictured above is the SUVCW Color Guard that participated. left to right: Sgt. Ivan E. Frantz, Major George H. Gruber, Pfc. Lorne Naugle, Sgt. David L. Horne, Sgt. Sam Murphy, Sgt. Edward Hill, Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey and P. C. in C., Major Chester Shriver.

The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the U. S. arranged the splendid program, which was followed by a luncheon in the Diplomatic Reception Suite in the Department of State building.

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**NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, AUGUST 16-20**

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## General Order No. 3 Series 1963-1964

Headquarters  
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF  
Sons of Union Veterans  
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165 Linden Street  
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April 1, 1964

1. With the Civil War Centennial Observance years rapidly approaching a climax of activity it is of the utmost importance that our Camps be enlarged with members and associates, and experience a new birth of power and prestige in our communities, for it is to us that the citizenry should and will look for leadership in this field of American history and patriotism. We must be ready to meet the duties and obligations expected of us as heirs to the Grand Army of the Republic.

We are aware that there are many in our communities who are eligible for membership in our Order. We are aware that there are many in our communities who with a background of interest in the Civil War period of our history would be invaluable as associate members. They need but to become acquainted with us. This is where you, each and every one of us, has an obligation to perform.

It is your Commander-in-Chief's desire that your Camp inaugurate the spring season of activities by making prompt arrangements for and scheduling a "New Members Night." Adequate publicity should be given in advance in your newspapers telling of one or more important things you intend to do at the meeting, mentioning the names of some persons in charge or having a particular position, a brief background of the Camp and the Order, and stating the time and place of the meeting, and if you are in a position to initiate some into membership at that time mention their names. Be sure that your meeting is interesting, by having as many members present as possible, the ritual well in hand, application forms, receipts and appropriate papers available, a social phase such as a movie or slides and perhaps some light refreshments of doughnuts and coffee, and above all an agenda as a whole which will translate the activities and meaning of our Order in terms of your guests' interests.

Supplementing the foregoing, it is suggested that a paid notice be put in the classified advertising section of your local newspapers reading about as follows, with the blanks properly filled in with the date, time and place of your meeting: "DESCENDANTS of Union Veterans of the Civil War, if you will come to on evening, April , at 8:00 o'clock, you will learn something to your advantage." This is a tested method of accomplishment where used. Try it.

2. Our need to make ourselves more widely known has been long recognized. It is of cardinal importance that every opportunity should be seized upon to place the name of our Order before the public. When an activity of your Camp is to take place, an article concerning it should be written up and given to the editor of the local newspaper. It is preferable to take your first article in person, as this will establish your acquaintance and give the editor an opportunity to obtain further information if he so desires. There should be something more in your news item than a list of names alone. Such things as the date, time and place of meetings, official visits, presentations of memorials, participation in public functions, banquets, receptions and speakers are proper for inclusion. A copy of each item should be sent to the Department Press Correspondent, and to the Editor of the Banner, Mr. Albert C. Lambert, Post Office Box 457, Trenton, New Jersey 08603, for possible publication in the Banner.

3. The Sons of Veterans Reserve, the uniformed branch of our Order, is a showcase of our Order, and a most effective advertising medium. During the past several years the uniformed and trained groups associated with our individual Camps or Departments have been in tremendous demand. Attractive to men of all ages, and especially to our younger men, our leadership can be outstanding. Write to Col. O. G.

MacPherson, Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee, Route 1, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325 for the name and address of your local commanding officer, or instructions on how to organize a unit of your own.

4. Reports indicate widespread participation by our Camps and members and our uniformed Reserve in Lincoln's Birthday observances, and all those taking a part are highly commended. Our Lincoln Tomb Ceremony at Springfield, Illinois, will be held at 11:00 A. M. on April 15th. This is an outstanding event sponsored by our Organization. All who are in a position to do so are urged to attend.

5. On May 30th we will again observe the day set apart by a grateful nation for the commemoration of the deeds of valor of all of our soldier and sailor dead who fought and died that our nation might live, strong and united. That Holiday, established in pursuance of a directive of General John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, originally to commemorate the deeds of valor of those who lost their lives in defense of the Union in the Civil War, is now a part of our National heritage in recognition of those deceased veterans of all wars who fought in defense of our Country. Let us, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the successors of the Grand Army of the Republic, prepare well in advance to see to the proper and fitting observance of this day in each of our communities, and to the perpetuation of its real significance.

6. Contributions are being received by our National Patriotic Instructor, Arthur L. Ballou, R. F. D. 1, Bellows Falls, Vermont 05101, to our Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund, a most necessary financial aid for many projects in the National Organization. Each member please support your National Organization in this way by promptly sending a generous donation.

7. All Departments are requested to send to the Commander-in-Chief a Roster as soon as possible, and advise him of prospective new camps and the current status of organizational procedures. Remember our goal: to double the membership of each Camp, and to establish at least one new Camp in each Department and at least one new Camp at Large.

8. Camp Secretaries please see that Quarterly Reports are mailed promptly, and Department Secretaries that reports are promptly made to the National Secretary-Treasurer. Reports of election and installation of officers should be sent to the Department Secretary immediately after Camp installation.

9. Congratulations to each Department Commander and his Staff of Officers as you meet in annual Encampment. Consider all matters for the smooth operation and promotion of our Order, and forward all appropriate and necessary information to National Headquarters and to the proper committee chairman named in my first General Order.

Your Commander-in-Chief is making every effort to visit each Department, and where conflicting dates interfere he will attempt to have a suitable representative.

10. Fraternal greetings to all as this, our spring season, unfolds.

Joseph S. Rippey  
Commander-in-Chief



## Department News



### ILLINOIS

CHICAGO—The annual banquet commemorating the 98th Anniversary of the G. A. R. was held on April 4 in the Palmer House, Chicago, with John Brooks Davis as Chairman and Mary L. Thompson as Co-Chairman.

DWIGHT—Mrs. Olive Haynes greatly appreciated the many cards, letters and messages received while in the hospital and after returning home. "Ollie" loves the Auxiliary and regrets being unable to attend National Encampments as she would have liked to.

CHAMPAIGN—Bro. Charles D. Jackson is in possession of interesting and informative letters written by his father Andrew Jackson headed "Vicksburg, Miss., July 7, 1863." Comrade Jackson had just participated in the successful siege of Vicksburg under General Grant.

## Lincoln Ceremony



Shown left to right: Mr. Maurice Smith, representing the Mayor of Boston; Mass. Representative Mr. Lincoln Garfield Pope, Jr., the speaker; Harold M. Drown, M.C.; William W. Haskell, Pres of Past Comdrs. Assn.; and Louis E. Winchell, P.D.C., Secy. of Programs at the Emancipation Statue, Park Square, Boston, on Feb. 12. Others participating in the program arranged by the Past Commanders and Past Presidents Assn. were: John J. Micheson, Mrs. Pearl C. Bowen, William O. Fuller, Charles W. Hooper, and Ernest G. Wells.

### NEW JERSEY

Under direction of Dept. Patr. Instr. Mrs. Patricia Donahue, the Auxiliary has made presentations to the Union Industrial Home for Children in Trenton and to the Eaton Memorial Home in Elizabeth. In the Trenton institution, four redwood picnic tables and benches were presented, and at Elizabeth, where there are 45 men and 9 women inmates, sweaters were given to each of them in the name of the Department.

The members of Aux. 9, Orange recently donated an Infant Layette to the Mary Knoll Sisters for distribution. Sister Maria Therese, a member of Aux. 9, and daughter of P.D.P. Agnes Holland will arrange for the placing of the clothing contained therein.

KENNEDY MEMORIAL—Dept. Patr. Instr. Sister Donahue has received voluntary contributions from members and has arranged for a Ciborium (Chalice) to be presented to the Holy Spirit R. C. Church in Union. It will be inscribed: "IN MEMORY OF JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY Donated by members of the New Jersey Department, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War."

SCHOOL PRAYER PETITIONS—The petitions circulated by the New Jersey Department SUVCW have been well received and the response is very gratifying. We now have several thousand signatures, with many still to hear from. All members are urged to return the petitions no later than May 30 to Dept. Secy-Treas. Albert W. Lambert, at which time they will be presented to Governor Hughes.

### NEW YORK

U. S. Grant Camp 20 of Brooklyn initiated five new members at its February 21 meeting as follows: Harry E. Hodgins, Steven R. Saunders, George C. Matthews, Earl F. Hooper and William Murray. Seven members of Oliver Tilden Camp 26 were present, including Cecil M. Baer, District Deputy. Other Department Officers present included Jr. Vice Dept. Commander Franklin B. Horbelt and P.D.C. Clarence A. Maples.

Oliver Tilden Camp 26 of New York City held a Flag Presentation to the Military Cadet Corps at the 102nd Regt. Armory on February 7. The presentation was in memory of Past Commander Owen E. Coyle. The presentation was originally scheduled for November 22, but was postponed due to the sudden and untimely death of President John F. Kennedy.

CHICAGO—President Lincoln's birthday was commemorated on February 8 by Custer Camp 1 and Aux. 30 with a dinner at the LaSalle Hotel. Sister Kathryn Van Trump served as Chairman and Bro. Roderick Van Trump as Co-Chairman. Some seventy guests heard an address titled "One Hundred Years of Military Justice—from Lincoln and Davis to Lyndon B. Johnson" by Col. Everett Lewy, USAR Ret., a practicing lawyer, a member of the faculty of the John Marshall Law School, the author of law texts on real property, a combat field artillery officer in the Pacific during World War II and a member of the Chicago Civil War Round Table. On February 12 the 65th Annual Lincoln Birthday Service was conducted in Memorial Hall, Chicago Public Library under the auspices of the G.A.R. Memorial Assoc. of Cook County. SUVCW members participating were the Rev. Marcel LaVoy, who gave the invocation and benediction; Bro. Miner T. Coburn, a Director of the Illinois State Historical Society, who read "The Perfect Tribute"; and Bro. Brooks Davis, Chairman of the event and Commander of Custer Camp.

Our distinguished Lincoln experts, P.D.C. George L. Cashman and Dorothy took a brief vacation from their duties at the Tomb in Springfield's Oak Ridge Cemetery in November. Their trip took them to the Loyal Legion's War Library and Museum in Philadelphia, where they were royally entertained. P.D.C. Roscoe C. Mathis, a long time Civil War scholar, has been made an honorary life member of the Chicago Civil War Round Table. P.D.C. Charles A. Brady, Jr. was recently elected a Trustee of the Maywood Home for Soldiers' Widows. A hearty welcome to Custer Camp's newest member; Donald R. Bonniwell, Chairman of the Illinois Tollway Commission.

### MARYLAND

Col Robert Shaw Camp 3 and Aux. 6 presented Sharon Temple, S.D.A. Church with a fifty star flag and a Christian Flag on December 8 at the Church in Wilmington, Del. The American Flag was carried and placed by the Boy Scouts of America. The Christian Flag was carried and placed by the Junior Fasset Circle and Loyal Junior Circle No. 1. The Charles Sumner Circle, Ladies of the G.A.R. and Appomattox Aux. 2 also participated.

### MASSACHUSETTS

SPRINGFIELD—Tift Camp 15 lost one of its "Old Timers" recently when Myron E. Johnson, 94, passed away. He was a member 71 years and Camp Treasurer for 43 years. He joined Camp 1 of New Haven, Conn. December 26, 1893, and was Commander in 1896, later transferring to Tift Camp. The Camp held funeral services, at which time his son, Laurence took the Chaplains office. Sons Laurence and Richard joined Camp 15 when Myron was presented with his 50 year badge.

CHELSEA—A dinner honoring Lincoln and Washington was sponsored by the Past Commanders and Past Presidents Assoc. and Plymouth County Assoc. at the Chelsea YMCA with Allen B. Howland as general chairman and toastmaster. John L. Day gave an address which revealed much research done on Lincoln. Among those present were Dept. Comdr. Micheson; Dept. Pres. Pearl Bowen, and Natl. Jr. Vice Pres. Mrs. Alice F. Harwood of the Ladies of the G.A.R.

BROCKTON—Grover Camp and Aux. observed jointly their 73rd and 71st anniversaries along with a commemoration of Lincoln's 155th birthday. A novel feature was a Smorgasbord supper catered by Cliff and Gertie Hobart. Mrs. Esther Haskell was hostess and her husband Bill was the M.C. Guests included Maude B. Warren, Mrs. Mary C. Sampson and Harold M. Drown.

HANSON—Julius Monroe Camp initiated four candidates and used the Plymouth County ritual staff with six Past Department Commanders officiating. Two of the new members are grandsons of the late P.D.C. Lester D. Hobson. Their father, Ernest, is currently the Camp Commander, and their maternal grandfather, Parker Chandler, P.D.C. was on the degree team.

NORWELL—Curtis Camp has just observed its 50th anniversary and Stanley H. Blanchard was presented his 50 year badge. A recent Commander of this Camp is Bob Cottle, a TV luminary on Jim Britt's "Date Line Boston."

NEW BEDFORD—P.D.C. Millard F. Brown and his wife, P.D.P. Barbara D. Brown are co-chairmen for the Department Encampment to be held here April 24-26. This is the first time a Department Encampment has been held in New Bedford.

## Given Citation



1. Richard Reed (Commander of Camp 89, Niagara Falls), right, receives a citation from Donald Kent at the annual Americanism dinner of Welch Post, American Legion on Feb. 15. Brother Reed was honored for his Civil War articles in the Niagara Falls Gazette. Looking on are Sgt. 1.C. James W. Jewell, Army recruiter who was speaker, and Mrs. Boyne R. Kirk, president of the Post Auxiliary. (Gazette Photo)

The Auxiliary of Waverly observed Lincoln's Birthday at their regular meeting on February 5 with several members contributing to the program. Troy Aux. 48 recently made a donation to the Albany Medical Center Hospital—Cerebral Palsy Treatment Center, and also presented flags to the Student Body of School 5 of Troy, to the Girl Scouts of Watervliet and to Cub Scouts of St. Francis Church, Troy. Edna Miller and Bertha Jolet were recently made life members of Aux. 48.

Auxiliary 11 of Halsey Valley held a Washington Birthday dinner and realized \$23.00 for their flag fund.

The 75th annual "Transfer of Flags" ceremony started by the G.A.R. in 1889 was held February 9 in cooperation with public school authorities. Grover C. Scott acted as chairman for the SUVCW in the presentation of 52 Medals to the new Standard Bearers and 52 Guardians of the Flag. The Medals were donated by Mr. Carl Hallauer, Chairman of the Board of Bausch and Lomb Optical Co. in memory of Capt. Henry Lomb, one of the firm's founders and a Civil War Veteran. Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey, a former Standard Bearer himself in his school days, made the principal address. National Chaplain William Phillips also spoke before an audience of 2,000.

McClellan Aux. 71 of Yonkers is cooperating with a group of Club Women of Westchester County in a campaign to awaken public sentiment in the School Prayer decision. They are urging everyone to write their Congressmen to support House Joint Resolution No. 9 for a Constitutional Amendment not only permitting prayer and bible reading in public schools, but also safeguarding against litigation to further undermine our manifestations of our reliance upon Almighty God.

## OHIO

Lincoln Banquets were held in the Ohio Department as follows: February 8 in Alliance with Robert Cook, principal of a city school as principal speaker—February 12 in Cleveland with Hon. Earl Hoover as speaker—Salem honored Lincoln with Judge Lewis Tobin as speaker, and Mansfield honored the occasion with a public meeting with Alma Steckler speaking on Lincoln as a father and husband.

## OREGON & WASHINGTON

Eva Baker, Department President reports that Seattle, Eugene, and Portland Auxiliaries have been installed. The National Presidents visit is scheduled for February 23rd to 25th.

## PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA—Anna M. Ross Aux. held installation of officers in G.A.R. Hall on January 20. Mrs. Helen Cheyne, Department Council Member had the pleasure of installing her daughter, Lois as President, along with a fine staff of officers. Following the meeting a spaghetti supper was served.

HARRISBURG—The 29th Annual Lincoln Dinner-Dance sponsored by Camp 15 and Aux. 7 was held February 1 in the Penn Harris Hotel, with Mrs. Mary Liddick and Edwin K. Kramer in charge. Maj. Gen. Henry Fluck was the principal speaker.

ALLENTOWN—Camp 6 and Aux. 26 held a Joint Installation of Officers on January 9. Camp 6 Officers were installed by P.D.P. Catherine Hilbert, by authorization of Dept. Comdr. John Stark. Auxiliary Officers were installed by Past Pres. Laura Walck.

MIDDLETOWN—Capt. Edgar E. Calhoun and Lt. Charles E. Forney are doing a terrific job in activating the Reserve Unit here. The Company consisting of 30 men, 2 officers and 5 non-commissioned officers drill every Saturday morning.

HELLERTOWN—Prof. Robert Hopper, retired school teacher spoke at the Lincoln Dinner sponsored by the Lehigh Valley Assoc. P.D.P. Catherine Hilbert was toastmistress and guests included Dept. Comdr. Stark, Aux. Dept. Vice Pres. Werkheiser, and DUVCW Dept. Pres. Fisher.

MEDIA—Dept. Comdr. Stark was the installing officer for Bradbury Camp 149 at which time Frank M. Heacock, Jr. was installed as Camp Commander. Several from Philadelphia and Maryland attended the installation.

JOHNSTOWN—Western District Assoc. will be held in G.A.R. Hall, Sunday April 26. Dept. Comdr. Stark with members of his staff and Dept. Pres. Centini and her staff will be in attendance.

PHILADELPHIA—James Thomas McDermott, prominent Philadelphia attorney addressed the 96th Philadelphia Lincoln Dinner on February 8. This annual affair originated by the G.A.R. in 1869 is now sponsored by the Sons of Veterans Club and Lincoln Social. Jr. Vice C. in C. Rev. Richard Partington was Toastmaster and guests included Dept. Comdr. Stark, Dept. Pres. Centini, DUVCW Dept. Pres. Fisher as well as Dept. Comdr. Johnson and Aux. Dept. Pres. Daniels of the Maryland Department. The annual meeting of the Sons of Veterans Club held at "The Riddell's" on March 14 resulted in election of officers as follows: Pres. Frank M. Heacock, Jr.; Vice-Pres. John H. Stark; Secy. Frank M. Heacock, Sr., and Treas. Charles H. Dern. Directors elected were Lawson Palmer, Chester Shriver, O. G. MacPherson, James McKee, Don Lewis, Phil Frech, Chris Nagle, Richard Johnson, Matthew Winder and Eldridge Daniels.

## RHODE ISLAND

Daisy Wallace, Chaplain of Aux. 11, Westerly and also Department Chaplain accompanied by Jane Barber, an officer of both Aux. 11 and the Rhode Island Department presented Afghans that they had each made to the Bristol Veterans Home in Bristol, R. I.

## VERMONT

BRATTLEBORO—At the January meeting a pancake and sausage supper was served by the Sons to the Auxiliary. Camp 11 and Aux. 9 hosted the District No. 5 meeting at Grange Hall on March 7.

STATE CAMP—Green Mountains State Camp 1 held its February meeting in Brattleboro. The new Commander is Leland Bryant of Reading and Arthur Ballou is the new Secretary-Treasurer. A potluck supper was served by the Auxiliary, followed by a program in which Sylvia Nichols, Edwin Taylor, Lynda Miner and Arthur Ballou were participants. The principal talk was given by Mr. J. J. Farnham, Principal of the Austine School.

BELLOWS FALLS—Guests were present from Brattleboro, Brandon, Chester and Keene, N. H. at our Christmas Party on December 15. Camp Secy-Treas. Thomas Chadwick is spending several weeks in California visiting friends and relatives.

## WISCONSIN

The many friends of P.D.C. Roy R. Lewis, 76, will mourn his passing on March 20. Husband of the late P.N.P. Ida Lewis, he was survived by one son, two daughters and twenty-one grand children, and great grandchildren. Brother Lewis was a familiar figure at National and Department Encampments for many years.