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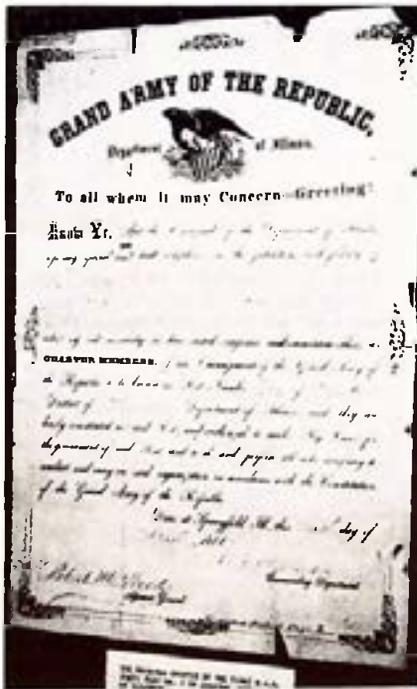
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A Mystery No More . . .

WHERE ARE THE TWO MOST VALUABLE G.A.R. DOCUMENTS?



ORIGINAL G.A.R. CHARTER



MINUTES OF FIRST MEETING

The two most valuable documents associated with the history of the Grand Army of the Republic are the original charter of Old Post No. 1, Decatur, and that post's minute book. For many years the whereabouts of these documents remained a mystery. With the early demise of the first Decatur post, and the subsequent reassignment of "No. 1" by the Department of Illinois to the G.A.R. post in Rockford, the effects of Old Post

No. 1 were probably not thought to be of much importance at that time. When interest in the G.A.R.'s history began to grow, the records of that first post were brought to light for a while, but then drifted again into obscurity.

The whereabouts of these records were known to but a few over the years. With the passing of the last of the G.A.R. comrades, property of the

G.A.R. throughout the nation passed into other hands and new interest in this material developed. In Chicago, the G.A.R. Memorial Hall, being situated in the Chicago Public Library's main building, came under that institution's domain and its staff began a thorough job of cleaning and classifying the many relics and records housed in the hall. It was here that the two most valuable items of G.A.R. history were rediscovered.

The library's staff took special pains to see that these priceless G.A.R. treasures — the charter and the page of the minute book on which the first meeting was recorded — were properly mounted for display in the G.A.R. Memorial Hall, which is on the second floor at the north end of the library building. There in a swinging-panel display case these documents may be viewed today by all interested parties. It is hoped many members of the G.A.R. Allied Orders will take time to visit this G.A.R. museum and view these documents when in Chicago. Members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans, and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will have an excellent opportunity to do so in 1967, when their national conventions are to be held in that city.

THE SECOND BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG

As noted in the report on the 1966 national encampment, a prominent national organization is seeking authorization to construct a memorial to its first president on the grounds of the Gettysburg Battlefield. If one organization is permitted to do this, others will want to do likewise.

The battlefield is a national cemetery, dedicated by President Lincoln to the memory of those who fell in battle there. None but those who have borne arms in defense of our nation should be accorded the privilege of recognition within these hallowed grounds.

The Sons of Union Veterans, its Auxiliary, and the Ladies of the G.A.R. have gone on record as opposed to erection of any memorial at the Gettysburg National Cemetery which would give recognition to an organization not related to the engagements fought there or the soldier dead interred there. You can help this cause by writing (even a single sentence on a postcard would do!) to express your personal disapproval to the following men:

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Department of the Interior
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Washington, D.C. 20240

Hon. George Hartzog, Director
National Park Service
Interior Building
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Don't write on organizational stationery; these men have already heard from our organization officially. Send your comments to them as an individual citizen . . . rightfully indignant!

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GRAND RAPIDS SERVES AS GENIAL HOST TO 85TH ANNUAL NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The 1966 National Encampment at Grand Rapids, Mich., was a huge success, and those who could not attend truly missed an enjoyable time.

As delegates were arriving at the Pantlind Hotel for this year's convention, they found that the group which had scheduled its get-together for earlier in the week — a convention of teen-age baton twirlers! — had not yet departed. Saturday night's tempo was noisy and unpredictable, to say the least.

SUVCW's 85th annual encampment got under way on Sunday afternoon, with the opening of the registration table. The joint memorial service followed at 3:00 p.m., and was beautifully executed. The program had been worked out by National Chaplain John Yocum of SUVCW and National Chaplain Lila Mae Keller of ASUV; Sister Keller could not attend the encampment, though, and Sister Lillian Messer graciously took her place for the ceremony.

The Camp Fire program was held that evening and was a wonderfully patriotic event. Posting of the colors was performed by the Historical Color Guard of Saranac, Mich., with each member of the unit wearing a different uniform identified with the military history of our nation. Commissioner Anderson of the City of Grand Rapids brought a welcome from Mayor Sonneveldt to the delegates, and then the greetings of the G.A.R. Allied Orders were expressed by the following: W. Earl Corbin, Comdr.-in-Chief, SUVCW; Mrs. Edith L. Snyder, Natl. Pres., ASUV; Mrs. Alice M. Harwood, Natl. Pres., L.G.A.R.; Mrs. Wava Winfield, representing the national president of W.R.C.; and Mrs. John Stark, representing the national president of DUVCW.

A splendid band concert had preceded the Camp Fire, given by the Grand Rapids Concert Band under the direction of Warren G. Faulkner, Director. The band also played three numbers during the Camp Fire — *Battle Hymn of the Republic* and *Tenting Tonight* (both of which were sung by Harold MacNab, vocalist), and *Civil War Fantasy*. The highlight of the program was, of course, the address by P.D.C. Frank M. Heacock, Sr. of Pennsylvania, which was entitled "The Vanishing American." Prior to the conclusion of the program, Genl. U. S. Grant 3rd presented a framed memorial of Fairbanks Post No. 17, G.A.R., to the Michigan Department of SUVCW.

Monday morning the encampment was formally opened by the traditional joint opening ceremony with the Auxiliary. SUVCW's first business session was called to order shortly thereafter in the hotel's Vandenberg Room, with Commander-in-Chief Corbin presiding.

At the business sessions, the reports of the national officers and the chairmen of the national committees were delivered as each was called for. Of particular significance was the report of the National Secretary-Treasurer, which showed that the Order had experienced a decrease in membership of 294 over the preceding 12 months, bringing the total membership as of June 30, 1966, to 3,479. There were 11 camps lost, leaving a total of 239 camps in operation.

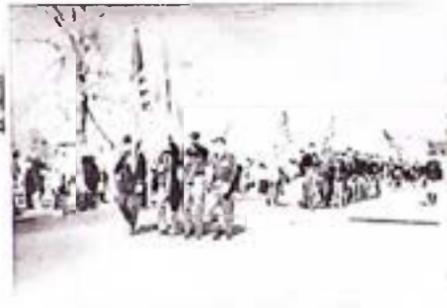
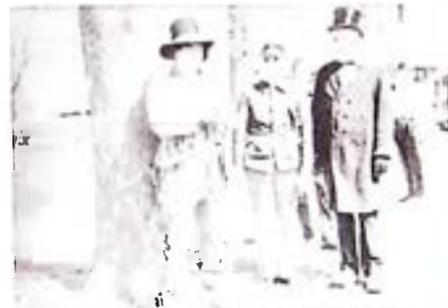
Among the various items of business taken up by the encampment were these: (1) Recommended to the Budget Committee that \$250 be appropriated for the 1967 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony; (2) Appropriated \$100 toward financial support of the G.A.R. Remembrance Day program at Gettysburg; (3) Approved a figure of \$1000 for the National Secretary's salary in 1967, with an additional \$200 to be allowed if available by the end of the year; (4) Rejected a proposal that THE BANNER be merged with the publication of some similar type of organization; (5) Rejected a proposal that the Order's name be changed to "Sons of the G.A.R."; (6) Approved a resolution urging replacement of certain markers on the Gettysburg Battlefield; (7) Approved a resolution urging proper maintenance of the parapet at Fort Stevens in Washington, D.C.; (8) Approved a resolution favoring passage of H.R. 14805, which would establish a national cemetery in Rhode Island; (9) Approved a resolution favor-

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THE G.A.R. CENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE IN DECATUR, ILL. — These are the pictures which were unavailable for publication in the preceding issue. Left, spectators and participants assemble in the park for re-enactment of first G.A.R. post's chartering ceremony; center, those portraying charter members stand before coffin as oath is given; right, 101th Illinois Vol. Inf. prepares to fire memorial salute.



Left, an Indian scout, a Civil War soldier and Decatur's Mr. Lincoln are on hand for the G.A.R. Centennial event; center, the parade through downtown Decatur gets under way with SUVCW color guard in lead; right, 101th Ill. Vol. Inf. and other uniformed units follow.



Left, among those seated at speaker's table was Edith Snyder (fourth from right) who was then National President of ASUV; center, Soldiers' Monument as it appeared after laying of wreaths by G.A.R. Allied Orders; right, view of Orlando Hotel's ballroom as speaker addressed those attending banquet.



Left, there's always lots to talk over when good friends get together, as this table of Wisconsin-Ohio-Missouri folks proves; center, the dinner is over and Miss Decatur enters with her court; right, the dance floor becomes a lively place as the grand march gets under way.



Left, Miss Decatur and her court, with their escorts from 104th Illinois Vol. Inf., as grand march came to an end; center, many were dressed for the period ball in gowns like those worn in the 1860's; right, one of the many window displays in Decatur stores calling attention to the G.A.R. Centennial. (All photos by Elmer R. Luckow, Chicago)



AUXILIARY NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Miss Flora Bates (Massachusetts)

Elected to the office of National President at the 80th National Encampment in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Sister Bates became a member of Willie Grout Auxiliary 33 at Worcester, Mass., in January of 1949, becoming president of it the following year.

In department work, she has held the offices of Chief of Staff, Patriotic Instructor, Inspector, Council Member and Vice President. She served as Department President in 1955-56.

Past service in the National Organization has been as Personal Aide, Chief of Staff and member of the National Council. She is presently serving on the National Military Affairs Committee as Coordinator for the Women's Auxiliary Corp., Sons of Veterans Reserves, in which she holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

A graduate of the Worcester schools, she is employed as Office Manager for the Morgan Linen Service, Inc. Flora is a member of Covenant Methodist Church and is active in civic affairs in Worcester.

NEWS OF THE AUXILIARY'S NATIONAL CONVENTION

The 80th National Convention of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War convened in Grand Rapids, Mich., the week of August 14. As early as Friday, delegates and officers started arriving at the Pantlind Hotel, which was headquarters for all the organizations. As usual, it was fun to see many of the folks we had not seen for a year and to renew old acquaintances. All of Saturday and a great part of Sunday were spent getting organized and settled in our rooms. On Sunday morning a great many of the delegates went to the church of their choice and then met in the lobby for more visiting.

The registration was opened at 12:30 p.m., and from then on we went from one affair to another. The National Council convened at 1:30 p.m. to audit the books of the secretary and treasurer, and at 3:00 p.m. a most impressive memorial service was conducted by the two national chaplains — one from the Sons and one from the Auxiliary. Fitting tributes were made to our departed members and flowers were placed by the department presidents and department commanders for all members of the Sons and Auxiliary who had passed away during the past year.

On Sunday evening the Camp Fire was held in the ballroom of the hotel. Special attention was given to the 100th anniversary of the founding of the G.A.R. P.D.C. Frank Heacock of the Pennsylvania Department was the principal speaker and gave a most inspiring talk. This program was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Monday morning saw the joint opening of the Sons and Auxiliary, presided over by the two national chiefs of staff — Brother LeRoy Stoudt of the Sons and Sister Jessie Wells of the Auxiliary. All national officers were received and greeted, as were the past national presidents and past commanders-in-chief. This opening, and all the business meetings of the Auxiliary, were held in the ballroom of the hotel. After the opening, the Sons retired to their meeting room to begin their business sessions and the Auxiliary went right into their meeting.

National President Edith Snyder called the meeting to order and made her convention appointments. Before going into the serious part of the business meeting, the national officers were introduced to the members assembled and each was presented with a token of remembrance from the national president. Following these introductions, the past national presidents were introduced, as were also the immediate past department presidents, the sitting department presidents, the appointed floor officers, the escorts and the pages. All received a remembrance from Sister Snyder.

The official opening of the Auxiliary was then held, followed by singing of the Star Spangled Banner and America, the pledge to the flag and recitation of the American Creed. The national president then read a report of her year's work. This was a most interesting account of the activities

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Series 1966-67

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1. Having been elected Commander-in-Chief at the 85th National Encampment in Grand Rapids, Mich., headquarters are hereby established at 11200 Eastwood Ave., Inglewood, Calif. 90304 (Phone OR 7-6092).

2. The following committee chairmen are appointed:

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Military Affairs Committee

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3. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the delegates to the 85th National Encampment at Grand Rapids, Mich., for the confidence and trust you have placed in me by electing me your Commander-in-Chief. I will do my best to earn the trust you have placed in me.

4. Our motto for the year 1966-67 will be WORK AND WE WILL GROW. Before departing from our encampment in Grand Rapids, I asked each member to get a member. Under the direction of our Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, James L. High, you will be asked to do this. At our next encampment all delegates who have obtained a new member will be asked to raise their hand.

5. To the National Presidents of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, I extend best wishes for a most successful year.

6. To the National President of our Auxiliary, Sister Flora Bates, congratulations and best wishes for a most successful year. May our friendship be ever abiding. When we work together, we grow together.

7. My Senior Vice and Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief will represent me at all functions that I am unable to attend.

FRANK WOERNER
Commander-in-Chief

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SUVCW COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Frank Woerner (California)

Elected to the office of Commander-in-Chief at the 85th National Encampment in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Bro. Woerner was initiated into Christian Woerner Camp 1 at Hoboken, N. J., in 1917. This camp had been named in honor of his grandfather.

He served as a camp commander from 1941 to 1946, and as Commander of the California Department in 1947. He has held the office of Department Secretary for the past 10 years.

In the National Organization, he was chairman of the G.A.R. Highway Committee for several years, and then chairman of the Americanism and Education Committee. He was elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief for the year 1965-66.

After having been employed 22 years as a tool and jig builder for Northrop Aircraft Co. at Hawthorne, Calif., Frank is now retired and devotes full time to the work of our Order.

PLEASE NOTE: The 1967 National Encampment at Chicago will be held August 6 to 10.

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ing passage of legislation to assure that no statue or memorial erected by approval of our government may be removed or altered without approval of Congress; (10) Went on record as opposed to any structure or memorial being placed in our national battlefield parks which does not directly pertain to the history or significance (or necessary maintenance) of these parks; (11) Authorized a telegram to be sent to Senator Dirksen and Congressman Ford urging passage of S.J. Resolution 148 concerning prayer in the nation's schools and (12) authorized another telegram to the same two gentlemen urging passage of legislation such as H.R. 15085, making mutilation, defacement, defilement or any other desecration of the Flag a punishable offense.

The serious side of the encampment was generously interspersed with sociability though, as the encampment program had indicated. Monday night the hotel's ballroom was the scene of the Auxiliary's courtesy hour, and many of the brothers joined our sisters of the Auxiliary in bringing remembrances from their department to National President Edith Snyder. Even Commander-in-Chief Corbin received a remembrance — a money tree from his Ohio Department. Tuesday night the ballroom served as a banquet hall, as the dinner and reception honoring the national officers loomed into the limelight.

Wednesday no business sessions were held. A tour planned by the Michigan Department left the hotel early in the afternoon, taking the delegates to the Grand Rapids Public Museum where exhibits on pioneer Michigan life, Civil War relics and the "Gaslight Village" (a reconstructed city street from gaslight days) were among the principal attractions. After a ride over a portion of the "freeway" which runs through Grand Rapids, and through several sections of the city, the busses returned to the hotel and everyone donned casual clothes for the chuck wagon dinner. Again the hotel's ballroom was bustling with activity as over 400 delegates lined up to be served buffet style from a covered wagon, and then were seated at tables set with checkered cloths and farm lanterns. Additional lanterns strung across the ceiling gave a festive and authentic air to this highlight of the convention. Following the meal, a barbershop quartet entertained with a comedy routine. Dancing completed the evening's entertainment, including some square dancing and the Virginia reel.

At Thursday's business session, the per capita tax was increased from \$1.00 per year to \$1.40 per year, effective July 1, 1967. The National Patriotic Instructor's report showed that contributions totaling \$1,239.06 had been made to the G.A.R. Memorial Fund, and that the Illinois Department had led in the amounts contributed. The U. S. Grant 3rd Membership Cup, awarded for the largest percentage gain in membership, was won by the Wisconsin Department with a 6.8 percent increase. A member of the Grange was permitted to address the encampment regarding that organization's proposal to construct a memorial on the Gettysburg Battlefield on the occasion of their 100th anniversary. Following his talk, the encampment voted against the proposal and, in conjunction with the Auxiliary and the Ladies of the G.A.R., issued telegrams of opposition. The officers elected and installed during this final session are listed elsewhere in this issue. The California Department extended an invitation to host the 1968 encampment, suggesting that it be held in Las Vegas, but offering any other city that might be desired. This matter was referred to the Encampment Committee.

As the 85th annual encampment came to a close, and delegates headed homeward, another group began filing into the Pantlind. This one was a political organization — the Democratic Party of Michigan. Soon stickers and signs bearing candidates' names and campaign slogans were everywhere, and dozens of colored balloons dotted the ceiling of the hotel's spacious lobby. The meeting halls and hotel corridors which had resounded to the hubbub of our 105 delegates, and an even larger registration for each of the two women's organizations, had been but briefly silenced before an even more clamorous crowd took over.

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VERMONT WINS S.V.R. CUP DURING NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL MEETING

The New England Regional Association's annual summer conference was held at Weirs Beach, N.H., on July 16, with the SUVCW and ASUV regional heads, William W. Haskell and Ruth A. Appleby, presiding. National officers present were Natl. Pres. Edith L. Snyder and Natl. Council Member Harold M. Drown. Mayor Peter R. Lessard of Laconia presented the association with a framed illustrated citation, in color, dedicated to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Included on the conference's program was a Sons of Veterans Reserve drill and review before Col. C. E. Young, Vermont's Company A, 9th Infantry Battalion, scored 103 points to win for the third time the trophy cup donated by P.C.-in-C. Harold E. Arnold — and thereby retain permanent possession of it.

The association voted to resume two-day meetings, and elected Maurice J. Warner of Bath, Me., as regional commander, and Myrtle L. Williams of Williamstown, Vt., as regional president.

SPECIAL BULLETIN

P.C.-in-C. Harold E. Arnold was stricken with a heart attack on Saturday, October 15. Those wishing to send him get-well cards should mail these to P.O. Box 41, Coventry, R. I.

during her year, and was most enthusiastically received by the delegates. Following the reading of this report, a testimonial of \$200 was presented to Sister Snyder by P.N.P. Ellinore Konrad on behalf of the national organization. From then on through the rest of the day, the reports of officers were given and turned over to the Committee on Officers' Reports. Part of Monday afternoon was devoted, though, to the presentation of the Auxiliary's memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic by the national patriotic instructor. This gift of \$250 is given each year to a worthwhile project in the convention city. National Patriotic Instructor Nathalie Linnell made a fine presentation on behalf of our national organization.

Monday evening the past national presidents and past commanders-in-chief held their annual banquet, which was well attended and thoroughly enjoyable. At 7:30 p.m. the Michigan Department had exemplification of the ritual. Past Natl. Vice Pres. Isla Dow presided in a most capable manner and the Michigan Department is to be congratulated for their fine work. This was followed by the Courtesy Hour, held under the direction of the national chief of staff. Sister Snyder received many fine tokens of love and esteem from departments, national officers, members and friends. The other national officers were also remembered with gifts from their friends. Following the Courtesy Hour, many small parties were held by the various departments — and judging from the singing and laughing, everyone must have had a wonderful time.

Tuesday morning's business session was devoted to the reading of reports. Officers' reports were completed, standing committee reports were given, and some department reports were read by department presidents. These reports continued into the afternoon and were most interesting.

The first order of business on Tuesday afternoon was nomination of officers for the coming year. Sister Flora Bates of the Massachusetts Department was nominated for national president, Elizabeth Moon of California for national vice president, and Edith Snyder of New York, Elsie Evans of Illinois and Minnie Burkhardt of Connecticut for the national council. Irene Murphy of Pennsylvania was nominated as national patriotic instructor, Ethel Hammond of Michigan as national chaplain, and Olive Boren of Ohio as national press correspondent. The national secretary and the national treasurer were holdovers, as was the national budget director. There was no opposition to any of these officers, so it was voted that they be elected by acclamation.

The credential committee reported 167 registered as of Tuesday afternoon. Nominations were followed by the report of the committee on officers' reports, after which greetings were received from the greetings committees of the Daughters of Union Veterans, Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G.A.R., American Gold Star Mothers of the Michigan Department, and the Disabled American Veterans' Auxiliary of Michigan. Our Sons were received into our convention as the last order of business on Tuesday. This is always a thrilling time for our delegates when the Sons of Union Veterans come into our meeting in a body to present their greetings.

Tuesday evening the banquet and reception were held. This was a delightful affair, and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Natl. Chief of Staff Jessie Wells is to be congratulated on the success of the evening. Wednesday was a free day — no meetings at all. A bus trip had been planned by the convention committee, and most of the delegates took advantage of the trip. There was ample time on this day for all kinds of sightseeing, shopping or just resting up. Wednesday evening a chuck wagon dinner was held in the ballroom of the hotel, and this was followed by entertainment and dancing.

Thursday our final business meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. Most of the business of the convention had been taken care of, but this was the session we were to hear the reports of the two money officers — reports we always look forward to. Natl. Patriotic Instructor Nathalie Linnell read her financial report, which showed a sum of \$1,125.90 raised.

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It was a splendid report and was received with great applause. P.D.C. Frank Heacock was admitted to our meeting at this point. He brought us a report of action taken at the meeting of the Sons relative to the erection of a memorial in Gettysburg by the national organization of the Grange. The Sons had voted unanimously to disapprove the erection of this memorial, and the Auxiliary took action to support the Sons in their decision. Telegrams were ordered sent to Washington and Gettysburg, voicing our disapproval.

Natl. Chief of Staff Jessie Wells then gave her report — a very fine one — that was enthusiastically received by the delegates. Sister Wells reported the sum of \$2,187.51 turned over to the treasurer after expenses. All business having been completed, installation of officers followed. P.N.P. Ursula Shepardson installed the new officers in a most impressive manner. The new national president, Flora Bates, expressed her appreciation to the convention for her election, and promised a year of service to our National Organization. The meeting was then officially closed and the old and new councils were ordered to convene immediately for the final audit.

By Thursday evening, many of our members had left the hotel, headed for home or for more extended vacations. The lobby seemed strange and quiet after all the excitement of the week. The rest of the members left on Friday morning and the convention was all over for another year. The Michigan Department are to be congratulated on their arrangements for the pleasure of the delegates and the thanks of the national organization is extended to them for all their work. Next year the convention will be held in Chicago, and already many plans have been made by the convention committee headed by P.N.P. Eva Blackman. Remember next August — Chicago! — and start saving now so you will be on hand.

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News of the Departments



CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

TAPS: P.D.C. Melvin R. Riggs passed away July 7 following a long illness. He was a member of A. Podrasnik Camp 15, Ontario, and had headed the department in 1952.

The auxiliary also lost two loyal members. Dept. Treasurer Elsie Delvee died July 2 after a brief illness. She had served as treasurer of the department for nine years and of Auxiliary 14 for fifteen years. Shortly thereafter, on July 27, another Auxiliary 14 member succumbed. Sister Mabel Wesley, the auxiliary's chaplain, died at Huntington Memorial Hospital where she had been in a coma for several weeks.

CONNECTICUT

This year's Fourth of July observance in the Hall of Flags at the State Capitol, Hartford, had the largest SUVCW and Auxiliary representation in recent years. Heading up the SUVCW contingent was Dept. Comdr. J. Charles Klotzberger.

Dept. Pres. Gladys Evans was honored by Auxiliary 20, East Hampton, at a reception in the parlors of the Congregational Church this past summer. Around 80 persons greeted the guest of honor and enjoyed entertainment arranged by Irene Miller, the chairman.

The 83rd annual encampment of the Connecticut Department has been scheduled for April 29 and 30, 1967, at the Hotel Burritt, New Britain.

ILLINOIS

Bro. Miner T. Coburn, who was in Alaska at the time, was installed in absentia as commander of the American Legion's Wilmette Post 46 at its annual dinner held September 13 at the Michigan Shores Club, Wilmette. Present at the event were Bro. James L. High, also a member of that post, and Sister Gladys N. High, who belongs to its auxiliary.

New members recently received into membership by the Illinois Department are Donald B. King, Samuel K. Shull and Julius L. Weiss, all of Custer Camp 1.

NEW YORK

The annual meeting and picnic of the Southern Tier Assn. was held July 17 at Paris Hill Hall and the park grounds, near Utica. Pres. Eluned Williamson presided over the meeting. A flag was presented to the Paris Hill Hall. Elmira was chosen as the location for next year's meeting. Elected as the new president was Florence Foulkrod. Dept. Pres. Margaret Beilby and a number of department officers from both SUVCW and ASUV attended this outing.

At the September 26 meeting of Lincoln Camp 6, Rochester, held jointly with Auxiliary 1, an historical account of the life of Maj. Genl. Emory Upton of Batavia was presented.

Arrangements have been completed for the 1967 encampment of the G.A.R. Allied Orders, which will be held June 23 to 26 at the Queensbury Hotel, Glen Falls. Mrs. Anna Hahn, Dept. Pres. of the Ladies of the G.A.R., is to be general chairman.

At a meeting of Diven Camp 77, Elmira, a five-man class was initiated and a resolution opposing the National Grange's proposed memorial at Gettysburg was adopted. Bro. Alfred Burchard is the new camp commander.

Dept. Secty. Bertram Isaacs has offered to send mimeographed copies of Genl. Logan's Memorial Day order to any camp which will distribute them to veterans and patriotic organizations.

A reception and dinner honoring Dept. Comdr. Raymond Hightree and Dept. Pres. Margaret Beilby was scheduled for October 1 by Caywood Camp 146 and Auxiliary 72 at the American Legion Home in Ovid.

TAPS: Lincoln Camp 6, Rochester, lost a valued member

September 17 with the passing of Bro. Charles Cranston, a past camp commander. Sympathy is extended to his widow, Betty Cranston, an active worker in both ASUV and DUVCW. The camp held a memorial service at the Cranston home in Ontario on Sunday, September 18, followed by those of other organizations and the church service.

OHIO

Thirteen members of Alliance Auxiliary 91 and three SUVCW members, together with Dept. Pres. Anita Selby and her husband, Paul Selby, both of Mansfield, journeyed to Salem to help reorganize Salem Auxiliary 83, which had been inactive for several years. Six candidates were initiated by the Alliance members, after which an election and installation were conducted. Dept. Pres. Selby administered the oaths for both the initiation and the installation. Sister Marilyn Hoopes was elected president. Several members of Salem Camp 43 were also present, with H. D. Huttenhower of that camp being named counselor for the auxiliary.

VERMONT

Summer meetings of Col. H. E. Taylor Camp 11 and Auxiliary 9, Brattleboro, were held outdoors, with the business meeting following a cook-out.

Col. F. G. Butterfield Camp 91, Bellows Falls, marked its 50th anniversary with a picnic held at Horse Shoe Acres. District 5 also met at the same time.

August 20 was the date selected for the meeting of Green Mountains State Camp 1 at Peacham, with supper at the church that evening.

A reception honoring Dept. Comdr. Ned L. Durkee, Dept. Pres. Myrtie H. Williams and their staffs was scheduled for August 27 at the Sons of Union Veterans Hall in Chelsea.

TAPS: P.D.C. George Farrington passed away July 18, and will be genuinely missed by the department. He had served as department commander in 1935.

Wilma Baker, a past department vice president of ASUV, died June 6 following a long illness. The sympathy of the department is extended to all the members of her family.

WISCONSIN

Those who correspond with P.N.P. Ellinore L. Konrad are asked to note her new address, following her recent change of residence. It is 12108 W. North Ave. (Apt. 3), Milwaukee, Wis. 53226.

National Military Department SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE

Capt. John H. Stark, 2nd Mil. Dist., has been promoted to Major and assigned to the Staff of the National Military Dept. as Public Information Officer. (Eff. 9-1-66)

Capt. W. W. Haskell, 1st Mil. Dist., has been promoted to Major and assigned as Adjutant General of the district. (Eff. 9-1-66)

Lt. Col. James B. McKee was re-elected Commander of the Pennsylvania Brigade. (Eff. 9-25-66)

Lt. Col. Chester S. Shriver is relieved as the Inspector General and assigned in grade as Ceremonies and Special Events Officer. (Eff. 10-15-66)

Erma P. Stark is appointed Corporal and assigned to organize a unit of WAC-S.V.R. (Eff. 10-25-66)

Col. Daniel F. Clancy, 3rd Mil. Dist., is retired in grade at his request. May the Colonel enjoy his retirement and rest on the laurels he has won. (Eff. 11-1-66)

John H. Stark, Maj., S.V.R.
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