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ANNUAL RITES AT GAR MEMORIAL



State and national officials of the orders allied to the Grand Army of the Republic are shown as they placed wreaths at GAR memorial on the Battlefield. Left to right before the memorial, which depicts the last survivor of the GAR, are, first row, Mrs. Florence Jansson, Jersey City, N. J., national president of the Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans; Mrs. Ruby Bragdon, Mexico, Maine, national president of the Woman's Relief Corps; Mrs. Faetta Bell, Los Angeles, Calif., national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Mrs. Jose Kraehl, Chicago, Ill., national president of the Ladies of the GAR; Mrs. Eva Mr. Erisman, Pennsylvania Department President of

the Auxiliary of the SUV, and Mrs. Geraldine Clawges, Pennsylvania department president of the DUV. In the back row are Brig. Gen. W. A. Morgan, Altoona, the speaker at the Dedication Day program; Fred H. Combs Jr., Lawrenceville, N. J. commander-in-chief of the Sons of Union Veterans; George W. Long, Pennsylvania Department commander SUV; Mrs. Mary Robbins, Pennsylvania Department president Woman's Relief Corps and Mrs. Lois Reffner, Pennsylvania Department President of the Ladies of the GAR. The Gettysburg High School band is pictured during the parade on Saturday afternoon, November 22nd.

At Woolson Monument

1969 REMEMBRANCE DAY

The 12th Annual G.A.R. Remembrance Day observance was held at Comrade Albert Woolson's monument in Ziegler's Grove on the Gettysburg Battlefield on Saturday, November 22nd, with a large attendance from California, Delaware, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island. It was a cold but pleasant day which permitted the services to be held outdoors.

Units of the Sons of Veterans Reserve paraded with the Gettysburg High School Band from the Gettysburg Recreation Field to the monument.

P. C. in C. Harold Arnold of Rhode Island presided and introduced the National Presidents of all five Allied Orders, as well as the Pennsylvania Department Presidents of each of the Allied Orders. All ten Officers placed Memorial Wreaths on behalf of their organizations.

An outstanding oration was delivered by Brig. Gen. W. A. Morgan, USAR Ret. of Altoona. A veteran of many years of military service including both the U. S. Navy and the U. S. Army, he is a Charter Member of Madill Camp 141 of Sayre, Pa.

A rifle volley was fired by 3MD, SVR with LTC E. Allen Nutt, Commanding, and Taps were sounded by PVT Ivan E. Frantz Jr., SVR. The Rev. Nathaniel Jones of Gettysburg delivered the Opening Prayer and the Benediction. Arrangements were made by co-chairmen, George W. Long and Ivan Frantz Sr.

AT DEDICATION DAY DINNER



Dr. Kevin McCann, President Emeritus of the Defiance College, Ohio, principal speaker at the November 22nd Dedication Day dinner of the Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association in the Holiday Inn, Gettysburg, is shown congratulating Richard Oliphant, Gettysburg College Senior, who was announced as recipient of the Sons of Union Veterans' scholarship at the dinner. Left to right are Dr. McCann; Dr. Charles Gladfelter, chairman of the Department of History at Gettysburg College; Oliphant, and Fred H. Combs Jr., Commander-in-Chief SUVCW who made the presentation.

The 39th annual dinner was attended by one hundred and forty members and friends of the Allied Orders. P. C. in C. Albert C. Lambert, Trenton, N. J. was the master of ceremonies. Mrs. Minnie Runkle, New York, was introduced as the president of the organization.

Richard Oliphant, the recipient of the award is majoring in political science and history and plans to be a teacher. His great grandfather, Colonel Oliphant, led a Union Regiment that was at Appomattox.

National and State heads of the five Allied Orders allied with the G. A. R. spoke briefly and extended greetings. Ivan Frantz Jr. and Karl Frantz entertained with selections on their trumpets.

AT SUNDAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

The second annual religious service planned by the National Military Department was held at GAR Post Home on November 23rd with Dr. Abdel Ross Wentz, president emeritus of the Lutheran Theological Seminary as speaker. Officers of all five Allied Order were present, with Col. Chester S. Shriver presiding.

Following the service the SVR held a drill at the National Guard Armory. Plans were discussed for a possible two-day bivouac and participation in a skirmish at Gettysburg next July. Also for a SVR participation in the reenactment of the Battle of Chancellorsville at Lisbon, Ohio July 26-28, 1970.

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

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The following contributions have been received since the last issue of THE BANNER:

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THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

On September 18 the House of Representatives passed and sent to the Senate HJR 681, a measure to amend the Constitution and provide for the direct popular election of the President and Vice President. Although the resolution passed by a lopsided bipartisan vote of 339 to 70, it faces an uncertain future in the Senate.

Reformers have long been unhappy with idea of "winner take all" under the unit rule whereby the candidate with the highest vote in a given State receives all of its electoral votes. But until the fall of 1968 when the quest for the Presidency became a three-cornered affair, there had been little serious agitation for a change in the selection process. Last year political commentators and columnists spent hours agonizing over the possibility that neither of the major candidates would win a majority in the Electoral College. Not since 1824, however, has the Electoral College failed to produce a winner. Perhaps it should be considered amazing that we have done as well as we have. Regardless of the record of history, support began to develop in Congress for a change.

It is thought by some that the direct popular election process will be more democratic in that it will eliminate the middlemen — the members of the Electoral College — and make the election of the President an easier process for the average voter to understand. Proponents of this plan argue that the voter today has more opportunity to become acquainted with

the issues and the candidates and therefore should be trusted to make a rational choice. In addition, they argue that the exaggerated importance of large States under the present method would be lessened by weighing each vote equally and without reference to electoral votes based on the State's population.

It is readily conceded that our present mode of electing a President is in need of reform. The unit rule does create pivotal States and exaggerates the importance of minority bloc voting in some large States. The number of electoral votes seldom reflects the popular vote and therefore is not an accurate mirror of public opinion. And finally, the Constitutional provision for the election of a President in the event the leading candidate fails to obtain a majority in the Electoral College is archaic and subject to abuse.

Reform of an existing system is one thing. But direct popular election goes far beyond that. Its ultimate effect would be the nationalizing of the Presidential election process and a further erosion of our federal system of government whereby Washington and the States share in the powers distributed by the Constitution. The States would no longer have a role in the process and eventually, perhaps, be compelled to surrender their remaining responsibilities for the supervision of elections for national office. The vote count would become all important throughout the country since allegations of fraud or negligence would affect a national total and not that of just one State.

In our judgment the adoption of the "district plan" would go far to correct existing evils and retain due regard for existing tradition. Under this plan the electoral votes would continue to be apportioned on the basis of representation in Congress. A Presidential candidate would get one electoral vote for each congressional district carried and two votes for each State carried. The net effect would be that each voter would be voting for three "electors" when he casts his ballot. The unit rule would be abolished, and a better reflection of the national will would result. Opponents of this plan cite as its chief drawback the difficulty of drawing district lines so as to create districts of comparable size.

The proponents of the district plan won an initial round when a subcommittee of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary voted unanimously on May 26 to report SJR 12 — the district plan — to the full Committee. That group now has both SJR 12 and HJR 681 before it for consideration.

Of the several plans considered — direct popular election, the district plan, and the proportional elector system — all have limitations in measuring accurately a popular consensus. Unless the Senate acts quickly and that is highly doubtful, there is little likelihood of any change in time for the 1972 General Election. If HJR 681 were to obtain a 2/3rds majority in the Upper House, it would still have to be ratified by the legislatures of 3/4th of the States — 38 in all — before the Amendment could become a part of the Constitution. Thinly populated States have a relatively small voice in the election of a President under our current system. Yet, even the smallest State is assured of three electoral votes. Under a plan of direct election, their voice would be submerged in a national vote pattern and their influence reduced accordingly. But it will take the concurrence of at least some of the smaller States to bring about Constitutional revision. At present five States have three electoral votes each and ten States have four votes each. Even some of the larger States may be unwilling to forsake their identity in a Presidential election.

The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-65 has petitioned Congress for a federal Charter. Rep. Frank Bow introduced HR 11975 on June 10 to accomplish this goal. The bill has been sent to the House Judiciary Committee headed by Rep. Emanuel Celler. The next step in the process will be a referral to a subcommittee probably headed by Rep. Byron Rogers. A hearing cannot be scheduled until the subcommittee has been formally given jurisdiction over the bill. Members of our Order who wish to express themselves on this matter are urged to write to Rep. Celler and request that HR 11975 be referred to Rep. Rogers' subcommittee. Send a copy of your letter to your own Congressman and urge him to ask that Rep. Celler take appropriate action. Considering our own history about which we should be well aware, the granting of a federal Charter is a long process and can easily become lost in the legislative shuffle. Whatever assistance we can render is needed and will be appreciated.

THOMAS L. W. JOHNSON, Chairman

CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE



Left to right: Commander-in-Chief Fred H. Combs Jr.; Aux. Natl. Pres. Mrs. Florence M. Jansson; Thomas L. W. Johnson, P.D.C.; P.N.P. Ellinore L. Konrad; State Senator Nile W. Soik.

On Oct. 11-12 the Central Region Conference met at the Milwaukee Inn with Regional President Ellinore Konrad presiding. Representatives were present from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin.

Donald Berlin of Illinois chaired a panel entitled "The State of Our Order in 1969." Discussion leaders were Dorothy Cashman of Illinois, Paul Grate of Ohio, and Thomas L. W. Johnson and Herman Black of Wisconsin.

At the Saturday evening banquet, State Senator Nile W. Soik of Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin was the principal speaker, with the topic "The Challenge of the Patriotic Society Today."

Elected for 1970 were: Regional Commander, George L. Cashman of Illinois; Sr. Vice Commander Hazel Moushey of Missouri; Jr. Vice Commander Robert J. Wolz of Ohio; Secretary Betty Johnson of Wisconsin; Treasurer Gladys Sallman of Illinois; Patr. Instr. Ethel Wellman of Indiana; Chaplain Marjorie Grate of Ohio; Guide, Herman Black of Wisconsin.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Proceedings of the 88th National Encampment are ready for distribution. Everyone registered at the St. Louis meeting will receive their copy from National Headquarters. Copies for Camps and Departments will be mailed in bulk to each Department Secretary for distribution.

Supplies should be ordered from National Headquarters early. A new 1970 price list will show some items increased in price as a result of increase in cost of manufacture.

Chester S. Shriver, Natl. Secy-Treas.
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EASY STREET OR DEAD END?

Americans used to be responsible for their own living, and saving for their own future. But since about the Second World War too many have taken the too-easy path — live it up; somebody else will take care of tomorrow.

So millions go on relief rather than take the jobs they could get; workers demand higher wages but produce no more to earn them; careless governments are wasteful spenders; families mortgage their futures to live beyond their means today.

And all of a sudden we find we're in trouble — our country, cities, ourselves. Debts and taxes shrinking our opportunities, inflation racing toward the run-away ruin stage, and as it always does, the fear and uncertainty about our country and our future unsettling many of the young whose outlet is demonstrations they don't understand, demand for something they won't work for.

Hopeless? We don't believe it. There is still a magnificent reservoir of able honest workmen, earnest parents, dedicated patriots and hardworking young students. If they will work and speak as they so well can, they'll drown out the lazy and greedy, and get this great nation back on the track of honest hard work again.



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- All Departments and Camps are urged to do everything possible to interest persons eligible for full membership in our Organization, and persons who might be prospective associate members, in joining our ranks. The fact that there are many such individuals who would respond favorably to requests to become members, I believe, cannot be contradicted. I am gratified by reports that I have received from representatives of some Departments that diligent effort is being made in this regard. Let's all put our shoulders to the wheel and push hard so that come the National Encampment in August in Miami Beach, Fla., the possibility of a report of gain in membership for 1969-70 might be enhanced. With the application of a bit of positive thinking about this objective, its attainment could well prove to be quite within the realm of reality.
- Please keep in mind that the Commander-in-Chief will be honored to appoint as Special Aides on his staff, any brothers who secure five or more members during the current administration. All who attain this goal will be entitled to the honor of wearing the National Yellow Ribbon on his regulation badge. It will be appreciated if Camp Secretaries will notify the Commander-in-Chief of all brothers who may become eligible for this honor.
- To the newly-elected and installed Camp Officers for 1969-70, I extend congratulations and best wishes for a satisfying and successful year and for full attainment of planned goals and objectives. It is hoped that Camp meetings will be planned to be meaningful, purposeful and conducive to the growth and development of our Organization, to the maintenance of a high level of interest among members and to the generation of interest among persons eligible to become regular members or desirous of joining our ranks as associate members.
- The Remembrance Day programs held at Gettysburg were very impressive. I was honored to represent our National Organization and to join with the National President of our Auxiliary and the National Presidents of the other Allied Orders in the ceremonies conducted at Comrade Woolson's monument in Ziegler's Grove, and in the other related activities and functions. During the dinner on Saturday evening, it was a distinct honor also to be able to present to Gettysburg College our Organization's annual scholarship in the amount of \$250.00 to this year's selectee, Richard Oliphant, a student in the teacher-training program of the college. Mr. Oliphant, a well appearing and truly representative young man and a credit to his College and his generation, expressed sincere gratitude for the scholarship and for the honor that was extended to him. He impressed those assembled by his sincerity and by his expressed interest in developing a knowledge of Civil War history in the young people whom he will teach subsequent to his graduation.
- Feb. 12, 1970 will mark the 161st anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. It is requested that all Camps remain aware of the significance of this date and plan to prepare meaningful observances that will pay proper and fitting tribute to the memory of Mr. Lincoln. Attendance at the dinners and/or other observances, which have been scheduled by various Camps in honor of this occasion, is urged.
- Natl. Patr. Instr. Edwin K. Kramer, 204 Clark St., Lemoyne, Pa. 17043, is receiving contributions to the G.A.R. Memorial Fund. All members, Camps and Departments are urged to lend their full cooperation and support of this worthy purpose and to assist Bro. Kramer in reaching the goal of \$1200. suggested by the National Council of Administration.

- It is hoped that many of you are planning to attend the 89th National Encampment in Miami Beach, Aug. 23-27, 1970. All indications are that plans for a pleasant and enjoyable stay, and a very successful convention are already in an advanced stage. Complete details will be announced at a later date.
- I extend the sincere wish that all members and their families and the members of the Auxiliary and the other Allied Orders enjoyed a festive and enjoyable holiday season and have entered upon 1970 with anticipation of a year that will produce constructive attainments and favorable progress in the work of our respective groups. During the coming year, may the memory of the sacrifices, deeds and accomplishments of the Men of Blue who fought so nobly to maintain the unity of the greatest Nation on the face of the earth cause us to continue to be deeply appreciative of the precious heritage that is ours and encourage us to continue to labor diligently in the perpetuation of that memory.

FRED H. COMBS, JR., Commander-in-Chief

1970 DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

| DEPARTMENT | CITY | DATE | HOTEL |
|------------------|-------------------------------|------------|----------------------|
| Calif. & Pacific | Pasadena | Apr. 10-12 | Huntington Sheraton |
| Colo. & Wyo. | Manitou Springs | June 7-9 | Foot Hills Lodge |
| Connecticut | New Britain | May 2-3 | Barritt |
| Illinois | Springfield | June 5-6 | St. Nicholas |
| Indiana | Indianapolis | June 13-14 | Sheraton-Lincoln |
| Iowa | Des Moines | June 11-13 | Fort Des Moines |
| Kansas | Newton | Apr. 26-27 | Ripley |
| Maine | Portland | June 6-7 | Eastland Motor Hotel |
| Maryland | Wilmington, Del. | May 1-2 | Holiday Inn |
| Massachusetts | Boston | Apr. 17-19 | Parker House |
| Michigan | Grand Rapids | June 14-16 | Pantlind |
| Minnesota | At June Meeting of Camp No. 8 | | |
| New Hampshire | Concord | Apr. 21-25 | Highway Hotel |
| New Jersey | Avon | June 12-13 | Avon Inn |
| New York | Syracuse | June 21-27 | Gotham Motor Inn |
| Ohio | Alliance | June 26-28 | Elliott Hall |
| Ore. & Wash. | Eugene | May 21-26 | Mount Union College |
| Pennsylvania | Williamsport | June 21-24 | Eugene Hotel |
| Rhode Island | Providence | Apr. 10-11 | Lycoming |
| Vermont | Montpelier | June | Biltmore |
| Wisconsin | Milwaukee | June 5-7 | Montpelier Tavern |
| | | | Holiday Inn West |

Fourteenth Annual

LINCOLN TOMB MEMORIAL CEREMONY

Springfield, Illinois

Wednesday, April 15, 1970

A memorial ceremony commemorating the 105th 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.

Dr. R. Gerald McMurtry, director of the Lincoln National Life Foundation of Fort Wayne, Indiana, 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, 165 Peterson Office Building, 750 University Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin 53706 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 on the morning of the luncheon.

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 also be made with Brother Johnson at the address shown above.

GEORGE L. CASHMAN
THOMAS L. W. JOHNSON
Co-chairmen

CORRECTION — In the October issue of THE BANNER, an error was made in listing the membership of the Military Affairs Committee. The Chairman of this committee is P. C. in C. Harold E. Arnold, P. O. Box 41, Coventry, R. I. 08216.

AUGUST 23-27, 1970

Miami Beach

Fun for all, all the time

DEAUVILLE

invites you to attend the

National Encampments

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

Our 89th National Convention will be held in the fabulous Deauville Hotel in Miami Beach, Aug. 23-27. Rates are \$9.00 per person per day, two to a room. The room is \$18.00 per day whether occupied double or single. For a third occupant in a room the rate is \$5.50 daily. These rates do not include meals. These rates apply for two days prior, during the convention, and for two days following. Reservations must be made by July 27th.

Meetings are scheduled only on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., which will give time for exploring exciting Collins Ave., and Lincoln Road shopping center. Bus and water tours are available to Hialeah, the Seaquarium, Vizcaya Gardens, the Parrot Jungle, Everglades National Park, Greater Miami and Miami Beach.

Enjoy swimming in the hotel pool or ocean, as well as the many restaurants and night club activities in the hotel. There will be a complimentary cocktail party on Monday evening, and a complimentary dance and show on Wednesday evening. A complimentary boat trip on Biscayne Bay can be taken at your convenience. See the hotel Bell Captain for information.

Reservation cards are available at all Department Headquarters.

THE VIEW FROM HERE

ABOUT PEACE AT ANY PRICE — Powerful voices in the United States are advocating a foreign policy of abdication and policies of avoiding involvement at almost any cost. It is the duty of the United States Government to take no risks. The possession of nuclear weapons by countries which are unfriendly to us is a fact of life in the world of today. We must be aware of the power of evil in the course of history. If the resoluteness of the United States is undermined, and the isolationism of the 1930's is repeated, all the free world will pay a price.

ABOUT THE SILENT MAJORITY — Recent changes in the world and in our country are as nothing compared with changes to come. Our government will face its greatest challenge. Have we outgrown the ability to govern ourselves? We have, if we are willing to be part of the so-called "silent majority." This has been the lazy majority — too indifferent or too stupid to accept their duties of citizenship. If you think that a militant minority should be ignored, your attention is called to a similar group that was formed by a Corporal in a beer cellar in Munich.

ABOUT DISSENT — A generation gap is nothing new — what is new is the widespread antagonism being generated today by professional agitators. They are expert at stirring

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ACCOLADE FOR THE CHIEFS



On October 25th the New Jersey Department, Sons and Auxiliary honored Commander-in-Chief Fred H. Combs Jr., and National President Mrs. Florence M. Jansson at a Testimonial Dinner held in Nassau Inn, Princeton, to commemorate their election at the National Encampment held in St. Louis, Mo. in August.

The delightful and impressive affair was attended by 181 members and friends with representatives present from Pennsylvania, New York, Maine, Maryland and Delaware, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire in addition to New Jersey. Both Fred and Florence had members of their families and co-workers present to wish them well.

Maj. Gen. James F. Cantwell (shown above with Fred and Florence) extended greetings from New Jersey Governor Richard Hughes in an impressive manner. The recipient of our Good Citizen Award for 1970, Gen. Cantwell is an honorary member of the New Jersey Department. There were several Officers of the New Jersey National Guard and their wives also present.

Letters of congratulation and best wishes were read from President Richard M. Nixon. Also, letters and telegrams were received from many parts of the country from coast to coast.

Dept. Pres. Mrs. Lydia Browne and Dept. Commander Richard Hines presented both honored guests with remembrances both personally and from the New Jersey Department. They also were remembered by many others.

National Officers present included Norman Furman, Albert C. Lambert, C. Leroy Stoudt, Edwin Kramer, Walter Williams, Ann E. Willeke, Irene Murphy, Virginia Ackerman, Agnes Davis, Minnie Madeiros, Mary Kramer, Alice Sharkey, Edna S. Lambert, Eileen Coombs and Dorothy Klunck. Past National Heads present in addition to those mentioned above were Anne O. Clayton, Edith Paulding, Anna I. Stoudt, Emma Wheeler, Edith Snyder, Flora Bates and Harold Arnold. Visiting Department Heads were Robert Laurence, George Long, Eva Erisman, Natalie Linnell and Marilyn Gaynor.

A feature was the presentation of his membership badge to Dr. Albert Jansson by his mother, Natl. Pres. Florence Jansson.

P.D.C. Walter Williams acted as Toastmaster, and P.N.P. Anne O. Clayton acted as Toastmistress.

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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



CALIFORNIA



Pictured are J. E. "Doc" Martie, Dept. Commander; Mrs. John McCarthy, Dept. President DUVCW; William Thomas, Commander of Reno Camp No. 28; John N. McCarthy, P.D.C.

G. A. R. Highway (U. S. No. 6) Markers are reappearing throughout Nevada as a result of the activity and hard work of members of Isaac Crist Camp 28 of Reno. The Nevada Legislature passed public law 408.405 directing the Highway Department to replace markers, many of which were removed by souvenir hunters. This active Camp sponsored the 1969 Memorial Day exercises that were reported by six radio stations and three TV stations, and attended by the Chief Justice of the Nevada Supreme Court. Colonel Millard was the speaker of the day.

ILLINOIS



On November 2, Jim and Eva Blackman held open house on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary, in the beautiful lounge of the Oak Park Arms Hotel, Oak Park, Ill. The "bride and groom" had a wonderful time greeting more than one hundred relatives and friends.

Dept. Commander Donald M. Berlin Jr. and Dept. President Elsie L. Evans presided at the Department Mid-Term meeting held November 8 in the Oak Park Arms, Oak Park, Ill. Dept. Chiefs of Staff James M. Blackman and Viola E. Hartwig were in charge of the dinner.

Christopher J. Iekel is the new Commander of Camp 1,

Chicago. McClernand Camp 4 of Springfield has added 8 new members and 2 transferees during 1969.

Old Glory Camp 61-65, Chicago had guest speaker Miner T. Coburn at their November meeting. The Camp Patriotic Instructor presents "mini-talks" at each Camp meeting on the U. S. Presidents and their wives.

DEPARTMENT ENDORSEMENT

At its Mid-Term Meeting in November, the Illinois Department unanimously endorsed the candidacy of P.D.C. George L. Cashman for the office of Commander in-Chief. Brother Cashman served as Department Commander in 1961-62. He has also served as a member of the National Council, and is currently Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. The success and continuing growth of the annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony has been due primarily to the efforts of this fine brother, who has served as Co-Chairman of that event nearly every year since it was instituted, and we are proud to present his name for consideration at the forthcoming National Encampment.

MAINE

Both John F. Osbourne, Dept. Commander and Lila Paddock were honored recently with receptions that were well attended by members and friends. Appropriate entertainment was enjoyed, followed by a receiving line and presentation of many gifts.

MARYLAND

Lincoln-Cushing Camp 2 of Washington, D. C. installed officers at a dinner meeting on November 29 at Almas Shrine Temple. George H. Miller Jr. is the new Commander and Grahame T. Smallwood Jr. is Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. Owen John, a distinguished Washington attorney was initiated by P.D.C. Robert J. McCarthy. Arrangements were made by District of Columbia representative Arthur R. Glenum.

MASSACHUSETTS

In November Willie Grout Camp and Auxiliary, Worcester gave a reception to Dept. Commander Howard E. Waite and in September Marion Pohl Young, Dept. President was tendered a reception in Wakefield. Many officers' members and friends attended both affairs from Massachusetts and nearby States.

Ruby (Fuller) Collins who was general chairlady of the reception for the Dept. President was suddenly stricken with heart ailment, two days following the reception and passed away soon thereafter. Other recent deaths include Herbert W. Bogue and Herbert Hobart. Also PDP Gladys M. Loomer and PDP Blanche (Fuller-Foster) Crocker.

The 48th annual gathering of "Grand Army Family" was held in War Memorial Building, Brockton with 150 diners; largest number in recent years. Jessie G. Wells was General Chairlady, while Robert L. Wood was chairman for SUVCW.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

On November 2 a large attendance of members, relatives and friends attended a reception for Dept. Commander Robert Lawrence and Dept. Auxiliary President Marilyn Gaynor in Boscowen.

PDP Sadie Follansbee and her sister Mrs. Byrdis Lombard were honored by Auxiliary 11 of Keene at the December meeting. PDP Gladys Rollins presented pins to Mrs. Lombard for 61 years membership and Mrs. Follansbee for 56 years membership.

Due to the efforts of P. C. in C. Cleon Heald, the New Hampshire Legislature has recently ruled that the veterans' camp ground property at The Weirs remain tax exempt. The bill sponsored by Brother Heald also resulted in recognition of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War along with other veteran groups. This precedent might become helpful in similar instances in other states.

NEW JERSEY



Shown above are Natl. President Mrs. Florence Jansson, Commander-in-Chief Fred H. Combs Jr., Dept. Commander Richard Hines and Dept. President Mrs. Lydia Browne, at the impressive Testimonial Dinner held on November 16 in the Town and Campus, Union, N. J. in honor of Dept. President Browne.

Our Department mid-year meeting was held Nov. 30 in G.A.R. Hall, Trenton at which time several new candidates received the degree work. Resolutions relative to world and national affairs were adopted and sent to members of Congress and the New Jersey Legislature.

On November 17, Auxiliary Dept. Patr. Instr., PDP Ella Reeger presented a check to a representative of the New Jersey State Hospital for the new retarded childrens unit.

Glen Whitaker, Esq., a member of Camp No. 5, Trenton will participate in Memorial Day activities in Kansas City, Mo. being arranged by the Ladies of the G. A. R.

NEW YORK

Receptions and dinners honoring Dept. Commander Harry Gibbons and Dept. President Mrs. Genevieve Lowe were held recently in Owego, Buffalo, and Schenectady. The Buffalo dinner held at the Continental Inn was attended by all of the Allied Orders, as well as a goodly number of Past Dept. Presidents and Commanders. Mrs. Jacqueline Furman was Chairman, and Jr. Vice C. in C. Norman Furman was the Toastmaster.

The sympathy of the Department is extended to Dept. Treasurer Margaret Hackenberg who lost her husband during the National Convention.

Dept. Press Correspondent Marie Butler is actively soliciting subscriptions to The Banner.

Ten Eyck Camp held its annual Dedication Day observation on November 15, in the Howard Johnson restaurant in Albany. Department officers of the Sons and Auxiliary were honored by the large group of members present including many Past National and Past Department Officers.

OREGON & WASHINGTON

P. C. in C. Fred David and Mrs. Davis now reside at Cascade Manor, 65 West 30th, Eugene, Ore. 97405. They are well pleased with their new surroundings and enjoy the convenience of living on one floor.

Dept. Commander C. S. Merydith and LTC C. R. Butcher are making plans for the Fife and Drum Corps to attend our Encampment May 24-26 in Eugene.

PENNSYLVANIA

Meade Camp 16 of Reading and its Auxiliary held a joint anniversary dinner recently in the Holiday House. The 88th anniversary of the Camp and the 79th anniversary of the Auxiliary were observed. This Camp has had the honor of furnishing four Commanders-in-Chief, viz: James Lewis Rake in 1898; Edgar W. Alexander in 1900; Horace H. Hammer in 1939 and C. Leroy Stoudt in 1943. Mrs. Anna Stoudt and Mrs. Irene Murphy of this Auxiliary have both served as National President.

OHIO



This unit representing (L. to R.) World War I, Revolutionary War, Civil War, World War II and Indian Wars is affiliated with the First Ohio Regiment SVR located in Columbus. They participate in parades and observances throughout Ohio.

The Alliance Camp and Auxiliary were entertained by Richard and Jane Greenwalt for their Christmas Party. Nancy has had her cast removed and is progressing nicely. She hopes to return to school in January. Margaret Gehret has been busy conducting inspections of Auxiliary 48 and 45 accompanied by several from Alliance. Sister Marguerite Dayton, Dept. Treasurer had the misfortune of fracturing her leg and was confined in Barberton Citizens Hospital.

VERMONT

The Green Mountain Patriot Issue No. 1. Series 1969-70 again contained a detailed and interesting report of Vermont activities. We recommend subscribing at \$1.00 yearly to Arthur L. Ballou or Ned L. Burkee.

TO BILL, WITH LOVE

Five score years ago our forefathers were engaged in a great Civil War. When young William Evans was summoned for duty in the Army, his brother, Johnny, could not stand the thought of separation.

They enlisted together; were assigned to Company K, Pennsylvania Volunteers Cavalry.

Johnny was made a messenger because he was a splendid horseman. The historians of the Battle of Gettysburg have paid glowing tribute to the daring messenger who dashed back and forth to and from headquarters through a hail of musket fire and a sustained barrage of cannon.

Then, on one trip back to command HQ, during a momentary lull in the battle, Johnny, the hard-riding messenger, saw several members of the company huddled around a fallen comrade. With the sixth sense that brothers sometimes have, Johnny knew before he dismounted that the man bleeding there on the ground was his brother Bill.

Johnny did not weep. It is important that you remember this: though others did, brother Johnny dared not cry.

Instead, he grabbed his brother's musket from the fallen hands and plunged its bayonet into the bloodstained mud to mark the place.

Moments later as the fighting resumed, Johnny, still dry-eyed, grabbed a saber. No more a messenger now, he must replace his fallen brother in the front lines. Still dry-eyed, but venting his agonizing grief by swinging that saber with all his might, Johnny strode forth into the fray.

That night when the company reconnoitered, Johnny tried with his cap to conceal the gash across his forehead — but

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WISCONSIN



The Delafield librarian, Mrs. R. H. Langer (left) was presented with four books with Civil War themes on October 26 by the Wisconsin Department of the Sons of Union Veterans and its auxiliary at the Summit Town Hall. Also taking part in the presentation were Mrs. Louise Hernke, Auxiliary President, and (L. to R.) Herman Black, P.D.C., Burton Kannenberg, Dept. Commander, and Tom Johnson, P.D.C.

P.D.C. Ben Haag of Eau Claire is in Valley Nursing Home, Fall Creek, Wisc. with both hips fractured. Best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery.

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an unstoppable trickle of blood betrayed the wound, a deep gash inflicted by an enemy saber.

Johnny, despite vigorous protests, was removed to a field hospital.

Then and there it was decided promptly that Johnny Evans would recover from the wound — but would never fight again.

After serving 18 months in the front lines, Johnny was returned to Danville, Ohio, to live out his years. He is buried under that gravestone in that cemetery west of Massilon.

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But this is THE REST OF THE STORY:

Johnny Evans, who did not have to go to war but chose to, who refused to be separated from the brother he loved — Johnny Evans who spent 18 months in the front lines of that War just to stay beside his brother, William — was not his brother at all.

Johnny Evans, the greatest horseman in the Pennsylvania Volunteers, was no horseman, either.

For what they discovered in a field hospital on the fringe of the bloody fighting at Gettysburg was the reason Johnny had not dared to cry. That Johnny — to whom death was less bitter than separation was Mary Owens.

Not Bill's brother, but his sweetheart.

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No one can make you inferior without your consent.

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Don't mountain climb over mole hills.

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You are invited to a "Love In" — Love your country, that is.

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Do not lose faith in your government or your religion. Both have had to survive selfish and unprincipled leadership on occasion.

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Note to Hippies — If you go without a bath long enough even the fleas will leave you alone.

ABOUT PROTESTS

In spite of everything, the very size and at times the violence of our demonstrations, are nothing but evidence of the immense liberty which the citizen of the United States enjoys. No other nation exposes itself to analysis, criticism and debate with the abandon practiced here.

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NO GAIN

More holidays on Mondays?
That sounds like happy news,
But won't the net result be
To shift the blues to Tues.?

The Wall Street Journal 6/19/69

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ABOUT FREEDOM

No man escapes when freedom fails,
The best men rot in filthy jails,
And those who shout, 'Appease,
appease,' are hanged by those
they tried to please.

Everett McKinley Dirksen

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The right of free speech does not include the right to shout fire in a crowded theatre.

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At our Thule, Greenland, air base, the chaplain was lecturing us on how we could improve ourselves by improving our thinking. After pointing out how great men like Lincoln, Edison and Eisenhower had worked their way to the top by thinking out what they wanted to do, he concluded with a ringing, "Remember, men, what you are is determined by what you think about all the time!"

My buddy turned to me and said, "If that's the case, I'm either a pin-up girl or a Cadillac convertible!"

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NON-NEGOTIABLE

This means that there is no other viewpoint but mine. In a democratic society it is used by the naive and immature, or by dedicated hard core agitators.

THE VIEW FROM HERE . . .

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up a mob, in their attempt to divide and conquer. Dissent as a disruptive force will not die with Vietnam. It will extend to anything that an activist minority happens to dislike. The huge majority of our nation will not let the U. S. system of government be torn apart by politically motivated mobs.

ABOUT THE HAYNSWORTH TRAGEDY — Clement F. Haynsworth, Jr., has for twelve years been a judge of the Fourth U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, five of these as chief judge. His record was examined by a committee of the American Bar Association, which declared it "found no impropriety in his conduct," and expressed its support of his nomination as an Associate Judge of the Supreme Court. He was nevertheless rejected by the Senate. The upper house of Congress brushed aside the rule that a man is innocent until proved guilty. It preferred to ruin the reputation of a distinguished jurist. What was back of this strange action? Unquestionably a lobby comprised of the heads of labor unions and Negro civil-rights organizations. They criticized Judge Haynsworth and, in effect, insisted that someone who is a partisan of their causes should have been named to the Supreme Court. This is a sorry development in the history of our Government.

ABOUT PINKVILLE — Our first reaction is that the news media has ignored our time honored tradition that a man is innocent until proven guilty. They have convicted Lt. William Calley without a trial. If this continues no soldier will dare do his duty without the fear of being accused of murder. On the other hand, if the charge is true, we can conclude that misfits can no more be trusted in the Armed Services than they can in civilian life. When judges give a criminal the choice of going to jail or going into the Army, the Armed Forces have a serious problem. They cannot be expected to do what civilian society has failed to do.