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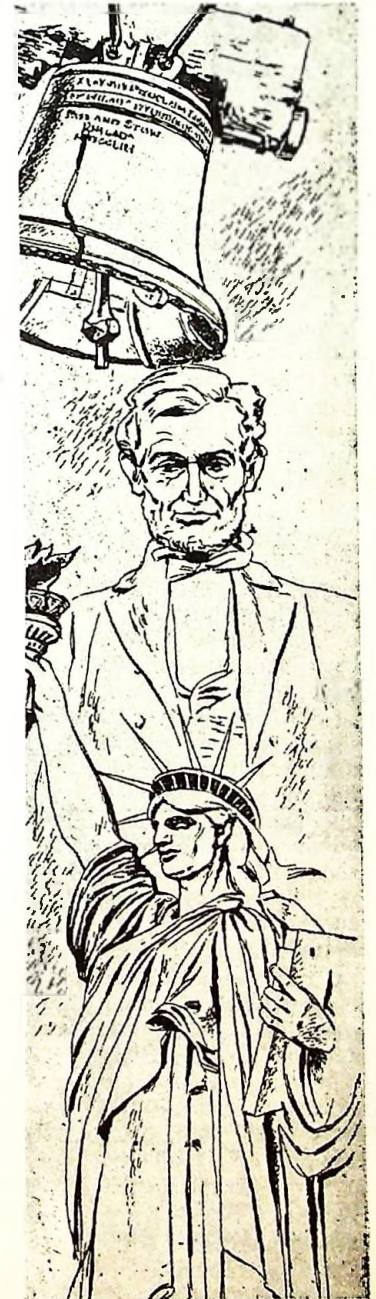
POLITICAL RELIGION OF AMERICA



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 tolerate their violation by others. As the patriots of '76 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 the schools, in seminaries and in colleges. 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.

—Abraham Lincoln



Sack of Flour raises Large Sum for Civil War "Sanitary Fund."



At Austin, Nev., in 1864, at the Gridley Store, pictured above, a sack of flour was auctioned off to raise money to pay an election bet. It proved so successful that it was sold many times, in towns all over the country, for the benefit of the U. S. Sanitary Commission, the Civil War equivalent of the Red Cross. Gridley and his sack of flour visited many important cities from Coast to Coast, raising a total of more than \$275,000, it being the country's first big drive to raise money for a specific cause. Undoubtedly many a wounded veteran owed his improvement from wounds, and perhaps his life, to the funds so provided; and to the Field Hospitals and camp life in general, these funds must have seemed Heaven sent.

Why this incident related here? Just to inform the reader of the wonders to be found along or near the Grand Army Highway (Scenic U. S. Route 6) as it passes through fourteen states from Cape Cod, Mass. to Long Beach, Calif. It so happens that Austin is a short distance north of Route 6 on Route 50, illustrative of the fact that whatever the tourist may be seeking—historic scenery, hunting, fishing, dude ranching, mining—or just pleasure wandering, you can find it along some part (or nearby) this 3600 miles of paved Highway. And consider, too, the object lesson to the traveling public of this Highway, every mile of which is dedicated to the memory of that now almost non-existent organization—The Grand Army of the Republic—composed of men who, in 1861-1865, saved the country from disunion, keeping our nation united in name and spirit.

It took many years, much effort, and legislative enactment by the fourteen states, to get this Route 6 designated as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. It is now, or soon will be, marked as such. Committee Chairmen are busy in the various states, investigating and making surveys toward that end. In some of the states where your National Chairman has contacted Highway officials, he has found them cooperative, and we have also the promised cooperation of the National Highway 6 Ass'n, a group composed of civic and business men along the Route.

This is the Sons of Union Veterans' greatest and most worthy project. We need the help of every member, and of those in the Grand Army Family. Our aim is to make this Highway a most popular route bet-

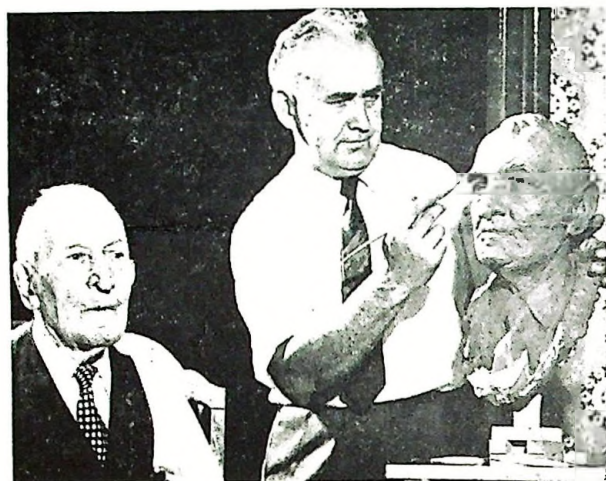
ween the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, and at the same time a worthy memorial to those who gave both life and service at the time of their Country's need.

If you can think of anything which will help in our work, write your National Chairman. He will be glad to pass it along.

A. S. Holbrook

218 W. Waupansie St., Dwight, Ill.

Comrade Woolson Immortalized



A bust of Albert Woolson, left, 106 year old survivor of the Union Army, is being made at his Duluth home by Dr. Avarad Fairbanks, right, Salt Lake City, dean of the University of Utah college of fine arts. The bust will be placed in Washington, D. C., and was commissioned by the Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Dr. Fairbanks did a bust of the late W. S. MacKenzie King, Canadian prime minister, during World War Two.

(Duluth News-Tribune)

National Chaplain's Message

With the holidays behind us, let us give thanks to our Heavenly Father for the blessings received, looking forward to a much happier and successful year to come. Let us work with a will to build our Camps so that our 1954 Duluth Encampment will celebrate a banner year. United in thought and purpose we will go forward, never forgetting the "Boys in Blue" who fought to preserve this grand country of ours.

Let us remember our one remaining Comrade of Duluth, Minn., and pray God to keep him in good health that he may bless our 1954 Encampment with his presence.

To P. N. P. Margaret Anderson and her family as well as to the family of P. C. in C. Ralph Grant our deepest sympathy in their great loss. May our Heavenly Father give them courage and strength in this darkest hour.

Louis T. Storey, Nat'l Chaplain

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We must remain strong; strength is the only thing Russia respects.

IN MEMORIAM

Ralph M. Grant

The Sons of Union Veterans has lost one of its most beloved members, a Past Commander-in-Chief, Judge Ralph M. Grant, whose death occurred Oct. 27, 1953.

Brother Grant became interested in the Sons of Veterans in Hartford, Conn., where he joined Steadman Camp and soon afterward became its Commander. He became eminently distinguished in the Order and attracted to its membership many prominent citizens. He became Department Commander and in 1912 at St. Louis he was elected Commander-in-Chief, the first to hold that office from Connecticut. He presided at Chattanooga, Tenn. at a time when the membership of the Sons was upwards of 50,000.

Brother Grant was born in 1868, graduated from Hartford High School, graduated from Wesleyan University in 1892 and in 1894 was admitted to the bar, opening his office in Hartford and began a career that saw him honored for a lifetime by his fellow townspeople of South Windsor. He was State Senator, Prosecutor, Town Court Judge, Judge of Probate, Town Clerk, and Town Treasurer. A member of the Masonic Order for over 50 years, and a life member of the Congregational Church, and a deacon in the same.

Always a gentleman, genial, cordial, and loyal, he attracted by his personality a host of friends who sincerely mourn his departure. His last attendance at a National Encampment was at Boston in 1950.

His wife of many years, Lillian, survives as do two sons and four daughters.

Charles F. Sherman, Past Commander-in-Chief

It is not given to all men to live a life of such usefulness and departing leave so many true friends.
The poet has well said

"Beautiful life is that whose span,
Is spent in duty to God and man.
Beautiful calm when the course is run,
Beautiful death with a life well done."

Essay Contest at Scotland School

Meade Camp of Reading, Pa. will sponsor an essay contest at the Scotland School for Veterans' Children. The topic will be "The Grand Army of the Republic", and awards of \$50.00, \$35.00, and \$15.00 will be given the three winners. Students in grades 10, 11, and 12 are eligible with a committee of three teachers judging the essays.

People's faults are like headlights—the other fellow's always seem more glaring than our's.

Liberty is no heirloom. It requires the daily bread of self-denial, the salt of law, and above all, the backbone of acknowledging responsibility for our deeds.—Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

He who only plans is a dreamer; he who only works is a drudge; but he who plans and works his plans is a conqueror.

William L. Anderson

Forty-two years ago I first met "Bill" Anderson, when we were both young in the Order. Our friendship became a lasting one, and one that meant much to me. He was a man who loved our Organization, and was willing to show that love by working for its advancement. His genial, cordial bearing and quick humor made him greatly beloved by everyone. When he loosened his brilliant eloquence, his listeners deeply felt the significance of the Grand Army and of our heritage as an organization and as Americans.

Brother Anderson first joined Camp 9 in Boston, Mass. on June 18, 1907 and subsequently held membership in Camp 51 Roslindale, Camp 79 Melrose, and Camp 61 Boston. He was elected as Department Commander of the Massachusetts Department in 1922 and as Commander-in-Chief of our Order in 1938. After a long and painful illness he died in Highway Highlands, Calif., on December 7, 1953.

His was the distinction of initiating the Grand Army of the Republic Highway as a national project for our Order, and he was privileged to be a chief figure at the initiatory dedication on the Atlantic seaboard and later at the dedication of completion on the Pacific coast.

Brother Anderson served as Appointive Secretary to former Mayor Curley of Boston from 1929 to 1933 and later as an insurance examiner and corporations inspector for the State of Massachusetts.

His wife, Mrs. Margaret Anderson, a P. N. P. of our Aux. survives, as does his son, Maj. Wm. L. Anderson Jr. who is serving in the Armed Forces in Japan.

Chas. H. E. Moran, Past Commander-in-Chief

\$10 for Permanent Honor Roll

The G. A. R. Permanent Honor Roll Fund received \$10 recently which sent the total to \$835.00.

The contribution came from Parker P. Nichols of N. J. in honor of his father, Parker P. Nichols, Sr., of Company D, 7th New York Heavy Artillery.

The penalty that people pay for not being interested in politics is to be governed by people worse than themselves.—Plato

In politics, merit is rewarded by the possessor being raised, like a target, to a position to be fired at.—Bovee

The only solution for the problem of Communism is pure, unadulterated Americanism.

The people to fear are not those who disagree with you, but those who disagree with you and are too cowardly to let you know.—Napoleon



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Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War

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January 2, 1954

1. Through this first issue of The Banner in 1954, the Commander-in-Chief wishes a very happy and successful year to our Dep'ts, Camps, and individually to our members. Each year of life vouchsafed to us affords new opportunities to do better our part in our community and country. As Sons of Union Veterans we need not look for guidance beyond the "Purposes and Objects" of our Order, as defined in Article 2 of our Constitution, viz:

"To oppose to the limit of our power and influence all movements, tendencies, and efforts that make for the destruction or impairment of our constitutional union.

To demand of all citizens undivided loyalty and the highest type of Americanism; and require the exclusion of aliens unwilling to conform to this standard. To teach patriotism, the duties of citizenship, the true history of our country, and the love and honor of our flag.

To inculcate and broadly sustain the American principles of representative government, of equal rights, of universal liberty, and of impartial justice to all."

2. If we individually and collectively, effectively contribute our best efforts to carrying out these purposes and objects, we will be happy in the consciousness of having made a valid contribution to the preservation of our civilization in this time of crisis, when a determined and resourceful enemy of the American type of government is seeking every means of undermining it.

3. In the midst of this cold war, let us be mindful of President Washington's warning in his Farewell Address:

"Towards the preservation of your Government and the permanency of your present happy state, it is requisite, not only that you steadily discountenance irregular opposition to its acknowledged authority, but also that you resist with care the spirit of innovation upon its principles however specious the pretexts. One method of assault may be to effect, in the forms of the Constitution, alterations which will impair the energy of the system, and thus undermine what cannot be directly overthrown."

4. Our Camps and Dept's can enliven their meetings and make a real and practical contribution to the education of the public by devoting occasional evening meetings to learning the basic facts about public questions under consideration, with a speaker to present the subject and subsequent discussion by the membership. It will not always be necessary to seek qualified speakers outside our membership. Let some member or committee study up the subject and present it, then let him or them be cross-questioned.

5. To our own Auxiliary and to the Allied Orders go

also our best wishes, and a hearty request for their continued help and cooperation during the coming year. We know how valuable their help and cooperation has been in the past, and how much it can mean to us in the days to come.

6. Camps and Dep'ts making income tax reports must request the required blanks (Form 990) from the Collector. We are tax exempt. At the top of the blank is the question, "Date of Bureau exemption letter and subsection of section 101 under which you are exempt?" Your answer is: "June 11, 1941, Subsection 8".

7. Dep't Comdr. Donald F. Peacock and P. D. C. Charles F. Dexter of the Michigan Dep't are appointed as Nat'l Aides for their outstanding work in instituting new Camps. They are authorized to wear the national gold ribbon during my term.

8. Committee Appointments: G.A.R. Highway, Allan S. Holbrook, Chairman; plus Chairmen of each Dep't Highway Committee through which the Highway passes. Legislative, Fred E. Colwell, Chairman; Albert B. DeHaven, Wm. M. Coffin, Richard Locke, ex-officio. Congressional Charter, Col Frederic G. Bauer, Chairman; Richard F. Locke, John H. Runkle, Maj-Gen. Amos A. Fries, Ret., C. in C. Grant, ex-officio. Americanism, John W. Emery, Chairman; Earl F. Riggs, Elmer P. Corrie, Harold Arnold.

9. Two anniversaries of national importance in the month of February merit special commemoration by our membership: Feb. 12, Pres. Lincoln's birthday, and Feb. 22, that of Geo. Washington. Let us on these two days not only do our part in their appropriate celebration, but also purposefully cogitate on the great lessons to be learned from their public services, their high characters, their experiences and wisdom. Thus we will ourselves become better citizens, better able to contribute to the greatness of our country, and more hopeful of the future.

U. S. Grant 3rd, Commander-in-Chief

Attest: Albert C. Lambert, Nat'l Secy-Treas.

Your Attention, Please!

What About the United Nations?

In spite of blasts to the contrary from behind the iron curtain, we Americans are a peaceful people. Even in the two cases in which a President has been accused of bringing on a war for political or strategic reasons, (James K. Polk and the War with Mexico, 1846-1848; Franklin D. Roosevelt and the War with Japan, 1941-1945) *we have not gone to war until attacked*. In the war with Spain in 1898 we were not attacked, the country was misled to believe we were by the blowing up of the U. S. S. *Maine*. In the treaty of Washington, which after the Civil War, provided for settling the Alabama Claims by arbitration, our country and Great Britain set the world an example in the peaceful settlement of international disputes. Our two English speaking nations have followed the same policy in many other cases.

We may justly claim that the proposal for a practical democratic world organization with a Congress of Nations and a World Court is an American idea, having been proposed by William Ladd of Minot, Maine, who in 1828 founded the first national peace society, the American Peace Society. While many proposals for some sort of federation of *(continued next page)*

Your Attention, Please!—continued

powers to secure international peace had been proposed previously, and one, the Holy Alliance, after the Napoleonic Wars actually did much to prevent another European war while it held together, and while there were idealists (Sully, Abbe St. Pierre, Kant, etc.) who made proposals of interest, and while Grotius (1583-1645) had developed international law on the basis of the customs of nations, which was formalized by international treaty in the Hague Conferences (1899-1907) and Jeremy Bentham had suggested (1786-1789) an International Tribunal; the first practical organization for a commonwealth of nations, complete in all its elements of representative government, was the League of Nations proposed by Pres. Wilson at Versailles in 1918, and accepted by most of the nations of the world except the United States. Had it been possible to find a formula agreeable to both Pres. Wilson and our Senate, this writer believes, the League would probably have been successful avoiding World War 2. In any case, Lord Grey felt sure that World War 1 might have been avoided had he been able to organize a European Conference before Russia and Austria mobilized. Certainly, the United Nations organization, adopted in San Francisco, was planned and urged by the American Government.

While the inability of the United Nations to prevent war, when a nation feels itself strong enough and is insistent upon precipitating it must be manifest; it at least provides a forum in which international disputes may be aired and considered. Indeed, the American people and the rest of the Western world would not realize, as they do now, would probably not be willing to believe the extent of the Soviet's ambition and its uncompromising attitude, had they not been so clearly shown up in the United Nations. Although the peace of the world has been frequently disturbed in recent years—the Israel-Arab war, the wars in Korea, in Indo-China, and in China—it must be acknowledged that they have been localized and a third world war has, so far, been avoided, largely due to the opportunity for open discussion and negotiation afforded by the United Nations. Even a majority of the American people have come to recognize that national isolation is no longer practicable or desirable. On the other hand, it has also become obvious that world peace is not assured by the representatives of a number of nations meeting together and promising to be good, as they did in San Francisco.

Whether such a program can be achieved in the immediate future remains to be seen; but it is evident that the present administration is sincerely seeking such a result, "with malice towards none, with charity for all, and firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right", and with more intelligence and practical success than had previously characterized our foreign policy. As it pursues this objective, Americans must be constantly mindful that it cannot be accomplished to the unilateral advantage of any one country or without some sacrifice of national aspirations by every country.

While recognizing the usefulness of the United Nations as an instrument for the preservation of international peace, we must nevertheless appreciate its weaknesses and its dangers. Foremost among the former is its inability to enforce its decisions, and occasionally the inability, because of the veto power and conflicting national policies, to reach a decision at all. Among the latter, is the danger of steps toward an effective

world government and the cession by treaty of human rights which have been won by some of the populations like our own, through years of struggle and wise constitutional provisions. It should be evident to all of us that preponderant world opinion, and the nations with the lowest standard of living have the preponderance, might demand of us concessions contrary to the essential interests of our own people. It would certainly be a misfortune then, if the United Nations had acquired the power to enforce such a vote with an adequate world police force, for which some misguided Americans are clamoring. We would have to decide between accepting the sacrifice or involving ourselves in a disastrous war—for war today is necessarily disastrous for the victor as well as the vanquished. The idealists, who with the best intentions and the concurrence of our own unwise representatives drafted the Genocide Convention and the Declaration of Human Rights for the United Nations, have given ample warning of the extent to which our governmental functions might be invaded even with humanistic motives.

We must recognize the existing differences in national wealth and standards of living, the rapid increase in population, the search for market and raw materials, and established national aspirations, as incitements to war. Hopefully we can only look to the general desire of populations for peace, the known fearful destructiveness of war, and the *caution that should dominate governments*, to prevail in the cause of peace.

In conclusion, the prospects for world peace are uncertain, to say the least. The United Nations as now constituted is the most helpful instrument yet devised to achieve it in the face of Soviet ambitions for world domination; Americans must be willing to make some further sacrifices, both of national pride and economic egotism, but be on the alert against any return of our leadership to the mistaken confidence in the publicly averred unselfish good intentions of other nations, or to foolish policies that play into hostile hands. On the one hand, we face the danger of adopting a too uncompromising attitude of isolationism and national selfishness; and on the other hand, that of being misled by enemy propaganda playing upon our generous impulses (and we know that there are representatives of hostile powers among us), to follow policies contrary to our own best interests.

For Americans this is the time for greatness, a time to prove ourselves worthy of the leadership thrust upon us "as the actors on a most conspicuous theater, which seems particularly designed by Providence for the display of human greatness and felicity".

U. S. Grant 3rd.

S. U. V. C. W.



News Notes

California—Burlingame Camp 14 of Pasadena shows the way in entertainment and membership in this Dep't with 24 new members for the year. The Camp and Aux. held a turkey dinner Dec. 11 with 132 present. Kearney Camp 7 with Ralph Garwood showing the way is working hard and bringing in new members. . . One of the largest attended Past *(continued next page)*

S.U.V.C.W. News-continued

Comdr. Ass'n of So. Calif. meetings was held in Pasadena recently with Kearney Camp as host. The next regular meeting will be in March in Inglewood with Stanton Camp as host. Hooker Camp 9 of Pomona were hosts to the 2nd Dist. on Dec. 11 with a good attendance and program. Monrovia Aux. will be host to the next meeting, Mar. 23. Podrasnik Camp 18 Ontario reports several new members in their Camp and Aux. P.D.C. Riggs assisted by other Brothers has erected SUVCW signs "Ontario Welcomes You" on major highways entering the city. Rosecrans Camp 2 Los Angeles are gratified and proud of Dep't Commander Jesse H. Taylor and Nat'l Chaplain Louis Storey both of Camp 2. Lawton Camp 10 of Long Beach reports 8 new members for the year. Nat'l Chaplain Storey represented the Commandery-in-Chief at the funeral of P.C. in C. Anderson and said a prayer at the grave in Old Mission Cemetery at San Fernando. The Pasadena Auxiliaries carried the colors. P.C. in C. Dr. Barrett is still a patient at Del Rio Sanitarium in Bell, Calif. where he is seriously ill.

Indiana-At the mid-winter meeting of the Dep't held in Hotel Riley, Indianapolis in Dec., the principal speaker, Judge Hezzie B. Pike of Superior Court, referred to a remark by Abraham Lincoln to the effect that the only way this nation can "die" is by "suicide". He urged loyal Americans to support "everyone trying to root out Communism" in the United States. Other speakers at the dinner meeting included Dep't Comdr. A. R. Stanfield, Nat'l Aux. Treas. Mrs. Chrystal Powell, and Nat'l Aux. Pres. Mrs. Mildred Webster of Springvale, Me. Separate business meetings were held by the SUVCW and Aux.

Maine-Hyde Camp of Bath participated in the dedication of the Bath War Memorial. The handsome granite shaft, nine feet tall that won the praise of all, is located on the west lawn of the city park. C. Lloyd Hooker and Maurice J. Warner were on the committee. Adj-Gen. Geo. M. Carter of Augusta was the principal speaker. Preceding the inspection of Lincoln Camp, Sherman Mills, a baked bean supper was served to 67 members and guests. Distinguished guests included Nat'l Pres. Mrs. Mildred Webster. A fine reception was tendered C. Lloyd Hooker by Hyde Camp with more than 200 present representing various veteran and patriotic organizations. This Camp has had 8 members elected Dep't Comdr. with 7 of them still living and being present. The Camp held its annual inspection on Oct. 17 with over 100 present.

Michigan-Camp 7 Jackson mourns the passing of Bro. Wm. Marshall, husband of Leah Simpson Marshall the Sec'y of Michigan Dep't G.A.R. A Regional meeting will be held in Jackson during Feb. Camp 9 of Port Huron closed their Charter Dec. 5 with about 30 members. Congratulations Comdr. Whitford. Dep't Commander Peacock announces that C. in C. U. S. Grant, 3rd will come to Detroit, Saturday Apr. 24 for evening dinner and surprise program.

Thomas Barker Camp 4 of Detroit was instituted on Nov. 30 with 18 Charter members. Pictured in next column, left to right, Dep't Comdr. Donald F. Peacock, Geo. F. Boos, Sr. Vice Comdr. of the new Camp; Stanley C. Barker, new Camp Comdr.; and P.D.C. Charles F. Dexter, organizer of the new Camp. Bro. Barker is a former Ass't Atty-Gen. of Michigan, and a present member of the Inter-American Bar Commission. Bro.

Another New Camp For Michigan



Boos is former Police Commissioner of Detroit and U. S. Secret Service supervising agent. He was Chief Investigator for the Senate Investigating Committee and has guarded every President since Calvin Coolidge. Another charter member, not in the picture, William O. Stoddard Jr. is the son of one of the private secretaries to President Lincoln.

Congratulations to the Michigan Dep't for instituting this new Camp as well as the new Camp instituted by them at Port Huron on Oct. 24th with 23 Charter members.

Massachusetts-Dep't Council Emerson Whitman and Mrs. Whitman have received the thanks of the No. Met. Dist. Ass'n for use of their spacious summer home and facilities at Sandown, N. H., to make the summer gathering one long to be remembered. Camp 104, Saugus, observed its installation and 50th anniversary with many guests present at a supper. Ralph P. Bickmore, Comdr. of Camp 34 Wakefield, has been elected Pres. of the No. Met. Dist. Ass'n comprising 17 Camps. He will soon have a fife and bugle corps in his Camp. Camp 81 of Chelsea, is still getting new members: 8 in just a few weeks. Nat'l Council Geo. W. Kimball installed officers of Camp 30 Dorchester, with Robert L. Wood assuming the office of Commander for his 8th term. Addison Quinn installed Camp 109 Newburyport and also Camp 56 Cambridge. 52 members from Mass. attended the banquet and reception to Nat'l Pres. Mrs. Mildred Webster held at Eastland Hotel, Portland, Maine. Nat'l Musician John B. Davis was installed as Comdr. of Camp 81 Chelsea by Dep't Patr. Instr. Chas. W. Hooper. Past Comdr. John J. Michelson of Camp 81 Chelsea, recently received his shoulder patch for 50 hours as a volunteer at the Chelsea Soldiers Home. John is looking forward to completing 1000 volunteer hours. The Friendly Relations Committee of the Allied Orders of the G. A. R. will hold a banquet and entertainment Jan. 9 in I.O.O.F. Home at Malden Square. Carder Perkins, Committee Chairman.

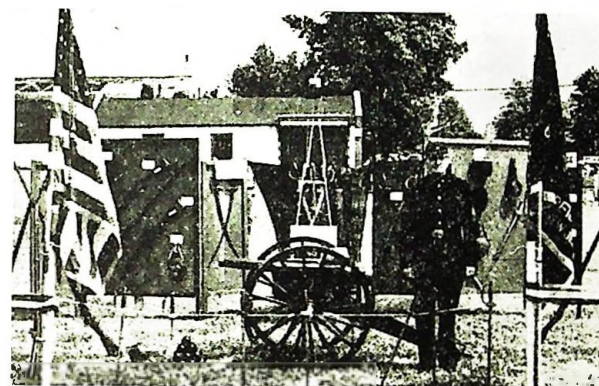
Minnesota-A reception honoring Sr. Vice C. in C. Dewey Mead, Dep't Comdr. David A. Phelps, and Dep't Pres. Alice Payne was held in G.A.R. Memorial Room, Court House, Minneapolis on Nov. 28. A representative group of SUVCW and Aux. were present as well as from the Flag Day Ass'n, the Memorial Day Ass'n, D.A.V., V.F.W., American (continued next page)

S.U.V.C.W. News-continued

Legion, Jewish War Veterans, The Purple Heart, Spanish Veterans Aux., Legion Aux., V.F.W. Aux., W.R.C., Daughters of Union Veterans, Ladies of the G. A. R., the Masonic Blue Lodge, and the Order of Amaranth. Music was provided by the Minneapolis Police Dep't. Orch. A delicious buffet luncheon was served following the meeting by P. D. P. Florence Silvers and her two sisters. The tape recording of Comrade Woolson made recently was enjoyed by all present.

New Jersey-At the mid-winter meeting of the Dep't held in Trenton Dec. 5 the two Amendments to the Constitution adopted at Buffalo were ratified. Notice was given all Camps in advance that these matters would be voted upon. Lincoln Banquets are scheduled as follows: Camp 5 Trenton, Feb. 11; Camp 4 Trenton, Feb. 12; Camp 18 Newark, date not established.

New Jersey National Guard Display



The 50th Armored Division of the New Jersey National Guard recently held an "Artillery Day" at their Eggerts Crossing Headquarters. One of the feature displays is shown above of Civil War accoutrement which was arranged by Garfield Camp No. 4 of Trenton. Shown is Frank Daubert, Past Camp Commander.

New York-The 65th anniversary of Lafayette Camp 140 was held in N. Y. City on Dec. 14 at Rosoff's Restaurant. Rev. Wm. A. Hallock of Rochester advises us that he joined the Order on Nov. 3, 1883 at Steubenville, Ohio. This makes him one of the very few 70 year members. The Western N. Y. Past Camp Comdrs. Ass'n has recently elected Geo. Burch of Friendship as Comdr. The next meeting will be held at Buffalo with Cook Camp as host. Ten Eyck Camp 154 of Albany combined its annual Dedication Day dinner on Nov. 21 with a reception honoring Dep't Comdr. John Keenan and Dep't Pres. Parsons. Tilden Camp 26 of N. Y. C. held an Armistice Day and Dedication Day service at its meeting room on Nov. 11 with Sol Goldfish and Arthur Quidor in charge. Francis Milliken has been named Dist. Deputy for the Newburgh Dist., and Mathew T. Green for the Buffalo Dist. On Jan. 31 there will be a mid-winter luncheon meeting of the Dep't at the Park Central Restaurant, 30 S. Broadway, Yonkers. Contributions for the Grand Army Memorial Fund should be sent to Dep't Patr. Instr. Truman Vincent. Diven Camp 77 Elmira, has elected Lyle Emerson as Comdr. and Truman Vincent, Secy-Treas. The officers will be installed with the Aux. on Jan. 28 at the PRR YMCA by Jr. Vice C. in C. Brockway.

Pennsylvania-Gov. Theodore R. McKoldin of Maryland told a Commemoration Day audience at Gettysburg that Communism is a monstrous belief so powerful that it can only be overcome by a stronger faith. The Gettysburg S U V C W Camp Comdr. Chester S. Shriver, Jr., opened the observance by introducing as master of ceremonies, Miles H. Keiffer, President of the Lincoln Fellowship of Penna. The Harrisburg Camp and Aux. will hold their Lincoln Banquet Feb. 6 in the Penn Harris Hotel. Ord Camp 54 Mahanoy City celebrated Dedication Day with exercises in the social rooms of Good American Hose Co. The 60th anniversary meeting and Lincoln Dinner of the Sons of Veterans Club will be held Saturday, Feb. 13 at G. A. R. Hall, Phila. at 6:30 P. M. The roster of the Past Presidents and Life Members of this club reads like a Who's Who in our Organization.

Wisconsin-Pier Badger Camp 1 and Aux. of Milwaukee held their annual Dedication Day dinner on Nov. 21 at Militars Dutch Treat. The principal speaker was Circuit Court Judge Ronald A. Drechsler who spoke inspiringly of "The Gettysburg Address, It's significance today". This was a well attended affair with distinguished guests including Sr. Vice C. in C. Dewey Meade of Minn., Counselor Richard F. Locke of Ill., Dep't Comdr. Clarence Hoth, and Dep't Pres. Bernice Powers. Entertainment included a school of accordion players, none of whom were over 12 years of age.

News for the March-April issue must reach THE BANNER by February 20th.

Auxiliary

National President
Mrs. Mildred Webster



News Notes

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Springvale, Maine

Nat'l Pres. Mrs. Mildred Webster was honored with a testimonial dinner and reception Nov. 14 in the ballroom of the Eastland Hotel, Portland, Me. Mrs. Maurice J. Warner of Bath was chairlady and was assisted by Mrs. Harry Farnham of Portland, and Mrs. Henry Patten of Augusta. Mrs. Webster was presented with a bouquet of yellow carnations along with 100 new one-dollar bills. Master of Ceremonies was Maurice J. Warner. Honored guests included Capt. Chas. Weaver, the Naval Aide to Gov. Burton Cross; Brig-Gen. George M. Carter; Mrs. Grace N. Darling, Sec'y Maine Dep't G.A.R.; Dep't Comdr. C. Lloyd Hooker of Bath; and Mrs. Florence Arnold, Dep't Pres. of Augusta.

Indiana-Visitation Day of the G. A. R. Family was held at Soldiers and Sailors Home at Knightstown during Oct. Sister Leona Graham presented a plaque of Abraham Lincoln from the Dep't. We also visited Lafayette Soldiers and Sailors Home in Oct. At the mid-winter meeting held in Indianapolis Dec. 12-13, a Tea was held in honor of Sister Chrystal Powell, National Treas. We regret to report the death of P.D.P. Henrietta Schmadel of Lafayette on Oct. 21.

Illinois-Dep't Comdr. W. J. Moore was honored at a dinner at Decatur on Nov. 7. 64 persons from 11 patriotic orders heard Attorney J. T. Whitley as speaker. The affair was sponsored by John Hanks Aux. No. 50.

Iowa-Des Moines Aux. 16 was inspected by Dep't Inspector Mabel Gilchrist. The Aux. held a patriotic program in charge of Patr. Instr. Maude Clark on Gettysburg Day. Aux. 2 Waterloo (continued next page)

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was inspected by Sister Gilechrist, and Aux. 3 of Iowa Falls was inspected by Dep't Pres. Leland Webb . . . Aux. 8 Des Moines held a program in observance of Armistice and Gettysburg days with Patr. Instr. Irma Woods in charge. Bro. Roy C. Lawson and PDP Amy Noll addressed the group. P.D.C. Harrison showed films of the Nat'l Encampment at Buffalo. Preceding the meeting the Camp and Aux. enjoyed dinner together.

Maryland-Aux's in Washington, Baltimore, and Wilmington are active in rehabilitation work. They have collected toys, books, and other usable articles and distributed them to hospitals and health centers . . . Sister Alta Dreitzer was honored by her Aux. on her election to Nat'l Council with a dinner and a gift of luggage.

Minnesota-Aux. 5 was inspected Oct. 15 and plans discussed for the Dep't Encampment at Duluth . . . a very nice lunch and social hour followed the meeting. Guests were present from St. Paul and Minneapolis.

New York-The annual dinner of the Past Presidents Club of Greater New York will be held at Rosoff's Restaurant on Jan. 30 . . . The Grant Birthday Committee is sponsoring a "Julius Isaacs Memorial Fund" to be used as a living memorial to our late Brother Julius Isaacs, one of the organizers of the Grant Birthday exercises and its chairman for nearly a quarter century. Through his tireless efforts this ceremony grew from a humble start to be one of the outstanding patriotic exercises in our city, as well as in our entire order. Anyone wishing to contribute to this fund should contact Mayme E. Dwyer, Treas., 34-43 30th St., Long Island City, N. Y., or Clarence A. Maples, Chairman, 2210 E. 12th St., Brooklyn 29, N. Y. . . Aux. 49 held a dinner and reception in Nov. honoring Dep't and Nat'l Officers in and near Elmira. Dep't Pres. Florence Parsons and Nat'l Jr. Vice Comdr. Brockway were guests . . . Oct. 27 Dep't Pres. Parsons spoke over radio station WELM on eligibility, the history of Memorial Day, and the need for flags in schools and in scout meeting rooms . . . Aux. 12 Ithaca, presented an American Flag to grades 3 and 4 at Kennedy's Corner School . . . Aux. 72 Ovid, was inspected by Sister Cecile Smith. The Aux. mourns the passing of Sister Maida Terry, Dec. 3.

Pennsylvania-the Dep't Encampment will be held in Bethlehem the week of June 27 with Hotel Bethlehem as headquarters . . . a military parade will be held and opening exercises in the rose gardens are planned for Sunday afternoon . . . Grand Army Day was celebrated in Pittsburgh by an indoor picnic with Dep't President Kathleen Runkle as honored guest.

Vermont-A reception was tendered to Dep't Comdr. Roy Ring by his Camp and Aux. in Morrisville Oct. 10 . . . The mid-year conference was held on Oct. 31 at Rutland with Aux. as host. A dinner and reception was given in honor of Dep't Pres. Rita Osborn. Guests included the Dep't Pres. of Ladies of the G. A. R., and Dep't Sec'y of D.U.V.C.W. . . . Winooski Valley Dist. held their fall meeting Nov. 21 at Morrisville with a supper and fine program. Seven Camps and Auxiliaries were represented . . . On the same date Dist. 5 had their Fall meeting and election of officers.

NOTE- Aux. news for the March-April issue of The Banner must reach Nat'l Press Correspondent Mrs. Wilhelmina Tagart, 1157 S. Clinton Ave., Rochester, N. Y., by February 20.

Come to Duluth

The Duluth convention committee is working hard to make this an outstanding Encampment. Many features are being arranged, including a courtesy boat or bus trip for all delegates of both organizations. We are happy to report that Comrade Woolson is back home from the hospital where he was treated for a heavy cold.

Group Railroad Transportation Planned

To assure the greatest degree of comfort and maximum of scenery, the Burlington Lines offer to arrange transportation from your home city and return as follows: From New York, leave 4 P.M. Sat. Aug. 7 on P. R.R. train 49 (both Pullman and Coach reserved seats) arriving Chicago 7:20 A.M. Aug. 8. Leave Chicago (Union Station) 8:15 A.M. on Burlington Vista Domed Zephyr train 21 (this will be a reclining seat coach for exclusive use of our party), arriving St. Paul, Minn. 2:30 P.M. Leave St. Paul 4:40 P.M. (Union Station) on Great Northern R.R. (special coach) arriving Duluth 7:45 P.M. Aug. 8.

Returning: leave Duluth Friday, Aug. 13, 8:00 A.M. arrive Chicago at 10:15 P.M., arrive at New York, Saturday, Aug. 14, 5:31 P.M.

The round-trip fare from Chicago to Duluth: \$23.64 including government tax.

Railroad fare from your home town to Chicago and return depends upon whether you travel by Pullman or Coach.

In the near future, the Burlington Lines will furnish reservation applications.

Hotel Duluth reservation cards and rate cards will be mailed in a future issue of The Banner.

Genius does what it must—talent does what it can.

Never give up until you have failed at something you like to do.

It is better to be nobly remembered, than nobly born.--Ruskin

You can get what you go after—if you give what you have to give.

A quitter never wins and a winner never quits.