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G. A. R. Lauded At Remembrance Day Exercises



(Ziegler Photo)

National and Department heads of the five allied organizations of the Grand Army of the Republic are shown after they placed wreaths at the Albert Woolson monument in Ziegler's Grove, Gettysburg, Pa. on November 9th during the fifth annual Remembrance Day program. In the background is Company G, 6th Battalion, Sons of Veterans Reserve of Harrisburg, commanded by Lt. George H. Gruber. Carrying the Commandery-in-Chief colors were members of Camp 112, Gettysburg. Standing beside the monument, left to right, Mr. Elton P. Koch, Dept. Comm., Penna.; Miss Catherine Hilbert, Dept. Pres. Aux.; Mrs.

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Dorothy Hilyard, Natl. Pres. Aux.; Mr. Charles L. Messer, Commander-in-Chief SUVCW; Mrs. Ann Atkins, Natl. Pres. W.R.C.; Mrs. Alice Ure, Natl. Pres. Ladies of the G. A. R.; Mrs. Marie Robinson, Natl. Pres. DUVCW; Miss Erma Gill, Dept. Pres. DUVCW; Mrs. Martha Heiber, Dept. Pres. Ladies of the G. A. R.; and Mrs. Edna Smith, Dept. Pres. W.R.C.

"The Grand Army of the Republic rose undauntedly to its responsibility. As we ponder their sacrifices and accomplishments, let us resolve that we will not fail them." Maj. Gen. George J. Richards said at the fifth annual Remembrance Day program held in the Visitors' Center on the battlefield. He described the causes of the Civil War and the vicissitudes of the troops stating that the high tide of the Confederacy came at Gettysburg.

Harold E. Arnold, Coventry, R. I. Past Commander-in-Chief SUVCW was master of ceremonies. The invocation and benediction were given by Rev. Charles E. Held. Mr. James E. Heckel, Registrar of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States extended greetings and placed a wreath for MOLLUS.



Shown above is Commander-in-Chief Charles L. Messer, Albany, N. Y., speaking at the services which were held in the Visitor's Center because of cold weather. This was the first service held in the newly completed building located in Ziegler's Grove near the Albert Woolson monument.

The Fairfield High School Band provided music for the program and F. Company, Sons of Veterans Reserve, New Oxford, under command of 1st Lt. Arthur L. Weaver, fired the volley and with the Harrisburg SVR took part in the pageant presented by Gettysburg Camp 112 of Gettysburg, written and narrated by G. Henry Roth. Attorney Eugene R. Hartman read the record of the 72nd Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment at High Water Mark as symbolic of the G.A.R. members' participation in the Civil War. Taps were sounded by Edward Hughes.

In the evening of the same day, the 31st Annual Banquet of the Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association commemorated the Dedication of the National Cemetery at a dinner held in the Hotel Gettysburg at which affair all National and Department heads were also present, and

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extended greetings. P.D.C. Edwin Kramer was toastmaster, and the principal address was delivered by Dr. James R. Hartnett, Ph.D., of the York Junior College.

SCHOLARSHIPS PRESENTED



As a link to the past and with concern for the future, a total of \$800 for scholarships were presented to Gettysburg College at the dinner. Dr. Seymour Dunn, director of development of Gettysburg College is shown receiving a check for \$300 from Commander-in-Chief Charles L. Messer. The money will go for a scholarship at the college. Mrs. Marie Robinson (center), National President of the DUVCW presented a \$500 scholarship from her organization.

On the following day, U. S. Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen of Illinois was the principal speaker at the Gettysburg Cemetery exercises commemorating the anniversary of the delivery of President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Standing where another man from Illinois stood 98 years ago in the National Cemetery he said, "Ours is a timid generation in which the fallout shelter, from which the stars of hope and courage cannot be seen, has become the symbol of our fears and misgivings." He said that Lincoln in his address at the dedication of the cemetery asked the "deathless question which continues to roll down time's corridor with each generation. 'Can a nation so conceived and so dedicated long endure?'" The program was arranged by the Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania and the Sons of Union Veterans. Attorney Donald P. McPherson, Jr., interstate commerce commissioner and a member of Camp 112 SUVCW was the master of ceremonies. He was introduced by Chester S. Shriver, President of the Lincoln Fellowship, and Dept. Secy-Treas. SUVCW. Colors were advanced by Camp 112 SUVCW of Gettysburg, and wreaths were laid by Walter S. Henry and Miles K. Keiffer. Music was furnished by the Gettysburg Senior High School Band, the U. S. Army ROTC Drum and Bugle Corps of Gettysburg College, and the 6th Battalion Field Band SVR, Harrisburg.

On Lincoln's Birthday

The name of Abraham Lincoln, born 153 years ago, is forever linked with man's eternal struggle for freedom. The intensely dramatic character of the issue which occupied his Presidency, the extraordinary presence and personality of Lincoln the man, his tragic death in the very hour of fulfillment—all contrived to give him the unqualified recognition which is not always the reward of even the supreme statesman.

Almost a century has passed since Lincoln died, and yet the shadow of that tall, gaunt figure grows only broader, deeper and richer in its meaning as it falls across the long perspective of the years. Lincoln lives today in the imagina-

tion of his countrymen more vividly than ever—more vividly, perhaps than any other great American.

The essential reason is the old and simple one. He was a genuinely great man who rose to meet a great crisis. It was a crisis which involved the survival of the union and of the democratic system of government in the United States. Lincoln knew how to fight for democracy without thereby destroying it. He knew how to insist upon Federal unity without crushing the liberties of individuals or of states. He knew how to be a dictator without ceasing to be liberal and humane; he knew how to wield force where it was needed and abandon it where it was sterile and destructive.

The character of Lincoln is perhaps best revealed in the immortal last words of the Second Inaugural: "With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan—to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

Immortal words of an immortal man. A great hope then and a great hope still—for America and the world.

It was with prophetic vision that Mr. Lincoln's Secretary of War, Stanton, murmured as the President breathed his last: "Now he belongs to the ages." Born in an impoverished home, raised under conditions of privation and adversity, Abraham Lincoln made his way to immortality through the force of his own intellectual powers and faultless character.

100 YEARS AGO

1862

- Jan. 19 MILL SPRINGS or LOGAN'S CROSS ROADS, KY. Union troops under Gen. Thomas defeated Gen. Crittenden's Confederates. This opened the way to eastern Tennessee. Casualties were light.
- Feb. 6 FORT HENRY, KY. Surrendered to Union Naval Command of Flag Officer Foote operating on the Tennessee River. Brig. Gen. Grant's troops were now free to march on nearby Fort Donelson.
- Feb. 12-16 FORT DONELSON, KY. After a 4-day siege and bombardment by Grant's land and naval forces, numbering 27,000, Gen. Buckner received Grant's famous ultimatum: "No terms but unconditional and immediate surrender can be accepted." About 12,000 Confederates surrendered, opening Kentucky and much of Tennessee to Union forces.
- Mar. 9 HAMPTON ROADS, VA. U.S.S. Monitor met the C.S.S. Virginia (Merrimac) in this first naval battle between ironclads. Result indecisive. The Virginia was scuttled on May 11 after evacuation of Norfolk by Confederates.
- Mar. 23 KERNSTOWN, VA. This battle was the start of Stonewall Jackson's classic Shenandoah Valley Campaign in which he outmaneuvered and defeated Union forces in five later battles, at McDowell, Front Royal, Winchester, Cross Keys and Port Republic. Although Gen. Banks defeated Jackson here at Kernstown, Union plans for reinforcement of McClellan on the Peninsula were abandoned.
- Apr. 6 SHILOH, TENN. Confederate Gen. A. S. Johnston's 40,000 men surprised Grant here in a dawn attack. Arrival of reinforcements, bringing the Union total to 65,000 men, saved Grant from a bloody defeat. Johnston was killed and Beauregard, who assumed command, withdrew to Corinth, Miss. Union casualties 13,000; Confederate 10,500.
- Apr. 7 ISLAND NO. 10, KY. This strategic Confederate fort on the Mississippi River surrendered to Gen. Pope and Flag Officer Foote, giving the Federals control of the Mississippi south to Fort Pillow, Tenn.
- May 25 WINCHESTER, VA. This First Battle of Winchester resulted in a Confederate victory for Stonewall Jackson's forces over the Union troops of Gen. Banks.

Jackson was again successful in diverting and preventing Union forces from joining McClellan in the drive on Richmond.

May 31-June 1 FAIR OAKS or SEVEN PINES (Richmond, Va.). Gen. J. E. Johnston's Confederate forces attacked the units of McClellan's split army on the south side of the Chickahominy River. They were repulsed, with heavy losses. About 40,000 men were engaged on each side. Gen. Robert E. Lee was given command when Johnston was wounded.

June 6 MEMPHIS, TENN. A Union fleet under Commodore Davis sank seven of eight Confederate ships in a 90-minute battle. Memphis surrendered to Davis.

June 25-July 1 SEVEN DAYS' BATTLES (Richmond, Va.) McClellan's Federals advanced to Oak Grove. The next day Lee left Richmond and attacked McClellan's right wing at Mechanicsville. This failed to break the Union line but McClellan withdrew to Gaines' Mill where 57,000 Confederates attacked 34,000 Federals on June 27. Fighting was severe and Union lines broke, causing McClellan to begin his retreat to Harrison's Landing. Lee continued his attack and on June 29 at Savage Station and on June 30 at Frayser's Farm. Union rear guards turned back the Confederates. At Malvern Hill on July 1, the last battle of the Peninsular Campaign, Lee's troops were badly mauled in frontal assaults on the Union artillery. The Seven Days' Battles inflicted heavy casualties on both sides. The South lost 20,600 out of some 98,000 engaged, while Northern losses were 16,000 of 100,000 engaged. Lee retired to Richmond while McClellan's Army of the Potomac embarked Aug. 14 for Washington and a juncture with Gen. Pope's Army of Virginia.

Aug. 28-30 SECOND MANASSAS or BULL RUN, VA. Lee began the action to destroy Pope's army on Aug. 25 by sending Jackson's "foot cavalry" on a 51-mile flanking movement in which he destroyed Pope's supplies at Manassas. After noon on Aug. 30, Pope began his attack against Jackson's entrenched forces. The day ended with the Union Army in full retreat to Centreville and Washington. Federal strength was 73,000, losses 14,500. Confederate troops numbered 55,000, losses 9,500. This victory opened the way for Lee's first invasion of the North.

Sept. 12-15 HARPERS FERRY, W. VA. After a two-day skirmish and bombardment, Confederates under Jackson captured over 11,000 Union troops under Col. Miles. Confederate casualties numbered only 300. This secured the Confederate rear and freed Jackson to join Lee at Antietam.

Sept. 16-17 ANTIETAM (Sharpsburg, Md.). Lee's first invasion of the North ended at Antietam Creek as 41,000 Confederates were checked by McClellan's 80,000 Federals. On Sept. 18 Lee withdrew into Virginia after suffering losses of over 10,000. Union casualties were about 12,500.

Sept. 22 WASHINGTON, D. C. Emancipation Proclamation issued by President Lincoln.

Oct. 3-4 CORINTH, MISS. Confederate troops under Gen. Van Dorn attacked the Union defenses of Gen. Rosecrans. After two days of heavy fighting the Confederates retreated. Union losses were about 2,000 out of 20,000; Confederate perhaps 5,000 out of 30,000.

Dec. 13 FREDERICKSBURG, VA. The Union Army of the Potomac, 120,000 strong under Gen. Burnside, made a frontal attack against Lee's 78,000 entrenched forces on the heights above Fredericksburg. All Union assaults failed. Union losses were 12,500; Confederate losses 5,000. Burnside withdrew across the Rappahannock River.

U. S. Civil War Stirs Australians

An American Civil War Research Group, similar to the Civil War Round Tables in the United States, meets monthly in Sydney to discuss the American Civil War.

The Civil War, says its president, L. Traynor, "interests us greatly from a number of aspects—because it has been the only major internal conflict for centuries between English-speaking peoples, because of the wide canvas which it covered and because of the sheer tragedy of it all."



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January 1, 1962.

1. Fraternal Greetings and Best Wishes for the year 1962. Your Commander-in-Chief is waiting to hear from members to be placed on the Honor Roll for securing five or more new members. Those qualifying will receive a gold ribbon to indicate their appointment as a National Aide, and have their name added to the Honor Roll. I will personally award a prize to the member who secures the most new members during this administration.

2. All subscriptions to The Banner expired with the last issue of the paper. Your Commander-in-Chief would like to see every member subscribe for the 1962 issues. We commend the California Department for subscribing for every member of their Department. The Banner is the best means of keeping our membership informed of the activities, projects, and accomplishments of the Order. Subscription is \$1.00 per year, payable to Natl. Secy. Albert C. Lambert, P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J.

3. The following have been appointed to National Committees:

Legislative Committee	Lincoln Tomb Exercises
Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd. Ret.	James L. High, Chairman
William M. Coffin, Ohio	Geo. L. Cashman,
John Stark, Penna.	Asst. Chairman
Eugene F. Patten, New Jersey	

Military Affairs Committee
Capt. Howard L. Dissinger,
Penna.
George LaMarsh, Mass.

4. All Camp Secretaries will see that Quarterly Reports are mailed promptly, so that Department Secretaries can be prompt in reporting to National Headquarters. Report of Election and Installation of Officers should be sent to Department Headquarters in duplicate immediately after Camp Installation.

5. Everyone likes a cheerful giver, so be cheerful and give to the Grand Army Memorial Fund, which is directed by Natl. Patr. Instr. Albert W. Lambert, 117 Palmer Lane, Trenton 8, N. J.

6. Don't forget that our National Convention will be held in the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C., August 19-23, 1962. One of the finest conventions we have had is being planned by the committee.

7. Again I wish to all of our members, a Happy and Prosperous New Year. If there is anything that I can do for any Camp or any Department, do not hesitate to call on me.

CHARLES L. MESSER,
Commander-in-Chief.

THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

First of all, it must be understood just what the Grand Army of the Republic was and what it stood for. In order to do that, we must know exactly what they fought for.

It leads to confusion to simply say that the North fought the South—that is an over-simplification—for the Union Veterans came from all over—North and South and East and West. There were many issues finally involved before the War was over, but the basic issue was not just sectional differences, but mainly a struggle between two concepts—between the idea of a strong central government (a great Union of the United States of America) and a loose confederation of sovereign states (practically each one a small separate nation—together called the Confederacy).

A fine example of the many from the South who served the Union was General George Henry Thomas—the "Rock of Chickamauga." He was a Virginian who loved his country more than his state.

Not all the Union Veterans of the Civil War joined the Grand Army of the Republic—only the best, the strongest, the most intelligent—those who knew that it was not enough to save the Union. They must also work to maintain it, improve it, and justify it.

Therefore, their principles of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, which we inherit.

Fraternity toward each other—and their fellow citizens.
Charity for their unfortunates—and those of their communities.

Loyalty to their comrades—their neighbors—and their country.

What became of this great tradition of service? This first great veterans' organization? This Great-Grand-Daddy of all present-day veterans' organizations?

Because they held to their ideals of service, for much more than a generation, the Grand Army was the strongest single force in their communities, in their states, and in the nation—in politics, in business, and in social life. This could not have helped but have a very large part in moulding the character of our nation—and, because of our international preeminence—even the destiny of the world.

This is the tradition and the work that has been handed on to their sons and grandsons—the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This is why the Congress of the United States and Allied Veterans Councils all over the country recognize our Order as the only living legal representative of the Grand Army of the Republic.

To sum up, in the history of our nation, it is only yesterday that the Grand Army passed away. Fortunately, these Civil War Centennial commemorative years, between 1961 and 1965, are ideally suited for the Sons of Union Veterans to bring before our people the great tradition of unselfish service and public integrity that was the Grand Army of the Republic—to revive in their successors (the various veterans organizations) a renewed dedication to ideals and practices in a society presently over-burdened with the wastes of graft, corruption—and general easy morality in public office and business ethics.

The Civil War Centennial means more than the reenactment of battles fought—and won—and lost. It is—or should be—an Evaluation of what the War meant—its results in the years following—and today.

An excellent way to follow these results would be through the evolution of those men who fought this War for the preservation of the Union—and won it.

These men who knew that it was not enough to preserve the Union—that it must also be maintained and developed.

And maintained and developed it must still be today—if we are to be able to continue to preserve it.

So we literally MUST know how this Grand-Daddy of all veterans' organizations became the greatest political, social, and economic force the nation has ever known. It literally ran the country for a generation.

We must know its successes—and its failures—if we are

to profit by them. And profit we MUST—or perish from the enemies that oppose everything the Grand Army stood for. This, then, is the basic purpose behind our efforts at compiling a HISTORY OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC—and why we first approach the veterans' organizations who, with us, are carrying on the work first started by the Grand Army of the Republic.

This can be a valuable contribution to American Art in Literature!

But, more than that, it can give our young people a blueprint to a worthwhile future—with examples of courage, fortitude, exalted aspirations, and ethical public service.

What do we want from you? Help! If you have—or can get—G.A.R. records, letters, and stories—fine! But you can assist us in finding people who can believe in what we are doing and will work with us at it. If they are lineal descendants of Union Veterans of the Civil War, all the better—they can become full-fledged members.

If they are not—but still believe in our work—they can become Associates—or partial members—but still be full-fledged participants in the Centennial program.

ERNEST G. WELLS,

Chairman G.A.R. History Committee
Chairman Civil War Centennial Committee

The Death Of The U. N.?

India's successful attack on Goa and the other Portuguese territories has many aspects of tragedy, one more shocking than the other. Of paramount importance is the fate of the subjugated people and the conquered lands. Then there is the personal tragedy of Nehru, who has fallen from the heights. Finally, the disastrous impact on the United Nations.

Nehru is not the first of national and international figures to betray the faith and confidence they had enjoyed, to be exposed as a hypocrite and a tyrant whose pious pleas for international understanding and good will have conjured up in the public mind an image of an idealist, a true friend of peace.

Nehru's reputation is gone. There is no longer any reason for faith in his pretensions. He may be welcomed by the Kremlin but he is friendless among the people of the free world.

This is a somber thought suggesting as it does the revival of the era of the fang and the claw.

Permanent Fund

Our Permanent Fund was authorized to unite us and to assure a permanent association. No member is obligated to contribute, nor may he be assessed. All funds in the Permanent Fund must be voluntary to fulfill its intent and purpose. Any member may contribute in memory of his family or Civil War ancestor to honor and perpetuate the memory of their name.

To—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 wel- come and will be preserved.) (Contributions are deductible for Income Tax purposes—Section 170 of the Code of 1954)
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The following contributions have been received since the last issue of THE BANNER:

Simon Bournstine \$10.00
13th Missouri Infantry
22nd Ohio Infantry
(Courtesy Chas. H. Bournstine)

PATRIOTISM

To what degree is patriotism emphasized? Is there neglect in inculcating a love of country and fervor for the ideals of democracy that have been basic to the nation's tradition, that have sustained it in crises of the past, and that are indispensable if the challenges of the future are to be met effectively?

A spirit of patriotism is not an automatic process. Development of a burning love of country, glowing pride in its traditions and unfaltering loyalty to democratic principles of government requires special effort. The theme must be stressed constantly and in many ways. Children must be inspired, and, through a proper emphasis upon the glories of the nation's history, imbued with the spirit that transcends every material resource in establishing and maintaining the greatness of a nation.

The question therefore, is not are you patriotic. It is what are you doing about it? Some Camps are a driving force in the life of their community, while others just talk patriotism, but do nothing about it.

Are you working at patriotism, are you proud of it? Did you, your Camp, or your Department sponsor a project this year, either connected with the Centennial, or separate from it? A prospective candidate will be interested in knowing what we do. What are our projects and activities? If he finds a vital and active group, he will find something he might be able to associate with and work with.

We learn patriotism by practicing and teaching patriotism. Each of us can instruct in patriotism, by living patriotism full time. Apathy, defeatism, and discouragement are the enemies of our Order, as they are the enemies of our country. In these years of stress, we could not make a worse mistake. It is the mistake our enemies hope for—let us not oblige them.

Memorial Day—Dedication Day—Appomattox Day—Lincoln's Birthday, etc., are times for our Camps and Departments to teach patriotism by example. The giving of award, a scholarship, the placing of a plaque are recommended means of securing recognition of our Order, and its objectives.

Many projects of the National Organization are financed through the G.A.R. Memorial Fund, including a Scholarship, Grave Marking Committee, G.A.R. Highway Committee, National Historian, Lincoln Tomb Exercises, Lincoln Monument Exercises, Centennial Committee, and G.A.R. History Committee. This is not charity. I do not come to beg gifts of you. This is your investment in our Order, your guarantee of a part in the work of the National Organization. It is a wise investment, its dividends the practice of true patriotism. Send your check or money order to the G.A.R. Memorial Fund this year, and let next year's annual report come to you as a shareholder.

ALBERT W. LAMBERT,
National Patriotic Instructor.

Make friends with your creditors but never make creditors of your friends.



Department News



COLORADO & WYOMING

A Thanksgiving program and dinner preceded the Auxiliary meeting in Pueblo on November 19 at the home of Louella Holmes. The program was arranged by Patriotic Instructor Nellie Morris. The December meeting and Christmas party was held at the home of Jane Sayhouse on December 16. Sister Louella Holmes' new address is 211 Colorado Ave., Apt. 2, Pueblo.

CONNECTICUT

National Grave Registration Officer Bertrand O. DeForest, Sr., suffered a heart attack in October and is reported coming along slowly in South Nassau Community Hospital, Ocean-side, L. I., New York.

ILLINOIS

PROPHETSTOWN—Members of the Camp attended the mid-winter Encampment on December 2, and also attended a meeting on December 12 in the Moline Public Library with the Western Illinois Civil War Descendants' Assn. Dewey Poston of Cordova presented a hand-carved Civil War memorial which was a replica of Gen. Grant and Gen. Lee on horseback, which was created by Poston last winter for therapy work while he was a patient in the Veterans' Hospital at Iowa City. Poston was recently named President of the Western Illinois Civil War Veterans' Descendants' Assn. Roscoe Mathis, who has spent considerable time compiling records of the Civil War, requested that he be contacted by any one in the surrounding area who had ancestors taking a part in the Civil War.

The Charles Goodermont named in the Ohio notes in the November-December issue is none other than our esteemed Myron E. Goodermont.

The Department extends its sympathy to Brother Arthur Sherman, Secretary of Major C. B. Loop Camp 60 at Belvidere on the loss of his wife, Winnie.

Brother Clyde Davis, member of Old Glory Camp 61-65 at Chicago, has entered a sanitarium for his health.

The Department's Mid-Winter Encampment was held at the Graemere Hotel, Chicago, on 2 December 1961. The twenty members present discussed, among other things, the Department's participation in the Civil War Centennial; our committee is headed by Brother Carl G. Hodges. It was decided that plaques will be awarded to people who make worthwhile contributions to the Centennial.

Brother Carl G. Hodges of Springfield, who has authored several books in the past, has gone to press with a new volume—"Baxie Randall and the Blue Raiders," a fictional account for boys of Grierson's raid in April 1863 which will be published in February 1962 by Bobbs-Merrill.

Captain John E. Howes, an Army officer presently stationed in Germany, has been elected an Illinois member-at-large. The Captain is a student of the Hatfield-McCoy affair and a marksman of considerable ability himself, with numerous trophies to attest his skill in the latter field. The Department looks forward to greeting him when his foreign tour of duty is completed.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard F. Locke, who needs no introduction to readers of these notes, was elected an Honorary Companion of the Illinois Commandery of The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States in October. He attended the Annual Meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief of that organization, held in New York in the same month, where he was introduced by his old friend Major General U. S. Grant 3rd, Commander-in-Chief of the MOLLUS, as the man of the General's acquaintance most closely resembling Mr. Lincoln not only in height but in character and intrinsic qualities as well. The Illinois Department's roster now includes the names of six members who also belong to the Loyal Legion.

The last issue of THE BANNER noted that Department Commander George L. Cashman and his charming Dorothy, both Lincoln scholars of eminence, were not so long ago

presented with commissions as, and promoted to the rank of, Kentucky Colonels by Governor Combs. Omitted was the fact that Dorothy received hers a few minutes before George and thus ranks him—could this lead to trouble at Oak Ridge? George is seeking a Judge Advocate General's ruling on the mode of address proper to one of his exalted station, pending receipt of which he suggests that all hands direct speech to him as "Hey You."

Taps has sounded for two of our Past Department Commanders: Colonel Lester Stewart of Normal (1931) and Will Schneider of Kankakee (1899). P.D.C. Schneider, a retired court reporter, was for many years our oldest living Past Commander. Ave atque vale!

A new file has been started in the Department office—"Lincoln Tomb 15 April 1962 Ceremony." Let all members of our Order mark their calendar pads accordingly.

INDIANA

Alva Reef, Department Grave Registration Officer calls attention to carelessness on the part of many cemetery associations. Many veterans graves are in a deplorable condition—a condition that must be corrected. State Laws require that these graves receive respectful care. This is a project that every Camp should interest itself in.

Indianapolis Camp 356 installed new officers at their January 5th meeting, with Don Stanfield as the new Commander. Others on the staff include Charles R. Rogers, Sr. Vice; William Bond, Jr. Vice; Robert Q. Jack, Secy-Treas.; and Cecil McConahay, Roy Volstad and Elmer Johnson as members of the Camp Council.

IOWA

WATERLOO—Thirty-five members of the Waterloo Camp and Auxiliary recently honored state officers at their meeting at Memorial Hall, following a dinner at Friedl's cafe. Special guests from Des Moines, Fort Dodge, Cedar Rapids and Waterloo included Dept. Pres. Mrs. Charles Herron and Dept. Commdr. L. B. Jones. Included on the program were musical selections by the Harold Messingham group and slides of Canada shown by Frank Lemper.

DES MOINES—Dodge Camp 75 and Aux. 8 honored Department Officers recently at a dinner in the Leon Smith room of the Y.M.C.A. Honored guests included L. B. Jones, Dept. Commdr. Jacob Kirchner, Dept. Secy-Treas., Mrs. Pauline Herron, Dept. Pres., and Mrs. L. B. Jones, Dept. Secy. Mrs. Frances Sutton, Aux. Pres. and L. K. Boutin Camp Commander were in charge of arrangements.

LINCOLN AND TAD was the theme of a new monument unveiled on the Iowa State Capitol Grounds on November 19, at which time Gov. Norman A. Erbe was the principal speaker. The presentation was made by the "Friends of Lincoln Committee" as a feature of Iowa's participation in the First Year of the Civil War Centennial.

KANSAS

We regret to report the passing of three Past Department Commanders that will be sadly missed. Bro. Eberhart of Lawrence was Secy-Treas. of the Department for a long time. Charles E. Katterman, Jr., of Wichita was a member for more than 60 years and attended many National Encampments. W. B. Lantz of Newton passed away in Florida at age of 90 plus.

MAINE

Shepley Camp and Aux. of Portland tendered a reception on September 23 to Dept. Pres. Eileen Mason. There were many in attendance, including visitors from other Departments, and other patriotic organizations.

Hyde Camp and Aux. of Bath tendered a reception on September 30 to Dept. Commander Walter B. James with a large attendance.

The annual visit of the Department Commander and President with their officers was made to the Down East Camp and Aux. at Sherman Mills on September 9 with a stop over at Bangor for inspection on the 8th.

The joint Sons and Aux. Department Fair was held in Portland on October 14 with a good crowd present and fine results to both Departments.

The 1962 Department Encampment will be held in Portland at the Eastland Motel, June 8-9. Please note the new name

of the hotel to Motel. The Eastland is under new management and are making extensive alterations.

The New England Regional Assoc. will hold their March meeting in Bath, Maine. A date will soon be announced.

MARYLAND

A large crowd of admirers and well wishers attended a Testimonial Dinner and Reception honoring National President Dorothy L. Hilyard on November 11th in the Hotel DuPont, Wilmington, Del. Included among the guests were many Officers and Past Officers, including Commander-in-Chief Charles L. Messer, Chester S. Shriver, Albert C. Lambert, C. Leroy Stoult, Caroline Riddell, Flora Bates, Ella Reeger, Margaret Carter, Celeste Gentieu, Mary Stapleton, Edna S. Lambert, Anne O. Clayton, and Margaret McKinney. Mrs. Marion Leach, Sr. Vice National President of the Ladies of the G. A. R. represented her organization.

Greetings were read from many that could not attend. Sister Dorothy received many beautiful gifts and compliments.

The committee in charge included Mary Lucas, Margaret Carter, Catherine Addie, Martha Callahan, Ada Anderson, and Blanche Lucas. P.D.C. Jack Yocum of Penna. was toastmaster, and P.D.C. Frank Heacock was pianist.

Greetings were also extended by Dept. Commander Marian Townsend of Maryland, Dept. Commander Elton Koch of Penna., Dept. Pres. Catherine Hilbert of Penna., and Dept. Pres. Elizabeth Sharp of New Jersey.

Entertainment featured entertainers from the Anna Marie dance studio.

MASSACHUSETTS

THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS group, consisting of the G.A.R. Family held their 40th annual dinner in Malden on December 2. Richard F. Lufkin, a member of the Mass. Civil War Centennial Committee and Commander of Bay State Camp gave an excellent Civil War and Lincoln narrative with color film. A "Sing with Mitch" chorus, led by John Mitcheson, Jr. Vice Dept. Commdr. pleased the guests immensely. The unit of a dozen is composed mostly of P.D.C.'s.

HERBERT W. JACKSON, Malden Councilman and son of a fugitive slave has been installed as Commander of Warren Camp, Wakefield. The ceremonies were combined with a class initiation, the latter performed by seven P.D.C.'s of Mass. Charles W. Hooper and Harold M. Drown officiated for the installation. Ernest G. Wells represented the Department Commander.

JAMES K. CHENEY retired as Commander of Couden Camp, Cambridge and was installed to head Russell-Lowell Camp, Roxbury with but three days intervening. Ernest G. Wells retired as Secretary of both Camps, because of pressing Centennial obligations.

TWO MOTHERS AND TWO DAUGHTERS are the floor officers of Grover Auxiliary, Brockton. Arlene Iervolino and Mrs. Williams W. Haskell, the Guides; Marilyn and Barbara, the Color Bearers.

MEADE AUXILIARY, Abington, celebrated their 35th anniversary in conjunction with the installation of the Camp and Aux. Eight Charter Members were present, headed by Mrs. Maude Coburn, who observed her 90th birthday last July. Her daughter, Mrs. Doris Saudstrom is Aux. Pres. and is serving as Dept. Inspector. P.D.C.'s Hooper, Howland and Drown officiated at the Camp Installation; Mrs. Barbara D. Brown for the Auxiliary. Other guests included Dept. Pres. Mary C. Sampson, Ernest Wells, and Flora D. Bates.

BROCKTON—The "Rainbow Terrace Club," composed of "Senior Citizens" dedicated an outdoor flag and pole on November 5. The flag was one that had flown over the White House. Prominent among invited guests were members of the Centennial Groups including Maude R. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Haskell, Mr. and Mrs. Millard F. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Drown and Dept. Pres. Mary C. Sampson.

NEW JERSEY

RUSSELL H. BOGERT a Past Department Commander, a loyal friend of the Order, a distinguished citizen, passed away from the present day scene on December 2nd. We respected and admired Russ Bogert. We are grateful for having had the privilege of knowing and associating with him. We extend heartfelt sympathy to his loved ones.

THE BLIND ASSOCIATION of New Jersey was the recipient of donation of \$100.00 to purchase equipment, on December 8th. The presentation was made by Dept. Patr. Instr. Mrs. Hilda Junge on behalf of the New Jersey Department Auxiliary. Dept. Pres. Mrs. Elizabeth Sharp headed a group of members that attended the presentation.

TESTIMONIAL



Seated left to right are Dept. Commdr. Eugene F. Patten, P.D.C. Alton Sharp, Toastmaster, and Mrs. Elizabeth Sharp, Dept. Pres. Standing are Natl. Pres. Mrs. Dorothy Hilyard and Commander-in-Chief Charles L. Messer. The occasion was a dinner honoring the Department Commander and President held December 2 at the Swiss Town House in Union City and sponsored by Ellsworth Camp and Auxiliary.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD—At the mid-winter meeting of the New Jersey Department a committee was appointed to arrange for a Good Citizenship Award to be presented at our Department Encampment to an outstanding New Jersey citizen. Nomination forms will be mailed to each Camp, and must be returned no later than March 31, 1962. A committee was also appointed to arrange for suitable recognition of our 80th Department Encampment which will be held in Atlantic City in June.

PENNS GROVE Auxiliary installed officers at their November meeting with Mrs. Ruth Diver as President. Natl. Pres. Mrs. Dorothy Hilyard of Wilmington was the installing officer, assisted by Mrs. Margaret Cook and Mrs. Alice Lucas. Refreshments were in charge of outgoing President Mrs. Thomas Battersall and her committee.

NEW YORK

YONKERS Aux. 71 presented two flags to Troop 3 of the First Methodist Church. One was an indoor flag and the other an outdoor flag. Florence Parsons presented a 50 Star Altar Flag to the First Methodist Church in memory of the G.A.R. on November 12. On the same afternoon a Veterans Service was held by the Yonkers Council of Churches at which time Sister Parsons placed the Remembrance Flowers in memory of Veterans of All Wars.

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS MONUMENT on Riverside Drive has been almost completely renovated as a result of an eight year campaign conducted by various veteran organizations, including SUVCW. Bert Sack, past commander of Oliver Tilden Camp 26 has taken an active part in this project.

ROCHESTER and Monroe County held an outstanding Civil War Centennial Commemoration from October 2 to 8th. Miss Veronica Maher, American Red Cross, and Grover C. Scott, Sons of Union Veterans were Honorary Co-Chairmen. On October 2nd the Captain Lomb Monument was rededicated, which was followed by a parade of military units and a pageant at the War Memorial. On the 4th a Red Cross marker was dedicated and a Civil War Marker was also dedicated. On the 8th an Historic Marker was dedicated at St. Mary's Hospital.

OLIVER TILDEN Camp 26 and Aux. 31 held services on November 19 in memory of Capt. Oliver Tilden. The ceremony was a rededication at the monument of Capt. Tilden. The monument has been refurbished, a new 25 foot flagpole has been erected, and all markers have been resilvered through efforts of a committee composed of the late Brother Matthew Werner, Mrs. Marion Werner, Owen Coyle and George Quidor. P.D.C. Clarence Maples acted as master of ceremonies. A short introduction by Commander Lawrence Isaacs was followed by an address by Edw. Lapantonio P.D.C. of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

OREGON & WASHINGTON

PORTLAND'S Southeast Chamber of Commerce has been presented with the Federated Veterans Council's Distinguished Service award in recognition of the Chamber's sponsorship of the annual Veterans' Day Parade. Dent Thomas, a past president of the Chamber, accepted the award from Spencer Leonard, chairman of the awards committee, and Dept. Secy-Treas. SUVCW.

SEATTLE—On November 1 Hiram Gale Aux. 11 honored Dept. Pres. Mary Baker and Dept. Commander Daniel C. Pearson with a reception and entertainment. Officers and members from Oregon as well as representatives of Allied Orders attended. The Auxiliary sponsored a Christmas Dinner and Party on December 6. Washington and Oregon Camps and Auxiliaries have recently been securing several young members. They are participating in observances in veteran hospitals in Seattle and Portland.

DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT will be held in Seattle June 3-5, 1962 during Seattle's World's Fair Year.

PENNSYLVANIA

TRAGEDY STRIKES—Harry E. McKinney, 35 year old Philadelphia civilian pilot was killed November 8 when his plane crashed into a peak in the Italian Alps. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon A. McKinney said he often flew single-engine planes across the ocean. He was employed by the Aircraft Ferry Corp. of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and delivered all types of planes to all parts of the world, and had flown over the Alps more than 100 times. McKinney flew 58 combat missions as a co-pilot in an Air Force bomber during the Korean conflict. He was a gunner and navigator in the Marine Air Corps during World War II.

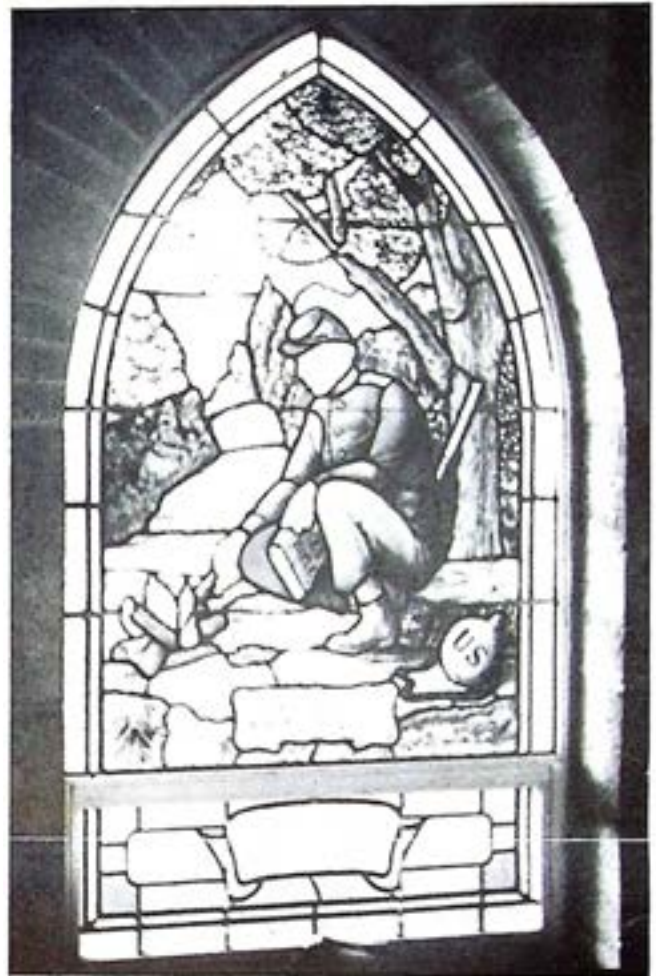
CARLISLE—Camp 50 celebrated their 50th anniversary on December 2, when more than sixty attended a banquet at G.A.R. Hall. Guests included P. C. in C. Stoudt; Mr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Shriver, and several Department Officers of the Sons and Aux. G. Maxwell Rohm, administrative assistant to Rep. Geo. Goodling presented a 50 star flag that had flown over the National Capitol. Camp Commander Howard Peiper accepted the flag for the Camp. Mayor Harry P. Breen expressed the Town's appreciation to the Camp for the patriotic work done by the Camp and Auxiliary. P.D.C. John A. Ruggles read a brief history of the Camp. Chas. O. Minnich, Geo. Hemminger and Ruggles were the only Charter Members present. John S. Beetem and Geo. Briner, though not Charter Members, are direct descendants of Civil War Veterans.

HELLERTOWN—State Officers were guests of honor at the reception sponsored by the Lehigh Valley Assn. in the American Legion Home recently. Mrs. Mildred Gruver of Allentown, president of the host auxiliary welcomed the guests. P.D.C. Frank Heacock of Wilmington, Del. was the guest speaker. Guests of honor included, Miss Catherine Hilbert, Dept. Pres.; Elton Koch, Dept. Commdr.; Mrs. Virginia Ackerman; Mrs. Beatrice Werkheiser and Robert Werkheiser; Art Noll; Mrs. Helen Cheyne; Miss Evelyn Hoffert and John Stark of Long Island.

READING—The official visit of Dept. Pres. Catherine V. Hilbert, Allentown, highlighted the meeting of Meade Aux. in September. Mrs. Hilbert stressed the importance of supporting G. A. R. Memorial Homes located in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Brookville. Fay Dawn Donmoyer was initiated into the Auxiliary by her mother, Mrs. Lester Donmoyer Sr., who is President. A gift shower for the Department President, and a lunch followed the meeting under the supervision of Mrs. Riley Fisher, chairman of the entertainment committee.

DEPT. PRES. Catherine V. Hilbert was the guest of honor at a Testimonial Dinner and Reception in her honor given

CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL WINDOW



"His Truth is Marching On" is the theme of a Civil War Memorial Window that was dedicated on November 12th at The Reformed Church of North Brunswick, N. J. by the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of Eastern Pennsylvania. Rev. Elmer H. Finger is Pastor of the church.

The presentation was made by Natl. Vice-Pres. Mrs. Caroline Riddell, Secretary of the Allied Orders, and the Dedicatory Address was given by P.D.C. Frank M. Heacock, Chairman of the Allied Orders. Among the distinguished guests were Natl. Pres. Mrs. Dorothy Hilyard; Catherine Hilbert, Penn. Dept. Pres. Aux.; Elton Koch, Penna. Dept. Commander; Mrs. Clara Barton, representing the W.R.C.; Betty Koch, representing the Ladies of the G. A. R.; and Past Commanders-in-Chief Stoudt and Lambert. A bus and private cars brought delegations from Chester, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Lehigh Valley, Allentown, Bethlehem, Gettysburg and Reading.

by Aux. 26 on September 30th at the Hanover Lodge in Allentown. A large attendance of officers and members from many Camps and Auxiliaries joined her many friends in paying tribute to her.

RHODE ISLAND

The Department held a home coming reception for Commander Dexter Coombs and President Gladys Lawton at the Arsenal on November 4. There were about 100 present.

Brother and Sister Peterson are very proud to report that they have given another son to serve in the U. S. Navy. This makes 4 sons to serve in the Navy, and one in the Army.

Sister Gertrude Peterson wishes to thank every member that helped her reach her goal last year as National Chief of Staff.