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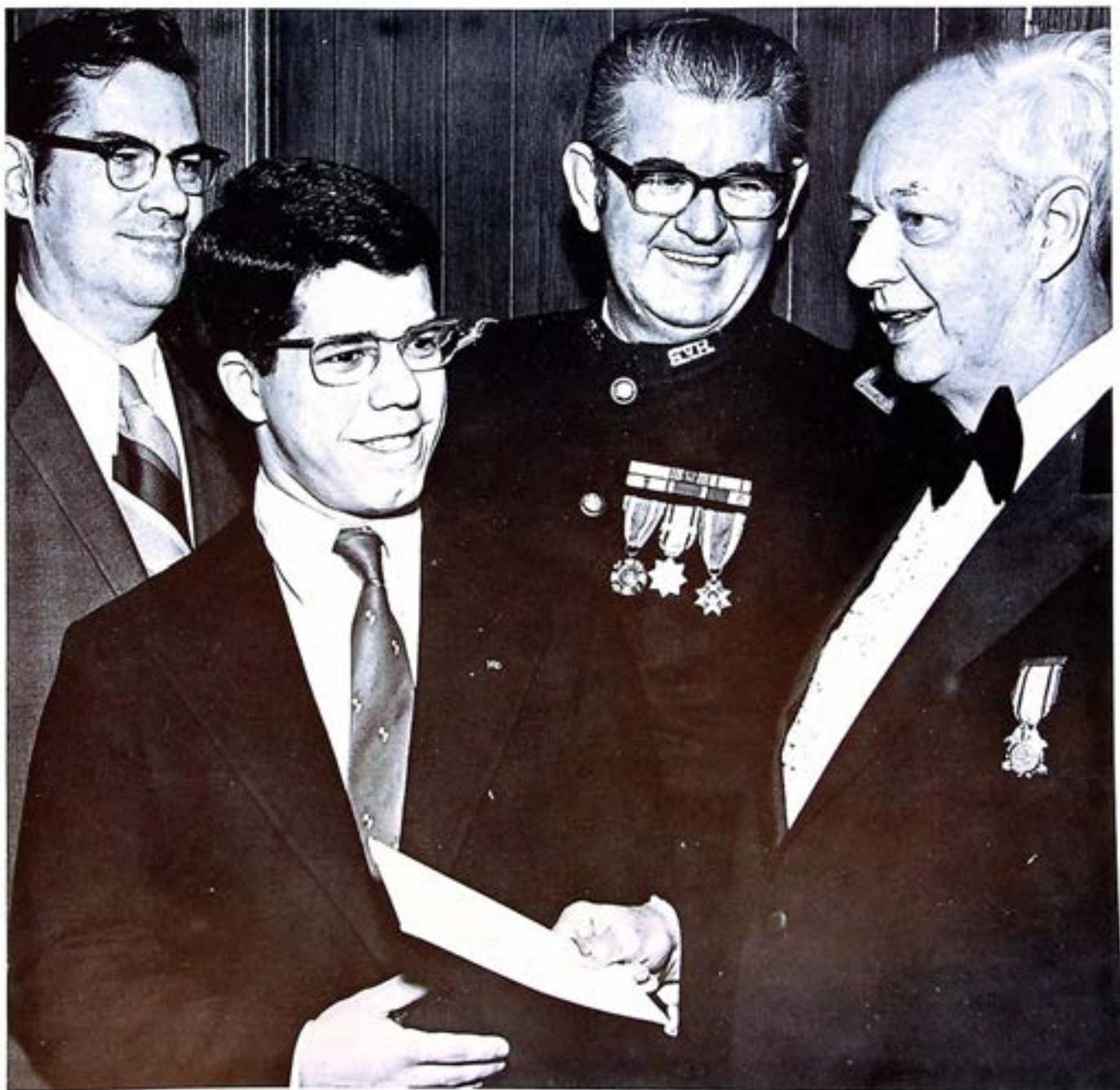
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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED AT GETTYSBURG



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GETTYSBURG COLLEGE SENIOR RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

(See Photo on Page One)

The annual scholarship of \$250 awarded by the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was presented to John L. Plotkin (second from left) of New York, a senior student at Gettysburg College, by Commander-in-Chief Allen B. Howland (far right) at the 43rd Annual Dedication Day Dinner held at the Gettysburg Holiday Inn on November 17, as Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter (far left), Professor of History at Gettysburg College, and National Secretary-Treasurer Chester S. Shriver look on.

Plotkin expressing his appreciation said that the award will help his plans to enter law school after graduating from college at Gettysburg. Said Plotkin, "the value of history as a study lies not so much in the study of people and events, but in the training it gives. It teaches a recognition of the value of independence, a respect for those nations and people, who have stood the test of time, and it teaches the value of truth." Plotkin said he plans to become an attorney because he believes the practice of law will help him do some small good for his community and nation. "Upon the lawyer," he said, "devolves the task of fostering the liberty of every man while retaining the structure of society."

Ivan Frantz, Sr. was the Toastmaster at the Dinner, which commemorated the dedication of the Gettysburg National Cemetery on November 19, 1863. Mrs. Kathleen Runkle, President of the Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association, sponsors of the Dinner, gave the Address of Welcome. The American's Creed and the Gettysburg Address were recited in unison by all present. Mary Seitz, Chaplain of the Association, gave the Invocation and Benediction.

National and Department Heads of the five Organizations allied with the GAR spoke briefly and extended greetings.

During the program Frantz, by action of the Pennsylvania Department, SUVCW, was given a Past Department Commander's Badge for having completed ten years of service as Department Secretary-Treasurer.

The program also included group singing with Ivan Frantz, Jr. conducting and P.C. in C. Frank Heacock accompanying at the piano.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S FAREWELL TO SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Greatness came out of Springfield, Illinois on a cold and drizzly February 11, 1861. On that date, Mr. Lincoln demonstrated that greatness in his usual humble and simplistic style, although sadly and sorrowfully, when he made the following brief, but now famous, extemporaneous farewell address to the people of Springfield out of the fullness of his heart with fast-falling rain glistening on his cheeks as he spoke:

"No one, not in my situation, can appreciate my feeling of sadness at this parting. To this place, and the kindness of these people, I owe everything. Here I have lived a quarter of a century, and have passed from a young to an old man. Here my children have been born, and one is buried. I now leave, not knowing when, or whether ever, I may return, with a task before me greater than that which rested upon Washington. Without the assistance of that Divine Being, who ever attended Him, I cannot succeed. With that assistance I cannot fail. Trusting in Him, who can go with me, and remain with you and be everywhere for good, let us confidently hope that all will yet be well."

The mob is man voluntarily descending to the nature of the beast. — Ralph Waldo Emerson



COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AND NATIONAL PRESIDENT HONORED AT MASSACHUSETTS DINNER AND RECEPTION

A joint dinner and reception honoring Commander-in-Chief Allen B. Howland, and National President Jessie G. Wells was held at the Hotel Sonesta in Cambridge on October 27. Among the 150 persons who attended were many present and past National and Department officers, representatives of Allied Orders and numerous representatives of various Departments of New England and the Departments of Maryland-Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. Members of the families of the honored guests and many friends were among those in attendance. Numerous greetings were extended and many congratulatory letters and telegrams were read.

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the New England Regional Association will be held in Rhode Island, March 16th and 17th, 1974, at which time the subject "Civil War Folks from Rhode Island" will be discussed.

"Union Veterans of the Civil War Who Became Presidents" was the discussion topic at the meeting of the Association held in Hartford, Connecticut, October 13th and 14th.

MILWAUKEE HOST TO CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE

The Central Region Conference was held October 13th and 14th at the Holiday Inn, Milwaukee, Wisconsin with Commander Richard Greenwalt, Alliance, Ohio presiding.

The conference discussed the theme "Maintaining and Getting New Members" with Thomas L. W. Johnson, Past Department Commander of Wisconsin, as Moderator. The conference was honored by the presence of Commander-in-Chief Allen B. Howland and National President Jessie G. Wells.

The speaker at the banquet Saturday night was Thomas Benson of the Wisconsin American Revolution Bicentennial Commission. Mr. Benson gave a very interesting talk on the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the American Revolution.

Newly-elected officers are: Commander, Marie Doran of Illinois; Secretary, Jane Greenwalt, Ohio; Treasurer, Ellinore L. Konrad, Wisconsin.

Past Department Commander Thomas L. W. Johnson and Past National President Ellinore L. Konrad, Co-chairmen, and their committee were commended for the fine arrangements and enjoyable entertainment. The 1974 Conference will be held in Youngstown, Ohio, October 12th and 13th.



WREATHS PLACED AT WOOLSON MONUMENT

National and State heads of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and other Orders allied to the Grand Army of the Republic placed wreaths at the Comrade Albert Woolson Monument, the Memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic, in Ziegler's Grove on the Gettysburg Battlefield on November 17th at the conclusion of the 16th Annual Remembrance Day Program.

Shown above (from left) are: Mrs. JoAnne Dugan, Penna. Dept. President, Ladies of the GAR; Mrs. Viola Foringer, Penna. Dept. President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Mrs. Myrtle Sundberg, Penna. Dept. President, Woman's Relief Corps; Mrs. Claire Monohan, Penna. Dept. President, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Thomas A. Monohan, Jr., Penna. Dept. Commander, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Allen B. Howland, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Mrs. Ellenor Larson, National President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Mrs. Jessie G. Wells, National President, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Miss Sabra S. Stoughton, National President, Woman's Relief Corps; and Mrs. Della Richard, National President, Ladies of the GAR. Following the placement of the wreaths, the Lancaster Fencibles fired the volley and Taps was sounded by Karl J. Frantz of York.

Frank M. Heacock, Sr., P.C. in C., was the Master of Ceremonies at the Remembrance Day service in the visitor Center Auditorium which preceded the wreath-placing ceremony. Rev. E. G. Colestock, retired Lutheran minister, gave the prayers. The Fifes and Drums of the 11th Penna. Vol. Inf. Reg't., Sons of Union Veterans Reserve of Gettysburg, provided the Civil War music for the program.

The national and state heads of the five allied organizations spoke briefly and extended greetings.

Lt. Col. Richard F. Reidy, Jr., U. S. Army R.O.T.C. at Gettysburg College, delivered the main address. Commenting on the fact that our nation has problems today, Col. Reidy said that it was never so close to the edge of the precipice as it was in the days of 1861-65 when we were not one nation, but two nations, at war with each other. "It was then," he said, "when the common soldier, who had learned that war was a dirty, bloody, weary business, provided the strength to save the Union." "As long as we retain the ideals of the men who won the Civil War," Col. Reidy emphasized, "then the Nation is safe."

PERMANENT FUND

Our Permanent Fund was authorized to unite 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 his 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
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The following contributions have been received since the last issue of THE BANNER:

- From William C. Duval, 4315 Schenck Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio In memory of Major General I. H. Duval, West Virginia Army Corps 2 \$10.00
- Life Membership — G. Edward Coltrin, P.C.C., Thrush Camp No. 25, Peoria, Ill. \$100.00

PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF

Elected		Elected	
1881 Harry T. Rowley	Penna.	1927 Walter C. Mable	Penna.
1882 Harry T. Rowley	Penna.	1928 Delevan Bates Bowley	C.&P.
1883 Frank P. Merrill	Maine	1929 Theodore C. Cazeau	N. Y.
1884 Harry W. Arnold	Penna.	1930 Allan S. Holbrook	Illinois
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1886 Walter S. Payne	Ohio	1932 Titus M. Ruch	Penna.
1887 George B. Abbott	Illinois	1933 Park F. Yengling	Ohio
1888 George B. Abbott	Illinois	1934 Frank L. Kirchgassner	Mass.
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1890 Leland J. Webb	Kansas	1936 Wm. Allan Dyer	N. Y.
1891 Bartow S. Weeks	New York	1937 Wm. Allan Dyer	N. Y.
1892 Marvin E. Hall	Michigan	1938 Wm. L. Anderson	Mass.
1893 Joseph B. Maccabe	Mass.	1939 Ralph R. Barrett	Calif.
1894 William E. Bundy	Ohio	1940 J. Kirkwood Craig	Minn.
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1896 James Lewis Rake	Penna.	1942 Henry Towle	Maine
1897 Charles E. Darling	Mass.	1943 C. Leroy Stoudt	Penna.
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1902 Frank Martin	Indiana	1948 Perle L. Fouch	Michigan
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1904 William C. Dustin	Illinois	1950 Cleon E. Heald	N. H.
1905 Harley V. Speelman	Ohio	1951 Roy J. Bennett	Iowa
1906 Edwin M. Ames	Penna.	1952 Frederick K. Davis	Ore.&W.
1907 Ralph Sheldon	New York	1953 Maj Gen U.S. Grant 3rd Md.	
1908 Edgar Allan, Jr.	Md.	1954 Maj Gen U.S. Grant 3rd Md.	
1909 George W. Pollitt	New Jersey	1955 Frederic G. Bauer	Mass.
1910 Fred E. Bolton	Mass.	1956 Fred E. Howe	N. Y.
1911 Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	1957 Albert B. DeHaven	Maine
1912 Ralph M. Grant	Conn.	1958 Earl F. Riggs	Calif.
1913 John E. Sautter	Penna.	1959 Harold E. Arnold	Rhode Is.
1914 Charles F. Sherman	N. Y.	1960 Thos. A. Chadwick	Vermont
1915 A. E. B. Stephens	Ohio	1961 Charles L. Messer	N. Y.
1916 William T. Church	Illinois	1962 Chester S. Shriver	Penna.
1917 Fred T. J. Johnson	Md.	1963 Joseph S. Rippey	N. Y.
1918 Francis Callahan	Penna.	1964 Joseph S. Rippey	N. Y.
1919 Harry D. Sisson	Mass.	1965 W. Earl Corbin	Ohio
1920 Pelham A. Barrows	Neb.	1966 Frank Woerner	Calif.
1921 Clifford Ireland	Illinois	1967 William W. Haskell	Mass.
1922 Frank Shellhouse	Indiana	1968 Frank M. Heacock Sr.	Penna.
1923 Samuel S. Horn	Penna.	1969 Fred H. Combs Jr.	N. J.
1924 Wm. M. Coffin	Ohio	1970 George L. Cashman	Illinois
1925 Edwin C. Irelan	Md.	1971 Norman R. Furman	N. Y.
1926 Ernest W. Homan	Mass.	1972 John C. Yocum	Penna.



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The holiday season is coming as I write this Order and will be past when you read it. It is my hope that all brothers have enjoyed the holidays and are ready to make a fresh start in a new year for the advancement of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Like my predecessors, I sincerely urge you to do all possible to increase the membership of our Organization. Congratulations are due the following brothers who have been appointed National Special Aides for securing at least *three new members*:

- John Donahue, Maine
- Kenneth Ekstrand, Camp No. 5, New Jersey
- Joseph Young, Camp No. 5, New Jersey
- Frank Bellinger, Camp No. 233, New York

All Camp secretaries are urged to report to me promptly the names of members who recruit three or more candidates and also, for my personal survey, the information as to whether the newly-recruited members are hereditary or associate members.

The energy crisis may make travel uncertain in the coming months, but every effort will be made to attend functions as invitations are received. It will be appreciated if you will let me know the dates, locations and specific times of various events as soon as possible. Unfortunately, the usual conflict of dates for Department Encampments will prevent my attendance at some.

A most impressive series of events constituted the observance of Dedication Day at Gettysburg on November 17th. My sincere appreciation is extended to all who contributed to the success of the activities and programs by planning, working, parading or by simply being present to witness the events of the day.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Robert J. Wolz and to his father, Ohio Department Commander Robert C. Wolz, upon the death of Mrs. Robert C. Wolz early in December.

To all others who have lost loved ones, we express our sympathy in their sorrow.

Allen B. Howland
 Commander-in-Chief

ONE HUNDRETH ANNIVERSARY FUND

Continuing to look ahead to the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of our National Organization, the Council of Administration has again authorized the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief to solicit funds for a fund to be set aside for this purpose. After you have made your contribution to the National G.A.R. Memorial Fund (National Patriotic Instructor's Fund), you are urged to contribute to the 100th Anniversary Fund by sending a check or money order made out to the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to:

Chester J. Butler
 Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief
 14064 E. Dittman Dr.
 Whittier, Cal. 90105

THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

On November 28, Gov. Patrick Lucey signed legislation to return the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 in Wisconsin. That action, coupled with the passage of similar laws in California and Washington, brings to 33 the number of States that have returned Veterans Day to its traditional date. In Washington, the measure also included the return of Memorial Day to May 30 and survived a veto by Gov. Daniel Evans. On September 13, Gov. Dan Walker of Illinois signed a bill to return the observance of Memorial Day to May 30 in that State.

The Constitutional Amendments Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee has been holding hearings on a proposal to allow voluntary prayers in public schools.

On November 30, the House of Representatives passed and sent to the Senate a \$74.5 billion military spending bill for fiscal year 1974 after beating back several attempts to reduce the total appropriation. Rep. George Mahon of Texas, chairman of the Appropriations Committee, termed the bill "pared to the bone" and charged that an additional cut of \$3.5 billion would greatly impair U. S. defenses. Under the measure as passed, about 60% of the funds will be spent for pay and personnel costs and 40% for procurement, and research and development.

Under legislation signed by President Nixon in mid-November, \$21.3 billion has been authorized for weapons development and procurement. Included in the bill is a provision to accelerate production of the Trident submarine and missile program. The Navy plans to have the first such vessel ready for launching by 1978. Passage of the measure also assured continued development of the B-1 bomber as requested by the Administration. Attempts to reduce drastically overseas troop commitments were defeated as a part of the final bill reported out by a Senate-House Conference Committee.

After considerable legislative maneuvering, a Presidential veto, and a successful attempt to override that veto, the Zablocki-Javits Act has become law. Otherwise known as the War Powers Act, this measure requires the President to notify Congress within 48 hours of employing U. S. armed forces abroad. It then requires that they be withdrawn within 60 days unless Congress votes an extension, but that the time limit could be extended an additional 30 days if the President certifies that safe withdrawal requires that much more time. By concurrent resolution, not subject to a possible veto, Congress could order a halt to military action within either the 60- or 90-day limits.

In his Veto Message, President Nixon had contended that the legislation would severely restrict his constitutional authority as commander-in-chief and "would give every future Congress the ability to handcuff every future President by doing nothing and sitting still."

The vote to override the veto in the House was 284 to 135 — four votes more than the required two-thirds majority; in the Senate the vote was 75 to 13 — 18 votes more than needed to override. Representatives and Senators of all shades of the political spectrum were found on both sides of the rollcalls.

By resolution, Congress frequently proclaims the observance of a special week or month. Recently, Rep. Ken Hechler of West Virginia objected to the practice on the grounds that the actions are frivolous and waste congressional time. Rep. Don Edwards of California, chairman of the subcommittee that considers such matters, countered with the reply that the resolutions took up little time, entailed no real cost to the Government, and made their sponsoring organizations happy. Apparently, we can continue to look forward to celebrating History Week among others.

THOMAS L. W. JOHNSON
 Chairman

ANNOUNCEMENT

The proceedings of the 92nd National Encampment will be ready for distribution in January. Everyone registered at the Palm Springs Encampment will receive his copy from National Headquarters. Copies for Camps and Departments will be mailed in bulk to each Department Secretary for distribution.

CHESTER S. SHRIVER
 Nat'l. Sec'y-Treas.
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THOMAS
(TAD)
LINCOLN

By
George L. Cashman
 Past Commander-in-Chief and Curator, Lincoln's Tomb

Had you been a visitor to the White House during the administration of President Abraham Lincoln, you might, literally, have been bowled over by a veritable cyclone, in the form of a small and impulsive boy. A boy who frequently shattered the dignity and serenity of the house by his many unpredictable antics.

Unhindered by parental tyranny, Tad Lincoln became the tyrant of the Executive Mansion. There was a strong bond of affection between Abraham Lincoln and his son Tad, and after the untimely death of his son Willie in February 1862, Tad became Lincoln's almost constant companion. A sensitive, big-hearted and lovable child, Tad was allowed almost unbounded liberty, a permissiveness that occasionally threw the house into an uproar because of his pranks.

On one occasion he scared the wits out of some visitors waiting in the public rooms when he drove a pair of goats, hitched tandem fashion to a kitchen chair, at high speed, through the vestibules. On another occasion he burst unceremoniously into a meeting of the cabinet and announced that the cook had denied him the privilege of feeding a few of his friends in the kitchen, and demanded better treatment for his guests. He got it. At the same meeting, Edwin M. Stanton, the gruff and immovable martinet of the War Department, mellowed at the sight of the boy's agitation, and taking Tad on his knee he promised to give him a First Lieutenant's commission in the United States Volunteers, and supply him with the uniform and accoutrements of that rank. A promise which he fulfilled without delay.

Clothed with the authority of an officer of the army, Tad proceeded at once to enlist and drill everyone he could corral, including a number of the household staff. When his soldiers had been properly drilled to his satisfaction, Tad dismissed the regular sentries guarding the entrances to the White House and took over that job for his little army.

In spite of Tad's many peccadilloes, he was treated with affectionate tolerance by everyone connected with the house, and by many of the visitors who saw in Tad an opportunity to gain audience with the President. These people were more often successful than not. Tad was a sympathetic child whose tender heart was easily touched by a sob-story, and he would bring the matter to his father's attention for action. Lincoln could seldom bring himself to deny Tad's passionate pleading, and many visitors left the White House with a prayer on their lips for the President.

Many adjectives have been employed to describe Tad such as, imperious, jolly, responsive, roguish and spoiled, and all are apropos. He was all of these. Tad matured rapidly after the death of his father, and Mrs. Lincoln leaned heavily upon him. His death in 1871, at the age of eighteen years, added another chapter to Lincoln family tragedy.

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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.

Fred H. Combs Jr., Editor
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Civil War Firsts . . .

DID YOU KNOW

- The American Civil War was the **FIRST** war in which
- Railroads were extensively used for the rapid movement of military supplies and of large bodies of troops from one theatre of operation to another.
 - Aerial reconnaissance was first effectively used from anchored balloons in military operations.
 - The electric telegraph was used in the strategic control of military operations in widely separated theatres and in the tactical direction of troops in battle.
 - A multi-manned submarine sank a surface vessel.
 - Opposing ironclads engaged in naval battle.
 - Naval "torpedoes" (mines) were widely used.
 - Medical care of the wounded was systematically organized.
 - Participants, sites and equipment were photographed on a large scale.
 - Nationwide conscription was used to raise armies in North America.
 - A practical machine gun was developed.
 - Voting by soldiers and sailors in service was provided for by national laws.
 - Rifled artillery came into general use.
 - Mobile railroad artillery was used.
 - Large-scale coverage was carried on by recognized news correspondents at the front.
 - The repeating rifle was used by large troop units.
 - Wire entanglements in field fortifications were used.
 - The Medal of Honor was awarded.

TWO DESIGNING GENERALS

The commanding generals who opposed each other at the Battle of Gettysburg had, in earlier days, a hand in engineering projects along the eastern coast of the United States. George Gordon Meade, Union General, had drawn plans for the now-famous Barnegat Lighthouse on Long Beach Island, New Jersey, and Robert E. Lee, Confederate General, designed a fortress at Fort Hancock on Sandy Hook, New Jersey.

COLLEGE FRESHMAN AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP



Shown above is National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mrs. Jessie G. Wells (left), presenting a scholarship check to Miss Kathleen McDonald of Cambridge, Mass. Miss McDonald is a freshman at Leslie College, majoring in elementary education. The award was made on October 27 at the dinner and reception given in honor of Commander-in-Chief Howland and National President Wells. Cambridge Mayor Barbara Ackerman attended and witnessed the presentation of the award.



HELLO,

REMEMBER ME?

Some people call me Old Glory, others call me the Star Spangled Banner, but whatever they call me, I am your Flag, the flag of the United States of America . . . Something has been bothering me, so I thought I might talk it over with you . . . because it is about you and me.

I remember some time ago people lined up on both sides of the street to watch the parade and naturally I was leading every parade, proudly waving in the breeze, when your daddy saw me coming, he immediately removed his hat and placed it against his left shoulder so that the hand was directly over his heart . . . remember?

And you, I remember you. Standing there straight as a soldier. You didn't have a hat, but you were giving the right salute. Remember little sister? Not to be outdone, she was saluting the same as you with her right hand over her heart . . . remember?

What happened? I'm still the same old flag. Oh, I have a few more Stars since you were a boy. A lot more blood has been shed since those parades of long ago.

But now I don't feel as proud as I used to. When I come down your street you just stand there with your hands in your pockets and I may get a small glance and then you look away. Then I see the children running around and shouting . . . they don't seem to know who I am . . . I saw one man take his hat off then look around, he didn't see anybody else with theirs off so he quickly put his back on.

Is it a sin to be patriotic anymore? Have you forgotten what I stand for and where I've been? . . . Anzio, Guadalcanal, Korea and now Vietnam. Take a look at the Memorial Honor Rolls sometimes, of those who never came back to keep this Republic free . . . One Nation Under God . . . When you salute me, you are actually saluting them.

Well, it won't be long until I'll be coming down your street again. So, when you see me, stand straight, place your right hand over your heart . . . and I'll salute you, by waving back . . . and I'll know that . . .

YOU REMEMBERED!

(Author Unknown)

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

Springfield, Illinois
Monday, April 15, 1974

A memorial ceremony commemorating the 109th 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. In charge of arrangements are George L. Cashman, Thomas L. W. Johnson, and Wayne C. Temple, co-chairmen of the ceremony committee.

The State House Inn will be the site of a commemorative luncheon that will immediately follow the rites at the Tomb. Albert W. Banton, superintendent, Lincoln Home National Historical Site, Springfield, will be the principal speaker at the luncheon. The cost of the luncheon will be \$5.00 per plate. A shuttle bus will provide transportation free of charge between the Tomb and the hotel.

Department Commanders and Department Auxiliary Presidents will receive invitations to participate in the wreath-laying ceremony in a mailing to be made in mid-February. Upon receipt, they are requested to pass along the information to their respective members. Individual members of Camps and Auxiliaries are cordially invited to attend the ceremony and luncheon. It is expected that the 114th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment (Reactivated) of Springfield and other proud units attired in authentic Civil War uniforms will be on hand to form an honor guard for the ceremony.

New Hampshire Will Host . . . 93RD ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION

The 93rd Annual Convention of the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the annual conventions of the Auxiliary to the Sons and of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in the Mount Washington Hotel, Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, August 18-22, 1974. Members of the 1974 Convention Committee have been working diligently for several months on the many essential details in order to make certain that all who attend will have an enjoyable and long-to-be-remembered experience. Look for further information in the April issue of *The Banner*. Reservation cards will be available in due time at all Department Headquarters. Plan now to attend. An enjoyable time amidst the surroundings of the magnificent White Mountains awaits you.

Dedication of the Lincoln Memorial . . .

52ND ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY

The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States will observe the 52nd anniversary of the dedication of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C. on February 12th. The national organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, which participates annually in the observance, will be officially represented this year by Commander-in-Chief Allen B. Howland and our Color Guard under the command of Brig. Gen. Chester S. Shriver, SVR. The Auxiliary to the Sons will be represented by National President Jessie G. Wells.

William C. Duval, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion and currently the membership chairman, has requested that readers of *The Banner* be informed that all male persons 18 years of age or older, who are descendants of Army or Navy officers who served during the Civil War in the Union Forces on or before April 15, 1865, are eligible for membership in the Loyal Legion and that applications for membership are welcomed. All communications regarding membership should be directed to William C. Duval, Membership Chairman, National Headquarters of the Loyal Legion, 1805 Pine Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19103.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS 1973-74

COLORADO AND WYOMING (correction)

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IN MEMORIAM

The Rev. Elmer H. Finger, who served in numerous churches in both Philadelphia and New Jersey, died November 11, 1973 at St. Peter's Hospital, New Brunswick. Mr. Finger, 77, graduated from Friends Central and Friends Select and the former Temple University School of Theology.

Rev. Finger dedicated his life to his Church and his Country with a zeal and determination seldom equaled and never exceeded. He was particularly an authority on Abraham Lincoln and the Grand Army of the Republic. On many occasions he had members of the GAR as his guests for church services on Memorial Day. He has served as President of the Sons of Union Veterans Club of Philadelphia, and as its guest speaker on several occasions.

Rev. Finger became an Associate Member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War attached to Ferd V. Dayton Camp No. 5 of Trenton, N. J. and on many occasions addressed State camp #100 dinner meetings.

"HIS TRUTH IS MARCHING ON" is the theme of a Civil War Memorial Window that was dedicated November 12, 1961 at the Reformed Church of North Brunswick, New Jersey by the Allied Orders of Eastern Pennsylvania. Rev. Finger was pastor of the church at that time.

With special permission, Brother Finger was laid to rest in this church yard within sight of the window he was so proud of.



Department News



CONNECTICUT

Past Department Commander Harold L. Scott and his wife, Pauline, of Bristol celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on November 15th. An open house and reception, given in their honor by their four children, was held on Sunday, November 18th at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Bristol with more than 125 guests in attendance.

Brother Scott, a veteran of World War I and member of the Sons for more than 60 years, belongs to Capt. T. B. Robinson Camp No. 31. He is currently the Department Historian and vice-chairman of the Bristol Veterans Council.

IOWA

A new member was initiated into Fort Dodge Auxiliary No. 12 on September 14th at a meeting held at the home of Frances Eckenberger in Dayton. Fourteen persons were present to witness the inspection of the Auxiliary by Ethel Jones of Auxiliary No. 16, Des Moines.

Our annual picnic was held in Waterloo on September 16th with a good attendance.

A reception in honor of the Department Officers of the Auxiliary, followed by a banquet and accompanied by enjoyable entertainment presented by the Senior Citizens of Waterloo, was held on November 10th.

Auxiliaries No. 16 and 8 were inspected on November 6th by Department Inspector Eva Code of Fort Dodge. Department President Fern Kingsley was present.

MAINE

Several members of Garfield Camp and Auxiliary of Waterville and of J. Wesley Gilman Camp and Auxiliary of Oakland attended receptions for Mrs. Sarah Grover and Department Commander John F. Osborne and their staffs on October 27th and November 3rd, respectively.

Department Vice-President Harriet Ham wishes to thank all who helped to make the annual Department Fair a huge success.

MASSACHUSETTS

We are proud of a "first" for this Department — the election of the National Heads of the Sons and Auxiliary — Jessie G. Wells as National President and Allen B. Howland as Commander-in-Chief. A most appropriate testimonial to both, planned under the leadership of William Haskell, P. C. in C. and Personal Aide Minnie Madeiros, was held at the Hotel Sonesta in Cambridge on October 27th.

Department Commander Eugene Russell and Department President Thelma Badger were honored at an enjoyable reception at the Rockland GAR Hall on September 29.

A very successful Fund Raising Day was held under the leadership of our Auxiliary Department President in GAR Hall, Rockland. The event featured tables for candy, aprons, food, white elephants, raffle tickets and Christmas specialties. The evening program included a bean supper and a penny sale.

On December 1st the Past Department Commanders and Past Department Presidents Clubs held a Christmas party at the Yankee Drummer Inn in Auburn.

Other interesting and meaningful events conducted in recent months were the Friendly Relations Banquet (attended by members of all Allied Orders) in Somerville on October 14th; the Dedication Day Banquet in Holyoke on November 3rd; the Plymouth County Christmas party held in the Department Headquarters in Rockland on December 8th; the installation of the officers of Auxiliary No. 2 by P.D.P. Barbara Brown and her staff on October 20th; and the joint installation of officers of Camp No. 17 and Auxiliary No. 17 of Brockton on November 20th by Allen B. Howland, C. in C., and Viola Fuller, P.D.P., respectively.

Plans are now being made under the leadership of Chester W. Adshad, PDC, and Flora D. Bates, PNP for our Department Convention to be held April 19-21 in Auburn.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Keene Auxiliary No. 11 tendered a testimonial banquet in honor of Department President Alice Sharkey at the Thoreau Room at the Crystal Restaurant on September 8th. National President Jessie G. Wells and her Personal Aide Minnie Madeiros attended.

Della Desgranges of the New Hampshire Veterans' Association Auxiliary, Weirs, New Hampshire, presented a scholarship of \$100 on behalf of the Auxiliary in September to a deserving student at Keene State College.

NEW JERSEY

New Jersey has had two great losses in the deaths of Rev. Elmer H. Finger on November 11th and Philippine E. Raab on December 3rd. Sister Raab was the senior Past Dept. President of the Auxiliary, having served in 1928. Bro. Finger, an associate member, enjoyed the admiration and respect of everyone. We always benefitted from his inspired messages.

Nassau Inn was the scene last September 29th when Dept. Pres. Marion Combs was guest of honor at a dinner and reception sponsored by Garfield Auxiliary No. 18. It was a happy evening enjoyed by the many who attended from both New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

The next dinner meeting of the New Jersey State Camp will be held at Nassau Inn on Saturday, April 27th. Bro. James Elliott is preparing a visual and sound program of Civil War battlefields.

It is with genuine regret that we announce the necessity of eliminating our annual Lincoln Dinner in 1974. After serious consideration and inquiries, we find that our members are not confident that they will receive sufficient gasoline to guarantee transportation. Also, the matter of safety of automobiles parked on the streets has us concerned. We hope that everything will be better and that we will have your support in 1975.

NEW YORK

Department Commander Robert C. Wagoner and Department President Mrs. Maude Baker were honored by large groups at dinners and receptions held in their honor in Albany on September 15th, in Oriskany on November 3rd, and in Rochester on November 10th.

Charles J. Nordquist Camp No. 64 of Mount Vernon, after attending Veterans Day services at the City Hall in Mount Vernon, honored Chester E. Hudson, Department Sr. Vice Commander, at a luncheon. Cecil Baer, Department Patriotic Instructor and Historian, commended Bro. Hudson for his exemplary service to the Department. Dr. Floyd George, Minister of the First United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon, gave a special address befitting the occasion.

Bro. Hudson also had the honor of placing a wreath at the Eternal Light in New York City on November 11th.

Lincoln's Statue in Buffalo and the World's Largest Monument to a Speech in Elmwood Cemetery, Tonawanda, were the sites of public readings of President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address on November 19th. The programs, which marked the 110th Anniversary of Lincoln's delivery of the Address at the dedication of the National Cemetery in Gettysburg on November 19, 1863, were sponsored by Cook Camp 223 and Co. D., 100th Eagle Regt., N. Y. Vol. Inf. SVR. The Seneca High School Band played Civil War music.

An appropriate wreath-laying ceremony and service will be held by Camp 223 at the Lincoln Statue in Buffalo on February 12th.

Bertram Isaacs, Department Secretary-Treasurer for many years, has retired and moved to Florida. His son, Lawrence Isaacs, is now the Department Secretary-Treasurer.

General U. S. Grant's Cottage at Mt. McGregor in Wilton has been reopened after being closed to the public for three years.

OHIO

Bro. William C. Duval of Camp 100 is making a collection of Annual National GAR Encampment badges, medals and ribbons. He is willing to pay cash for such items in good condition (barring duplicates) or trade. Anyone who has one or more of these GAR badges, medals or ribbons and is willing to sell or trade them to Bro. Duval or who wishes additional information may write to him at 4315 Schenck Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45236.

We sincerely regret the death of Sister Mary Wolz, wife of Department Commander Robert C. Wolz, following several severe heart attacks. Mrs. Wolz was laid to rest on December 4th.

Several members of the Sons and Auxiliary attended the Central Region conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Past National Chief of Staff Jane Greenwalt was elected Secretary.

Department President Lilly McCollough had the honor of presenting, on behalf of the Department Auxiliary, five American flags to the Christian School in Dayton in memory of the former Dayton Auxiliary.

Mrs. Marjorie Grate, Department Inspecting Officer, visited Frost and Unionport for inspection of the Auxiliaries. Alliance Auxiliary No. 91 was inspected by Department President McCollough.

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DEPARTMENT NEWS

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OREGON-WASHINGTON

A massing of colors and service of remembrance of veterans of all Wars was held on November 11th under the auspices of the Military Order of the World Wars, Portland Chapter. The Sons of Union Veterans Reserve presented their colors with a group of twelve men in uniform. Wilbur W. Betts participated, dressed in the uniform worn by his grandfather in the Civil War.

November 11 has been designated by the Oregon Legislature as Armistice Day. All veterans groups worked hard in order to bring this action about.

War medals were presented at the November meeting of Owen Summers Camp to Noble Johnson (World War II), Wesley R. Ross (World War II), and Neal A. Cooper (Korean War). The Camp is pleased to announce a gain of five members thus far in 1973.

Auxiliary No. 9 is pleased with the success of its meetings, which are held the third Monday of each month following a no-host luncheon at noon.

PENNSYLVANIA

Henry J. Madill Camp No. 141 of Sayre honored Department Commander Thomas A. Monohan, Jr. of Philadelphia at a dinner meeting held in Tomasso's Restaurant. In addressing those present, Commander Monohan told about two homes for the elderly maintained in Pennsylvania by the Sons of Union Veterans and explained some of the new regulations adopted at the national encampment held in Palm Springs in August, 1973.

The Sons of Union Veterans Reserve unit of Sayre was awarded second prize in the most original float category with an eye-opening Gettysburg Battle Scene in the 17th annual Valley Halloween Parade witnessed by thousands in Athens. The unit also took first prize in the best patriotic float category.

Anna M. Ross Auxiliary celebrated its 84th Anniversary at a dinner held at Becks-On-The-Boulevard restaurant. The highlight of the evening was a testimonial given Department President Mrs. Claire Monohan and Department Commander Thomas A. Monohan, Jr. Sister Monohan was presented with a radio; Brother Monohan was given a bond by Camp 200.

The 106th Annual Philadelphia Lincoln Dinner will be held at VALLE'S, Roosevelt Blvd. and Grant Ave., Philadelphia, on Saturday, February 9th, 1974. Tickets — \$6.75. Reservations, with remittance (a must), will be accepted prior to February 2nd. Send to Frank M. Heacock, Sr., 421 So. Sycamore St., Wilmington, Del. 19805.

RHODE ISLAND

P.C. in C. Harold E. Arnold, charter member of the Lions Club to which he belongs, was honored by the Club for his record of twenty-five years of perfect attendance.

WISCONSIN

The annual mid-year meeting of the Department, Sons and Auxiliary, was held in Delafield City Hall, Delafield, Wisconsin, November 11th. Department Commander B. E. Kannenberg presided. Eight Sons and fourteen Auxiliary members were present. Tom Johnson and Ellinore L. Konrad, local arrangements co-chairmen, reported on the Central Region Conference held in Wisconsin in October. Their efforts were well rewarded by the many members who attended. Louise Hernke reported on the activities at the National Encampment held in August.

Members were urged to write to NASA Headquarters in Houston to support the astronauts' use of prayer during manned space flights.

PDC Tom Johnson administered the obligation of membership to Orth Nelson of Greendale, Wisconsin, who became the newest member of the Oconomowoc Camp.

Department Commander Kannenberg presented a check for \$15.00 to the Delafield Public Library for the purchase of books relating to the Civil War in appreciation of the volunteer efforts of Jean Alberts in preparing the Department Orders.

National VAWS representatives, Edward and Mildred Biering, reported on their recent visit to the VA Hospital at Tomah. They made an official visit on November 9th with Dept. President Louise Hernke and her husband.

It was a very constructive mid-year meeting, and everyone present was enthusiastic about the delicious luncheon served at noon by members of the Department Auxiliary.

Sincere sympathy is extended to P.N.P. Ellinore L. Konrad on the loss of her brother and his wife.



GAR PLOT CUSTODY SHIFTS TO SONS OF UNION VETERANS

Roland W. "Pop" Boultinghouse, right, passes a symbolic key to Lt. Joseph Young, Jr. of the 24th Regt., N. J. Inf., SVR, at ceremonies held on November 11th at the Broad Street Cemetery, Bridgeton, New Jersey. Boultinghouse, a World War I veteran who has been caring for the GAR section of the cemetery for many years, but has relinquished the task to the 24th Regt., was presented with a plaque by Lt. Young for his loyal and dedicated service. Several members of the 24th Regt. are members of Ferd V. Dayton Camp No. 5, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Trenton, New Jersey.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN SAID:

- Stand with anyone that stands right, stand with him while he is right and part with him when he goes wrong.
- If we do right God will be with us, and if God is with us we cannot fail.
- You must remember that some things legally right are not morally right.
- Let us at all times remember that all American citizens are brothers of a common country, and should dwell together in the bonds of fraternal feeling.

1974 DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

DEPARTMENT	CITY	DATE	HOTEL
Calif. & Pacific	Ventura	April 26-28	Holiday Inn
Colo. & Wyo.	Information	not received to date	
Connecticut	Hartford	May 4-5	Shoreham Three
Illinois	Information	not received to date	
Indiana	Indianapolis	June 8-9	Columbia Club (Monument Circle)
Iowa	Information	not received to date	
Maine	Waterville	June 21-24	Fenway Motor Hotel
Maryland	Wilmington	May 4	Holiday Inn (4000 Concord)
Massachusetts	Auburn	April 19-21	Yankee Drummer Motor Inn
Michigan	Grand Rapids	June 9-11	Pantlind Hotel
Minnesota	Information	not received to date	
New Hampshire	Concord	April 26-27	New Hampshire Highway Hotel
New Jersey	Point Pleasant	June 21-23	Beacon Manor Motel
New York	Binghamton	June 23-26	Treadway Inn
Ohio	Alliance	June 21-23	Mt. Union College
Ore. & Wash.	Eugene	May 19-21	Eugene Memorial Bldg
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	June 16-19	Holiday Inn (City Line Ave. & Schuylkill Expressway)
Rhode Island	Cranston	April 12-13	Colonial Hilton Inn
Vermont	St. Johnsbury	June 20-22	St. Johnsbury House
Wisconsin	Milwaukee	June 1	Not yet determined