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I AM OLD GLORY: For more than eight score years I have been the banner of hope and freedom for generation after generation of Americans. Born amid the first flames of America's fight for freedom, I am the symbol of a country that has grown from a little group of thirteen colonies to a united nation of fifty sovereign states. Planted firmly on the high pinnacle of American Faith, my gently fluttering folds have proved an inspiration to untold millions. Men have followed me into battle with unwavering courage. They have looked upon me as a symbol of national unity. They have prayed that they and their fellow citizens might continue to enjoy the life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, which have been granted to every American as the heritage of free men. So long as men love liberty more than life itself; so long as they treasure the priceless privileges bought with blood of our forefathers; so long as the principles of truth, justice and charity for all remain deeply rooted in human hearts, I shall continue to be the enduring banner of the United States of America.

I AM OLD GLORY!

TRIBUTE



Mrs. Anna I. Stoudt, Aux. Natl. Pres., seated right was honored on Oct. 6th at a Testimonial Dinner held in the Hotel Abraham Lincoln, Reading, Pa. Chatting with Mrs. Stoudt is, seated left, Mrs. Marian K. Leach, Camden, N. J., Natl. Pres. of the Ladies of the G.A.R. Standing from left are: Dr. Willard M. Stevens, toastmaster, Mrs. Irene Murphy, Personal Aide, and Commander-in-Chief Chester S. Shriver. —Eagle Photo

In a splendid tribute, three hundred friends and members attended the Testimonial Dinner honoring National President Anna Stoudt. National Officers among the guests included: Dorothy Hilyard, Mrs. Lillian Messer, Mrs. Willard Stephan, Miss Ella G. Reeger, Marguerite Mitcheson, Joseph Rippey and Alan Howland. Past National Presidents included Ida Rokes Klein, Margaret Brady, Mary Stapleton, Maude B. Warren, Ellinore L. Konrad, Ursula Shep-ardson, Anne O. Clayton and Edith Paulding. P. C. in C.'s present were Fred E. Howe, Harold Arnold and C. Leroy Stoudt.

Dr. Willard M. Stevens, superintendent of Scotland School for Veterans Children served as toastmaster. In addition to those pictured above, the guest table included Rev. Richard O. Partington, Natl. Chaplain and Dept. Commander; Mrs. Edwin Kramer, Dept. Pres., and Col. O. G. MacPherson.

It was an evening of fine entertainment and good fellowship. A feature was the presentation of a Past Commander-in-Chief Badge by C. in C. Shriver to Mrs. Lillian Messer in memory of Charles L. Messer. The badge was mounted on a sterling silver tray and appropriately engraved.

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ANNUAL S. U. V. C. W.
MEMORIAL CEREMONY

Springfield, Illinois

Monday, April 15, 1963

The annual memorial ceremony commemorating President Lincoln's death will be conducted by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, assisted by The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, at 11 A. M. on April 15 at the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois. Headquarters will be at the State House Inn, Springfield. In charge of arrangements are George L. Cashman and James L. High.

A chartered bus will leave the State House Inn for the cemetery at 10:45 A. M., returning to the Inn after the services. Reservations for seats on the bus, for which there is no charge, should be made in advance with James L. High, 2752 Eastwood Avenue, Evanston, Illinois.

At 12:30 P. M. a luncheon will be held at the State House Inn with Major General U. S. Grant 3rd as the featured speaker. The cost of the luncheon will be approximately \$3.; checks should not be mailed (the fee will be collected at the door), but reservations should be made with Brother High at the address shown above at the earliest possible moment.

All Departments and their Auxiliaries are invited to send wreaths and/or representatives, conforming with the following procedure:

(a) In order to insure proper listing in the printed program, notify Brother High at the address shown above of your intention so that he will receive your letter NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3.

(b) Even though a Department or Auxiliary is unable to have a representative present, a wreath will be welcome. To simplify matters, wreaths should be ordered through your local florists with instructions that they be delivered to George L. Cashman, Curator, Lincoln Tomb, Springfield, Illinois no later than 9 A. M. on Monday, April 15.

Patriotic Instructors Message

Having been appointed National Patriotic Instructor by Commander-in-Chief Shriver, I assume this office with pride and realize the many duties ahead of me. I shall perform them to the best of my ability.

Each Camp Patriotic Instructor is urged to prepare a celebration for each patriotic holiday.

To accomplish my goal for the Grand Army Fund, I shall need the help of each member, Camp, and Department.

A good slogan to remember is "If you ever expect to be recognized, always donate to a worthy cause." This way we shall be able to carry on the traditions and memories of the "Boys in Blue."

All contributions should be sent to:

Clark W. Mellor
National Patriotic Instructor
3 Ashton Street, Worcester, Mass.

Sixth Annual Remembrance Day



Center Picture (left to right) Commander-in-Chief Chester S. Shriver; Mrs. Marian K. Leach, Natl. Pres. Ladies of G.A.R.; Mrs. Dema Smith, Natl. Pres. DUVCW; Mrs. Gertrude L. Gilbert, Natl. Pres. W.R.C.; and Mrs. Anna I. Stoudt, Natl. Pres. Aux.

On November 17th the descendants of the Grand Army of the Republic paid tribute to the memory of their ancestor's who fought for the Union in the Civil War. The program at the Albert Woolson Monument in Ziegler's Grove, Gettysburg Battlefield, was sponsored by Gettysburg Camp 112 SUVCW, the Gettysburg Travel Council and the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.

Most of the program was held in the new Visitor Center in the National Cemetery because of inclement weather. However, the weather did permit the placing of wreaths at the monument, a pageant by Camp 112 with Henry Roth as narrator, Firing of Volley by G Company, 6th Battalion, and music by 6th Infantry Battalion Field Music SVR.

P. D. in C. Roy Stoudt was Master of Ceremonies. He introduced the National and Department Presidents of all five Allied Orders. Major Gen. Henry K. Fluck, commanding general of the 28th Division, Pennsylvania National Guard was the principal speaker. Among other things he said

FLAG PRESENTATION

The National SUVCW and Auxiliary will present a stand of colors to the Fort Monroe Casement Museum, Fort Monroe, Virginia, as a feature of the Centennial.

The presentation will take place on Saturday, March 16 at 3 P. M. with Commander-in-Chief Shriver and National President Stoudt doing the honors, and will commemorate the 101st anniversary of the Battle of the Monitor and Merrimac in Hampton Roads, March 9, 1862. These colors will replace the two 48 star flags presented to the museum in 1955 by our two organizations.

Following the presentation, a flag burning ceremony will retire the old flags. The entire program will be planned and executed by Dr. Chester D. Bradley, Museum Curator and Col. Roy F. Zinser, Commanding Officer of the Fort. At the conclusion of the program, a tour of the Fort will be made, after which our party will proceed to Richmond, Virginia, where we will stay over night. Sunday morning a tour of the many Civil War historical

"Standing here in this great building, only a short distance from the house that General Meade made his headquarters and but a few yards from the statue of Albert Woolson erected as a memorial to the G.A.R., we cannot but recall that a short 99 years ago we were trying to win an engagement, at this spot, so we could keep our country as it is. It is well that we try to remember our history. How quickly we can forget if we do not have programs such as this."

Greetings from the Military Order of the Loyal Legion were extended graciously by Commodore R. N. Scott Baker, Commander of the Pennsylvania Commandery MOLLUS. The invocation and benediction was given by National Chaplain, Rev. Richard O. Partington.

The same evening, the 32nd Annual Banquet of the Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association commemorating the Dedication of the National Cemetery was held in the Hotel Gettysburg, with all Allied Orders represented. The toastmaster was Ivan E. Frantz, and the principal speaker was Rev. Charles A. Hammond.

points of interest in and around Richmond will be made, leaving for home around noon.

It is hoped that many of our members will make an effort to attend the ceremony, and later see how the great State of Virginia is preserving its Civil War historical sites. Anyone desiring additional information about the trip should write to C. L. Stoudt, 2540 Fairview Ave., Mt. Penn, Reading, Pa.

A CALL TO GREATNESS

This nation was forged in the crucible of rebellion. It is no stranger to struggle. Today's America has emerged from the challenges of yesterday.

The challenges to our growth, and to our very existence, which we face today are awesome but not insurmountable. We can meet them and go on to greater heights as a nation—if every citizen will help.

The country's strength is the sum of the strengths of each American. Nations grow great as the integrity of their citizens rises. They fall when their people grow abnormally selfish and morally slack.

We are in for a long struggle. Let us use this struggle to challenge the best in each of us.

It is a time for each of us to do something for his country—something extra, something more than routine—which contributes to our nation's strength, unity, and progress.



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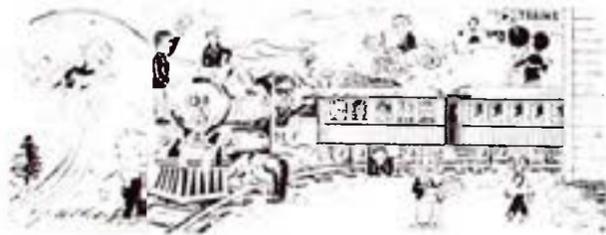
January 1, 1963.

1. We have concluded another year of success, marked with historic events and a year that produced many new challenges for our Order. May we also recall 1962 for the passing of many of our leaders who answered the final call. We may credit last year with outstanding leadership in our Camps, our Departments, and our National Organization. May this fine effort continue.

2. Your Commander-in-Chief is hopeful that each of you enjoyed a joyous Christmas Season, filled with prayers for Peace on Earth, Good Will to all men. May you all have a most successful year in 1963.

3. Outstanding programs were observed since the last issue of THE BANNER. The 6th Annual G. A. R. Remembrance Day was observed on the Gettysburg Battlefield on Saturday, November 17th. The five National Heads of the Affiliated Orders joined with the Pennsylvania Department Commander and Presidents in this memorable tribute to the G. A. R. Details of the service are listed in this issue of THE BANNER. Dedication Day 1962 was also observed in many Camps throughout our nation.

MIAMI BOUND



To National Encampment

Plans are in the making to organize a special party by train (either coach or pullman) for the National Encampment. Traveling by train with a group is not only more fun and less tedious, but less expensive and your tour escort will arrange all baggage handling and transportation from the time you board the train until you arrive in your hotel room.

Tentative plans call for leaving Friday, August 16 on the East Coast Champion, arriving Saturday afternoon at 4 P. M. In order to set a price for the round trip, it is essential that the tour organizer have some idea as to how many will sign up and the point of boarding the train.

The tour is being arranged by Henry S. Bowen Jr., 8 Judson St., Beverly, Mass. Henry has had many years experience in tour organizing and escorting and you will be assured of a comfortable and pleasant trip. Anyone planning to join the tour is urged to communicate directly with him for details and prices.

4. Your Commander-in-Chief will travel to the West Coast on January 11th to make official visits in San Diego, Pasadena, Fresno, San Jose and Portland. Other visits on the way back East include Denver and Kansas City. Also included in the first quarter agenda are many observances of Abraham Lincoln's Birth in which every member should participate. The presentation of a new Stand of Colors by the Sons and Auxiliary to the Fort Monroe Casemate will take place in March, to which all members are invited.

5. Additional appointments: National Musician, Frank M. Heacock, Sr., P. D. C. of Penna.; Military Committee, James Y. Ledwith, Lt. SVR of Conn.

6. Begin the new year with an extra supply of applications and remember the rewarding contest as listed in the last issue of THE BANNER for new members. Also solicit renewal and new subscriptions to our informative paper, THE BANNER. Subscription rate is still \$1.00 per year.

7. Forward all news pertaining to the Civil War Centennial, G. A. R. Highway, Legislation, Americanization and Education, to respective Committee Chairmen.

8. Support the Patriotic Instructor's Fund with your contributions and promote the Sons of Veterans Reserve program. You are a part of each of these, and they need your support.

By order of
Chester S. Shriver
Commander-in-Chief

SOUTHERN YANKEES

The American Civil War saw a nation divided, and a people in deadly conflict with their brothers. In addition to the Northerners that answered Mr. Lincoln's call, there were many Southern enlistments in the Federal Army. How many, you say? Here's a surprise for you:

Virginia—1 Company
Georgia—2 Companies
North Carolina—4 Regiments (3,156 men)
Florida—2 Regiments (1,290 men)
Alabama—1 Regiment and five companies (2,576 men)
Mississippi—2 Companies (545 men)
Louisiana—5 Regiments (5,224 men)
Texas—1 Regiment and 9 Companies (1,965 men)
Arkansas—7 Regiments, 2 Companies and 1 Battery (8,289 men)
Tennessee—30 Regiments, 7 Companies and 4 Batteries (31,092 men)
There were 93,441 colored troops who came mostly from the South.

Branded Rebels by their northern brothers, branded traitors by their homes and often by members of their own families, their love of country transcended all other values and they became Mr. Lincoln's Fighting Rebels.

Chrome Plated Numerals

Numerals 25-30-35-40-45-50-55-60-65-70-75 are now available at 60¢ each from the National Secretary. These numerals indicating your years of membership are easily attached to the ribbon of any badge. Also available are 50 year badges at \$2.50 each, and War Medals at \$3.00 each. Members having war service in their own right are entitled to purchase War Medals.

Scholarship Presentation



Gettysburg College was presented with a \$250 check from the SUVCW on Nov. 17 as part of a continuing scholarship "to be given to some worthy student in the field of history." The presentation made by Commander-in-Chief Chester S. Shriver at the dinner commemorating the dedication of the National Cemetery given by the Past Commanders and Past Presidents Assoc. Dr. C. A. Hanson, president of the college, in accepting the gift, said: "This is a most eloquent act. Gettysburg College is inextricably associated with the Civil War—it is symbolic that you in honoring the men who fought the Civil War to preserve the Union turn to this type of action."

GENEALOGY

The job of finding and documenting the war record of a Civil War veteran becomes most difficult with each passing year. Facts and records pass further into history with each new generation. To help meet the increasing problem the National Encampment in Washington last August created the office of National Recorder. This office is an experiment to determine if a clearing house can be created to assist in the search for Civil War records. As families move to distant States, often across the country from the home State of the veteran, the scope of this task become truly National.

Commander-in-Chief Shriver has appointed me to the formidable task of shaping a plan and format for this office. I will need all the help that I can get. Several Brothers have already furnished valuable information that has been helpful. Of several inquiries answered to date, we have succeeded in establishing some Civil War records.

We are interested in two areas: (A) the availability anywhere within our organization of Adjutant General records or similar State Volumes which might give complete listings of enlistments for that State (we have one State's records complete in our library, and hope to have a library complete with every State which contributed troops); and (B) reliable sources of information at State level where we can continue an inquiry should we fail to find a record on our own.

Most States have such agencies or courses (again a few are already known through the help of Brothers,

but we hope for a complete file of every State). We hope for a complete file which will lead us to information in any State with a minimum of initial data. If any Brother knows of any volume or source of information such as described, please communicate with me at the address below. If there are any shipping or similar costs, they will be paid.

Your help, Brothers, will assist me in building a reliable verification of eligibility of any applicant for membership, and to assist any person seeking to find his family history. Most of all it will create for our Order an archive that will permanently honor the memory of the men who wore the Blue during the American Civil War.

Albert W. Lambert
National Recorder (Genealogy)
117 Palmer Lane, Trenton 8, N. J.

WHOSE DELINQUENCY?

Kids don't make movies, they don't write the books
That paint a gay picture of gangsters and crooks,
They don't make the liquor, they don't run the bars,
They don't make the laws, and they don't buy cars.
They don't make the drugs that addle the brain;
It's all done by older folks greedy for gain.
And how many cases we find that its true
The label "Delinquent" fits older folks too.

The safest way to double your money is to fold it over once and put it in your pocket.
If you have always done it that way, it probably is wrong.

Memorial Day — Chicago



Color Guard left to right: Charles S. Bournstine, Brooks Davis, Charles A. Brady Jr., A. Hyland Tresselt. In rear wearing white cap, Charles H. Bournstine. All are members of Gen. George A. Custer Camp No. 1.



Department News



CALIFORNIA

P.D.C. Vernon Cheney will be mourned and missed by a host of members and friends. While driving in Northern California, on October 4 a truck pushed them off the road into a bridge abutment. Vern died on the spot, and his wife died a short time later. He joined the Colorado State Camp in 1928 and transferred to California in 1931. He had the distinction of being Department Commander both in Colorado and California.

Our new Camp in San Diego has been named after Brigadier General McCoy, whose appointment from the War Department, dated March 13, 1865 stated "for gallant and meritorious service during the War and particularly in the battles before Nashville, Tenn."

A District Meeting sponsored by Podrasnik Camp 15 was held Dec. 6 in American Legion Hall, Ontario. The next Mid-Winter meeting is to be held in the Eagles Hall, Pomona on Feb. 10. Meeting to start at 10:30 A. M. and dinner at 12 noon.

We also mourn Otis Thomas of San Gabriel who passed away on Oct. 19th.

COLORADO

Aux. 8 of Denver enjoyed a fine meeting followed by a Christmas Party on Dec. 6 at the home of P.D.P. Mae Nelans. A covered dish dinner and exchange of gifts were enjoyed. Decorations were made by P.D.P. Eva Edison.

CONNECTICUT



Shown above is Roger F. Woodbury (on left) being installed as Commander of T. B. Robinson Camp 31 of Bristol, by P.D.C. C. Brown Newton. Also acting on the installing team were Allen Spink and Robert Daniels. Others installed included Harry Grindle, James Penn, Leon Crocker, Perl Chamberlin, Chauncey Geer and Harold Scott.

ILLINOIS

The Department mid-winter meeting was held at the Park East Hotel, Chicago on December 1. The day was climaxed by a dinner and entertainment program arranged by Marie Doran, Aux. Chief of Staff.

P.D.C. George L. Cashman and Dorothy are putting on grease paint for a Lincoln program to be aired on February 12 over TV Channel 7. By that time they should have recovered from the strain of giving their illustrated Lincoln lecture fifteen times in five days.

Under the directorship of P.D.C. Charles A. Brady Jr., who originated the idea, the Department is beginning operation of a Civil War Registry, which will be an historical reference file on Civil War veterans and their descendants. Forms have been prepared which descendants may use to place on record with the Registry information about an ancestor's service and data on his family. These facts will be of invaluable assistance in future years to those doing historical research and to

those seeking to establish relationship to a Civil War veteran. A fee of \$2 will be payable at the time the veteran's record is put on file with the Registry, and a like fee will be charged for each copy of the record which is later requested by others. Members of other Departments desirous of having their ancestors' names listed by the Registry may request forms by writing to the Director, Charles A. Brady Jr., Box 6165, Chicago 80, Ill.

INDIANA

On September 23 one of thirteen markers placed in the state in commemoration of the Civil War was dedicated at the Centerville home of Oliver P. Morton, governor of Indiana during the Civil War. State Senator Joel Rhodes was the principal speaker. The invocation and benediction was given by Rev. Howard E. Vance, a member of the Indianapolis Camp. P.D.C. Artus E. Ogborn of Richmond gave the welcome. Assisting Ogborn were Robert E. Graham, Commander of Benton Camp 28 and M. J. Tompkons, a member of the Camp. The program was sponsored by the Indiana Civil War Centennial Commission and the State Library and Historical group.

KANSAS

On September 9 the annual meeting and picnic for the members of the Kansas Department, Sons and Auxiliary was held at Military Park, Newton. Following the dinner, a short business meeting and program was held, with Mrs. Mamie Shirk of Salina, Dept. Pres., presiding. Representatives were present from Salina, El Dorado and Newton.

MAINE

After a summer of picnics, Starrett Auxiliary of Warren have resumed business meetings. The Auxiliary secured new flags and a new altar flag in time for the annual inspection on October 17th. Starrett Auxiliary helped Anderson Auxiliary of Rockland when they held the Department Fair on October 6.

On October 13 Hyde Camp and Aux. held a reception in honor of Dept. Comdr. Walter B. James and his staff.

The National Guard Militia-Mobile in conjunction with the Civil War Centennial has toured twenty Maine communities during October and November.

On October 27 the Garfield Camp and Auxiliary float (The Return of a Union Soldier) won second prize in the Maine Central Railroad Centennial parade in Waterville.

During the inspections of Garfield Camp and Aux. on November 19, Vicki Nadeau gave an altar flag as a memorial to her uncle who died at Guadalcanal in 1942; Myrtle Nickerson presented a large Bible on behalf of herself and her sister Ruby to Camp Comdr. Wm. F. Swain.

MARYLAND

Lincoln-Cushing Camp 2 of Washington, D. C. held a dinner meeting in the Army and Navy Club on November 20th, with a fine attendance of Camp members, as well as representatives from the Auxiliary, the Ladies of the G.A.R., the Loyal Legion and the Lincoln Group. National Officers present included Commander-in-Chief and Mrs. Shriver, and Natl. Secy-Treas. Lambert. Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd presided and spoke of some experiences that involved military units that were formed in the Washington area 100 years ago. Commander-in-Chief Shriver spoke of the projects and programs of the National Organization. He also installed new officers, with John E. Palsgrove Sr. taking office as Commander.

MASSACHUSETTS

Dept. Pres. Gladys M. Loomer has announced that she will award a rosewood gavel, with silver band properly inscribed, to the Auxiliary gaining the most members during her term of office.

Gen. McClellan Camp 60 and the Pioneer Valley Assoc. held their Dedication Day dinner and observance in the Holyoke War Memorial Building on November 10th. Other recent events include a reception to Dept. Pres. Loomer in Worcester; the Old Timers Banquet in Chelsea; reception to Commander Ernest Wells in Dorchester; the Auxiliary annual fair in Worcester; and the annual supper of Aux. 38 in Chelsea.

The G.A.R. Memory Banquet sponsored by the Friendly Relations of the Allied Orders was held December 1 in

Dorchester. A feature was prizes awarded for the most authentic and most colorful dresses and uniforms of 100 years ago. Another feature was a demonstration of the Hardee Civil War Manual of Arms by St. Ben Foster, Chairman of the Mass. Dept. Military Affairs Committee.

The New England Regional Assoc. will be held at the Hotel Bradford in Boston on March 16-17. The Department Encampment SUVCW and Aux. will also be held at the Hotel Bradford April 26-28.

"The Grand Army of the Republic or What Came Out of the Civil War" was the theme of an impressive talk given by Ernest G. Wells, Department Commander and Chairman of the National Civil War Centennial Committee to the Annual Old Timers Association Banquet at the Chelsea Y.M.C.A. on September 29th.

Dept. Comdr. Wells shared the Reception given him, with his wife, Jessie a P.D.P. of the Aux., and now Dept. Pres. of the Ladies of the G.A.R. John L. Day was General Chairman with Mrs. Day as Co-Chairman. The large attendance included many present and past officers of all the Allied Orders.

Candidates from five Camps were initiated recently at a meeting in Chelsea, with Col. Winthrop Camp sponsoring. Those participating were John B. Davis, Addison A. Quinn, Harold Drown, C. Hooper, Robert L. Wood, Fred and Luther Butler.

Rev. John Farrell of Wakefield attended a reception for Dept. Pres. Helen M. Kelley of DUVCW who belongs to his parish, when his eligibility to our Order was revealed. Dept. Comdr. Wells secured his application and initiation occurred in a few weeks. He joined Warren Camp, Wakefield on the night that Herbert L. Jackson of City Council in Malden was again installed as Commander. Father Farrell stated that he will canvass his parishioners for eligibles.

MINNESOTA

We regret to report the death of our Department Commander, Byron D. Clark on October 15, 1962. Only 45 years of age, he was an enthusiastic and loyal member that will be greatly missed.

NEW JERSEY

The Flag Code provides "Never use the flag as a drapery of any sort whatsoever." Also, "Never place upon the flag, or attach to it, any mark, insignia, letter, word, figure, design, picture, or drawing of any nature." Dayton Camp No. 5 of Trenton deploras the disregard for the law of our country, and personal interpretation of the law, and have discontinued this unlawful practice. We have secured a beautiful blue altar cloth to use in place of the flag on the altar. We extend profound sympathy to our Associate Member, Rev. Elmer H. Finger, whose wife Mrs. Jessie Finger passed away on October 2nd. She is survived also by a son, Marine M/Sgt. Charles W., and two daughters, Mrs. Jessie Morgan and Mrs. Alma Corson.

THE N. J. BLIND ASSOCIATION was the recipient of a \$100.00 check to further their work on December 14th, from the New Jersey Department Auxiliary. The presentation was made by Patriotic Instructor Mrs. Irene Lambert, and is but one of the worthy projects sponsored by the Auxiliary annually.

TRENTON AUXILIARY No. 5 adopted a novel Christmas project this year. Learning that a local children's home expressed a need for socks for their children, every member of the Auxiliary brought a gift of socks to our Christmas Party, which in turn were delivered to the children at the home.

NEW YORK

Mrs. Alma Evans of Ovid, Dept. Pres. of the Auxiliary and Elwyn Heidenreich of Buffalo, Dept. Commander were feted at a reception and dinner on September 22 at the Clintonaire Hotel in Buffalo. Several members of Camp 146 and Aux. 72 of Ovid attended.

ROCHESTER—Glidden-Pierce-Lomb and O'Rourke Camps with Aux. 1 and 23 joined in a dinner November 26 for National and Department Officers at the Powers Hotel. After dinner regular Camp and Auxiliary meetings were held in their beautiful quarters in the Community War Memorial Building. The Camp meeting was enlivened by remarks by the distinguished guests and an unique observance of Dedication Day staged by Grover C. Scott. Rochester's part in the

Civil War was outlined briefly from Antietam to Gettysburg. The meetings were followed by a reception for the visiting Officers and a social hour.

OVID Auxiliary mourns the passing in 1962 of Sisters Ella Armstrong, Mary Ross and Lena Lindenberg.

IN MEMORIAM

We regret to announce
Past National President
IDA B. LANGE
Died December 7, 1962

Sister Lange, who served as National President in 1930, made her home in Rutherford, N. J. Her loyalty, devotion, and cheerful smile will be greatly missed by all.

OHIO

Marjorie M. Grate, William F. Powers and his wife Adeline, participated in a radio broadcast on October 23 on WHHH, Warren, Ohio, and in the afternoon they were guests of TV Station WFMJ in Youngstown.

November 19 was proclaimed Sons and Auxiliary Day on TV Station WEWS, Cleveland, at which time our Dept. Commander and Dept. President were interviewed. The subject on all three programs was the G.A.R. and our Organizations, their work and projects.

Youngstown Auxiliary recently elected new officers with Marion Phillips as the new President. At the meeting Aaron Getz received a 50 year membership pin awarded by McClellan Camp of Alliance. The presentation was made by Paul Grate of Warren, P.D.C. Mrs. Marjorie Grate attended this and several other Auxiliary installations.

PENNSYLVANIA

Headed by Commander-in-Chief Shriver, three infantry companies of the SVR participated in the Antietam reenactment in September. It was a spectacle never to be forgotten. Seventeen hundred SVR and Skirmishers performed to perfection.

The Commander-in-Chief also attended the 100th Anniversary Commemoration of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation in Washington, D. C. in September.

Anna M. Ross Aux. 1 celebrated their 73rd anniversary with a dinner at Beck's with a very large attendance including Commander-in-Chief Shriver, Natl. Pres. Mrs. Anna Stoult, Dept. Commander Rev. Richard O. Partington, and Dept. Pres. Betty Kramer. Beautiful trays commemorating each battle of the Civil War were given as souvenirs. Rev. Elmer Finger was the speaker of the evening. He was accompanied by his son, M/Sgt. Charles Finger, U. S. Marine Corp.

The Pennsylvania Commission for the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg has announced that Lt. Gen. Edw. J. Stackpole will serve as coordinator of all uniformed units which will participate in the commemoration of "Pickett's Charge" on July 3, 1963. Those who will participate will be units of the SVR and the Skirmish Assoc. The Commission also announced that Commander-in-Chief Shriver will serve as the Commanding Officer of all "Union" troops representing Hancock's men. Donald A. Ramsay, General-in-Chief of the Confederate High Command has been named as Commanding Officer for all "Confederate" troops, who will portray Pickett's men. Infantry, Artillery and Cavalry units will participate. Tentage and rations will be provided for those participating through the Pennsylvania Army National Guard.

The 95th annual Philadelphia Lincoln dinner will be held at Beck's on Rising Sun Blvd. on February 9 at 6 P. M. The Commander-in-Chief, National President, and Department Commander and Presidents are expected to attend. Tickets are \$4.50 and reservations must be made to Frank M. Heacock, 2311 Concord Pike, Fairvax, Wilmington, 3. Del. on or before February 4. Following the dinner Ellis Camp 9 of Germantown will hold their reception for Dept. Comdr. Rev. Richard O. Partington.

The annual Lincoln Dinner in Harrisburg will be held at the Penn Harris Hotel, February 2. In conjunction with the dinner, a reception will be held for Sister Betty Kramer, Dept. Pres. and a member of the Harrisburg Auxiliary.

Reservations must be in by January 25 to Mrs. Mary E. Liddick, 1825 State St., Harrisburg, or to Edw. Kramer, 204 Clark St., Lemoyne, Pa.

P.D.C. John C. Yocum was elected to his third consecutive term as Commander of Bradbury Camp 149, Media. No date has been announced for the installation of officers.

Frank Hemminger, Camp 15 Harrisburg, a former Sr. Vice Dept. Comdr. and father of P.D.C. Kenneth R. F. Hemminger passed away December 9. Camp services were held. Brother Hemminger had been seriously ill for many months.

Several candidates were mustered into Camp 112 and P.D.C. Jesse E. Snyder was presented with his 50 year badge on November 2 when Dept. Comdr. Rev. Richard O. Partington made his official visit to Gettysburg Camp. Natl. Pres. Anna Stoudt and Dept. Pres. Betty Kramer were present as were many visitors from nearby Camps and Auxiliaries. Members of the Gettysburg Auxiliary served a supper prior to the meeting which was presided over by Dr. Joseph Riley.

VERMONT

It was Vermont's pleasure to host the fall meeting of the New England Regional Assoc. October 20-21 at the Pavilion Hotel in Montpelier. Regional Commander Arthur Ballou presided. A banquet followed the business meeting. Following the Sunday morning session there was a rededication of the G.A.R. Highway at Morrisville.

The GREEN MOUNTAINS PATRIOT, the news bulletin published by the Department lists various activities of the Camps and Auxiliaries and indicates their enthusiasm and accomplishments.

100th Anniversary of Emancipation Proclamation



Pictured left to right: James Y. Ledwith; Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Allen B. Howland; Herbert E. Tucker, Asst. Atty-Gen.; Gen. Timothy Regan (representing Gov. Volpe); Lt. Col. Lenahan O'Connell, Commission Chairman of Observance; and Robert DiSimone, City Greeter, representing Mayor Collins.

—Boston Sunday Advertiser Photo

9th Mass. Battery fire "Volley for Freedom" on Sept. 22 commemorating the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation by President Lincoln. The 2 P. M. ceremonies were held on Boston Common with Herbert E. Tucker, Esq. as the principal speaker. He is a former member of the legal staff of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and present member of the Board of Directors for Freedom House, Inc.

A man who needs telling that it's his duty to vote is not yet fit to vote at all.

No man can answer for his courage who has never been in danger.

FOR SUN AND FUN . . .

1963 NATIONAL CONVENTION

Miami Beach, Florida

AUGUST 18-22, 1963



The 82nd National Encampment SUVCW will be held with headquarters in the fabulous Deauville Hotel. This most modern, advanced and fully equipped luxury designed convention hotel promises the most memorable, successful and enjoyable convention ever.

Located on Collins Ave. from 65th to 67th Street, the hotel is completely air conditioned and sound proofed. It has TV in every room and every room is identical in size and appointments. It features a complimentary boat cruise on Biscayne Bay, complimentary green fees on a championship golf course, swimming pool and cabana colony, private hotel beach, indoor ice skating rink, two nightclubs (one open till 5 A. M.), two coffee shops (one open 24 hours), five dining areas, and ultra modern shopping arcade.

Rates are \$11.00 per person per day, which includes breakfast-brunch and dinner. All rooms are twin-bed rooms and these rates are based on two to a room. Special rates can be obtained for three or more to a room.

The committee is planning on an authentic Hawaiian Luau, a water show, and post convention dance for your entertainment in addition to the usual social events.

To give you time for sight seeing, shopping, etc. business sessions will be limited to 11 A. M. to 4 P. M. on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

WANTS TO TRADE

Mr. Riley W. Gunter, 3364 Berea Road, Memphis 9, Tenn., is desirous of securing medals, badges, or ribbons that were used at various United Confederate Veteran Reunions and Sons of Confederate Veterans Conventions. He is historian of Camp 215 Sons of Confederate Veterans and plans to place them on public display. He has several G. A. R. medals and programs from various Encampments that he will trade if anyone can accommodate him.