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## GRANT CENTENNIAL



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It was in 1869 that Ulysses S. Grant was inaugurated as the 18th President of the United States. This man who was responsible for saving the Union has been unjustly maligned by many historians for his eight years in the White House. These years were characterized by bitter partisan politics and corruption on the part of many trusted aides, particularly James Fisk and Jay Gould.

In an effort to correct many false impressions of his Grandfather's administration, Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd worked for years and finally completed his definitive biography entitled ULYSSES S. GRANT, WARRIOR AND STATESMAN, but regrettably did not live to see it published. It is tentatively scheduled for publication on February 21, 1969 by William Morrow & Co., 425 Park Ave., South, New York, N. Y. 10016.

The picture used on our cover was furnished by Smithsonian Institution Assistant Curator Mrs. Margaret Klapthor, at the request of Stewart Gelders, a member of Lincoln-Cushing Camp of Washington, D. C. This Cogswell portrait was presented to the Smithsonian by Mrs. Grant in the hope that, in time to come, all Americans could see her husband as she saw him.

## SMITHSONIAN TO HONOR SEVEN UNION VETERANS IN "HAIL TO THE CHIEF"

Seven Union Veterans, six of them members of the Grand Army of the Republic, parent organization to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will be honored in a spectacular "Hail to the Chief" exhibition at the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C., January through March, 1969.

The exhibition will be in the new Museum of History and Technology on Constitution Avenue, and will be an important sidelight to the inauguration of Richard M. Nixon as the 37th President of the United States.

The six G.A.R. members are Presidents Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Arthur, Benj. Harrison and McKinley. The seventh, assassinated before the G.A.R. came into being is Lincoln, Commander-in-Chief of all Union forces in the Civil War.

Special emphasis will be given President Grant because it will be the centennial of his first inaugural as President. However, the original of our cover picture will remain in its traditional place in the First Ladies Hall in the same building with "Hail to the Chief." This Cogswell portrait belongs with Mrs. Grant in the First Ladies Hall, according to the organizer of "Hail to the Chief," Assistant Curator, of the Smithsonian's Division of Political History at the Museum, Mrs. Margaret Klapthor.

When you go to the Smithsonian to see "Hail to the Chief," you simply must find the First Ladies Hall and see this issue's cover portrait in full color. When Mrs. Grant first saw the completed portrait, she exclaimed, "Oh, Mr. Cogswell, you have seen in General Grant something I didn't know anyone else but me could possibly see, you have painted the man I love."

## SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION



Commander-in-Chief Heacock is shown presenting our annual scholarship check to Michael Hobor, a Junior at Gettysburg College. Looking on is Professor Bruce W. Bugbee, head of the American History Department at the College. The presentation took place at the Past Presidents and Past Commanders dinner in Holiday Inn, Gettysburg, November 16.



Stewart Gelders

## GRANT THE PEACEMAKER

Notes for a book by Stewart Gelders, Historian of Lincoln-Cushing Camp, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and former Georgia newspaperman.

Two Generals U. S. Grant each won a race with death to complete a book.

The first willed himself to stay alive against the agony of cancer to complete his "Personal Memoirs."

His grandson, General U. S. Grant 3d, willed himself to stay alive against all the ills a man can have who lives into his 89th year. He completed his definitive biography of his grandfather; then died.

Morrow and Co., of New York, is bringing out the biography in February 1969 as the first important event of the observance of the first centennial of the first inaugural of General U. S. Grant as the 18th President of the United States. The centennial will be March 4, 1969.

Morrow and Co. recently published a biography of Margaret Mitchell of Atlanta who wrote the book, "Gone With the Wind," which broke the all-time bestseller record for a Civil War book which had been held for 50 years by President Grant's "Memoirs."

General Grant 3d gave many things to many people throughout his long life, including leadership that established the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as a worthy successor to the Grand Army of the Republic.

One precious thing he gave me is the title for a book. This piece is selected from my notes. The title he gave me was "Grant, the Peacemaker." He assured me, too, that he would put into his own book a proper frame of reference for the Treaty of Washington, which was his grandfather's greatest contribution to world peace.

That treaty ended the "Century of Hostility" between Britain and America that began with the Boston Tea Party and Boston Massacre two hundred years ago.

It ushered in the "Century of Amity" between the two great English-speaking powers which has seen them standing shoulder to shoulder in the cause of liberty through two World Wars.

Unless they can continue to stand together for yet another century, it is doubtful if the lamp of liberty will be still alight in the world in that treaty's bicentennial year of 2071.

General Grant 3d had given me one important theme for my book when he presented the Civil War Round Table gold medal to the great Southern historian, Dr. Douglas Southall Freeman. 15 years ago, a few weeks before Dr. Freeman died. In his presentation, General Grant said that Dr. Freeman "has made clear the great victory of the Civil War was an American victory, not sectional; but one that made it possible for our sons and grandsons to fight together for the cause of these United States in two great wars."

My sense of grief at the passing of General Grant 3d is assuaged a little by the beautiful way he chose to die. When he had completed the work on his book in Washington, he flew to the place where he had known his highest happiness, the honeymoon house Senator and Secretary of State Elihu Root had built for his lovely daughter and her gallant bridegroom on College Hill, in Clinton, N. Y.

His manner of dying seems perfectly to exemplify the last lines written by the soldier-poet George Gordon, Lord Byron, facing up to his own imminent death.

Lord Byron wrote this in closing his last poem:

"Seek out — less often sought than found —  
A soldier's grave, for thee the best,  
Then look around, and choose thy ground,  
And take thy rest."

There is wonderful poetic justice, too, in the fact that President Grant's Treaty of Washington, May 1871, set in motion the chain of events which led in 1912 to the award of the

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## REMEMBRANCE DAY AT GETTYSBURG



November 16 weather while inclement was better than last year, and this year the 11th Annual Remembrance Day ceremony was held outdoors at the Albert Woolson monument in Ziegler's Grove on the Gettysburg Battlefield, sponsored by our National Organization and by Camp 112. Wreaths were placed by all five Allied Orders by their National and Department Presidents as follows: SUVCW Frank Heacock Sr. and Charles Thompson; AUX SUVCW Mrs. Irene Murphy and Mrs. Martha Dawson; W.R.C. Mrs. Hazel C. Willard and Mrs. Madeline Hoffman; Ladies G.A.R. Mrs. Erma Landis and Mrs. Elizabeth Seinerth; DUVCW Mrs. Dorothea Meyers and Mrs. Marian Swisher.

Members of the SVR Reserve paraded to the Battlefield, with units from Pennsylvania, Vermont, New Hampshire, Ohio, New Jersey and the Gettysburg Senior High School Band.

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert presided with Colonel William A. Campbell, U. S. A. as the principal speaker. Col. Campbell is professor of Military Science, ROTC at Gettysburg College. Rev. E. Edward Keyser of Gettysburg gave the opening and closing prayers. The rifle salute was fired in Civil War fashion by the 11th Battery, 1st Cavalry SUV

from New Hampshire and Vermont under command of Major Morris. Taps were sounded by Pvt. Ivan E. Frantz Jr. SVR.

Among National Officers and Past Presiding Officers present were Fred Combs Jr., Norman R. Furman, Chester Shriver, C. Leroy Stoudt, John C. Yocum, Thomas Chadwick, Frances H. Winter, Agnes Davis, Anne O. Clayton, Kathleen Runkle, Anna Stoudt, and Edna S. Lambert.

In the evening the 28th Annual Banquet of the Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association was held at the Holiday Inn with John C. Yocum presiding and General W. A. Morgan, U. S. A. Ret. as the principal speaker. General Morgan had a distinguished military career including service in the U.S. Navy as well as the U. S. Army. His wife, who was present held the rank of Lt. Commander, Ret'd, U. S. N., having served under Admiral Bull Halsey.

An innovation this year was a Religious Service under direction of the National Military Department S.V.R. at the G.A.R. Home at 8 a.m. on November 17, presided over by Col. C. Leroy Stoudt, SVR. The sermon was given by Dr. W. E. Tilberg, Dean Emeritus of Gettysburg College.

## GRANT . . .

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Nobel Peace Prize to Senator Root. There was no Nobel Prize in existence when General Grant 3d's grandfather earned it; but 41 years later it went to his father-in-law. Many historians think that the Grant Treaty of Washington postponed World War I for 43 years; Senator Root helped to defer it for the last few of those 43 years.

Skimming through my notes on "Grant the Peacemaker," these other highlights seem to demand mention:

At Appomattox on April 9, 1865, Lee surrendered to Grant on terms that would permit proud men to come back with heads high into full citizenship in the Union.

Those terms of surrender should have ended the war. They were wholly General Grant's own idea for making peace, with one suggestion from General Lee. The decision to surrender came so suddenly, there was no time to consult Washington, although President Lincoln gave his full support to the terms in every detail as soon as they could be delivered to him. Dr. Thomas M. Pitkin gives details in "Appomattox" on pages 75-80 of his fine little book on "Grant, the Soldier."

But a few days later a grief-crazed Southerner shot Lincoln. Equally grief-crazed Northern civilian radicals proposed to wreak vengeance against the entire South for that one man's crime, a Lidice in macrocosm. A Federal grand jury indicted General Lee for treason, along with other Confederate leaders. Lee appealed to Grant for protection under the terms of his parole. Grant knew — and President Johnson knew — that the indictment of Lee started angry horsemen thundering all across the South to rally their Confederate comrades to rescue Lee should he be jailed — and to start the Civil War all over again as a guerrilla war. That was a type of warfare Confederates learned from their grandfathers who served under General Marion, the Swamp Fox, against the British in the Carolinas.

In that deadly crisis, General Grant proved again that "One man with courage is a majority." He stood up against President Johnson, and a majority of Congress. General Grant told President Johnson "These men can never be tried unless they violate their paroles. I will keep my word; I will not stay in the army if they break the pledges I have made."

Johnson and the radicals knew that if Grant resigned, his

generals would follow suit and they would be left to put down a new rebellion without experienced military leaders. Dr. Pitkin gives more detail under the heading, "The Pledged Word of U. S. Grant," pages 81-82 of his book.

But the "Spirit of Appomattox" had been destroyed. Thousands of Confederate veterans banded together under the name of Ku-Klux Klan to be prepared for eventualities.

Grant knew the top leadership of the Klan, able generals who had won his respect on many a battlefield. He knew that the Klan was a sword of Damocles hanging over the Union.

In October 1871, President Grant issued a proclamation calling upon Ku Klux Klan to disband. The Klan leadership held President Grant in such respect, and so trusted his pledged word, that they supported the proclamation. The Klan, as a threat to peace and Union, was ended.

Renegades, scalawags and common criminals who had used the Klan mask and name for their own purposes were quickly put out of business by the old Klan leaders — acting not as Klansmen, but as sheriffs and judges and mayors and governors, positions they held — not as Klansmen, but as loyal Americans.

So the Civil War really ended in October 1871, six years and six months after Appomattox.

Those are some of his contributions to peace that will justify the title of my book, "Grant, the Peacemaker."

## THE PUEBLO

From that unfortunate day last January, when the U. S. intelligence-gathering vessel, Pueblo fell into the hands of the North Koreans, our primary objective has been to get the men back safely.

When the release came on Dec. 22 it was on the basis of an apology which our representative labeled false and was signed to "free the crew and only to free the crew."

The whole business has been a trying one for the United States. But we have come through it without opening up a new front or starting a global conflict. It could have been much worse.



**THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

When the 91st Congress convenes in January of 1969, Senator James O. Eastland of Mississippi and Rep. Emanuel Celler of New York will be returning to their familiar posts as chairmen of the Judiciary Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives respectively. This was assured when the electorate returned a Democratic Congress to power in the recent election. The ranking minority members on each committee will again be Senator Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois and Rep. William M. McCulloch of Ohio. The composition of these committees is important because they are responsible for considering all measures that relate to holidays, celebrations, and other matters directly associated with Americanism and patriotic endeavors. Rep. Basil L. Whitener of North Carolina, who will be remembered as the principal spokesman in the Judiciary Committee and later in general floor debate to retain May 30 as the date for the observance of Memorial Day, lost his reelection bid when he was forced to contest Rep. James T. Broyhill as the result of redistricting in that state. Broyhill, it should be noted, on the final House roll-call also opposed the changes in the dates of our patriotic holidays.

At its 1968 National Convention, the American Legion voted to request the Congress to restore Veteran's Day and Memorial Day to their traditional places on the calendar. Legislation to this effect will be introduced in the next Congress, and your chairman will report on its progress.

The United States Supreme Court has before it this term a case which will decide whether the free speech guarantees of a Brooklyn, New York Negro were abridged when he was convicted of flag desecration for the 1966 burning of an American flag on a street corner. He asserted that he committed the act as a protest over the shooting of James H. Heredith, the civil rights figure, who was wounded near Hernando, Mississippi, as he was marching across the state. Although the case involves a New York State statute, the decision could have an effect upon the constitutionality of P.L. 90-381 - the Flag Desecration Act - passed in the closing weeks of the last Congress.

Another Broyhill - also a congressman - Rep. Joel T. Broyhill of Virginia, is concerned about the lack of an official version of our National Anthem. He proposes a version taken from the original manuscript written by Francis Scott Key, the melody to be arranged by the National Music Council. His proposal will be introduced in the new Congress. In the past, bills of this nature have lacked strong congressional support although President Eisenhower, while in office, was reported favored a similar measure.

Respectfully submitted,  
**THOMAS L. W. JOHNSON**  
 Chairman

**Then and Now! . . .**

**"LAW DAY"**

by William M. Coffin

An ancient proverb tells us that "History repeats itself." And a present-day American poet and philosopher, George Santayana, remarks: "That Nation which forgets its past - (its history) - will be forced to re-live it." So, on this Law Day, let us turn back the pages of our history to a time 130 years ago; just 59 years after the adoption of our Federal constitution (and 55 years after the final termination, by treaty, of our Revolutionary war) - and we discover a public address delivered by a young man who, much later, was destined to become a President of the United States.

Because of the content of that address, and the wise discernment of human nature which it displayed, the occasion on which it was delivered might well be called the "law-day" of that year (if they had had such days then). Though, of course, different in details that address, in its reasoning and its philosophy, seems applicable to the present day; indeed, it is startlingly portentous of the situation in which we find ourselves today.

I give you an address delivered on January 27, 1838 before The Young Men's Lyceum of Springfield, Illinois (a local institution probably somewhat similar to the Y.M.C.A. of today), by ABRAHAM LINCOLN, just two weeks before his 29th birthday:

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**TESTIMONIAL**



Seated from left: Mrs. Dorothea Meyers, DUVCW Natl. Pres. Mrs. Frank Heacock. Mrs. Irene Murphy, Aux. Natl. Pres. Mrs. Erma Landis Ladies' G.A.R. Natl. Pres. Standing from left: Commander-in-Chief Heacock. Mr. and Mrs. C. Leroy Stoudt, Toastmaster and Toastmistress.

Approximately 150 persons attended a Testimonial Dinner and reception honoring Commander-in-Chief Frank M. Heacock at the Alpine Inn, Springfield, Pa. on Oct. 28th.

Toastmaster and Toastmistress Leroy and Anna Stoudt presided. Invocation and benediction was given by Rev. Richard O. Partington. Guests of honor included Aux. Natl. Pres. Mrs. Irene Murphy; Ladies of the G.A.R. Natl. Pres. Mrs. Erma Landis and DUVCW Natl. Pres. Mrs. Dorothea Meyers.

A large delegation was present from EDJIL Inc., Frank's business associates from Wilmington, as well as his family including his wife Anna and their son Gar and also Frank's son Frank Jr. and his wife.

Numerous beautiful and monetary gifts were received, two of which bear particular mention. One was a G.A.R. Service Ritual from PDP Vera Platt of the Penna. Ladies of the G.A.R., and the other a National G.A.R. Encampment souvenir glass from Anna Hauseman of Washington.

Guests were present from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, Ohio, New York, Connecticut, Virginia and the District of Columbia. Dept. Pres. Edith Rice headed the large delegation from New Jersey; Dept. Commdr. E'dridge Daniels and Dept. Pres. Agnes Davis headed the Maryland-Delaware contingent; and Dept. Commdr. James Y. Ledwith was present from Connecticut. Other Past Natl. Presidents present were Anne O. Clayton of N. J., and Dorothy L. Hilyard of Delaware.

**1969 DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS**

DEPARTMENT	DATE	CITY	HOTEL
California	Apr. 25-27	Fresno	California Hotel
Colo. & Wyo.	June 8-10	Manitou Springs	Foot Hills Hotel
Connecticut	May 3-4	New Britain	Burrill
Illinois	June 6-7	Chicago	Conrad Hilton
Indiana	No Report Received		
Iowa	June 19-21	Marshalltown	Tall Corn
Kansas	Apr. 27-28	Newton	Ripley Hotel
Maine	June 7-8	Rockland	Thorndike Hotel
Maryland	May 3-4	Wilmington	Holiday Inn
Massachusetts	Apr. 18-21	Auburn	Yankee Drummer Inn
Michigan	June 15-18	Grand Rapids	Pantlined Hotel
Minnesota	At the June meeting of the	Minneapolis	Minneapolis Camp
New Hampshire	Apr. 25-26	Concord	N. Y. Hwy. Hotel
New Jersey	June 12-14	Avon by the Sea	Avon Inn
New York	June 25-28	Elmira	Mark Twain Hotel
Ohio	June 13-15	Columbus	Neil House
Ore. & Wash	June 7-8	Portland	Not Decided
Pennsylvania	June 22-25	Harrisburg	Penn Harris Hotel
Rhode Island	Apr. 11-12	Providence	Sheraton-Biltmore
Vermont	June 26-28	Brattleboro	Not Decided
Wisconsin	June 6-8	Milwaukee	Ambassador Hotel



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- The following appointments are herewith announced:  
 G. A. R. Highway — J. B. Johnson, Chairman, R. D. 4, Waterloo, Iowa 50701.  
 1969 Encampment Committee — Louis A. Moushey, Chairman, 3621 Bobring, Leway, Missouri 63125.  
 The chairman is authorized to appoint such members as may be desired or required.
- Circumstances have necessitated a change in the Command of the Department of Colorado & Wyoming as follows: Carl Fischer, Department Commander, 2127 N. Nevada Ave., Colorado Springs, Colo.
- Camp Officers for the coming year have recently been installed. To them go Hearty Congratulations. As Commander, your duties are well defined in the Installation Charge. We look to you for growth and progress. Your Department Commander and Commander-in-Chief stand willing and ready to lend such aid as may be needed. Camp Secretaries and Treasurers as well as Camp Patriotic Instructors are reminded of your several duties and responsibilities. Through your efforts, you can aid the Commander greatly.
- Any brother who secures five or more members during the present administration will be appointed a Special Aide on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, and will be entitled to wear the National Ribbon attached to the regulation badge. Camp Secretaries are requested to notify the Commander-in-Chief of any and all brothers who are so entitled.
- To the "Dues Paying Members" who seldom attend Camp Meetings, we extend appreciation for your support and encouragement. However, why not try to attend whenever possible. Your dues help defray the expenses of the Camp, and the wisdom of your presence would be very welcome.
- By the time this Order reaches you, a number of members will have received a circular letter from the Commander-in-Chief. To those who do not receive such a letter, feel free to write expressing your thoughts as to what could and/or should be done for the Good of the Order.
- Elsewhere in this publication will appear a current report from the National Legislative Committee Chairman. READ THIS VERY CAREFULLY as it is deserving of the backing of every member of our Order and our sister organizations as well. You will be kept informed through the media of The Banner as well as other channels, so be prepared to act when this information reaches you.

**T A P S**

Roderick Van Trump Sr.

We regretfully announce the death of Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Roderick Van Trump Sr. on December 14, 1968, following an attack of influenza and pneumonia. Brother Van Trump was also serving his third term as Department Commander of Illinois.

His loyalty, enthusiasm, and qualities of leadership was admired by all. We have suffered a severe loss.

We extend deep condolence to his wife Kathryn, to his family and to the Illinois Department. All Camps are ordered to drape their Charters for a period of thirty days in his memory.

To the families of all recently deceased members, we extend the heartfelt sympathy of the organization.

- The 88th National Encampment will convene in St. Louis, Missouri, commencing Sunday, August 17, 1969. Full and complete details will be promulgated at a later date.
- To all the brethren and their families, as well as the sisters of our Auxiliary and their families, and the other Allied Organizations, it is our wish that your Holiday Season was joyous, and may the coming year be a constructive and harmonious one.
- February 12, 1969 will be the 160th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. All Camps are requested to properly observe this important date in the annals of our organization.

FRANK M. HEACOCK SR.  
 Commander-in-Chief

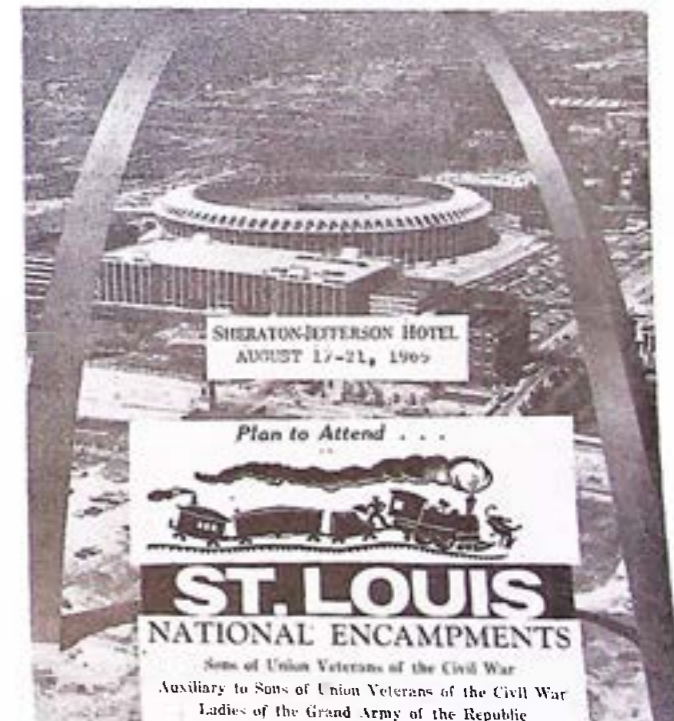
**A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO  
 CHARLES F. SHERMAN AND FRED E. HOWE**

In the passing of Past Commander in Chief Charles F. Sherman and Past Commander-in-Chief Fred Howe, the New York Department lost two of its finest and best. Differing markedly in personalities, each made a fine and outstanding contribution to our organization.

Charles F. Sherman was both our oldest Past Commander-in-Chief and Past Department Commander both in rank and years. For years he was dubbed the "Silver Tongued Orator" of the Department and travelled widely. His address on Abraham Lincoln was a masterpiece. As Elder Statesman he helped overcome many difficult situations. For years he operated Shermans Business School, and was active in all Masonic Bodies as well as the Methodist Church. He lived to be 90 but was an invalid the last years of his life in Connecticut.

Fred E. Howe was a soft spoken, mild type. He was a fine conciliator when strife prevailed and was successful in producing harmony when needed. Devoted and loyal, he was one of those stalwart characters that could always be depended upon. He was a business man, a Mason and active in the Lutheran Church. During my term as National Patriotic Instructor he was New York Department Patriotic Instructor and rendered invaluable service. During my ten months in St. Joseph's Hospital he made several trips from Niagara Falls to cheer me.

NEIL D. CRANMER  
 Past Commander-in-Chief





## LISTEN TO YOUTH

**DON'T TRUST ANYONE OVER THIRTY — ALL YOUTH ARE REVOLUTIONARIES** — Both statements are clichés used by extremists attempting to divide America, and both are incendiary.

Impatience and not inexperience is the greatest handicap of youth. Today's youth are experiencing conditions that we never had to contend with. They are more knowledgeable — there has been more technological progress in the last twenty five years than in the previous one thousand.

Most of them are fine young Americans and will most certainly control a different kind of world and a different kind of society. Much of what our country will become will be decided by them in a few short years.

We must listen to them with an open mind and convince them that stridency, violence and hysteria aren't necessary to get attention.

We who love and appreciate the rights and privileges of the greatest form of government ever devised, must be equal to the opportunity of helping them to have Faith in the American principle of Constitutional Government.

At the risk of being accused of fuddy-duddyism, we suggest that a person's judgement really does improve with age, as many of us had suspected all along.

Every generation inherits a world made by another generation.

## MRS. GERTRUDE SAUTTER

P.N.P. Gertrude Sautter died on November 20 at her home in Florida. A member of the Pennsylvania Department, she served as Auxiliary National President in 1935. Widow of Past Commander-in-Chief John Sautter, she is survived by one daughter.

"REST IN PEACE"

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The proceedings of the 57th National Encampment will be delayed slightly. Everyone registered at the Wilmington meeting will receive their copy from National Headquarters. Copies for Camps and Departments will be mailed in bulk to each Department Secretary for distribution.

Chester S. Shriver  
Natl. Secy-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 \_\_\_\_\_

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(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:

Mrs. Ethel Richardson, Conemaugh, Pa. in memory of Pvt. Thomas O. Mitchell, Company D, 4th Reg. Penna. Vol.  
Mr. Randolph Hammer, Reading, Pa. in memory of Thomas Hammer, Penna. Vols.

**ANNUAL S. U. V. C. W.  
MEMORIAL CEREMONY  
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 1969**

A memorial ceremony commemorating the 104th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's death will be conducted by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, assisted by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, at 11:00 a.m. on April 15 at the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois. Headquarters will be the State House Inn, Springfield. In charge of arrangements are George L. Cashman and Thomas L. W. Johnson, co-chairmen.

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

Dr. Wayne Temple, assistant archivist of the Illinois State Archives and editor of the Lincoln Herald, will deliver the principal address at a 12:30 p.m. luncheon at the State House Inn. The cost of the luncheon will be \$4.50. Reservations for the luncheon should be made with Brother Johnson at the address shown above at the earliest possible time. Please DO NOT send your remittance with your reservations. Tickets will be sold to those persons whose names appear on the reserved list in the lobby of the hotel during the morning of the luncheon.

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

- In order to insure proper listing in the printed program, notify Brother Johnson at the address shown above of your intention so that he will receive your letter NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, MARCH 18.

- Even though a Department or Auxiliary is unable to have a representative present, a wreath will be welcome. To simplify matters, wreaths should be ordered through your local florists with instructions that they be delivered to George L. Cashman, Curator, Lincoln Tomb, Springfield, Illinois, no later than 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 15.

## INEQUALITY

In this age inequality of any sort is suspect and immediately questioned.

Why then is not everyone equally healthy, why is it that not everybody is possessed of equal means? Why is it that there are big trees and small trees? Why is it that some species of animals lived for a hundred years, and some other species have but a fleeting lifetime? Why is it that everywhere in God's great created world, the basic rule is the rule of differences, the rule of widely unequal measures? These differences we must accept.

If all the world's wealth were divided evenly, it would not stay that way very long.

Mr. Lincoln was signing commissions, among them was one for Brigadier General Alexander Schimmelpfenning. "There," said Lincoln, "if the Johnnies ever capture that fellow, he will be held until the end of the war if they keep him till they learn how to pronounce his name."

Woman to bank teller: "I want to make this withdrawal from my husband's half of our joint account."

## THE BANNER

Published quarterly by the National Headquarters of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This Order was founded in 1881 and is the only male organization recognized by the Grand Army of the Republic. A Congressional Charter has been granted to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

All items for publication must be received by the 15th day of December, March, June and September.

All members receive The Banner without charge. Other interested persons can subscribe at the rate of \$1.00 yearly. All subscriptions expire on the first day of each year.

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## Department News



## ILLINOIS

Dept. Commander Van Trump's recent Department Order was a complete and detailed report of Illinois activities. This coverage of Department affairs might well be an example for other Departments. Events reported included: Recruiting, Visitations, Flag Day Ceremonies, Cook County G.A.R. Association, Legislation, Central Region Conference, Receptions, Mid-Term Department meeting, and a welcome to new members.

## MARYLAND

Lincoln-Cushing Camp 2 of Washington, D. C. installed officers at a dinner meeting on Nov. 23 at Almas Shrine Temple with P.D.C. R. J. McCarthy as installing officer. Grahame T. Smallwood Jr. is the new Commander and Col. George A. Moore Secretary-Treasurer.

Camp Commander Doren D. Vest opened the meeting with an impressive Memorial Service honoring P.C. in C. U. S. Grant 3rd, whose untiring efforts had brought about the formation of this Camp.

Dist. of Columbia Representative Arthur R. Glenum was paid special tribute for his many contributions to the Camp over the years. Following the formal meeting, members and their ladies enjoyed an evening of dinner dancing at the Sphinx Club of Almas Temple.

Mrs. Agnes D. Davis, Dept. Pres. was honored with a Testimonial Dinner on Nov. 9 by Appomattox Aux. 2 of Wilmington, Del., at the Holiday Inn. Visitors included Natl. Pres. Mrs. Irene Murphy; Commander-in-Chief Heacock; Mrs. Edith Rice, Dept. Pres. of N. J.; and Leroy and Anna Stoudt. Toastmaster Frank Heacock was introduced by P.N.P. Dorothy Hilyard. The address of welcome was given by Auxiliary President Mrs. Anna B. Heacock.

## MICHIGAN



Shown above are Dept. Pres. Margaret Underwood, Minie Sanders, Aux. Pres., and Violet Hinz, Dept. Treas. of Aux. No. 1, South Haven. On November 11 they presented a nylon flag to the Lacota School from the Michigan Department. Isla Dow, Dept. Secy. accepted on behalf of the thirty-three pupils present.

## NEW JERSEY

Aux. Dept. Patr. Instr. Lillian Ekstrand has been active with projects including a Flag Presentation, presentation to children of two different orphanages, and also to the N. J. blind association. Details will be published in the Department Newsletter.

Twenty-seven members of our Department, Sons and Aux. were present at the Remembrance Day observance in Gettysburg on Nov. 16. Several new members were initiated at our mid-year Department Meeting held November 24 in G.A.R. Hall, Trenton.

The Rev. Kline d'Aurandt Engle, of Phoenix, Arizona, a member of Trenton Camp No. 5 has recently been elected Chaplain General of the General Society of the War of 1812. He is also the President of the Huguenot Society of Arizona. He has seen active duty as a Navy Chaplain in World War 2 and the Korean War.

Dayton Camp No. 5 Lincoln Dinner will be held on Feb. 8 at Nassau Inn, Princeton. Commander-in-Chief Heacock, Natl. Pres. Mrs. Irene Murphy, Dept. Commander Walter Williams and Dept. President Mrs. Edith Rice have accepted invitations to attend.

## NEW YORK

Dept. Comdr Charles Doane of Waterloo and Dept. Pres. Caroline McGowan of Rochester were received at dinners in Rochester, Ovid, Schenectady, and Dedication Day dinner in Menands, where Mildred Nistico presided.

On December 3 Troy Auxiliary held their Christmas party. Their project is toys for tots, with Mattie St. Clair as chairman. Edna Miller, a life member who is confined to a home was remembered with gifts. On November 23 Patr. Instr. Dorothy Zukowski presented a flag to St. Williams, a combined Scout and Brownie Troop.

Schenectady Auxiliary entertained at Roth's Restaurant with guests from New York City, Utica, Albany, Troy, Ithaca, Elmira, Ovid and Rochester.

Auxiliary 45 held their Christmas party at the home of Harriet Rusher with Auxiliary 32 members as guests.

Tri-City Past Presidents Club met on December 7 at the Dept. Secretary's home. Election of officers was held with Mrs. Nellie Lamphier as the new President.

## OHIO

At Sharonville, a suburb of Cincinnati, on Oct. 20, U. S. Grant Camp 100 had the pleasure of having as their honored guest for a dinner meeting, the current Dept. Commander Robert J. Wolz at the home of Camp Commander Fred Pfiester. Topics discussed were (1) the future of our Order, (2) membership and (3) how best can we help guide the destinies and serve our great nation. Color slides were shown of various National, State, and Local events. On Nov. 19 the Camp co-sponsored a luncheon with the Ohio Commandery Military Order of the Loyal Legion, with members of the Cincinnati Chapter Sons of the American Revolution as their guests. The speaker was Past Natl. Prss. General of the Sons of the Amer. Revolution, Charles A. Jones, a noted Lincoln lecturer and scholar.

## OREGON &amp; WASHINGTON

Dept. Commander Lew W. McKee's Department Orders show much activity and interest. These are of great value in keeping his membership informed of Departmental activities. The Fife, Bugle and Drum Corps SVR, Sixth Military District, known as the Oregon Blue Brigade reports participating in many civic and patriotic events. The Department looks forward to the visit of Commander-in-Chief Heacock, in Portland on January 17, it is expected that Natl. Pres. Mrs. Irene Murphy will visit at the same time.

## PENNSYLVANIA

On Oct 5 a Testimonial Dinner was given honoring Mrs. Martha Dawson, Department President, at the V.F.W. Hall in Elwood City. Guests included Natl. Pres. Mrs. Irene Murphy; Commander-in-Chief Frank M. Heacock Sr.; P.D.C. John C. Yocum; Ladies of the G.A.R. Natl. Pres. Mrs. Erma Landis; Dept. Commander Charles Thompson; Mrs. Eliz. Soinerth, Dept. Pres. Ladies of G.A.R.; Mrs. Marion Hoffman, Dept. Pres. W.R.C.; and Mrs. Marion Swisher, Dept. Pres. DUVCW. Also present were Mrs. Agnes Davis, Dept. Pres. Maryland-Delaware, and P.C. in Leroy Stoudt and P.N.P. Anna I. Stoudt.

At a recent Installation of officers of Bradbury Camp 149, Media, the following were installed: Leland Hedmark, Commander; John C. Yocum, Sr. Vice; John D. Erskine, Jr. Vice. Wm. E. Hosmer continues as Secy-Treas. Camp Council members are Frank Heacock Sr., John C. Yocum, and J. Harris Yocum.

LINCOLN BANQUETS SCHEDULED: Philadelphia Lincoln Dinner at Beck's Rising Sun Ave. and Roosevelt Blvd. on Feb. 15 following the dinner reception will be held honoring Dept. Commander Charles Thompson. The Harrisburg Lincoln



**LAW DAY . . .**

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At what point shall we expect the approach of danger? By what means shall we fortify against it? Shall we expect some transatlantic military giant to step the ocean and crush us at a blow? Never! All the armies of Europe, Asia, and Africa combined, with all the treasure of the earth (our own excepted) in their military chest, with a Bonaparte for a commander, could not by force take a drink from the Ohio or make a track on the Blue Ridge in a trial of a thousand years.

At what point, then, is the approach of danger to be expected? I answer. If it ever reach us it must spring up amongst us; it cannot come from abroad. If destruction be our lot we must ourselves be its author and finisher. As a nation of free-men we must live through all time, or die by suicide.

I hope I am over wary; but if I am not, there is even now something of ill omen amongst us. I mean the increasing disregard for law which pervades the country — the growing disposition to substitute the wild and furious passions in lieu of the sober judgment of courts, and the worse than savage mobs for the executive ministers of justice . . .

I know the American people are much attached to their government; I know they would suffer much for its sake; I know they would endure evils long and patiently before they would ever think of exchanging it for another — yet, notwithstanding all this, if the laws be continually despised and disregarded, if their rights to be secure in their persons and property are held by no better tenure than the caprice of a mob, the alienation of their affections from the government is the natural consequence; and to that, sooner or later, it must come.

Here, then, is one point at which danger may be expected.

The question recurs, "How shall we fortify against it?" The answer is simple. Let every American, every lover of liberty, every well-wisher to his posterity swear by the blood of the Revolution never to violate in the least particular the laws of the country, and never to tolerate their violation by others. As the patriots of seventy-six did to the support of the Declaration of Independence, so to the support of the Constitution and laws let every American pledge his life, his property, and his sacred honor — let every man remember that to violate the law is to trample on the blood of his father, and to tear the charter of his own and his children's liberty. Let reverence for the laws be breathed by every American mother to the lisping babe that prattles on her lap; let it be taught in schools, in seminaries, and in colleges; let it be written in primers, spellingbooks, and in almanacs; let it be preached from the pulpit, proclaimed in legislative halls, and enforced in courts of justice. And, in short, let it become the political religion of the nation; and let the old and the young, the rich and the poor, the grave and the gay of all sexes and tongues and colors and conditions, sacrifice unceasingly upon its altars . . .

Comment by Philip VanDoren Stern, in his "Life and Writings of Abraham Lincoln." "This is Lincoln's earliest speech of any importance which has come down to us. \* \* \* It is remarkably modern in tone; he speaks against mob violence, warns of the dangers of dictatorship and mourns the passing of the living memories of the Revolution, since at his time the men who had fought in it were rapidly dying off. He is skeptical of foreign invasion but fears internal strife."

(The first of May in each year was designated as "Law Day" by joint resolution passed by the 87th Congress. The above article appeared in the April issue of the Cincinnati Bar Association News and Journal.)

Dinner will be held at the Penn Harris Hotel, Feb. 1st. The Lehigh Valley Lincoln Dinner will be held at the Americus Hotel, February 22.

Aux. 198 of Pittsburgh entertained Dept. Pres. Martha Dawson and Inspector Virginia Arkwright on Dec. 12 at the YMCA where a dinner was held prior to the meeting. This was the 49th anniversary and P.N.P. Katharine Joyce, a Charter Member along with Pres. Lottie Weldy were in charge.

**VERMONT**

Congratulations to Arthur Ballou, Editor of the Green Mountains Patriot — The Official Newsletter of the Vermont Department. As THE BANNER could not possibly publish all such local news, this complete and entertaining five page account of the activities of the department serves a very useful purpose. Other Departments would do well to consider issuing a similar newsletter.

The Vermont newsletter contained the Department Order, news of the Department Encampment and articles covering the New England Regional; the State Camp meeting; Camp 28 Chelsea; Camp 91 Bellows Falls; the Sons of Veterans Reserve; the National Encampment; the Midyear Department meeting; the Green Mountains State Camp; the Pioneer Valley District Assoc.; and other pertinent news.

**WISCONSIN**

P.N.P. Ellinore L. Konrad wishes to acknowledge with grateful thanks the many cards, letters and flowers she received following her recent surgery. She reports that she has fully recovered. She was disappointed at her inability to attend the Wilmington Encampment, but is looking forward to 1969.

On October 26 Dept. Pres. Louise Hernke was honored at a dinner and reception sponsored by Aux. 4 of Milwaukee, with P.N.P. Ellinore Konrad as chairlady and toastmistress. Thos. L. W. Johnson lauded the Auxiliary with a talk entitled "Our Strong Right Arm." On the following day, the Department Sons and Aux. held their mid-winter meeting with Dept. Commdr. Burton E. Kannenburg presiding. In a special presentation, George A. Powers, P.D.C. of Madison was presented with a 30 year membership pin by P.D.C. Edward Biering.

**CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE**

The Central Region Conference was held October 12 and 13 at the State House Inn, Springfield, Illinois with Commander Paul Grate of Warren, Ohio presiding.

The conference discussed the theme "The State of Our Order" with L. W. Johnson of Wisconsin as Moderator. The leaders of the discussion groups treated the following subjects: 1. Purposes of Organization, 2. Eligibility for Membership, 3. Forms of Organization, and 4. Federation with Like Minded Groups. A banquet was held on Saturday evening, the highlight of which was the Life Story of Abraham Lincoln in Words and Pictures beautifully presented by George and Dorothy Cashman, noted authorities on the subject of Lincoln.

Newly elected officers are: Commander Ellinore L. Konrad; Sr. Vice. Geo. L. Cashman; Jr. Vice. Hazel Moushey; Secretary Kathryn Van Trump; Treasurer Gladys Sallman; Chaplain Majorie Grate; Patr. Instr. Harry Beasey; Guide Margaret Beasey.

The 1969 meeting will be held October 11-12 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

An English Lord found Lincoln brushing his boots and protested, "In England no gentleman cleans his own boot." Lincoln asked, "Whose boots then does a gentleman clean?"

A gentleman driving along the road to Springfield was accosted by Lincoln who said to him, "Will you have the goodness to take my overcoat to town for me?" "With pleasure, replied the gentleman. But how will you get it again?" "Oh, very readily," replied Lincoln, "as I intend to remain in it."

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