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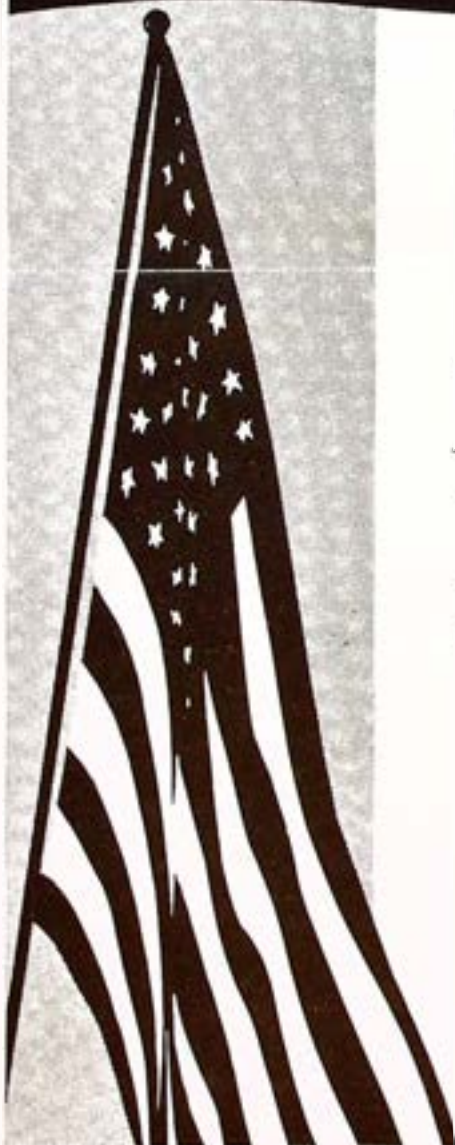
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WHAT YOU CAN DO TO FIGHT COMMUNISM



AND PRESERVE

- A**lert yourself -- learn the true nature and tactics of communism.
- M**ake civic programs for social improvement your business.
- E**xercise your right to vote; elect representatives of integrity.
- R**espect human dignity -- communism and individual rights cannot coexist.
- I**nform yourself; know your country--its history, traditions, and heritage.
- C**ombat public apathy toward communism--indifference can be fatal when national survival is at stake.
- A**ttack bigotry and prejudice wherever they appear; justice for all is the bulwark of democracy.

Chaos at the Summit

Premier Khrushchev's mission at the summit conference in Paris was one of destruction. He went there for the predetermined purpose of wrecking the meeting which he has consistently declared was essential to world peace. His performance there was worthy of a Hitler. All of the familiar fanaticism was manifest. Threat followed threat and insult followed insult.

As for the U-2 flight, nothing is more vital in war, hot or cold, than knowledge of the enemy's military installations and dispositions. To tolerate blindness in these matters is to invite disaster. In rebuttal to Russian charges of U. S. spying, the Swiss police arrested two members of the Soviet Embassy on charges of espionage and expelled them recently. In Bonn, the West German Government has convicted 1,799 Communist spies in the past eight years. In Washington, records show that since 1950 at least fifteen Soviet espionage agents have been caught in the U. S. and expelled, including eight embassy diplomats, and six officials at the U. N. Col. Rudolph Able is now serving a 30-year term in a Federal prison.

Until the U.S.S.R. agrees to reciprocal inspection, it is the inescapable duty of our government to try to obtain by other means the information necessary for our survival and that of the free world.

Walter Lippman wrote recently in Life Magazine, "The critical weakness of our society is that for the time being our people do not have great purposes in which they are united in wanting to achieve." The Chaos at the Summit has furnished us with a "national purpose" which is joined in by all Americans. The President and Secretary Herter should be commended by free men everywhere for facing squarely the central issue and for explaining it with a candor which must appeal to all sensible men. The United States and its allies of the West will stand firm, that the spirit that defied Hitler will also defy his Soviet counterpart.

GENERAL SHERMAN TRIBUTE



Shown above are Major William F. Bruckel, P.D.C. SUVCW and Mrs. Agnes E. Hahn, P.D.P. DUVCW at the wreath-laying ceremonies in honor of the G.A.R. on Sunday, May 15 in front of the General Tecumseh Sherman Monument, 59th St. and Fifth Ave., New York City.

Bruckel was the principle speaker at the celebration which was under auspices of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Representing Mayor Robert F. Wagner was John B. Byrne, Chief of Publicity who spoke on the subject of the American Creed. Lincoln's Gettysburg Address was delivered by sixteen year old Anthony Emmerich, a member of Lafayette Camp 140 SUVCW. Bertram Isaacs, Dept. Secy. delivered an address on General Logan's Orders. Representatives were present from all of the Allied Orders.

In Memoriam

P. D. C. FRED COLWELL
New York Department

DIED JUNE 26, 1960

We regret to record the death of Past Department Commander Fred E. Colwell of Rochester, N. Y. In addition to holding many offices in his Department and in the National Organization, Fred was best known for his devotion to the National Legislative Committee, having been its chairman for many years. He leaves behind a grateful organization for his years of dedicated service.

OMNIBUS

NEW MEMBERS AT LARGE—We cordially welcome Mr. Frank Howard Thompson of Kansas City, Kansas, Mr. Donald Campbell Little of Bonner Springs, Kansas, and Mr. Richard F. Allen of Baldwin City, Kansas, as members at large. Brother Little is also active in the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, and represented General Grant at the Springfield Tomb Ceremony in April. Brother Allen is also active in the Sons of the American Revolution. All three are practicing attorneys in Kansas City. Along with Brother Loren L. Taylor of Kansas City, these new members are working to institute a new Camp.

ADDRESS CHANGE—Earl and Beatrice Riggs, 403 N. Fern Ave., Ontario, Calif.

JEAN B. THOMPSON—We regret to report the death of Past National President in St. Petersburg, Fla. on May 16th. She was a member of the Ohio Department and served as National President during 1932-1933.

DID YOU KNOW—that Civil War records are preserved in the National Archives in Washington, D. C. Inquiry of Hon. Wayne C. Grover, Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Service, Washington 25, D. C. may be helpful in tracing records. However, if the answer involves any appreciable amount of research, there will be a charge for it, as the National Archives do not have personnel enough to do research for private inquiries.

MRS. SUE BENNETT, wife of Past Commander-in-Chief Roy J. Bennett died June 30th of a heart attack. A Past Department President and a former National Chaplain of the Auxiliary, she has long been an active member of the Iowa Department.

THE BANNER

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Albert C. Lambert, P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J.

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 welcome and will be preserved.)
(Contributions are deductible for Income Tax purposes—Section 170 of the Code of 1954)

The following contribution has been received since the last issue of THE BANNER:

- John Wolfe, Company "I", 7th Wisconsin Volunteers (Courtesy P.D.C. Dewey G. Mead) \$10.00
- Department of California & Pacific Donation \$10.00
- Horace W. Hackman, Company E, 104th Ohio Infantry (Courtesy Harmon Hershey—New York) \$10.00

All Aboard for Springfield



Join the special party to Springfield and eliminate the monotony of the long train ride. Companionship, fun and reminiscing helps pass away the time, and costs will be lower while traveling in a group.

The special party will be traveling on fast deluxe coaches with reclining chairs. Following is the train schedule:

Leave Boston 9 A. M. Aug. 20th; New York 5:05 P. M., Trenton 6:04 P. M., North Phila. 6:32 P. M., Harrisburg 8:17 P. M. Arrive in Springfield, Illinois, Sunday at 12:18 Noon.

Round trip fares Boston \$73.50, New York \$58.58, Trenton \$55.68, North Phila. \$53.86, Harrisburg \$48.09. A \$1.10 seat charge will be made on the going trip, which will be collected on boarding the train.

The Boston rate is based on 25 or more passengers, other rates are regular round trip fares, and may be reduced if more than 24 board the train at any one station other than Boston.

Returning trip will leave Springfield, Thursday, Aug. 25 at 5:40 P. M., arriving in New York Friday, Aug. 26 at 6:05 P. M. Complete schedules will be forwarded with your receipt.

Make reservations as early as possible with Henry S. Bowen, Jr., 8 Judson St., Beverly, Mass., but no later than August 10th. If possible state whether you will have lunch or breakfast on the train between Chicago and Springfield.

Passengers can also board the train at Providence, R. I. or New Haven, Conn., as well as Newark, N. J.

Transfer at Chicago will be from the Englewood Station at 8:29 A. M. to the 63rd Street Station of the Illinois Central. Breakfast can be had on the P.R.R. before 8 A. M. or on the Illinois Central after 9 A. M. It will help the Illinois Central if we can tell them how many will eat lunch on the train before arriving in Springfield.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

79th ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Springfield, Illinois—1960

ENCAMPMENT PROGRAM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

- 10:45 a. m.—Morning worship at First Methodist Church of Springfield, located diagonally opposite the hotel. (Section of seats being reserved for members of the Allied Orders)
- 1:00 p. m.—Registration (Credentials Committee), Hotel Lobby
- 1:30 p. m.—Meeting of Council of Administration, Headquarters Room
- 2:00 p. m.—All Department Commanders or their representatives meet with National Chaplain in ballroom for rehearsal.
- 3:30 p. m.—Joint Memorial Services (All Orders), Ballroom
- 8:00 p. m.—Camp Fire Program, Centennial Auditorium

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

- 7:30 a. m.—Breakfast for national officers and past commanders-in-chief, courtesy of the Illinois Department, Palm Room
- 8:30 a. m.—Registration, Hotel Lobby
- 9:30 a. m.—Joint Opening, Sons and Auxiliary, Ballroom
- 10:30 a. m.—Business Session, Lodge Room A, Elks Club
- 1:30 p. m.—Business Session
- 5:30 p. m.—Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents' Banquet, Palm Room
- 7:30 p. m.—Program of narrated slides on "Life of Lincoln" by Dorothy and George Cashman, courtesy of the Illinois Department, Ballroom
- 8:30 p. m.—Auxiliary's Courtesy Hour (Sons invited), Ballroom

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

- 8:30 a. m.—Registration, Elks Club
- 9:30 a. m.—Business Session, Elks Club
- 1:30 p. m.—Business Session
- 2:00 p. m.—Greetings received and extended
- 6:30 p. m.—Banquet honoring National Officers, Ballroom
- 9:00 p. m.—Reception for National Officers, followed by dancing

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

- 9:30 a. m.—Business Session, Elks Club
- 1:00 p. m.—Tour to Lincoln Tomb, grave of Dr. Stephenson (founder of G.A.R.), and New Salem Village (reconstructed village where Lincoln spent his youth), courtesy of the Illinois Department. Busses will depart from the hotel entrance promptly at 1 o'clock.
- 7:30 p. m.—Song Fest (program of barber shop harmony and community singing), courtesy of the Illinois Department, Ballroom
- 8:30 p. m.—Sons are invited to witness an exemplification of the ritual by the Illinois Department of the Auxiliary, Ballroom

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

- 9:30 a. m.—Business Session; election and installation of officers
- 2:30 p. m.—Meeting of outgoing and incoming Councils of Administration

Peace is not merely the absence of war. It is also a state of mind.

You can't escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.



General Order No. 5 Series 1959-1960

Headquarters
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War
P. O. Box 41
Coventry, R. I.

July 1, 1960

1. The 79th National Encampment is hereby summoned to meet in the City of Springfield, Illinois on the 21st to the 25th days of August, 1960. Headquarters will be in the Abraham Lincoln Hotel, and all sessions will be held in the Elks Club.

2. All Camp Commanders will please see that their quarterly reports are sent in as soon as possible after July 1st to Department Headquarters. Departments will please send their reports to the National Secretary-Treasurer not later than July 15th, so he can complete his annual report.

3. The following Committees have been appointed to serve during the Encampment.

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Robert E. Daniels, P.D.C., Conn.
Roscoe C. Mathis, P.D.C., Illinois
H. Dwight Bromley, P.D.C., Rhode Island
Albert C. Lambert, Natl. Secy.-Treas., N. J.

PRESS COMMITTEE

George L. Cushman, Illinois, Chairman
Harold M. Drown, P.D.C., Mass.
James M. Blackman, P.D.C., Illinois

Other committees will be appointed at the National Encampment.

4. I have, since my last General Order, appointed as a special aide, a Brother who I believe has the longest membership in our Organization, and is still very active in his Department. He is Fred R. Atwood, Dept. Patr. Instr. of the New Hampshire Department, who was in June a 70 year member.

5. As this is my last General Order, I wish to thank all Departments and members for the many courtesies extended to me and to the office that I have been privileged to hold this year. It has been a year that I shall long remember. May God keep each one of you in good health and strength so that the friendships that I have enjoyed this past year will continue for many years to come.

6. To the heads of our several Allied Organizations, thanks for your many invitations and visits. It has been a pleasure for me to serve this year with you in the cause for which we are organized. I hope that at some time in the future, we can meet again as one large family of the Grand Army of the Republic.

7. To my National Officers, both elected and appointed, I wish to thank you for your cooperation.

If I have had a good year, it is because of your cooperation.

8. Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Messer has requested me to announce that the membership drive reports must be in his hands by August 5th. Any reports not received by then will be ineligible under the contest rules. He has offered a prize to the Camp showing the largest increase in membership during the fiscal year ending June 30th.

HAROLD E. ARNOLD,
Commander-in-Chief.

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CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The "Constellation," America's oldest fighting ship still afloat, in a few months may take to the waters again, this time as the "flagship" of the Civil War Centennial.

Filled with relics and other exhibits from the war of a century ago, she will tour the ports of the United States, both coastal and inland, so that thousands may see this veteran ship that fought the Barbary pirates and has been in every war the nation has engaged in since she was launched at Baltimore in 1797.

A \$400,000 restoration project has been under way on her for several months at a dock in Baltimore. More than \$200,000 still must be raised to complete the work, much of it confined to replacing the rotting wood in her sides.

Since the Navy transferred her to the Constellation Commission of the Star-Spangled Banner Flag House Association of Baltimore, a drive has been in progress to restore the vessel. The Association recently offered her for use as a Centennial "flagship," provided the additional money needed to put her in condition can be raised.

Karl S. Betts, executive director of the National Civil War Centennial Commission, has announced that the agency's Women's Committee, headed by Miss Chloe Gifford, former president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, will sponsor the appeal to keep the 163-year-old vessel afloat. The work of restoration so far has been carried on by a local committee of Baltimoreans, headed by Robert Michel, largely through the sale of souvenir medals made from parts of the ship. In a broadened appeal, this plus other methods, including an appeal to civic, patriotic and historical groups, will be employed.

Admiral E. M. Eller, chief of the Bureau of Naval History, has indicated the Navy Department's interest in arranging for the trip of the "Constellation" to the ports of the nation.

"The naval story of the Civil War has never been told in understandable terms," he said, "and I confidently believe that the planned exhibits aboard this veteran, launched when the United States was in her infancy, will serve to bring out more clearly during the Centennial years the great influence of the sea on our destiny."

If completed on schedule, the ship will move out from the dock at Baltimore and begin her voyage on January 8, the date set for the formal beginning of the Centennial observance throughout the nation. At that time a White House proclamation will call on every American to participate, the service academies will stage special programs to call attention to the anniversary of the Civil War, and at Charleston, S. C., a special three-day ceremony will be held to commemorate the occasion of the first shots fired in the war.

Twenty-five thousand copies of a booklet designed to organize the churches of America behind the five-year Civil War Centennial program soon will be placed in the mails from the National Headquarters here. They will go to all parts of the nation, to

addresses chosen without regard to locality or to faith.

Entitled "The Role of Religion in the Civil War Centennial," the booklet offers a list of suggested Centennial activities for religious organizations, including both the clergy and lay groups. It also offers a bibliography to aid in preparing such programs.

The booklet was prepared under the supervision of the National Civil War Centennial Commission's Religious Cooperative Council, a group of distin-
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One of the Most Controversial Figures of United States History

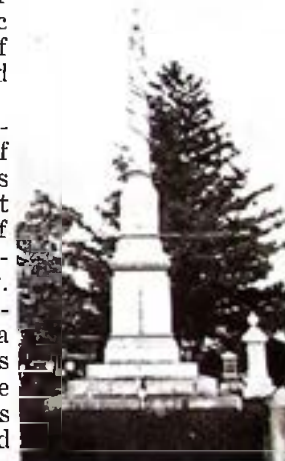
In tranquil Riverview Cemetery, Trenton, N. J., overlooking the Delaware River this imposing granite shaft stands. Inscribed are the words "Organizer and Commander of The Army of the Potomac and Commanding General of The Armies of the United States."

A man of considerable administrative ability and of great personal charm, he was elevated practically overnight to the supreme command of a relatively new, largely undisciplined Union Army. McClellan's Army of the Potomac rapidly became a military machine that was capable of and should have swept Robert E. Lee's smaller and poorly equipped Army of Northern Virginia into a point of no retreat. McClellan probably suffered more battle casualties by his procrastination and indecisiveness than he would have had by plunging into the confederate lines in the Peninsular Campaign of 1862 and taken Richmond. That he didn't may be largely attributed to McClellan's timidity and lack of competent military intelligence. However, no General in modern times was more loved and respected by his men than "Little Mac."

Born in Philadelphia in 1826, he was educated at the University of Pennsylvania and West Point. After his defeat for the Presidency in 1864, he traveled extensively with his family in Europe. He was later elected Governor of the State of New Jersey serving from 1878 to 1881.

And now he rests eternally on the banks of the Delaware a few miles south of the point where an earlier General of the Armies crossed the historic stream in a bold move to whip the Hessians in the Battle of Trenton.

General McClellan's grave, along with 1,200 other veteran graves are decorated each Memorial Day by members of Ferd V. Dayton Camp No. 5 of Trenton. Natl. Secy.-Treas. Lambert has been Treasurer of this Camp for the past twenty years.



GENERAL GRANT FINDS AN ORDERLY

By DARIUS PIERCE

(As told by his Grand-daughter Mrs. Hortense Pierce Sargent of Washington, D. C.)

After my term of service as a soldier expired (Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry), and I was again a private citizen, I returned to the scene of war at City Point, Virginia, where I was employed in the Commissary Department as a clerk, from August until December, 1864. It was there that this incident occurred.

Soon after the Army of General Grant (after its six days of fighting in the wilderness) covered the James River and took up its position in front of Petersburg, City Point was made the base of supplies for the Armies of the Potomac, and the Army of the James.

The wharf farthest up the river was used by the Commissary Department and was but a short distance from General Grant's headquarters. The next wharf below was the Quarter Master's Department and below that was the Ordnance Department. At the latter in June an explosion took place in which several lives were lost, and many more were injured. Since smoking might have been a cause of the explosion, General Grant issued an order that no smoking be allowed on that wharf, but this order did not apply to the other two wharves.

On the first day that I was on duty at the Commissary wharf, engaged in loading a car with hardtack, a man dressed in the uniform of a private soldier, with nothing to show he was an officer, passed me and took a seat on a barrel and remained there for an hour quietly enjoying his cigar.

After he left, a fellow clerk asked me if I knew who he was. I replied that I did not. He informed me that it was General Grant. The next day when he came down to enjoy his after dinner cigar, I gave him a salute, which he returned (which he was always sure to do).

Some days after, while he was sitting there, one of those sudden cloudbursts, common in the South, drenched him before he could get back to his quarters. The next morning I piled up boxes of hardtack forming an alcove, spreading canvas over the top, thus sheltering its occupant from both the rain and the sun. When he came down I called his attention to it. He thanked me and gave me a cigar (the first one, but not the last) and from that time until I left City Point for the Army of the James, I met him almost daily. He always had a good word for me, as well as a cigar.

On the 24th of September, 1864, occurred the incident that I was the only witness to, other than the two parties involved. About a week previous to the 24th, a company of colored recruits took the place of a company of white soldiers to do guard duty. On that day, General Grant was sitting in his alcove, dressed as he was the first time I saw him, when a colored boy of 16 or 17 years of age, seeing a soldier smoking (and having been on duty at the Ordnance Wharf a few days before, when he was ordered to see that no smoking took place, and had not been told that it did not apply to the Commissary Wharf), stepped up to the man and said, "No Smokin' on dis yere warf. Tro' dat seegar in de ribber." The General did so.

Ten minutes later when the guard returned he saw the General again smoking, stepped up to him and with a good hearty slap on his shoulder he said, "Didn' I tells you no smokin' on dis warf? Ef you don' drown dat seegar in de ribber an' stop smokin' I'll take you to de Guard House." The General, without a word, sacrificed his second cigar to the waters of the James, rose from his seat, and as he passed me he said, "That boy knows how to obey orders."

Later when the guard returned to where I was, I asked him if he knew who it was he had stopped smoking. He replied that he did not know who it was, and if he had not stopped smoking he would have taken him to the guard house. When I told him it was the General, the poor darkey showed that he did care, by the expression of fear that came over his face. He dropped his musket and sat down on a barrel, and, if I had not had a little whiskey in my canteen, he would have fainted from fright. I told him he need not worry, that General Grant only smoked the second cigar to see if he would enforce the order, and that the General was glad he did. (In the meantime, I informed him that smoking was permitted on that wharf.)

And I was right in what I told him, for within twenty minutes an orderly came to me with a note from the General asking me to find out the name, company and regiment of the guard. The next day Henry Prince, the sentry, was detailed as orderly for the General. He remained as such up to the close of the war, in the interim between the close of the war and the time when as President, Grant went into the White House, and remained with him during the eight years he was President. After his Presidency, Grant made a trip around the world. Henry accompanied him as his private servant and remained with him after Grant made his residence in New York.

In 1876 at the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Concord and Lexington, I met General Grant and his orderly, shaking hands and recalling the incident at the wharf.

When the General was afflicted with a cancer of the throat, he retired to Mt. McGregor, near Syracuse, N. Y., where he died. Henry was his constant attendant day and night.

Just before his death, as Adjutant of Post 11, G.A.R. of Methuen, Mass., I made a motion at a Post meeting that a letter of sympathy be written to the General. Such a letter was written, copied on parchment by an expert penman, signed by the Commander John S. Tapley, and by myself as Adjutant and forwarded to Grant. In acknowledging the receipt of the letter to the Post, he enclosed a note of thanks to me, as he said in it that he was sure its conception could be traced to me. In closing his note to me, he said that Henry had brought the letter to him, that he told Henry that my name was attached to it, adding that Henry wished to be remembered to me. His final sentence to me was, "Obedience to orders and a Kind Providence have given me a faithful servant for many years."

(The original manuscript telling this story is undated but is in the handwriting of Darius Pierce, and was written in a letter to a member of his family a few years before his death.)



Department News



INDIANA

An elaborate Memorial Day program was held in Indianapolis with members of all of the Allied Orders taking a prominent part. Ben Harrison Camp 356 and Auxiliary had charge of the services at the United States Naval Armory Plaza with the Richmond Camp furnishing the Color Guard. Congratulations to Brother Ross C. Smith of Camp 356 on his appointment to the Indiana Civil War Commission to succeed the late Hon. John M. Caylor.

IOWA

On April 30 a reception was held honoring Natl. Pres. Beatrice S. Riggs, at the Y.M.C.A. in Des Moines. A large crowd heard remarks from Mr. Robert Lindberg, Executive Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. and Mr. Clyde Doolittle, Consultant to the Iowa Civil War Centennial Commission. Pres. Riggs spoke of the need for securing new members. Music was furnished by Miss Patty Grund and the girls and boys quartets of East High School.

MAINE

The Maine Department Civil War Centennial Committee recently appointed by the Department Commander are Charles C. Webster, 7 John St., Springvale, Maine, Chairman; Philip A. Boyd, 237 High St., Bath, Maine, and Charles C. York, 24 Pine St., South Paris, Maine.

On April 25 a reception was held at Bosworth Memorial Hall in Portland for Natl. Pres. Mrs. Beatrice Riggs of California. It was well attended by many members, preceded by a dinner at the Eastland Hotel.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

At the recent Department Encampment held in Concord, Harold Stevens of East Washington was elected as Department Commander along with a fine group of officers. In attendance at the various sessions were Commander-in-Chief Harold E. Arnold of Rhode Island and National President Beatrice Riggs of California. Clark Mellor, P.D.C., Mass. served as Installing Officer at the joint installation ceremonies with the Auxiliary.

Fred R. Atwood, 92, who is Patriotic Instructor of Brown Camp 1, Manchester, followed a tradition of many years when he again placed a wreath on Memorial Day at the Civil War Monument in Merrimack Common. He was assisted by Mayor Josaphat T. Benoit.

NEW JERSEY



Trenton's Civil War Centennial Committee—the five members of the Committee held their first meeting recently. Albert W. Lambert, P.D.C., was unanimously elected chairman. Others from left to right are: Russell Black, Dr. Floyd Gindhart, William Stuck and Meredith Havens. Named by the City Commission, the group is charged with the responsibility of providing appropriate observances of the historical events that took place during the year 1861-1865. Black is a member of Garfield Camp No. 4 while Lambert and Gindhart are members of Camp No. 5. Stuck is a college history professor, and Havens is a free lance writer and historian.

"The Jersey Derby" was run again for the first time since 1864, at the Garden State racetrack at Camden, N. J. on May 29-30. The track simulated the atmosphere of the era of the Civil War. Track personnel were costumed, while blue and gray blankets were worn by the horses. There were special features including The Pioneer Fife and Drum Corps; a ballet based upon Civil War Music; and a battle reenacted by Forney's Marine Battalion. The National Centennial Commission has approved the theme.

Memorial Day programs were again sponsored and directed by the Bloomfield Camp and Auxiliary as well as by the Trenton Camps and Auxiliaries. Albert Mutchler of Garfield Camp 4 marched in his 60th consecutive Memorial Day Parade, and for Fred Combs, Sr., and Charles Pratt it was their 50th consecutive parade.

An unusually well attended and successful Department Encampment resulted in the election of Richard Pratt of Trenton Camp 1 as Commander and Miss Marguerite Bonnell of Orange as Dept. Pres. of the Aux. We were delighted to welcome Commander-in-Chief Harold Arnold of Rhode Island, Jr. Vice C. in C. Charles Messer of New York, Natl. Pres. Mrs. Beatrice Riggs of California, as well as P.N.P. Mary Stapleton, P.D.P. Lillian Messer and Irene Waters of the New York Department.

NEW YORK

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Burchard were installed as Commander and President respectively of Camp 77 and Auxiliary in

MASSACHUSETTS

Tift Camp 15, Springfield, conducted its usual impressive Memorial Day observances, including grave decoration and street parade. This is in compliance with the custom carried on for many years by Wilcox Post 16 G.A.R.

P.D.C. John L. Day reported to Couden-Higginson Camp 56, Cambridge, on his trip to St. Louis, Mo., on May 5-6 to attend the Third National Assembly of Civil War Centennial Commissions. Other members of the SUVCW in attendance included P. C. in C. Cleon Heald of New Hampshire and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles Brady of Chicago, Ill.

Charles Russell Lowell Camp 9 of Boston is planning a "Boston Civil War Centennial Song Book" for issuance in the Fall or Winter. Starting with the September meeting the Camp will sponsor a series of dramatic readings based on Fletcher Pratt's "Ordeal By Fire"—a very comprehensive and extremely thrilling literary effort more popularly known as "A Short History of the Civil War."

Phil Sheridan Circle 28 of the Ladies of the G.A.R. observed their 49th anniversary with a delicious chicken supper on June 7th in the Spanish War Veterans Hall, under supervision of Jr. Vice Pres. Mrs. Jessie G. Wells. Featured was an address "Ordeal By Fire" by Brother Ernest G. Wells, secretary of the Massachusetts Civil War Centennial Commission and Jr. Vice Department Commander of Massachusetts.

The Rainbow Terrace Club, a community housing plan for senior citizens, was the recipient of a new flag presented by our Department Auxiliary. P.D.C. Everett Atwood gave the flag charge and P.D.C. Haskell and Drown were speakers.

The Department Auxiliary held annual exercises May 8 at site of their boulder-plaque in G.A.R. Memorial Park, New Bedford at which time Blanche F. Crocker was mistress of ceremonies. The wreath was placed by Dept. Pres. Nathalie E. Brown and Dept. Comdr. Henry S. Bowen, Jr. Guest speaker was Harold M. Drown.

The 34th annual dinner of North Met. Assoc. was held in Lynn as a compliment to rejuvenated Col. Mudge Camp 1. Addison A. Quinn, founder, has presided every year. John B. Davis and Marguerite Mitcheson are the association Presidents. Guests included Dept. Comdr. Bowen and Aux. Pres. Nathalie Brown, as well as the Mayor of Lynn, who is a member of Mudge Camp.

The reenactment "Dawes Ride," of 1775 to Concord and Lexington with customary stop at Cambridge occurred on April 19. Couden Camp 56 was prominent on reviewing stand.

Monroe Camp 116 of Hanson has been revived with a fine Auxiliary existing there. Their historic G.A.R. Memorial Hall is one of the few self-owned and operated structures in which the Bay State can take pride. Plymouth County Staff recently installed new officers, with Evan Crocker as the new Commander.

MICHIGAN

P. C. in C. Urion Mackey acted as Toastmaster at the recent Department Encampment of the Allied Orders in Grand Rapids. Camp Patriotic Instructor reports from Grand Rapids and Jackson show that both Camps were active in Memorial Day activities. A. C. Marvin of Port Rowan, Canada reports decorating Civil War Veterans graves there with American and Canadian flags. Brother Marvin is a member of Camp 7, Jackson, Michigan. The Detroit Camps report taking a leading part in their Memorial Day Parade.

MINNESOTA

We regret to report the death of Irving Clark Best on April 18th. Brother Best served as Department Commander in 1933. He was a former school teacher in Wisconsin, a Railway Mail Clerk, and also served in the United States Interior Department. He was admitted to the bar in Minnesota in 1916 and for many years was employed in the Division of Employment and Security of the State of Minnesota.

Elmira at their April meeting, with P.D.C. Leslie W. More acting as Installing Officer.

The Canton Independent-Sentinel carried a feature story in their May 26th issue that was written by P. C. in C. Neil D. Cranmer of Elmira. The article recalled Memorial Day in Canton in 1895.

U. S. Grant Aux. 24, New York City held their annual Memorial Service on May 23rd with a solemn ceremony honoring the memory of six sisters that died during the past year. Numbered among whom was P.D.P. Rose Isaacs, one of the most tireless workers in our Order. A vacant chair was placed for each sister and a floral tribute was placed thereon. P.N.P. Mayme E. Dwyer delivered a most touching eulogy in their memory.

Robert A. Maguire has submitted a most comprehensive report of his activities as Patriotic Instructor of Oliver Tilden Camp 26, New York City. This impressive listing of his activities numbered twenty-five outstanding events and observances and speaks well for his enthusiasm and that of his Camp.

Charles Bradshaw is the newly elected Commander and was installed following a most successful Encampment in Binghamton. A highlight of the convention was the Camp Fire when the D.U.V.C.W. presented a Civil War Pageant-Drama with uniformed participants. The back-drop and uniforms were loaned by the 108th N. Y. Vol. Inf. Reg. of Rochester. It was suggested that Churches hold Observance Sunday services to commemorate the Centennial either on January 1st or 8th. Other suggestions were to have retail stores prepare window display or relics, pictures, scenes, etc., of the Civil War period.

Rochester's Memorial Day parade was televised for the first time this year, with 5,000 marchers and over 50,000 spectators. Over 11,000 graves were flagged, and the 108th N. Y. Vol. Inf. Reg. paraded and held a memorial service at Lincoln's Monument which was televised. The group plans a trip to Gettysburg on July 3-4 and will participate in the reenactment of Pickett's Charge. Other events looked forward to are a two day Encampment at Fort Ontario, N. Y. and a two day Camp-out and Skirmish near Victor, N. Y.

Rochester schools are planning for school participation in the Centennial with both Public and Parochial schools participating.

New Aux. Dept. Officers include President Mrs. Elsie Woodington, Ovid; Secretary Mrs. Myrtle M. More, Owego; Treasurer Miss Marjorie Tagart, Rochester; and Press Correspondent Mrs. Ina Beams, Binghamton.

OHIO

Hamilton County Memorial Association observance of Memorial Day was again outstanding, with the following Brothers taking outstanding parts: P. C. in C. Wm. M. Coffin, William C. Duval, William Todd Conner, Fred Karst, Louis G. Blair and Fred Pfister, Jr.

Lt. Col. Daniel F. Clancy, Chief of Staff of the 1st Ohio Regiment, was named an Honorary Colonel in the Confederate High Command at Houston, Texas, recently.

Company A, Cleveland has 15 men in uniform and hope to have at least 30 soon.

U. S. Grant Camp, Cincinnati, is making plans for the 1961-65 observance of the Centennial of the Civil War. William M. Coffin, P. C. in C. is General Chairman of the Cincinnati observance committee.

Captain James A. Shutt, Company C, SUVCW Columbus, is also Regional Commander of the North-South Skirmish Association.

All Ohio Units have been invited, with expenses paid, to the Kentucky State Fair next September.

Members of Ohio's uniformed 1st Ohio Regiment attended the Encampment in Toledo, which saw Clyde V. Neff of Mansfield elected as Department Commander. The 1961 Encampment will be held in Mansfield.

OREGON & WASHINGTON

George P. Harriman was elected Department Commander at the recent Encampment held in Eugene. Along with a fine staff of officers, he was installed by Natl. Chaplain Spencer Leonard. Hilda Goodell is the new Department President of the Auxiliary.

Memorial Day was fittingly observed in Portland at Grand Army Cemetery and at Willamette National Cemetery. Dept.

Commander Lewis Garrison placed the first wreath, and was followed by a representative of the Sons of Confederate Veterans who participated this year for the first time.

PENNSYLVANIA

An estimated 10,000 jammed Gettysburg to witness the Memorial Day Parade and exercises in the National Cemetery. Maj. Gen. R. M. Montgomery of the U. S. Air Force delivered the principal address. At the cemetery Col. Wm. G. Weaver was master of ceremonies for the ritual service in which Chester S. Shriver took the part of Commander, Richard Fox, the part of Vice-Commander, Wayne Asper, the part of Adjutant, and Col. John W. Fry the part of Chaplain. A special wreath was placed by Commander-in-Chief Harold E. Arnold of Rhode Island.

Our 80th Department Encampment was held at the Hotel Warwick, Phila., in conjunction with the Allied Orders June 19-22. A historic sightseeing bus trip attended by nearly 300 persons was enjoyed Sunday afternoon and in the evening the traditional Campfire was held with an estimated attendance of 650 persons. Congressman William H. Milliken (7th Penna. Dist.) was the speaker and guests included C. in C. Arnold, National Pres. Beatrice Riggs and the National Presidents of the Allied Orders. Frank M. Heacock, general chairman, presided. Monday night saw a revival of "Stunt Night," which was preceded by a dinner party at the Union League where the Department Officers were guests of Rev. Partington. On Tuesday evening the traditional banquet and reception was held. P.D.C. and Dept. Secy.-Treas. Chester S. Shriver was endorsed as our next candidate for the office of Commander-in-Chief.

RHODE ISLAND

P.D.C. George A. Strait was in charge of Memorial Day services at the Major Young Monument in Providence, while at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument, P.D.C. Wallace J. Macomber was in charge. Lt. Col. Vincent J. Bonner, S.V.R., was detailed to represent the Department on the Marshal's Staff in the parade.

Memorial Day services were also carried out in the Pawtuxet section of Warwick where a Sons of Veterans firing squad fired the salute. Camp McGregor of West Warwick placed flags in the Plain Meeting House Cemetery, West Greenwich Center, while members of Camp Leonard decorated graves and conducted services in Clayville, Foster Center, Hopkins Mills and Moorup Valley.

VERMONT

A reception was held February 27 in Brattleboro for Dept. Comdr. Arthur Ballou and Dept. Pres. Catherine Lackey. The winter meeting of the Winooski Valley District was held in Montpelier February 13 with good attendance. District No. 5 met at Bellows Falls on February 6.

The Auxiliary suffered great loss in the death of Sadie DeWitt of Brattleboro, Ellen Cain of Brattleboro and Rose Allen of Lyndonville. Also, Mary Eddy of Chester who died on June 3.

Green Mountain State Camp 1 and Sisters met May 7 at Brandon with supper and program.

At the May 14 meeting of Winooski Valley District held in Burlington, Helen Tassie was elected President, Roy Ring, Vice-President and Elsie Page, Secretary.

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guished church leaders serving in an advisory capacity.

In a letter accompanying the booklet, Major General U. S. Grant, 3rd, chairman of the National Commission, has invited the churches to cooperate "in an undertaking which cannot fail to provide inspiration to all Americans."

"The American Civil War was more than a test of arms," the booklet explains. "It was a spiritual proving ground as eternal as the human spirit."