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ONCE AGAIN--

First In Mind ----- The Preservation Of The Union

I have often thought, in these busy days of modern inventions, how wonderful it would be if man but had the power to once in awhile draw back the curtain of time, and let us live again, even if only for a few minutes, with those men and women who made our own lives possible. Do what we will, however, the past remains tightly sealed, the voices of our loved ones forever still, and the great mystery of life still passes all understanding.

We are particularly fortunate, therefore, here in America, to have our various Veteran, Civic, and Patriotic Societies, whereby we can meet in their memory, and plan our course of action with the grave responsibilities they have left behind with us.

We of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are especially fortunate, for we are the only male organization in the world associated with the men whose memory we honor, and we can be justly proud of that association. Born in the fire of our Nation's most heart rending period of its history the Men of the Union Army have left behind with us a thought that is forever first in the mind of every American, "This Union must and shall be preserved."

In the years which have followed the long, terrible struggle of this country's Civil War, this beloved land of our has been called upon to fight in other bitter conflicts. Even as trouble tends to ease the difficulties of a misunderstanding family, so have these bitter wars brought the North and the South once again together. The blood of the Southland today drips with equal amount at the Altar of Freedom with that of the North, and the same earth that holds all that was mortal of our Fathers has closed over the Sacred Dust of our Sons, until today the North and South are once again united in the pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness, and the Mission of the Union Army has been completed by the Will of God.

Thundering down across the years, however, their old Battle Cry for the Preservation of this Union still echoes, and we would do well to stop now and heed its call. Once again our country is threatened from within, but making it far more treacherous, this time there is no sharp, well defined border line between our country and its enemies. Cleverly plotting its overthrow the enemies of our Government today work in silence, covering up their actions of treason by claiming the protection of the very instrument they seek to destroy, the Constitution of these United States.

Now is the time for every American, North and South, East and West, to start his own individual campaign for the Preservation of Our Union. Who is more qualified to lead this Campaign than the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War? Now, if ever, we can show our pride in the heritage which is ours, for right now is an opportunity for us not only to partake in, but to become a leader of another great battle for the preservation of American Liberties, and the American way of life.

Re-organize your Camps, recreate your community interest, analyze the problems facing our Nation today with wide open eyes and an alert mind. Teach your fellow man to distinguish honesty from cunningness, protection from concealment, Americanism from Communism, and Liberty from Treason. Make the men who have left behind with us their all proud of us still here, and do your part to make the American Civic, Veteran and Patriotic Societies the instruments that will overcome the forces plotting the subjection of American Independence, and still forever that dark advancing tide which seeks to destroy those things we hold most sacred.

—A. Waller Lewis, Jr.

Chairman, Americanism Committee

LET'S WORK FOR THE G. A. R.

Many times have we heard the remark "there is no longer a need for the G. A. R. Fund because that organization no longer exists."

That is a gross misstatement, for while it is true we no longer have that grand organization with us, the need for the fund is even greater. Today, the Grand Army of the Republic cannot carry on its patriotic work, so it behooves us, their sons, to do it for them, in addition to that of our own. The money is used for the G. A. R. Highway; Historical Recordings; scholarship to Lincoln University; helping to maintain G. A. R. National Headquarters, Placques, Memorials and flags, all in memory of those to whom we owe so much. So you can see we do need all the support you can give us.

The Department of Pennsylvania is now engaged in a project of their own, in which they are raising approximately \$4,000.00 with which to erect the "Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Entrance" at Scotland School for Veteran's Children, Scotland, Pa., which school the G. A. R. was instrumental in founding, back in 1895. The entrance will be dedicated June 4, 1955, with Commander-in-Chief Grant delivering the dedicatory address.

This is another example of the work to be done by our Order, so "Let's Work For Those Who Fought For Us!"

—C. LeRoy Stoudt,
National Patriotic Instructor

MESSAGE FROM NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Please accept my sincere thanks for all the Holiday cards and messages received.

As we stand on the threshold of a new year, we note the renewed interest in our Order. This is very encouraging now that Our Sons are the direct heirs to the Grand Army of the Republic.

New Auxiliaries are being instituted and many Departments are reporting a gain in membership. This is a start of a gigantic movement. Let us make it an outstanding year.

Your National President is eager to meet her co-workers throughout the National Organization and aid those Departments that need assistance. All Departments cannot be visited at Encampment time because of conflicting dates, but an official visit will be made sometime during the year.

The Circular Letters of the National Chief of Staff, Anne O. Clayton, have been sent to all Special and National Aides. Each Aide will be responsible for her share of the work. In assuming this responsibility wonderful results will be obtained and they can look back upon the work of their year with pride. Sister Anne asks for their full cooperation.

May God bless us in our efforts.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

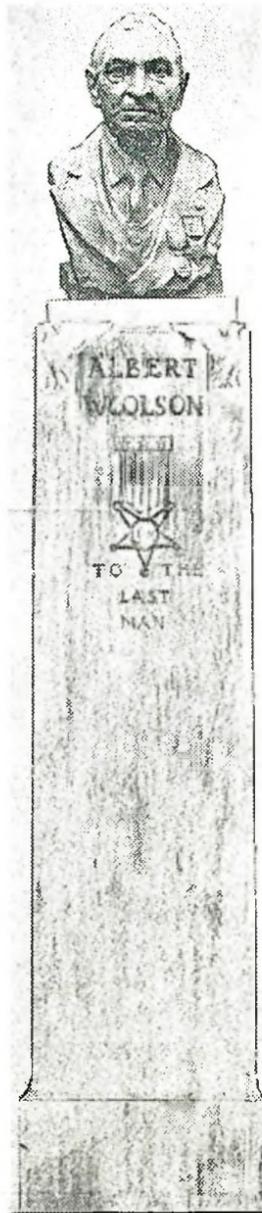
—Ellinore L. Konrad, National President

ROSTER CHANGE—To fill the vacancy caused by the death of Enoch A. Hoyt, the Department Council of the Rhode Island Department have elected P. D. C. Harold E. Arnold, 759 Washington St., West Warwick, R. I. for the unexpired term.

Project Completed

Those of you who attended the encampment last August in Duluth will be more than pleased to know that the bust of Comrade Woolson that was presented to the city of Duluth by our Auxiliary is now in its permanent setting. On Thanksgiving night the Duluth Musicians Association held their annual dance and the proceeds which normally go to the musicians welfare fund were used to purchase a granite base for the bust. The illustration at the left shows a drawing of the completed statue.

The base is now being prepared by the Greene-Grignon & Peterson Granite Company of Duluth and will be dedicated on Comrade Woolson's birthday in February. Many thanks are due to the Musicians Association of Duluth for their unselfish interest in this project.



CIVIL WAR CALENDAR

January

25, 1863—General Joe Hooker succeeds General Burnside as Commander of Army of the Potomac.

29, 1861—Kansas is admitted to Union of the United States.

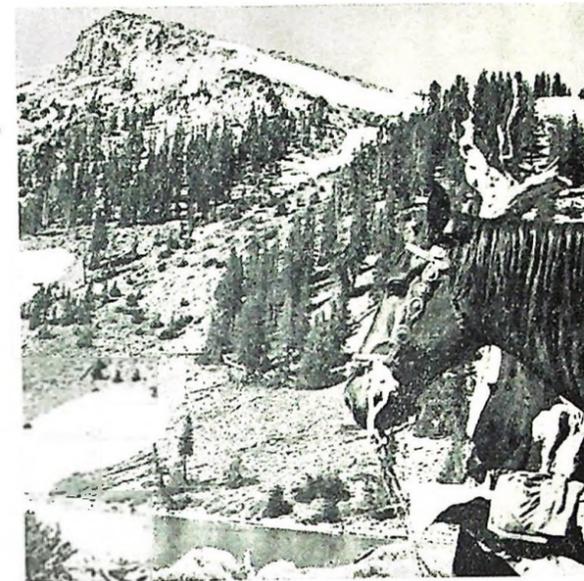
February

4, 1861—Confederate States created at Montgomery, Alabama.

12, 1809—Abraham Lincoln born in Kentucky log cabin, the son of Thomas and Nancy Hanks Lincoln.

16, 1862—General U. S. Grant's Federal Army captured Fort Donelson, Tennessee, and 15,000 Confederate soldiers.

THE GREAT BASIN'S GREATEST MOUNTAIN



Mt. Wheeler (13,061 ft.), forty miles east of Ely, Nevada on the Grand Army Highway is listed in the Rand-McNally Atlas as one of the "Principal Mountains of the World." Its picture is in the geography books both in the United States and in Europe. Situated near the center of the Great Basin, this majestic mountain rises startlingly above surrounding sagebrush valleys.

The Mt. Wheeler district is one of the world's finest areas for recreation development, having but recently been made easily accessible by completion of the last lap of the G. A. R. Highway in western Utah in 1952. Low on its eastern slope is Lehman Caves National Monument, exhibiting during a one-hour tour the most fantastic variety of underground formations ever discovered. On the opposite side of the great mountain is the ghost town of Osceola, center of large-scale gold production in the last century and where some nuggets and flaky gold may still be found. The high country in between has forests, dashing streams, spectacular crags and gorges, small glaciers and mountain lakes.

The history of the mountain's name, like the history of "battle-born" Nevada, is tied up with the Civil War. Called Tots-arrh by the Indians, it was renamed Jeff Davis Peak by southern settlers in nearby valleys. Early U. S. Army explorers countered by christening it Union Peak, and this dispute continued until after the war. Then, in 1869, Lieutenant George M. Wheeler of the U. S. Army Engineers, assigned to map the region, solved the difficulty conveniently—and modestly—by attaching his own name to the most prominent point on the map.

A popular trail trip is from Lehman Creek above the Caves to Stella Lake and the lofty peak. Trout fishing and hunting are enjoyed in season.

The time is fast coming when vacationers by the tens of thousands will stop to enjoy the many attractions of Mt. Wheeler, the Great Basin's greatest mountain.

—Courtesy Darwin Lambert, Nat'l Highway 6 Assoc.

CEMETERY MAPPING IMPORTANT

"Oh, our Camp has no difficulty in locating the graves of veterans in our cemeteries, you see Brother So-and-So has a list of the names of every veteran buried in them."

So many times and in so many places we have heard something like that, and it is often quite true. But what happens when the solitary "list" becomes mislaid, lost, destroyed? What happens when Brother So-and-So suddenly departs from this life? What happens when no one in his family knows anything at all about any such "list"? The answer to these questions can be given in but one word, "MAPS"!

One need not be a surveyor or a draftsman to draw a sketch of a cemetery, not necessarily to scale, or sections of a large cemetery, marking clearly thereon the general location of veterans' graves with relation to roads, intersecting avenues, paths, some outstanding large monument, etc.

Copies of these sketches may then be photostated without great expense and may be used by Camp decorating committees, individual members, Camp Grave Marking Committees, and one set kept neatly pasted in the Camp Secretary's record book. One set should be presented to the town or city clerk of the community to be kept in their vaults among the archives of the town where they would be available to anyone who might ask to see them. We must realize that in this all-important work of registering and marking the graves of our veterans, the watchword is "PERMANENCY."

We are doing a job which is to perpetuate the last resting places of our veteran heroes, not just a temporary job in preparation for next Memorial Day only. And so it is imperative that our work be of a permanent nature; it must outlast the youngest of us; it must adhere down through generations. "Lists" are not permanent; iron and bronze flag markers are not permanent; but preserved sets upon sets of well defined MAPS of our cemeteries showing exact locations of veterans' graves, and HEADSTONES, ARE permanent. Let us then do a worthwhile permanent job of it in every Camp in the organization while there is yet time!

—Bertrand O. DeForest, P. D. C. Conn.
National Graves Registration Officer

Permanent Honor Roll Fund

This fund recently received \$10.00 from A. Waller Lewis, Jr. of Rhode Island in honor of his grandfather.

In donating to this fund you can permanently register the name and military record of a Civil War Veteran. Donations, legacies and bequests are welcome.

More than 200,000 armed troops participated in the grand review of the Union armies in May of 1865. The gigantic parade took two days to complete.

At Gettysburg—The list of casualties among general and field officers at Gettysburg exceeded that of any other contest in which the Army of the Potomac ever participated.



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1. Greetings and best wishes for a merry Christmas and a very happy New Year to all our members and to our loyal and efficient Auxiliary, in which I am sure all Sons of Union Veterans join me. May each Camp and Department of our Order find the way and means to make 1955 its most successful year in many.

2. Special greetings and heartfelt good wishes go from us all to our Honorary Past Commander-in-Chief Albert Woolson, last of the Great and Grand Army of the Republic.

3. We all join also in best wishes to our Allied Organizations, and to their National Presidents:

To the Woman's Relief Corps and Mrs. Ruth Johnson, 15529 South Ryan Street, Bellflower, California;

the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Mrs. Nellie Howe, 149 Brown Street, S. W. Grand Rapids 7, Michigan; and

the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Mrs. Bessie Smith, 4247 Harris Avenue, St. Louis 15, Missouri

Here is looking forward to seeing you all in Cincinnati on August 21st, when the G.A.R. family will again all be together.

4. The meeting of the Incorporators of the Sons of Union Veterans, the newly authorized Federal Corporation is scheduled for 12 January 1955 at 3:00 P. M. in the Board Room of Government Services, Inc., 1135 - 21st Street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

Following are the Incorporators listed in the first section of Public Law 605 - 83rd Congress:

General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, New York; Major General Amos A. Fries, retired, and Major General Ulysses S. Grant, 3d, retired, Washington, District of Columbia; Charles Boynton, Long Beach, California; Frank Worner, Inglewood, California; Wilbur Coursey, Fresno, California; Roy A. Davis, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Angus Ogborn, Richmond, Indiana, Thomas M. Horn, Lafayette, Indiana; Alonzo R. Stanfield, Indianapolis, Indiana; Roy J. Bennett, Des Moines, Iowa; Homer L. Young, Waterloo, Iowa; Dr. L. L. Shoppe, Des Moines, Iowa.

Also, E. S. Spangler, Newton, Kansas; A. P. Phillips, Newton, Kansas; William Dix, Newton, Kansas; F. Harold Dubord, Waterville, Maine; Hon. Burleigh Martin, Augusta, Maine; General William E. Southard, Bangor, Maine; George W. Kimball,

Chelsea, Massachusetts; Brigadier General Otis M. Whitney, Concord, Massachusetts; Charles H. E. Moran, Holyoke, Massachusetts; Governor Alvan Tufts Fuller, Boston, Massachusetts; Charles R. Cowdin, Detroit, Michigan; Birt Hammong, Jackson, Michigan; Charles F. Dexter, Detroit, Michigan; Donald F. Peacock, Detroit, Michigan; Dewey B. Mead, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Donald C. Bennyhof, Hennepin County, Minnesota; William A. Anderson, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Laurence J. Parker, Bennington, New Hampshire; Wallace L. Mason, Keene, New Hampshire; Cleon E. Heald, Keene, New Hampshire; Colonel Edward Black, retired, Bennington, New Hampshire; Albert C. Lambert, Trenton, New Jersey; Colonel Frederic G. Bauer, Ridgewood, New Jersey; Charles A. Otto, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Also, C. Wesley Armstrong, Trenton, New Jersey; Doctor Karl Rothschild, New Brunswick, New Jersey; Rev. Hermon L. Brockway, Ithaca, New York; William M. Coffin, Cincinnati, Ohio; Homer A. Ramey, Toledo, Ohio; Miles S. Kuhn, Dayton, Ohio; S. Anselm Skelton, Portsmouth, Ohio; Frederick K. Davis, Eugene, Oregon; Doctor W. E. Buchanan, Eugene, Oregon; Austin D. McReynolds, Eugene, Oregon; Glenn L. Adams, Salem, Oregon; John H. Runkle, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; C. Leroy Stoudt, Reading, Pennsylvania; Walter C. Mabie, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Edgar L. Gale, Seattle, Washington; Edward T. Fairchild, Madison, Wisconsin; Roland J. Steinle, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Lyall T. Beggs, Madison, Wisconsin; and Doctor William Martin Lamers, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

5. Notices have been sent to the above Incorporators, and they are individually and collectively requested and urged to notify the Commander-in-Chief if they expect to be able to attend, and to sign and send in to him immediately their proxy, whether they expect to attend or not, as the vote of a majority of all Incorporators is required by the law.

6. All our members are urged to note the date of the National Encampment, Sunday, August 21st, 1955, and to begin planning now to attend in Cincinnati on that day. The facilities reserved for us in the excellent Netherlands Plaza Hotel promise a comfortable as well as efficient encampment. It will start with a great joint meeting of the entire Grand Army family on Sunday evening. Our opening Night last year was the greatest event held in Duluth; let us make this renewal of the Grand Army Camp Fires the greatest event Cincinnati has had, at least since the Grand Army itself met there.

7. Finding himself under the necessity of asking Past Commanders-in-Chief and other Officers of our Order to represent him from time to time at functions of Departments and Camps which he regretfully is unable to attend, the Commander-in-Chief wishes the following published for the information and guidance of those Brothers who have loyally agreed to act for him.

8. Such visits and ceremonies should not be considered as merely opportunities for social contacts and friendly intercourse. They should primarily be

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advantageously used to ascertain: (1) The general morale of the units visited, (2) the plans of their officers and leaders for future activities for the good of the Order, (3) any local questions that are bothering them and possible causes of discord, (4) the relations with our Auxiliary and with other patriotic societies, (5) the extent to which they are carrying out the adopted program for the current year, (6) finally the general standing of the Sons of Union Veterans in the community.

9. Visiting representatives of the Commander-in-Chief are enjoined to take advantage of every opportunity to bring to the attention of their hosts the obligations imposed upon us all by Article II of the Constitution, to discuss with them current events calling for action in compliance therewith, and means of making their meetings and activities more useful to the Nation by gaining leadership in their communities.

10. In conclusion, they should impress upon all that our Order is destined to replace the Grand Army of the Republic in its loyal and intelligent leadership before death reduced it in numbers, that we are "on our way," and that membership depends upon DOING SOMETHING that will receive public recognition as a patriotic contribution to our country's welfare or the better understanding of its history and institutions.

We deeply regret to announce the death on December 8, 1954 of Brother Enoch A. Hoyt who was the Department Secretary of the Rhode Island Department. The sympathy of the entire organization is extended to his family and the members of the Rhode Island Department.

—U. S. Grant 3rd, Commander-in-Chief



Department News



CALIFORNIA and NEVADA—One of the happiest events to finish out the old year in Pasadena was the Dept. Officers Reception held on Dec. 8th at the Pearl St. Clubhouse, this city, honoring Dept. Commander Wallace Scott and Dept. Aux. President, Mrs. Lena Simmons, both members of Gen. Phil Kearney and George M. Burlingame Camps and Auxiliaries of Pasadena, who were sponsors of the event. A fine entertainment program rounded out the evening with refreshments following. Please note: Dept. Commander Scott, one of the honorees, was suddenly taken ill three days previous to the reception and was rushed to Navy Hospital for a major operation caused by two bullet holes through the stomach received in World War One.

Ontario—Members of A Podrasnik Camp and Auxil-

iary recently met for a big Thanksgiving dinner. Mrs. George Bliss and her committee executed the decorations using Indian corn, red berries and miniature turkeys.

Mrs. Earl Riggs arranged decorations for the several Camp stations, using pine cones made into turkeys and the miniature men and women. . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Gately, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Riggs attended the Vejar monument unveiling and open house for the new Pacific State Hospital Buildings. . . . San Jose—Gen Phil Sheridan Camp and Auxiliary have been quite busy the past two months. A recently reorganized Cub Scout Pack, of Horace Cureton School has been given special attention. A packed house on Nov. 19th at the school witnessed the presentation of a beautiful United States Flag to the Pack by the Calif. Dept. Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War. Mrs. Marie Green, Dept. Auxiliary Patriotic Instructor, made the presentation. We are working hard on reinforcements, via associate members and have three for initiation at our January meeting. . .

INDIANA—On Dec. 4th and 5th, 1954, Indiana Department held their annual mid-winter meeting at Muncie, Camp 20 and Auxiliary 20 were the hosts. Guests were Commander-in-Chief Grant and National President Konrad. Closed meetings were held and the National Officers gave instruction in building up the membership of the order.

MASSACHUSETTS—The Friendly Relations Committee of organizations allied with the G. A. R. held their annual get-together at Malden, Oct. 30. Mrs. Marilla W. Haskins, P. D. P. served as general chairman. George W. Kimball, National Council, was toastmaster. . . . At the October meeting of Camp 81, Chelsea, Henry S. Bowen of Camp 6, Beverly, was elected president of the No. Met. Dist. Asso. for 1955. . . . At a reception in honor of Dept. Com. Charles W. Hooper of Quincy held at Bridgewater, at crowd of 500 friends helped make the occasion a memorable one. . . . Within one week the Department lost two Past Department Commanders—Ralph L. Smith of Chelsea and Guy Richardson of Jamaica Plains. Condolences have been extended by the Department. . . . Attorney Albert Wolff observed his 69th birthday. Louis E. Winchell and George W. Kimball, P. D. C.'s. assisted in the proceedings. . . . The officers of Camp 56, Cambridge, were installed by Addison A. Quinn, P. D. C. Frank F. Johnson was the commander installed. . . . The installing staff of the Plymouth County Association appearing in dark blue trousers, white shirts, black bow ties and the blue G. A. R. caps have been assisting Dept. Com.

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Left to right: Robert A. Wells, Mrs. Jessie Wells, Ernest G. Wells and Everard Cheney; son, mother, father and grandfather, respectively; all members of Camp 9 and Auxiliary 78, Roxbury, Mass.

Department News (Continued)

Charles W. Hooper in several installations throughout the Department. . . . On Nov. 9th, Camp 9 and Auxiliary 78 held a joint installation of officers. Ernest G. Wells was installed as Commander and his wife, Mrs. Jessie Wells, was installed as President. P. D. C. William Fuller was installing officer of the Camp and Mrs. Pam Elder, P. D. P. for the Auxiliary.

MICHIGAN—Camp No. 1, Detroit, held their Annual Election at the Veterans Memorial Bldg., Dec. 27th. Department Officers in attendance installed the officers.

Camp No. 4, Detroit, held open house, Monday, Dec. 6th. Warren T. McCracken, Camp member, who is an expert on firearms, gave a talk on Civil War firearms, pistols, ammunition, etc., demonstrating with a large cache of same. To say the least, it was very highly interesting and educational. This Camp is to be commended for such a splendid effort.

Camp No. 5, Detroit: Gen. U. S. Grant Camp Officers say their plans are completed for the instituting and installing of their new Auxiliary by National President, Sister Ellinore Konrad, on Saturday, January 15th, at 9950 Mack Avenue, Detroit, Mich. They have forty Charter members so far and are going after more. Best of luck to Gen. Grant

Camp members. . . . Clem R. Woodbury, Sr. is in Dearborn Veterans Hospital.

Camp No. 9, Port Huron: George Howe Camp is organizing their own Auxiliary and report good progress.

MISSOURI—Dept. Pres. Mrs. Frances Rhorbach paid her official visit to George Washington Auxiliary. The occasion was the annual inspection of the Auxiliary and Mrs. Louis Moushey, Dept. Inspector was also in attendance. Also present were seven charter members of the Auxiliary. At this meeting plans were made for a party to be held on Nov. 12.

NEW JERSEY—The Department Mid-winter meeting and observance of Dedication Day was held on November 21 at which time Department Commander Dr. Rothschild entertained the Department Officers at luncheon. Camp and Aux. 5 Christmas Party highlight was the presence of Cpl. Albert W. Lambert who was home on Christmas furlough from Germany. . . . This Camp and Auxiliary will hold their Lincoln Dinner at Heidelberg Restaurant on February 12th with Dept. Chaplain Rev. Jos. MacCarroll as the principal speaker. . . . Garfield Camp 4 of Trenton and Ward Camp 18 of Newark will both hold Lincoln Banquets at a time and place to be announced.

NEW YORK—The mid-winter meeting of the Sons and Auxiliary will be held January 15, at 2 p. m. at the Mark Twain Hotel, Elmira. A reception in honor of Dept. Co. William F. Bruckel and Dept. Pres. Mrs.

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Monroe County Council decorated all Past County Commanders with new medals at their fall meeting. Picture shows County Commander Grover C. Scott decorating P. D. C. Walter S. Beilby. P. D. C. Fred Colwell looks on.

Myrtle M. More will follow at 6 p. m. . . . The Dept. Encampment will be held at the Sheraton Hotel, Rochester, June 22-24. The committee comprises P. D. C.'s Robert McMahon, Walter Beilby and William Kelly. The Chairman for the Auxiliary is P. D. P. Wilhelmina Taggart. . . . P. D. C. Charles L. Messer of Albany has been named a committee to organize a veterans group within the Sons, comprising those who have served in the U. S. Armed Forces either in peace or war times. . . . At the annual meeting of Gen. A. S. Diven Camp 77, Alfred Burchard was elected commander, and P. C. Truman L. Vincent was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. . . . An American flag was presented to the First Evangelical Church at its service on Sunday, Nov. 28, by Oliver Tilden Camp 26 and Tilden Auxiliary No. 31. It was given to honor the work of the Camp's Chaplain, Bro. Arthur Quidor in Patriotic and Religious fields for over 50 years. The presentation was made by Dept. Com. Bruckel. . . . On Dec. 17, DuPont-Eisman Camp No. 2 and Auxiliary No. 60 held their annual Christmas party. Officers will be installed at the January meeting. . . . Rochester observed Dedication Day with the largest crowd to date on Friday, Nov. 19. Grover Scott, County Commander was master of ceremonies. P. D. C. Fred Colwell reviewed the history of the G. A. R. Highway. . . . O'Rourke Camp has subscribed to the "Banner" to be mailed to the Rochester Public Library.

PENNSYLVANIA—Ord. Camp No. 54 observed Dedication Day in the social rooms of the Good American Hose Company. Membership in the Camp has increased and it is hoped that the Camp will again merit the prize which is offered by the Officers of the Pennsylvania Brigade Reserves. . . . On Dec. 19, Davis Star Camp and Auxiliary held their election of officers. George Bassett, Jr. was elected Commander, and Clara Lewis was elected President. . . . The Allegheny County Association celebrated Dedication Day with a basket picnic at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall. William J. Blakeley presided, and Mrs. Elizabeth Brannan was chairman of the entertainment. . . . At the last meeting of the Allegheny County Association, Elizabeth Brannan was elected President for 1955. Committees have been appointed to perfect plans for the Annual Lincoln Banquet in Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall in Pittsburgh on Saturday, February 12, 1955.

WISCONSIN—On Nov. 6, 1954, Wisconsin Department held a banquet and reception honoring our National President, Sister Ellinore L. Konrad. The affair was held in the Crystal Room of the Pfister Hotel, Milwaukee. Sister Mary K. Harrison, P. D. P.,

Milwaukee Auxiliary No. 4, was chairman of the affair. Toastmaster for the dinner was Bro. William Lamers, Assistant Superintendent of Milwaukee Public Schools. Dr. Lamers was most generous in imparting his wealth of knowledge of many incidents relating to the Civil War. Sister Bernice A. Powers, Dept. Pres. and Bro. Clarence Hoth, Dept. Co. greeted the guests in a warm and friendly manner. Brother Richard F. Locke, P. C. in C. represented Commander-in-Chief Grant, who was unable to be with us. Brother Dewey B. Meade, Personal Aide to Comrade Albert Woolson spoke on behalf of the Comrade. Each of the Allied Orders extended their best wishes to the National President. Special guests were the husband, father-in-law, six sisters and three nieces of our National President. The six sisters are all members of Milwaukee Auxiliary No. 4. Over 100 people were in attendance.

OREGON and WASHINGTON—Frederick K. Davis, P. C. in C. of Camp 17, Eugene, Oregon, has mailed in 12 subscriptions to the "Banner." . . . Owen Summers Camp 4, Portland Oregon has initiated a class of candidates. This makes 12 new members initiated and two reinstated for the year 1954.



The above picture shows the latest class initiated by Owen Summers Camp No. 4, Portland, Oregon. Left to right: Mrs. Irene Lawhead, P. D. P. DUVCW, Earl Lawhead, Ray B. Earley, Arthur J. Lenon, L. D. Garrison, Clyde E. Cleland, Glen McConnell and Stanley P. Olin, Dept. Com., Oregon and Washington. In the background, Spencer Leonard, Dept. Sec'y-Treas.

The 1st New York Cavalry claim to honor of having the first volunteer, the first company to muster, the first cavalry officer killed, the last officer killed, the first man killed in defense of free soil, and the odium of having the first deserter—the only one the regiment had during its term of service.

100 YEARS AGO

The repeal of the Missouri Compromise meant the end of compromise on the slavery question in the territories. The North now came to believe that it must fight for the protection of its free soil against the spread of the slavery institution all over the West. A still greater question was involved: Shall the plantation South or the industrial North govern the nation? Thousands of Whigs and Free-Soil Democrats, who regarded the repeal of the Missouri Compromise as the violation of a sacred pledge, made common cause with the antislavery forces. The birth of the Republican party came as a direct result of the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Act.

There was an immediate rush into Kansas by men from both sections. Many slaveholders from Missouri pre-empted land without actually settling it. They maintained two homes—one in Missouri for actual residence, and the other in Kansas, for voting or fighting. Georgia sent many "Sons of the South," who were religiously dedicated to the cause of slavery. The antislavery men were quick to accept the challenge. The Emigrant Aid Society was organized in New England for the purpose of encouraging men who were hostile to slavery to settle in the new territory. In August, 1854, the first party arrived and founded the town of Lawrence. All of the members were fully armed.

Kansas was not well adapted to slavery, and the free-labor settlers were soon in a majority. According to the census taken just before the election of the first legislature, there were only 2,905 legal voters in the territory, but the fraudulent votes of 5,000 Missourians elected a pro-slavery legislature. The free-state men refused to recognize this legislature and drew up a government of their own. Guerilla warfare soon broke out between the two groups; Lawrence was sacked, and John Brown, an abolitionist, retaliated with a raid upon his proslavery neighbors, five of whom were killed. During the period of violence about two hundred men were killed and two million dollars worth of property was destroyed.

Popular sovereignty was a failure in Kansas; it also failed to keep the slavery question out of national politics, as Douglas had claimed that it would do, for Congress was forced to choose between two constitutions, which were drawn up by the two rival factions in Kansas. A few days after the sack of

Lawrence, Senator Sumner, in a speech called "The Crime Against Kansas," was so scathing in his denunciation of the proslavery men that two days later, while seated at his desk, he was struck on the head with a cane by Preston Brooks, a representative from South Carolina. Senator Sumner did not resume his duties for nearly six months. The temper of South Carolina is reflected in the re-election of Brooks with only a few dissenting votes. Agreement on the Kansas question was impossible.

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS MONUMENT TO BE REPLACED

It has been learned by your editor that the City of New York is giving very serious thought to replacing the Soldiers and Sailors Monument on Riverside Drive with a more utilitarian memorial. This is just another place where the memorials to the Civil War and its Veterans are being taken over for purposes other than which they were originated.

Because of neglect of city officials the monument has fallen into disrepair and it is estimated by the Director of the Budget of the City of New York that repairs will cost as much as \$1,000,000. The Department of Parks under Commissioner Robert Moses has estimated the repairs at \$440,000.00, less than half of the Budget Director's figures.

At the request of Dr. William F. Bruckel, Commander of the New York Department, all members are urged to write to Abraham D. Beame, Director of the Budget, Municipal Building, New York 7, New York, protesting any action that might tend to replace this memorial to the Veterans of the Civil War.

The first cavalry colonel of the Civil War was Carl Schurz, 1st New York Cavalry.

Attention Correspondents

All news for the March-April issue must reach the editor, Leslie W. More, not later than February 20, 1954. The address is 265 Erie Street, OWEGO, New York. Much of the news has been delayed because of its being sent to Oswego, New York. Please note the correct address. ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS will still be sent to Nat'l Sec'y-Treas. Albert C. Lambert, P. O. Box 457, Trenton, New Jersey. When submitting photos please do not write on the back of the photograph. Several pictures were damaged because this procedure was followed and consequently we were unable to use them.