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G. A. R. Remembrance Ceremony



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National and State officers of G.A.R. affiliated organizations placed wreaths at Comrade Woolson's monument on the Gettysburg Battlefield on Saturday, November 16 during the first G.A.R. Remembrance Day program. Shown above left to right are Albert DeHaven, Commander-in-Chief; members of the color guard; Chester S. Shriver, Dept. Sec'y-Treas.; Miss Anne O. Clayton, National President of our Auxiliary; and Adjutant Paul A. Snyder.

Over three hundred descendants of the men who comprised the Union Armies during the Civil War paid tribute to "the greatest army of patriots the world has ever known" at the first annual Grand Army of the Republic Remembrance Day program. Maj. Gen. Daniel B. Strickler, former Lieutenant

Governor of Pennsylvania, former commander of the 28th Division in Germany was the principal speaker.

Preceding the program at the Albert Woolson monument, last survivor of the G.A.R. who died a year ago, a parade was held from the High Water Mark, with the Scotland School Band, the local Howitzer Co. of the Pennsylvania National Guard; St. Joseph Post Catholic War Veterans; American Legion and V.F.W.; F. Company Sons of Veterans Reserves; and members of Camp 60 and Camp 112 participating.

FIVE GROUP HEADS PRESENT

Rev. Dr. Howard S. Fox gave the invocation and benediction. C. Leroy Stoudt, P. C. in C. was master of ceremonies.



Pictured at Scotland School ceremonies, left to right, Commander-in-Chief, Albert B. DeHaven; Mrs. Ylvaune Howard, Natl. Pres. Daughters; Miss Anne O. Clayton, Natl. Pres. Aux.; Mrs. Bessie Coughlin, Natl. Pres. W.R.C.; and Mrs. Twanette Paull, Natl. Pres. Ladies G.A.R. Picture at right shows speakers platform with Dept. Commander Carl P. Gutekunst at the microphone.

The National and Department heads of all five of the G.A.R. affiliated organizations participated in the program. Tribute was paid to the G.A.R. by Albert B. DeHaven, Sanford, Maine, Commander-in-Chief SUVCW; Miss Anne O. Clayton, Trenton, N. J., National President of the Auxiliary to SUVCW; Mrs. Twanette Paull, Kansas City, Mo., National President of the Ladies of the G.A.R.; Mrs. Bessie Coughlin, East Providence, R. I., National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, and Mrs. Ylvaune Howard, Massillon, Ohio, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans.

Introduced were: Carl P. Gutekunst, Dept. Comdr. S.U.V.C.W.; Mrs. Clara E. Lewis, Dept. Pres. Aux. to S.U.V.C.W.; Mrs. Ruth Hawk, Dept. Pres. Ladies of the G.A.R.; Mrs. Olive Wolfe, Dept. Pres. of the W.R.C.; Miss Rita P. Christy, Dept. Pres. of the D.U.V.C.W.; and Lois E. Jacobs, Washington, D. C., Dept. of the Potomac, Ladies of the G.A.R.

All eleven placed wreaths during a tribute to the G.A.R. presented by Gettysburg Camp 112. Chester S. Shriver was the Commander and Paul Snyder the adjutant for the ritualist program. Camp No. 60, New Oxford under command of Lt. Arthur L. Weaver fired the volley concluding the program. Taps was sounded by Edward Hughes. The Scotland School band played a medley of Civil War songs and the Star Spangled Banner. Following the program the participants were guests of the National Museum for a showing on the electric map.

Cincinnati Observances In "Dedication Week"

The observance of "Dedication Day" Week began at Memorial Hall in Cincinnati on Sunday, November 17th, with the 50th anniversary celebration of the formation of U. S. Grant Camp No. 100, coinciding with the semi-annual conference of District No. 3 (southwestern Ohio) of the Ohio Department Sons and Auxiliary, which brought many visitors from Dayton, Springfield, Portsmouth, and way-points, and Dept. Commander Charles H. Bigley, of Toledo, and Dept. President Edith Nile, of Alliance. And on Tuesday, November 19th, at high noon, the traditional ceremony, memorializing the purpose of Dedication Day, was held at the Lincoln Statue in Lytle Park.

At the District 3 meeting, which occupied most of the daylight hours, a volume on Civil War history, entitled "They Knew Lincoln," was presented to the Silverton-Kennedy Grade School, in memory of G.A.R. Past Commander Fred Pfister, Sr., whose grandson is now a student therein. Concluding the district meeting, the following were elected and installed as officers for the ensuing year: President, Walter C. Winall, Vice-President, W. Del Atkins—both of Cincinnati; and Secretary, Elizabeth Selz, and Treasurer Wm. F. Powers, both of Dayton.

The anniversary program began with a buffet dinner at 6:30 P. M., which seated 150 guests, and the formal meeting

SCOTLAND SCHOOL PRESENTATION

During the morning of November 16th the Pennsylvania Department Sons of Union Veterans and its Auxiliary presented a 200 record Wurlitzer phonograph to the Scotland School for Veterans Children at Scotland, Penna. The fine instrument costing well over \$1,000.00 was presented in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. The Pennsylvania Department will be remembered as the donors of the beautiful Memorial Entrance which was presented to the school in 1955.

All five National and Department heads of the affiliated organizations of the G.A.R. were present and took part in the ceremony. Hon. David R. Perry, Esq. was the principal speaker, with Dept. Sec'y-Treas. Chester S. Shriver as presiding officer.

GETTYSBURG ADDRESS COMMEMORATED

On the evening of November 16 the 27th annual banquet of the Past Commander and Past Presidents Association commemorating the Dedication of the National Cemetery (Nov. 19, 1863) was held at the Hotel Gettysburg. Maj. Gen. Daniel B. Strickler was the principal speaker, and all five National and Department heads of the affiliated orders were in attendance and spoke. The address of welcome was given by Edwin K. Kramer, and Lincoln's Gettysburg Address was given by Charles B. Crossley. Toastmaster Chester S. Shriver was presented by P. C. in C. John Runkle.

was opened by Arthur M. O'Connell, as General Chairman, with invocation by the Chaplain, P.D.C. Louis G. Blair, and the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Hon. Potter Stewart, a Judge of the Sixth Circuit U. S. Court of Appeals, and a member of the camp. After welcoming remarks by Camp Commander Fred Pfister, Jr., he presented as Toastmaster, Hon. James Garfield Stewart, Associate Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court and long-time member of the camp, who, after fitting remarks, called upon Hon. Louis J. Schneider, Judge of the Common Pleas Court (also a long-time member) for the presentation of 50-year medals to the charter members of the camp still living and members of the camp: William R. Collins, William M. Coffin, Henry P. Rawson and Rufus E. Ross.

The principal address, entitled "America, The Beautiful," was then given by Hon. John A. Lloyd, former newspaper editor, State Senator, Ohio Superintendent of Insurance, and now President of Union Central Life Insurance Company, who disclosed that he had been a member of the Order many years ago at Portsmouth, Ohio, and had gained his first lessons in patriotism and good, solid Americanism from his Union veteran grandfather. His wit, humor, and good common sense are treasured by those who are fortunate

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Nat'l Patriotic Instructor's Message "GO A LITTLE FURTHER"

Another year has passed, new officers in most of our Departments have been elected or appointed. My congratulations to each and every one. To those Brothers chosen to serve as Patriotic Instructors, I am sure you have considered well your office and will do all in your power to promote interest in our organization.

"Go a Little Further"

Men who have made the greatest contribution to the world have been men who went a little beyond their contemporaries in loyalty and devotion to things of worth. With patriotism as our standard, let us work harder than ever before to extend the sphere of our influences and to inculcate the highest ideals.

Appropriate programs for all days sacred to the Members of the Grand Army of the Republic should be held in your own Camps, through the medium of Radio and T.V. where possible. February 12th, the Birthday of Abraham Lincoln, should be an extra special day observed by every Camp. There is so much material to use, rarely a week goes by that we do not see something in the paper about our beloved Civil War President, only last week in the Los Angeles Times, "A Picture in a Million," was shown, wherein after 90 years a picture of Abraham Lincoln at Gettysburg has been found. A picture story of the life of Lincoln by Stefan Lorant is scheduled to be published in Harpers soon. Abraham Lincoln has proven to be a man who went a "Little Further" and his life is an interesting subject to all ages.

"Go a Little Further"

Flag day will soon be arriving, ground work should be started now for having every home in America, flying our Flag on Flag Day. A project for a Camp would be the selling of the American Flag in kits, containing the American Flag, pole and holder for the house. A small profit can be made on them for your fund. Contact your local dealer he will have information on cost, etc.

The Permanent Fund, should "Go a Little Further," attention is again called for all of our Patriotic Instructors to urge your membership to go a Little Further and make use of this means of honoring our ancestors and at the same time helping to add to the permanency of our great organization.

How many of our membership now have a life membership in our organization? Will each Camp Patriotic Instructor contact at least one member who would like to be a Life Member. \$100.00 is all it costs. You will receive a very nice Life Membership Card, your dues will always be paid. This is deductible from your income tax.

Please read instructions in the last Banner regarding the new forms, have your reports in the hands of the Department Patriotic Instructor so that he may compile his report for the Department Encampment, that I in turn can include each Department in my report at the National Encampment in Boston. Let us all stand up and be counted.

As your National Patriotic Instructor, I would be most happy to hear from any Camp at any time. I will be happy to send you material for use in your patriotic work. I wish for each of you a successful and constructive term of office.

PROTECT OUR MEMORIAL DAY

A Bill H. R. 8200 has been introduced in Congress providing "That whenever the 22nd of February, the 30th day of May, the 4th of July or the 11th of November occurs on a day other than Monday, it shall not be observed on the day on which it actually occurs, but shall, instead be observed on the Monday nearest to the day on which it actually occurs, in the same manner and to the same extent as though it actually occurred on that Monday.

This bill will be taken up when Congress convenes in January, 1958. Write to your two Senators and your congressmen and tell them you object and why.

EARL F. RIGGS,

National Patriotic Instructor.

U. S. Grant 3rd Elected To Head Civil War Centennial Commission

We are proud and happy to announce that Past Commander-in-Chief Grant has been elected chairman of the National Civil War Centennial Commission at the body's organizational meeting in the Interior Department. Gen. Grant was nominated by Representative Tuck of Virginia, who in turn was nominated as vice-chairman.

Under the law setting up the Commission, it is directed to call a national assembly of civic, patriotic and historical groups, to consider plans for the most appropriate way of celebrating the centennial. The Commission decided to hold this assembly on January 14-15 in the Interior Department Auditorium in Washington.

President Eisenhower, an ex-officio member of the Commission, is honorary chairman, and Vice President Nixon and Speaker Rayburn are honorary vice-chairmen.

Conrad Wirth, National Park Service Director reported that all Civil War battlefields will be in top shape for centennial observances.

OMNIBUS

SCIENCE The basic brutality of the Soviet regime, which degrades human dignity as a matter of official policy, accents the danger to world peace arising from the accomplishment of one of the greatest scientific achievements of the century. Possession of the powers of annihilation by such a regime, which knows no restraints of honor, justice or mercy, is cause for world concern. We call upon the American spirit that produced nuclear fission and the atomic bomb, while engaged in a war in Europe and another in the Pacific. The best brains of the free world and the resources at hand will meet this challenge. They must have our faith and cooperation.

MEMBER AT LARGE We welcome Mr. Elby F. Bowman of Petersburg, Virginia to membership at large. Brother Bowman, whose home is in Lordsburg, New Mexico is serving with the United States Army in Virginia at present.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS P. C. in C. Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd has recently presented a tape recording of the Camp Fire services held at Duluth, Minn., in 1954 to the Librarian of Congress. This recording contains the last speech or public pronouncement made by Comrade Woolson, and so the last words of the Grand Army of the Republic.

NEXT OF KIN MEDALS In response to many requests regarding securing Civil War Next of Kin Medals, these are furnished by the Department of the Army, Office of the Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C. The first step is to write and request a copy of AGO Form 0714 (Application for Service Medal).

SEVENTY-FOUR YEAR MEMBERSHIP Rev. Wm. A. Hallock, a former National Chaplain, and member of Glidden-Pierce Camp 6, Rochester joined the Order on his sixteenth birthday in 1883, which gives him a continuous membership of more than 74 years. Do you know of any member with a longer record? If so, we would like to hear from you.

LINCOLN MUSEUM A letter from the United States Department of the Interior to General Grant 3rd, dated Dec. 11, 1957 reads as follows: "You will no doubt be pleased to learn that, in accordance with your recommendation, new labels reading 'The Civil War' have been placed on the case in the Lincoln Museum which previously was captioned 'War Between The States.'"

MASSACHUSETTS CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL PREPARATIONS A general meeting of the committee was held December 14 in the G.A.R. Memorial Building in Beverly with representatives from the SUVCW, its Auxiliary, the DUVCW, the WRC, and the Ladies of the G.A.R. They are preparing for the thrilling events that will take place from 1961 through 1965 in observance of the 100th anniversary of the Civil War.



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Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War
P. O. Box 550
Sanford, Maine

January 1, 1958

1. It is good news to hear that Past Commander-in-Chief Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd Ret. has been appointed as Chairman of the Civil War Centennial Commission. The Government is fortunate because I know of no one who is more familiar with incidents of the Civil War than General Grant.

2. Past Commander-in-Chief C. Leroy Stoult is hereby appointed to attend and represent the Commander-in-Chief and the National Sons of Union Veterans at a general meeting of the U. S. Civil War Commission to be held in Washington, D. C., tentative date January 15, 1958.

3. The members of the organizations allied to the Grand Army of the Republic are agreeable to a joint meeting in 1960 to formulate plans to commemorate incidents and Battles of the Civil War, during the Centennial years 1961-1965. The plans and suggestions to be made by the U. S. Civil War Centennial Commission will be of great help in planning activities of our organizations.

4. The 77th Annual Encampment of the National Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be held in Boston, Mass., August 17-21, 1958. Headquarters will be at the Sheraton-Plaza Hotel. Definite plans will be published in future Banners. The three committees have formed a joint committee with P.D.C. John L. Day chairman. The three National Heads, Mrs. Twanette Paull of Kansas City, National President of the Ladies of the G.A.R., Miss Anne O. Clayton, National President of our Auxiliary and your Commander-in-Chief met with the Encampment committees in Portland, November 23rd. The tentative plans given by the committee at that time show there is a treat for those attending.

5. This is the month for installation of camp officers. To those officers who have filled a successful year and those officers who have held so many offices in the past years, my hearty thanks and those of the National Organization. To the new officers, my congratulations. I wish for you a most successful year. May your activities be such as to contribute towards making our organization one that we can be proud of.

6. Our organization is gradually coming into its own as an organization of quality. Prominent men who are eligible are joining and donating \$100.00 to the Permanent Fund thus receiving life membership. Such donations are deductible on your income tax.

7. Your Commander-in-Chief and wife were honored guests of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion at their Congress held in October in Washington, D. C. He has been invited by the Loyal Legion to participate with them in Ceremonies at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington on February

MY PRAYER

That the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War become an organization that our Fathers would have been proud of;

An organization that eligibles in all walks of life would be proud to join;

An organization whose members will be proud that they belong.

I will work toward that end.

12th. Ceremonies will be held by the Sons of Union Veterans on April 15th at the Tomb of Lincoln at Springfield, Ill. at which the Loyal Legion are invited to participate.

Appointments

8. Commander Charles A. Shippy of O'Rorke camp No. 60 of Rochester, N. Y. procured thirteen new members since September quarter. He is hereby appointed a National Aide. A Citation together with a National Ribbon was presented to him on November 13th. Who will duplicate Commander Shippy's activity?

Sympathy

9. Fred E. Colwell, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, sustained a great loss in the passing away of his beloved wife, Marie Colwell. Mrs. Colwell who was Personal Aide of the Department President, was a devoted companion of brother Colwell. The prayers of all of us are for you in your trial.

To all other members who have sustained losses by death or are sick or have sickness in their families, my personal sympathy and wishes for a speedy recovery to all the sick people.

Appreciation

Words fail me in trying to thank the many, many friends who sent letters and telegrams of greetings upon my Reception given to me by the Maine Department on November 23rd. Especially the Maine Sons and Auxiliary for the splendid expression of friendship.

ALBERT B. DeHAVEN,
Commander-in-Chief.

Legislative Committee Request

Now that our holidays are behind us and we are settling down to the business of the coming months let me remind you it is none too early to begin thinking of H.J. Res. 49. This bill, authored by Representative Kenneth B. Keating. "To establish November 19th of each year, the anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, as a special day on our national calendar (not a national holiday)": deserves the attention of every member of our Order. We desire this "worthwhile legislation" for many obvious reasons and surely it is not asking too much to urge every Son of a Union veteran of the Civil War to get behind this bill and do his level best to secure its passage. We owe it to Congressman Keating, as well as to ourselves, because it is 100% patriotic in every sense and will strengthen our hands and hearts to enjoy the benefits it will afford us. The bill is now before the House Committee on the Judiciary and

HAIL THE CHIEFS



Picture at left taken at Testimonial Dinner honoring Commander-in-Chief DeHaven on November 23 in Portland, Maine. Left to right are: Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Harold Arnold; Mrs. Twanette Paull, Natl. Pres. Ladies G.A.R.; Mrs. Bessie Coughlin, Natl. Pres. W.R.C.; C. in C. DeHaven; Miss Anne O. Clayton, Natl. Pres. Aux.; Charles Webster, Nat'l Chaplain; Maurice J. Warner, Personal Aide. Picture at right taken at Testimonial Dinner honoring National President, Miss Anne O. Clayton on December 7 in Trenton, N. J. Left to right seated: Mrs. Bessie Coughlin, Natl. Pres. W.R.C.; National President Clayton; Albert B. DeHaven, Commander-in-Chief; Mrs. Genevieve Orme, N. J. Dept. Pres. Standing left to right: Mrs. Ursula Shepardson, Natl. Chief of Staff; Mrs. Gertrude Peterson, National Council; Mrs. Nellie DeHaven, Natl. Treas.; Miss Ella G. Reeger, Personal Aide; and Mr. Alton Sharp, N. J. Dept. Commander.

if every reader of this Banner would write the Hon. Emanuel Celler, Chairman of this Committee, urging the favorable consideration of his Committee, it would be a good job well done on your part. Why not write him NOW? Your letter might be the one to carry the ball to a successful touchdown. Representative Keating has faithfully worked to further the interests of our Order. He is our friend and your friend. He deserves your co-operation. Write to Hon. Emanuel Celler and create within yourself the satisfaction of having done YOUR PART to further the interests and welfare of your beloved Order. Get behind H.J. Res. 49.

FRED E. COLWELL, Chairman.
National Legislative Committee.

Cincinnati Observances In 'Dedication Week'

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enough to hear him on the rare occasions he makes public appearances.

Describing his "sense of patriotism," received from his soldier grandfather, to be a "vigorous and flaming nationalistic love of country which no compromising, modernizing inter-nationalism can dilute," the speaker declared his "strong feeling that the Sons of Veterans * * * is an organization with a most important duty to the republic, a responsibility which becomes vital as one contemplates the predicament in which our country finds itself: for" said he, "yours is a never-failing voice testifying to the faith of our fathers—to the pure American spirit of that amazing war machine, the Grand Army of the Republic. And how we need their faith and their spirit today!" Calling for "a re-birth of patriotism in America," he concluded:

"In this republic, weakened as are its classic political safeguards, the voice of the people still can speak and the mind of the people yet can dominate. So, this job of saving America is a citizen's job—an individual responsibility, as it has always been and, pray God, as it always will be.

"The task is to make the people think, again, with realism, with patriotism, with clarity, and to mobilize their individual will into the united action which brings results.

"So, sound the call for an old fashioned revival of Americanism, a prayerful and triumphant march to the altar of patriotism, a renewed dedication to flag and to country, one grand nation-wide consecration to the ideal of America first, last and always until America the Beautiful likewise becomes America the invincible.

"So, dig again the wells of our fathers; for here is the resource of courage and devotion and loyalty which will rearm us spiritually for the challenge of our times."

Central Region Conference

The Central Region Conference was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 12th and 13th with representatives present from Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin.

Many interesting and constructive subjects were brought out for delegates to take back to their respective Camps and Auxiliaries.

Sunday morning the last details of Regional business were completed with the election of officers as follows:

- Commander—Earl Corbin, Ohio
- S. V. Comm.—Ed Biering, Wisconsin
- J. V. Comm.—Myron Goodermont, Illinois
- Secretary—Ellinore L. Konrad, Wisconsin
- Treasurer—Gladys B. Sallman, Illinois
- Chaplain—Mae Levin, Colorado
- Pat. Inst.—Mary Brown, Indiana

By action of those present the next meeting will be held in Aurora, Illinois.

ELLINORE L. KONRAD, Secretary.

Permanent Fund

Earl F. Riggs, Department of California \$100.00
William M. Coffin, Department of Ohio \$100.00
These are life memberships number 9 and 10 received during the past month. Members are urged to support the Permanent Fund in this manner. The principal is invested, and the Life Member's Camp receives \$5.00 yearly for life. This is an excellent way to show faith in the Order and provide for its future financial security.
HONOR ROLL FUND This fund has been neglected during the Holiday Season. Who will be next?

To—Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer,
P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J.

Kindly enter the following Civil War record on the HONOR ROLL FUND.

Name of Veteran

Company & Regiment

Enclosed find (\$10.00 or more) donation to the HONOR ROLL FUND from

Name

Address

(Donations, legacies, and bequests to this fund are welcome and will be preserved.)

(Contributions are deductible for Income Tax purposes—Section 170 of the Code of 1954)



Department News



CALIFORNIA

PASADENA—Pres. Eunice Freeland presided at the October meeting at which time four candidates were initiated. Among officers introduced were Sr. Vice C. in C. Louis T. Story; Mary Story, Dept. Pres.; Coby Wilcox, Sr. Vice Dept. Comm.; Olga Lund, President of the D.U.V.C.W. Mel and Rhoda Riggs were hosts to a lovely card party recently, entertaining Burlingame Camp and Aux. members and friends. Beautiful door awards were presented by Jimmie and Jane Riggs. Our annual Lincoln Banquet will be held February 8 in the Woman's Clubhouse, 220 East Ave., Los Angeles.

PASADENA—At a recent meeting of Phil Kearney Camp 7 several candidates were initiated by a degree team from the Past Commanders Association. A large flag was placed on the stage, with an electric fan behind it and waved majestically during the ceremony.

SANTA ANA—Charlotte Turner passed away November 8 at a local hospital. A native of South Dakota, she had been a resident of California the past 49 years and was a member of the Auxiliary, the Daughters, and the Woman's Relief Corps.

INGLEWOOD—On Sunday, February 10 the mid-winter meeting will be held in the Memorial Building. Luncheon will be served by Department Chiefs of Staff. Dept. Comdr. Snow and Dept. Pres. Mary Story will be special guests.

CONNECTICUT

The reception for Dept. Pres. Vida Schmidt was a delightful affair and was well attended. This reception was held at New Haven, Conn. The reception for the Dept. Comm. Bert DeForest, Jr., was held at Derby, Conn., and a nice group turned out for this affair also.

Rockville Aux. 5 celebrated Veterans night on November 14th with National Historian Allen Spink as their guest speaker. Brother Spink was accompanied by his mother who acted as Auxiliary Inspector on the same evening. The Christmas party is planned for December 12th with the Sons as guests. Auxiliary 20 reports lots of social activities going on—a lovely shower for their President who is to be married, also a nice Xmas party for the Sons.

The Dept. of Conn. report their annual fair held in New Haven a great success.

ILLINOIS

The Department is embarking on a vast expansion program aimed at increasing membership to 40 Camps and 1,000 members. Geo W. Lovering has been appointed Department Organizer to head this drive. Others assisting are David M. McLane, Dr. Arthur W. Stillians, Arthur D. Rhinesmith, Roscoe A. Taylor, A. Marcel LaVey, Alexander J. Levy, Charles A. Goodwin-Perkins and James M. Blackman. Gerald T. Kelsch, Harry J. Oswalt and Jesse A. Smith have been named to the G.A.R. Highway and the Grant Highway committee.

Dept. Commander Schesley wrote Publicity Promoter Warren Lovel Van Dine recently as follows: "The S.U.V., which has become custodian and heir to the property and tradition of the Grand Army of the Republic, has a State Headquarters and trophy and reference library on Lincoln Avenue in Springfield. Wilbur A. Hardinger, SUV State Librarian is presently classifying hundreds of Civil War published references and Union Army verification sources for use of Camp officers and members. Members from other Departments are invited to stop in and see this display any time they are in the 'Land of Lincoln.'"

INDIANA

WINS BATTLE TO PRESERVE CIVIL WAR FLAGS—Dept. Commander John M. Caylor, who is also Commander of Ben Harrison Camp 356, Indianapolis, has spearheaded a successful campaign to preserve Indiana's Civil War battle flags, after eight years of effort. They were stored in the Indiana State House and going to rot and decay. All patriotic groups were enlisted, and emergency legislation was

passed to provide funds to move these flags to the Civil War Monument in the heart of the city, where a museum has been established with easy access to the public. Brother Caylor is a grandson of a former Department Commander of the G.A.R.

MAINE

CAMDEN—The Auxiliary to George S. Cobb Camp held a reception recently honoring Dept. Pres. Mrs. Golda Hall and her staff at the American Legion Hall. Many National and Department Officers were present, headed by Commander-in-Chief Albert DeHaven. A program was presented consisting of readings, vocal and instrumental solos, tap dancing, and speeches.

HYDE CAMP 46 has been attending various inspections and was well represented at the reception to C. in C. DeHaven held in Portland on November 23. Sympathy of the Camp is extended to the families of Edward Bridgham and P. C. Clayburn, both of whom were long time and active members.

DEHAVEN TESTIMONIAL—Commander-in-Chief DeHaven was honored with a Testimonial Dinner at the Falmouth Hotel in Portland, Maine, on November 23rd. A large attendance from Maine as well as from other New England States were present, as well as representatives from other Eastern States, to express their good wishes and congratulations.

MASSACHUSETTS

IT'S ALL IN THE FAMILY—A father, three sons, his cousin and his cousin's grandson were all installed into office by Camp 17 of Brockton recently in ceremonies in G.A.R. Hall. Arthur Shaw is the new Commander; Elmer W. Shaw, chaplain; Elmer W. Shaw, Jr., treasurer; Lawrence O. Jones, secretary; Wm. E. Shaw, Jr. Vice Commander; Thos. F. McGuire, Sr. Vice Commander. All are descendants of the late Henry A. Osborne, a member of the 29th Mass. Vol. Infantry. Everett Atwood, Dept. Commander was the installing officer, with Harold Drown, Everett Freeman, Charles Burnham, Allen Howland, Gilman Harrington and Ernest Hines assisting.

CAMBRIDGE—On November 11 the City of Cambridge dedicated a new and beautiful Memorial Building to those who sacrificed their lives on the altar of freedom, from Valley Forge to Pusan. Couden-Higginson Camp No. 56 under its grand old Commander Frank Johnson represented the 156 lives that Cambridge gave to prevent the dismemberment of the Union in 1861-65.

ANNA BELLE KIMBALL—Auxiliary No. 38 of Chelsea, Mass., report with sorrow the passing of Sister Kimball their oldest Past President. Sister Kimball had 42 years of service with our Order during which time she served as Secretary of the Department.

ROXBURY—Charles Russell Lowell Camp 9 has moved to St. Lawrence Hall, Intercolonial Building which are larger quarters in a more central location.

PIONEER VALLEY Association held their annual Dedication Day banquet at Holyoke, November 19 with 130 present. Elaborate decorations were prepared by Commander Edw. Bressette of Camp 60, and a G.A.R. painting by Fred Butler of Camp 60 was displayed. Dept. Commander Atwood and Dept. Pres. Nancy Call headed a large group of National and Department Officers present.

A BUS LOAD of Massachusetts people traveling to the Reception to the Commander-in-Chief in Portland had a harrowing experience when their bus caught fire near Hampton, N. H. After an hour delay another bus was brought on from Rochester, N. H., and the group landed in Portland at 7 P. M. The banquet was held up until they arrived.

MICHIGAN

MARSHALL—Aux. 4 entertained officers of the Department and other guests at a chicken pie supper recently at G.A.R. Hall. Distinguished guests included Dept. Pres. Mrs. Elsie Cleavers; Dept. Secy. Mrs. Blanche Templeton; Dept. Inspector Mrs. Lois Blanchard; P.D.P. Evelyn O'Brien; P.D.C. James Davey and Mrs. Davey.

DETROIT—Dedication Day was observed and well attended on November 17 at the Veterans Memorial Building. A public joint installation of officers of Gen. U. S. Grant Aux., and of Camp 1, 2, 4, and 5 will be held Sunday, January 19 at 2:30 P. M. in the Veterans Memorial Building. Hon. Carl M. Weideman, of Camp 2 is now back on the Circuit Court

bench after being confined to his home for a month under doctor's orders.

DEPARTMENT mid-winter meeting will be held in February either at Lansing or Detroit. The 1958 Encampment will be held June 8-10 at the Harrington Hotel in Port Huron. A feature will be the reorganizing of the Camp there.

MINNESOTA

MINNEAPOLIS—Dept. Pres. Mrs. Amelia Anderson served a fine turkey dinner to members of Camp 8 and Aux. and their friends at the G.A.R. Memorial Hall on December 18. Mrs. Anderson is a very energetic and enthusiastic worker and has also served as Dept. Pres. of the W.R.C.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

KEENE—Aux. 11 had inspection with Dept. Inspector Ethel Griffin in charge. Dept. Pres. and Dept. Comdr. were guests along with other Department Officers. One candidate was initiated.

NEW JERSEY

TESTIMONIAL—The testimonial dinner to National President Anne O. Clayton held on December 7th was most enjoyable. More than 150 members and friends joined in extending congratulations and best wishes for a harmonious and successful year. Delegations were present from Reading, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; as well as from New York; Connecticut; New Hampshire; Massachusetts; Rhode Island; and Maryland. Toastmaster Albert C. Lambert read hundreds of messages, including those of Governor Robert B. Meyner and United States Senator H. Alexander Smith. P.N.P. Edna S. Lambert was chairman of the committee which was composed of all Past Department Presidents of the New Jersey Department.

MID-WINTER MEETING—The mid-winter meeting of the New Jersey Department, S.U.V.C.W. will be held on Sunday, January 12th at 2 P. M. in the rooms of Love Camp No. 12 at Bloomfield. All Camps are urged to have representatives present.

STATE CAMP—At the meeting of the N. J. State Camp held in Union on November 16, Edw. M. Donahue, Alton Sharp and Richard Kucker were admitted to membership. Edwin Shadbolt was the guest of James Steenwerth. Edward Bolan is the newly elected Commander.

TRENTON—Garfield Camp No. 4 has announced that their annual Lincoln Banquet will be held February 15th at the Hotel Hildebrecht.

NEW YORK

NEW YORK CITY—Tilden Camp 26 held a double observance at their October 13 meeting. Patriotic Instructor Goldfish prepared an interesting talk on "Veterans in the history of our country," and also on "Lincoln and the Gettysburg Address." The Camp takes part in every major patriotic function. We express sorrow in the passing of Sister Paula Baer of Grant Aux. and the mother of our Camp Sec'y-Treas.

LAFAYETTE CAMP, NEW YORK CITY—At a meeting of Camp 140, Lt. Colonel George Rosenblum, Commandant of the Old Guard of the City of New York was elected to Associate Membership. Lafayette Camp is the successor to Lafayette Post 140, G.A.R. The Post was formed by members of the Guard Lafayette, known as the 55th New York. The Light Guard Company of the Old Guard of the City of New York served with the 55th as flank Company during the Battle of Gettysburg.

ROCHESTER—O'Rorke Camp 60 has gone on record opposing the use of the word "Celebration" in connection with the coming Centennial of the Civil War. They prefer that it be called "Commemoration." They feel that we do not celebrate a war or any other unfortunate turn of events, and that steps should be taken to prevent the general use of the term "Celebration." The Abraham Lincoln Association will hold its annual Lincoln Banquet on February 12 in the Hotel Manger.

MRS. MARIE COLWELL—We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Marie Colwell, wife of P.D.C. Fred E. Cowell, on December 17th. Burial was in Rochester on Saturday, December 21st. Sincere sympathy is extended to Fred in his great loss.

TILDEN AUX. No. 31 report fall activities in full swing. Participation in massing of colors at St. Thomas' Church and the donation of a T.V. set to the Seaman's Institute.

OID AUX. No. 72 received an official visit from Department President Anita Stephen. Other Department officers were guests of the Auxiliary during this evening and initiation of five new members highlighted the meeting.

ELMIRA AUX. No. 49 report their first fall meeting most successful. They received their Department President officially as well as other Dept. Officers. Aux. No. 49 presented twelve flags to various schools as well as other patriotic endeavor. Plans are under way for a Christmas party on December 16th and for Installation of Officers on January 28th.

OHIO

CINCINNATI—On November 17th a memorable program was held celebrating the 50th anniversary of U. S. Grant Camp 100 in Memorial Hall. A buffet was served at 6:30 P. M. which was followed by an outstanding program at 8 P. M. The principal address was given by John Lloyd, president of the Union Central Life Ins. Co. The toastmaster was Hon. James Garfield Stewart. Others on the program included Arthur M. O'Connell, Louis G. Blair, Hon. Potter Stewart, Fred Pfister, Jr., and Hon. Louis J. Schneider. Charter members of the Camp are William M. Coffin, William R. Collins, Henry P. Rawson and Rufus E. Ross. The Camp will install officers jointly with the Auxiliary on January 15th. Fred Pfister, Jr., has been re-elected as Camp Commander and Mrs. Neil Timney will be installed as Auxiliary President.

DISTRICT No. 1 held their meeting and election of officers in Salem on November 7th. A number of the Camps have been presenting badges to those serving in the Camps for fifty years and over.

TOLEDO—Sympathy is extended to the family of Samuel Wilson Tussing who died October 7th. He would have been 85 years of age on October 16th. He was an active member, and was also a member of the National Fife & Drum Corps. In this capacity he escorted three Presidents of the United States, and attended 27 G.A.R. Encampments.

MANSFIELD AUX. No. 4 planned a social evening which included a dinner for the members of Camp No. 12. During the evening President Ethel Constance showed color slides of her trip through the Rockies and California. The Aux. and Camp have joint openings and closings but separate business meetings.

DISTRICT No. 3 held their meeting in Cincinnati on November 17th prior to the 50th anniversary of Grant Camp. Hellen C. Newbright, District President welcomed Dept. Comm. Chas. Bigley and Dept. Pres. Edith Nile. A book entitled "They Knew Lincoln" was presented to the Kennedy Silverton School by Fredrick Pfister, Jr., in the name of Comrade Pfister, Sr., a P.D.C. of the G.A.R. of Ohio Department. Walter Winall of Cincinnati is the new District President of District 3.

ALLIANCE AUX. No. 91 report much activity. Annual inspection with a rating of Excellent and following that meeting a reception for Dept. Pres. Edith Nile and those of her Dept. officers who were in attendance. Natl. Press Correspondent Margaret Gehret was unable to be present because of illness. An operation kept her in the hospital for quite some time. Aux. 91 initiated two new members on inspection night.

Two silk flags were presented to the World War No. 1 Aux. and two cotton flags to a Girl Scout troop. A large flag was also presented to a new Township School. Installation of officers was held jointly with the Sons and the usual Christmas party for the children was held with Santa distributing gifts.

AKRON AUX. No. 8—The Christmas party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Corbin with about 25 in attendance including Department President Edith Nile and her husband as special guests. Dept. Patriotic Instructor Corbin revealed plans for the presentation to be made in the name of the G.A.R. to the Crippled Children's home in Mansfield, Ohio. This gift will be given at the Department convention in June.

OREGON & WASHINGTON

Dept. Inspector Zelah Lundgren reports the inspection of various Auxiliaries accompanied by the Dept. President and

other Dept. officers. At Eugene a lovely luncheon was served with a large group in attendance. A nice luncheon at the Congress Hotel preceded the inspection of Portland Auxiliary. This was arranged by Owen Summers.

Salem Auxiliary reports progress in their work and were pleased to have a visit from the Dept. Pres. which was inspiring to them.

It has been announced that the Dept. Convention will be held in Portland June 1st to 3rd.

PENNSYLVANIA

PITTSBURGH—On November 9th Davis Star Camp and Aux. honored Clara E. Lewis, Dept. Pres., with a dinner and reception in Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall. Representatives were present from many Camps and Auxiliaries. Carl Gutekunst, Dept. Comdr.; Chester Shriver, Dept. Sec'y-Treas.; and P. C. in C. Leroy Stoudt represented the Sons from the eastern part of the state. Mrs. Anna Clevenhaus was chairman, and Leroy Stoudt the toastmaster. Rev. F. W. Hofmann, Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church of Verona, and a brother of Clara Lewis, escorted her into the banquet hall. Mrs. Ann Rifugiato DiLeo, a member of the Pittsburgh Opera Company was solisit, accompanied by Mrs. Sara Owens.

JOHN E. SAUTTER was operated on for the second time on November 11th and at present is reported to be in satisfactory condition. Our prayers and best wishes go to him for a speedy and complete recovery.

DAVIS STAR AUX. entertained the Dept. Pres. and other Dept. officers at inspection which was preceded by a lovely luncheon honoring Sister Lewis. At the meeting two new candidates were initiated and one balloted on. Plans were made for the collection of funds for the Scotland School project being sponsored by the Dept.

MIDDLETOWN AUX. 87 reports they held their Christmas party and had a fine time. Election of officers was held and Mrs. Anna Lamison was elected President.

READING AUX. 6 report much activity. Inspection of Officers with a rating of Excellent. Progress reported by Carrie Heabner on the plans for Appomattox Day. Two new candidates were initiated. C. Leroy Stoudt spoke on the Scotland School for Veterans' children project and also about the first annual remembrance day service held in Gettysburg. Election of Officers have been held and Mrs. Reilly Fisher is the new President. Installation of officers will be held jointly with the members of Meade Camp.

RHODE ISLAND

The Arsenal in Providence, R. I., is the center of much activity for this Dept. A reception was held here honoring National Council Member Gertrude Peterson and Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Harold Arnold. Another reception honoring the Dept. Pres. and Dept. Comm. was also held here. The N.E. regional meeting will be held here in March and the Dept. Encampment will have their meetings in April. Flag presentations and Memorial Services will highlight the encampment.

A Christmas party for the Veterans of Davis Park will be held on December 19th by the Sons and Aux., and for the children on December 22nd. A party is being planned for the Veterans Home at Bristol.

November 19th Gertrude Peterson broadcast over Station WEAN with Sister Taylor of the Ladies and Jennie Moriarty of the Daughters commemorating the 94th anniversary of the Gettysburg Address.

VERMONT

BRANDON—On December 7th, the newly organized Burnt Town Camp 93 was officially instituted with more than twenty charter members. Brother Ernest Wells of Cambridge, Mass., gave a most interesting and informative talk. There is an unusual amount of ability in this new Camp and we look forward to its success.

Camp Commanders elected for the coming year include: Brattleboro, Joseph Aldrich; Bellows Falls, George Farrar; Green Mountain State Camp, Willard Squires.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Hildreth of Brattleboro. Brother and Mrs. George A. DeWitt are spending the winter in Florida. Brother and Mrs. Lewis Abbott are spending the winter in Tampa, Fla.

Copy for the March-April issue must be received by February 25th.

See You In Boston—Week of Aug. 17

Many plans are being made to facilitate the business, and provide for the convenience and entertainment of the delegates. At a recent meeting of the joint committee P.D.C. John L. Day Sr. was unanimously elected General Chairman.

The Sons Committee is composed of P. C. in C. Charles Moran, Honorary Chairman; John L. Day, Roy C. Call, William O. Fuller, Addison A. Quinn, Harold M. Drown, Harold Shepardson, Everett M. Atwood, Fred Butler and Ernest G. Wells.

The Committee for the Auxiliary consists of Honorary Chairmen, Margaret Palmer, Margaret Anderson and Maude Warren. Others on the committee are Chairman Pamela S. Elder, Flora Bates, Beatrice Pike, Nancy L. Call, Barbara Brown, Jessie G. Wells, Natalie Brown, Viola Geyer, and Minnie Medeiros.

The Ladies of the G.A.R. have named Chairman Alice Harwood, Mildred Granger, Edna Brooks, Janet Willey, Blanche Gage, Dorothy Barber, Anna Kuhn, Florence Mason and Emma Lamote.

General Chairman John Day has appointed the following sub-committees: Church Memorial Service; Roy C. Call, Janet Willey and Jessie G. Wells; Publicity, Harold Drown and Ernest G. Wells. The next meeting of the General Committee will be held on January 11 at the Sheraton-Plaza Hotel in Boston.

Publicize U. S. Coast Guard Academy

As part of a six state publicity campaign to publicize the New England Regional Associations, SUV CW and Aux., a Thanksgiving Day morning broadcast was held over Station WKNE, Keene, N. H. Attention of all eligible young Americans was called to the wonderful opportunities that await them at the U. S. Coast Guard Academy. This academy, located at New London, Conn. has the same mission as West Point and Annapolis; namely, to train commissioned officers for the regular service. Appointments are made on the basis of a nation-wide competitive examination, and are open to all who can qualify. The applicant must be unmarried, and not less than 17, nor more than 21 years of age.

The New England Regional Associations present a suitably inscribed dress sword every June, at the Commencement Exercises to the graduating cadet highest in military proficiency in his class. This presentation is made in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Pictured left to right are the publicity members of the New England Regional; P.D.C. Leonard A. Wyman, New Hamp.; P.D.C. Alaric Nichols, Vermont; and Dept. Organizer Ernest G. Wells, Massachusetts.



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