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## -- SCOTLAND SCHOOL GATEWAY DEDICATED --

The Grand Army of the Republic will be remembered in brick and bronze, due to the Pennsylvania Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its Auxiliary, dedicating the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Entrance at Scotland School for Veterans' Children, Saturday, June 4, 1955.

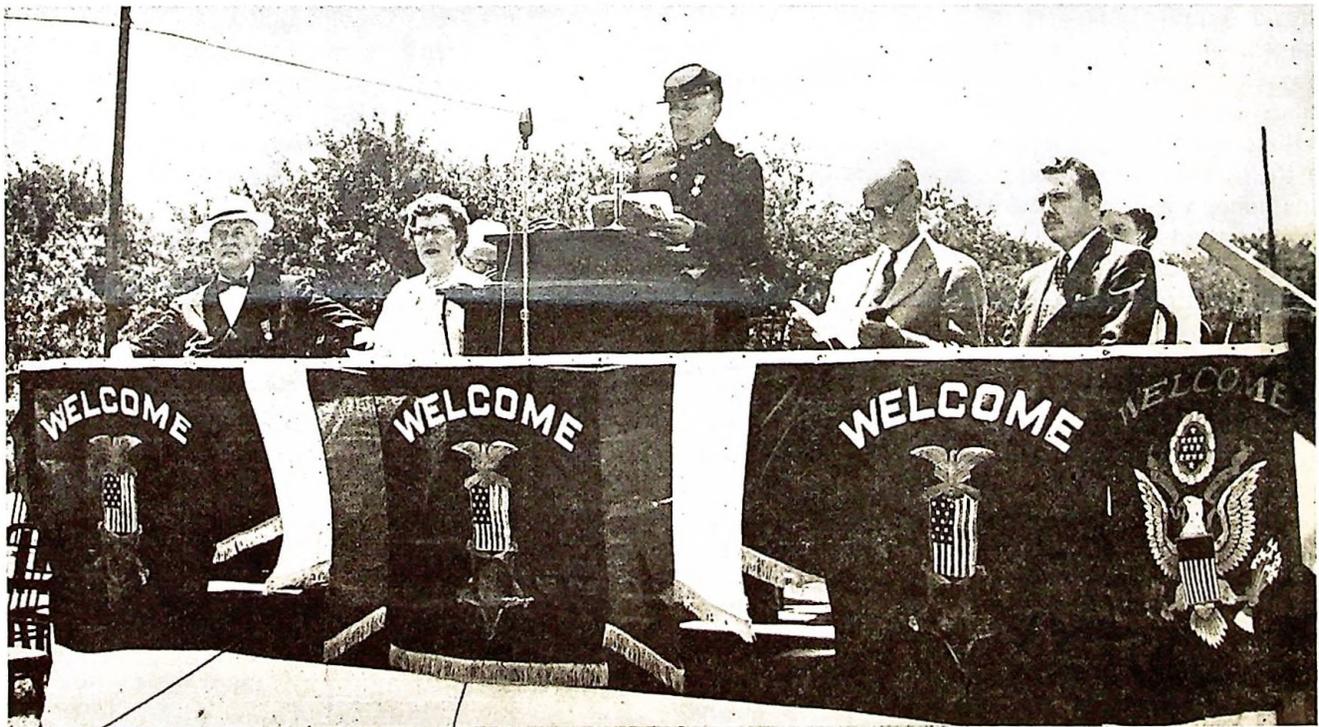
The period following the Civil War found a number of small orphan's schools located throughout Pennsylvania. In 1893 the Grand Army of the Republic had a bill passed at Harrisburg, authorizing the construction of the Pennsylvania Soldier's Orphans School at Scotland, Penna., which is located approximately three miles east of Chambersburg.

The committee appointed to carry out the pro-

visions of the above bill was composed of two members of the State Senate, three members of the House of Representatives and five members of the G.A.R. The actual building committee consisted of three members of the latter organization. The school was completed, and dedicated June 1, 1895, after which children located in other orphan schools were transferred to Scotland, and these schools closed.

With the passing of the years there was no longer a need to provide for orphans of Civil War Veterans, but then the Spanish-American, and subsequent wars came along, and there were still orphans to be cared for.

Some years ago the name of the school was  
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Col. C. LeRoy Stoudt, Chairman of the Scotland School Committee, is shown inviting the guests to the Speakers Platform, at the dedication of the G.A.R. Memorial Entrance at Scotland School for Veterans' Children. Others from left to right are: Commander-in-Chief Grant, National President Konrad, Maj.-Gen. Edward J. Stackpole, President, Board of Trustees of Scotland, who accepted the Memorial, and Past National Chaplain, Rev. Richard O. Partington.

**SCOTLAND GATEWAY—(Continued)**

changed to Scotland School for Veterans' Children, and the requirements for admission changed, whereby, a child must no longer be an orphan to be admitted to the school. Today, a veteran of any war, who has been disabled or is unable to properly care for his family, can have children admitted to "Scotland" and know they will have a good home. They can be admitted at the age of six, regardless of race, creed, or color, and live in cottages until they graduate. During this period they have learned a trade, as well as having obtained a high school education. The enrollment at the school is approximately 500 and is a fitting tribute to its Founders—The Grand Army of the Republic.

The Dedicatory Program took place at 1:30 p. m. with P.C.-in-C., John H. Runkle presiding. Maj.-Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd, U.S.A. (Retd.), Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, delivered the principal address. Mrs. Ellinore Konrad of Milwaukee, National President of the Auxiliary, also spoke, as did Department President Virginia Ackerman of Bethlehem. Department Commander Hohe could not be present due to illness.

Col. C. LeRoy Stoudt, a Past Commander-in-Chief of the Order is Chairman of the state-wide committee composed of members of the "Sons" and Auxiliary. In the capacity of Chairman, Stoudt formally dedicated the entrance, to the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, then presented it to the school and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Maj.-Gen. Edward J. Stackpole, President of the Board of Trustees, accepted the Memorial. The unveiling was done by a member of the "Sons" and one of the students at the school. The student chosen for this honor was the First Award Winner of an Essay Contest sponsored by Meade Camp No. 16 of Reading, on the subject "The G.A.R."

The \$3,000.00 necessary for this project was raised through the sale of "Bricks," the Brick being printed on a piece of paper, and costing \$5.00 each. The Bricks were purchased in memory of some loved one, and all Bricks were sealed in one of the piers. Also, sealed in the pier was a copy of the Final Encampment Journal of the Grand Army of the Republic, and one of the Badges from that Encampment. Col. Frederick A. Muhlenberg of the Architectural Firm of Muhlenberg, Yerkes and Muhlenberg of Reading, designed the Memorial, without any cost to the committee.

June 4 was also Commencement at the School which this year celebrates its 60th Anniversary, with Lt.-Gov. Roy E. Furman delivering the principal address.

**National Encampment, S.U.V.C.W.**

AUGUST 21-25, 1955

(Subject to Revision)

**Sunday, August 21**

Registration and Receipt of Credentials.

- 1 P. M.—Auxiliary Council meets.  
 1:30 P. M.—Sons' Council of Administration meets in C.-of-C.'s Headquarters room.  
 2 P. M.—Auxiliary National Aides and Special Aides meet with Chief of Staff in Hall of Mirrors.  
 3:30 P. M.—Joint church Memorial Service to G.A.R. (the church to be designated later), under auspices of Ladies Rotating Committee, C.-in-C. and N. P. and National Chaplains of Sons and Auxiliary participate; all others invited to attend.  
 5 P. M., or immediately after the foregoing Memorial Service—Department Commanders and Department President meet with National Chaplains in Hall of Mirrors.  
 6:30 P. M.—C.-in-C.'s dinner for Speakers and National Presidents of all organizations (by invitation) in Netherlands Plaza Hotel.  
 8 P. M.—Revival of G.A.R. CAMP FIRE, joint meeting of all affiliated organizations, under the auspices of the Sons and Auxiliary and their General Committee, at the Taft Auditorium.

**Monday, August 22**

- 7:30-8:30 A. M.—Courtesy Breakfast for National Officers, Past C.-in-C. and Past National Presidents, under auspices of the Local Committee on Arrangements.  
 9:30 A. M.—Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary, Joint Opening Exercises in Hall of Mirrors.  
 10:30 A. M.—Business Sessions of each organization. (Luncheon at will.)  
 1:30 P. M.—Business Sessions of each organization.  
 3 P. M.—Greetings to be received and exchanged with affiliated organizations, visiting committees to consist of not more than three members, one of whom shall be spokesman.  
 3 P. M.—Joint Committee on Resolutions of National Import (one representative from each affiliated organization) to meet in C.-in-C.'s room.  
 5:30 P. M.—Banquet for Past National Presidents and Past Commanders-in-Chief (auspices of their Associations).  
 8 P. M.—Auxiliary Courtesy Hour in Hall of Mirrors.  
 9:30 P. M.—Auxiliary Program.

**Tuesday, August 23**

- 9:30 A. M.—Business Session of each organization. (Luncheon at will.)

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**ENCAMPMENT PROGRAM—(Continued)**

- 1:30 P. M.—Business Session of each organization; Auxiliary Nomination of officers.  
 3:30 P. M.—Auxiliary presentation to Drake Memorial Hospital by National Patriotic Instructor.  
 5 P. M.—C.-in-C. and N. P. of Auxiliary will lay a wreath at Grave of Sen. Robert Taft, accompanied by one member of staff. (Dinner at will.)  
 8 P. M.—Joint Memorial Services of Sons and Auxiliary in Hall of Mirrors, National Chaplains in charge.  
 9 P. M.—Ritual ceremony by Alliance, Ohio, Auxiliary; Sons are invited to attend.

**Wednesday, August 24**

- 8-10 A. M.—Auxiliary Balloting for officers.  
 9:30 A. M.—Sons Business Session. (Lunch at will.)  
 1:30 P. M.—Joint Wreath-Laying at Lincoln Statue by all five affiliated organizations.  
 2 P. M.—Embark at Lincoln Statue in busses for trip to Mount Pleasant, birthplace of General Grant. (Each National President is requested to have one member designated to supervise loading and unloading, and reloading of her membership. They will report to Mr. Turner of the Chamber of Commerce who will have general charge of the trip.)  
 6:30 P. M.—Banquet honoring the C.-in-C. and N. P. of our Auxiliary. (Chiefs of Staff in charge.)  
 9 P. M.—Reception and dance for same in Pavilion Caprice.

**Thursday, August 25**

- 9:30 A. M.—Business Sessions for both organizations.  
 12 Noon—Past Department Presidents' Luncheon, in charge of the Past National Presidents Association.  
 1:30 P. M.—Concluding Business Sessions of each organization, concluding with Joint Installation of Officers in the Hall of Mirrors.  
 4 P. M., or as soon as practicable after Installation of Officers—Councils of each organization will meet in their organization Headquarters.  
**Notes:** The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad will give reduced group rates for two or more, and again for 25 or more persons.

The Ladies Rotating Committee of the three affiliated organizations has arranged for a trip to the Great Smokies National Park at special rates, leaving Cincinnati Friday morning and returning Tuesday morning, August 30; cost, \$70.00 per person. Any Sons or Auxiliary who would like to take advantage of this opportunity should notify Mrs. Bessie Smith immediately.

U. S. GRANT, 3rd,  
 Commander-in-Chief.

ELLINORE L. KONRAD,  
 National President.

**Proposed Amendments to Constitution**  
**For Consideration of 74th National Encampment**  
**Article 2—Purposes and Objects**

Eliminate sections one to seven inclusive, and substitute the following:

To perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who saved the Union 1861 to 1865; to assist in every practicable way in the preservation and making available for research of documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic and its members, to cooperate in doing honor to all who have patriotically served our country in any war; to teach patriotism, and the duties of citizenship, the true history of our country, and the love and honor of our Flag; to oppose every tendency or movement that would weaken loyalty to, or make for the destruction or impairment of our constitutional Union; and to inculcate and broadly sustain the American principles of representative government, of equal rights, and of impartial justice for all.

**Article 5—Organization**

Add a new paragraph to Section 1.

Fifth—Eligibles from states where no Department exists, may become members at large to a Camp attached to National Headquarters. Dues for members in this Camp shall be \$5.00 per annum, which shall include subscription to The Banner. Members of such Camp attending the National Encampment may elect from their membership one delegate to represent them and further delegates shall be based on same ratio provided representation of Departments. Membership fee for members at large shall be \$5.00, which shall be placed in the Permanent Fund.

**Article 8—Amendments**

In the 15th line eliminate the word "by not less than ten departments" and insert "by not less than 50 per cent of the departments."

Adopted and submitted by Massachusetts Department.  
 May 18, 1955.

**CIVIL WAR CALENDAR****July:**

1-3, 1863. Gen. George C. Meade's Army of the Potomac engaged General Lee's Confederate Army at Gettysburg, Pa. General Pickett's valiant but futile charge was made on the third day.

22, 1864. General Sherman's Federal Army defeats General Hood's Confederates at the Battle of Atlanta, Ga.

**August:**

5, 1864. David G. Farragut and his Federal Fleet won the crucial battle of Mobile Bay.

## GENERAL ORDER No. 4

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1. A full attendance at our National Annual Encampment in Cincinnati is essential for the good of the Order. Department Commanders are enjoined to make every effort to have complete delegations present. Attention is invited to the program of the Encampment, which appears elsewhere in this issue. Everyone should be present for the Campfire on Sunday evening, August 21. This will be the Joint Opening Ceremony with the whole Grand Army Family together for the first time in six years and the Sons are responsible for the arrangements. **It must be a success.**

2. Attention is called to the necessity for full attendance at the meeting of the Council of Administration in the Commander-in-Chief's room on Sunday, August 21, at 1:30 P. M. There is important business to be transacted before the formal opening. The Committee on Credentials and Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions should also be present by 1 o'clock that day.

It is expected that time can be found during the Encampment for State Delegations to report and inform the others of special projects and experiences in their Departments during the past year, and which have rebounded to the credit of our Order and are examples of what can be done in making our purposes effective and a real service to the country.

3. The following are appointed to the Committee on Credentials: Albert DeHaven, P.D.C., Maine, chairman; Laurence K. Boutin, P.D.C., Iowa; Thos. L. Wilson, P.D.C., Michigan; Chester L. Charter, P.D.C., Minnesota; Chas. L. Bournestine, Dept. Comdr., Ill.; Millard F. Brown, Dept. Comdr., Mass.

Department Commander A. Waller Lewis is appointed Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions.

4. The congratulations and best wishes of the Commander-in-Chief for a successful year go with this to our newly elected Department Commanders and officers. May their administrations be effective and beneficial both for our Order and for our country, the Union which our fathers and grandfathers preserved for us. Equally hearty good wishes go to the new Department Presidents and officers of our Auxiliary.

5. During June the Department of Pennsyl-

vania brought to a happy conclusion a most commendable project: the Memorial Gateway at the Scotland School, which both commemorates the founding of the School by the Grand Army of the Republic and brings credit to our Order. A Certificate of Merit with appropriate citation is, therefor, being awarded to Past Commander-in-Chief C. Leroy Stoudt, who was chairman of the Committee.

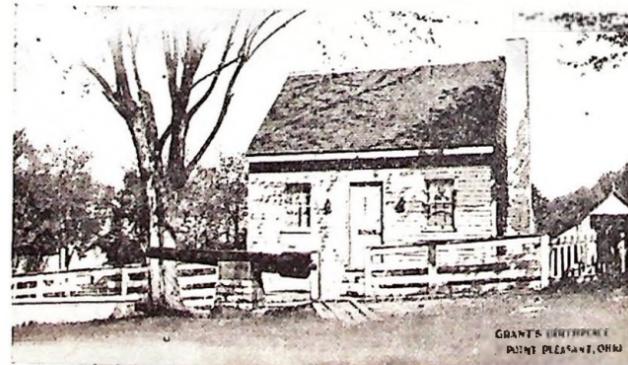
Other awards may be announced at the Encampment.

6. **Department and Camp Commanders and Secretaries, Attention**—Department Quarterly Reports for the June Quarter must reach National Headquarters no later than July 20. Your cooperation is necessary to consolidate these reports in time for printing and distribution at the Cincinnati Encampment.

7. In this last General Order of the undersigned's administration he wishes to thank from his heart the officers of the Commandery-in-Chief, the Committee Chairmen and Department Commanders and officers, whose loyal and sustained support he has enjoyed and who have made effective whatever contribution he has been able to make for the benefit of our Order. In spite of new camps and a trickle of new members, the toll of death, old age and apathy continues to reduce our membership in numbers. But enthusiasm, energy and resourcefulness can and will turn the tide. If the rising of the flood is not yet apparent, I can only say with Marshal Suvaroff, when his attention was called on his great gallop from Moscow to Warsaw that he was losing a great part of his command in stragglers who could not keep up, "There will be but fewer of us to share in the victory."\*

U. S. GRANT 3rd,  
Commander-in-Chief.

ALBERT C. LAMBERT,  
National Secretary-Treasurer.



View of General Grant's Birthplace at Point Pleasant, Ohio. All members attending the Cincinnati Encampment will take part in a pilgrimage to this Shrine of American History.

## Department News



**MASSACHUSETTS**—The 73rd Department Encampment was held at the Hotel Bradford, Boston, April 29, 30 and May 1. Officers elected were: Millard F. Brown, Department Commander; John L. Day, Senior Vice Commander; George D. LaMarsh, Junior Vice Commander; Edwin J. Lennon, Charles Hooper, Howard E. Waite, Council; Leon H. Palmer, Secretary; George E. Hunt, Treasurer; Col. Frederic G. Bauer, Counselor; Rev. George H. Driver, Chaplain; Ernest G. Wells, Patriotic Instructor; Henry S. Bowen, Jr., Publicity Secretary; Gilman Harrington, Chief of Staff; Clark Mellor, Organizer; John B. Davis, Musician; Alfred E. Freeman, Personal Aide.

We were honored by the presence of Commander-in-Chief Ulysses S. Grant 3rd, National Secretary Albert C. Lambert and Past Commander-in-Chief Frederick K. Davis of Eugene, Oregon, and other national officers.

Governor Herter and Mayor Hynes of Boston were hosts at a luncheon and breakfast given to the national and state officers and members of the committee.

The twenty-ninth annual Anniversary banquet of the North Metropolitan District Assn. was held in Odd Fellows Hall, Malden, on April 9. One hundred sixty attended the supper. After the supper PDC Addison Quinn acting as MC introduced the many prominent guests present. National Musician John B. Davis entertained the rest of the evening with his usual fine group of performers.

One of the highlights of the past months was the class initiation of candidates at Higginson-Couden Camp 56, Frank Johnson, Commander. A degree staff composed of past state commanders and past national officers officiated. Among the candidates taken into the order were ex-Mayor Edward Crane and Vice-Mayor Hymie Pill. Both were life-long friends of Commander Johnson and observers say that the exchange of felicitations among the three was one of the most touching scenes in the history of the Sons of Union Veterans.

Through the courtesy of John Low Camp 6 of Beverly, a large picture of Albert Woolson decorated the head table at the encampment banquet. The picture measures 18 by 24 inches and placed on the front of the head table surrounded by flowers, made an impressive sight. The picture normally hangs in the G.A.R. Hall in Beverly.

Department Secretary Leon Palmer was made Past Department Commander in accordance with

new ruling for his long service as Department Secretary, at the Department Encampment.

Past Commander's meeting was held at headquarters on May 21. Herbert Bogue was elected president of the association.

Auxiliary 38 of Chelsea held a 50th anniversary party on May 14.

The annual meeting of the New England Regional Association will be held at "The Weirs," N. H., July 16-17. The business meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning.

The Past Commanders Association of Massachusetts held its meeting in Tremont. Reports of the past year were given and plans made for the coming year. The new commander is Herbert W. Bogue of Springfield.

The members of L. A. Tiff Camp 15 of Springfield decorated nearly 1,200 graves of Civil War veterans for Memorial Day. They also conducted services in two cemeteries and at the Civil War monument.

**NEW YORK**—Oliver Tilden Camp No. 26 had a substantial delegation at the General Grant exercises at the Tomb, April 24. On Memorial Day they had an Honor Guard dressed in Civil War uniforms in the parade. Five hundred flags were placed in Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx. There were impressive programs at the Oliver Tilden Monument, Admiral Farragut Grave and the Oliver Tilden Grave.

Diven Camp, Elmira, observed Memorial Day for the 61st time. Over 1,200 flags were placed on Civil War graves in Woodlawn, Second Street, Fulton Street cemeteries in Elmira and the cemetery at Barton.

P. C. Rev. Howard E. Wormwood has successfully reorganized Pentelaw Camp at Fulton with 12 members. Flags were placed on graves by this camp and a membership drive inaugurated.

The 72nd Annual New York Department Encampment held at Rochester June 22-25, re-elected the following officers: Department Commander Dr. William F. Bruckel, New York City; Senior Vice Department Commander, Marshall A. Hope, Oneida; Junior Vice-Department Commander, Truman A. Vincent, Elmira. The Department Council comprises Robert Wagoner, Schenectady; John Berry, Niagara Falls; Joseph Rippy, Rochester. Appointments were as follows: Department Pat. Ins., Phillip Satler, Brooklyn; Department Chaplain, Rev. William A. Hallock, Rochester; Department Press Correspondent, Neil D. Cranmer, Elmira (26th year); Chief Deputy, Bert Sack, New York City; Personal Aide, William Faulkner, Binghamton. The registrations were 48. A resolution was adopted urging the Commandery-in-Chief to secure a national headquarters building in Wash-

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ington, D. C. Rochester was lavish in hospitality. Among the entertainment was a trip to the home and museum of the late George Eastman. Our second oldest ranking Past Department Commander, Albert J. Clark, made the trip from Dallas, Texas, to attend. Lake Placid and Buffalo competed for the 1956 Encampment.

**ILLINOIS**—The annual Encampment was held in Springfield, Ill., on June 3-4, with eight of the Camps represented, and in conjunction with the other orders comprising the G.A.R. Family. The joint dinner of the Sons and Auxiliary was held on the evening of June 3 with memorial exercises following. On Saturday evening the G.A.R. Family dinner was held with more than 200 attending. The election of Sons officers resulted as follows: Commander, Charles S. Bournstine; Senior Vice Commander, Roscoe C. Mathis; Junior Vice Commander, Alex J. Levy; Patriotic Instructor, Dr. A. W. Stillians; Chaplain, Oscar Arnold. A. LeRoy Reynolds holds over as Secretary and A. S. Holbrook as Treasurer. The sum of \$50 was contributed to the National G.A.R. Memorial Fund, and \$100 was ordered set aside and earmarked as a contribution to a memorial to the G.A.R. in Decatur if and when such project is consummated.

**CALIFORNIA**—The California and Pacific Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, together with its Auxiliary, held its Annual Encampment in the city of Santa Barbara, April 24 through April 27, 1955.

The Department of the Sons voted to invite the National Organization to hold its National Encampment in California in 1957.

The newly elected officers are as follows:

Commander, H. S. Rainwater of Fresno; Senior Vice Commander, Louis Story of Los Angeles; Council of Administration, Coby Wilcox of Los Angeles, Walter A. Smith of Oakland, Elmer Wohlgenuth of Long Beach.

A new way of raising money, as well as giving us publicity, was the presentation of new ties, a project of Earl Riggs. These created much good publicity in Santa Barbara and nearly every member of the Sons purchased one. The profit goes to the monument fund. The ties are red with badge of the order in blue, the lettering in white—"California Department, Sons of Union Veterans."

Memorial Sunday and Decoration Day was observed by all of the Camps in this Department this year, with outstanding services in Pomona and Santa Ana.

**NEW JERSEY**—The annual encampments of all of the allied orders were held in Asbury Park June 17-18 in fine weather and with splendid attendance.

National President Sister Konrad attended while National Secretary-Treasurer represented our Commander-in-Chief. The banquet and reception to Department Officers highlighted the social activities. These affairs were planned and executed by the Auxiliary.

Dr. Karl Rothschild presided at our business sessions along with a full staff of officers. The reports of these officers indicated a year of devotion and loyalty to the purposes of the order. Newly elected officers of the Department were installed by National Secretary-Treasurer Lambert as follows: Department Commander, George Satterthwaite; Senior Vice Department Commander, Frank A. Daubert; Junior Vice Department Commander, Alton Sharp; Department Secretary-Treasurer, Fred H. Combs, Sr.; Department Council, Dr. Karl Rothschild, Robert Gerke, Sr., and William Knowles; Department Patriotic Instructor, Richard Kucker; Department Chaplain, Benjamin Hook; Department Counselor, Edwin R. Shaw, and Personal Aide, George Kilmer.

National Chief of Staff Anne O. Clayton installed Auxiliary Officers as follows: Department President, Mrs. Louise Daubert; Department Vice President, Dorothy Klunk; Department Council, Miss Gertrude Murphy, Mrs. Joan Clark and Mrs. Geneva Deninger; Secretary, Mrs. Rose Bogert; Treasurer, Miss Helen Loll; Patriotic Instructor, Mrs. Eliz. Sharp; Chaplain, Mrs. Tena Jacobus; Inspector, Mrs. Genevieve Orme; I. and I. Officer, Mrs. Jean Kandrak; Press Correspondent, Mrs. Ruth Daly; Chief of Staff, Mrs. Myrtle Lawyer; Personal Aide, Mrs. Mildred Williams; Counselor, Frank Daubert.

**INDIANA**—At the recent Encampment the following recommendations were offered for consideration to the Commandery-in-Chief.

1. It is recommended that this Encampment go on record as recommending to the National Encampment at Cincinnati, Ohio, that an appropriate badge should be designed and authorized for present and past Camp, Department, and National Secretary-Treasurers.

2. That we arrange for a joint meeting of the Sons of Union Veterans and the Sons of the Confederacy, to take place on the Gettysburg Battlefield.

**MAINE**—The following officers were elected at the Annual Encampment, June 11, 1955: Commander, Lester C. Crenner, Sandford; Senior Vice Commander, Lynwood V. Miller, Bath, and Junior Vice Commander, David Grindle of Beddford. These officers were installed by Commander-in-Chief U. S. Grant 3rd.

**MICHIGAN**—The following are the new officers of the Michigan Department for 1955-56:

Commander, Milo C. Newer, Sr., Detroit; Senior  
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Vice Commander, George R. Raub, Sr., Detroit; Junior Vice Commander, Charles Hammond, Jackson; Secretary-Treasurer, Birt Hammond, Rives Junction.

Department Encampment was held at Lansing.  
**DETROIT**—The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War had their Uniformed Reserve, and the presence of the last surviving widow of a Union Veteran of Detroit, Mrs. Carrie E. Wells, and the Michigan Department G.A.R. Banner, in the first division of the Detroit Memorial Day Parade, was the most ever accomplished since the passing of the G.A.R. Brother Charles F. Dexter, National Personal Aide, commanded the first division.

Brother A. C. Marvin of Camp Austin Blair No. 7 flags sent from our Department to place on the graves of the Canadian Union Veterans of the Civil War, May 30—Memorial Day at Port Rowan and St. Williams cemeteries. H. A. Ionson, merchant, motored him around to places to perpetuate the memories of these comrades. Mr. Ionson is very spirited for the G.A.R. and our organizations.

**OREGON and WASHINGTON**—Spencer Leonard, a member of Owen Summers Camp, Portland, was elected as Commander of the Department which held its annual convention in Portland.

Mrs. Leila Reynolds, Seattle, was elected president of the auxiliary which met at the same time.

**VERMONT**—Green Mountain State Camp No. 1 held a dedication service at the grave of David K. Stone in Prospect Cemetery, East Middlebury, Vt., Sunday, May 29. Comrade Stone served in the 17th Vermont Reg. during the Civil War. He died in 1907 and a headstone was dedicated to his memory at this service. The dedication address was given by P.D.C. Thomas Chadwick.

Col. F. G. Butterfield Camp 91 of Saxton's River has changed its location from Saxton's River to Belows Falls. They will hold open house at their next meeting, July 12. Organizations in the town and vicinity will be invited to participate.

At the 73rd Annual Encampment of the Department of Vermont, held in Montpelier, June 23-24-25, the following officers were elected: Commander, Roy Pierson of Reading; Senior Vice Commander, Anson Page of Stowe; Junior Vice Commander, Aamon DeWitt of Townsend; Council: Alaric Nichols of Bellows Falls, Roy Ring of Morrisville, and Lewis Abbott of Peacham; Secretary-Treasurer for five years, Edward Bosworth, Box 507, Chester Depot, Vt.

#### AUXILIARY NOTES

**CALIFORNIA**—Long Beach: Gen. Henry W. Lawton Auxiliary No. 20 has been very active. Card parties have been held, which proved very successful for the Department Aides and Patriotic Instructor. The sew-

ing circle, under the new President, Sister Ethel Fairbanks, is busy making quilts and various articles for their Bazaar.

**NEW YORK**—Camp No. 154 sponsored a bus trip on May 1 to Mount McGregor, to pay tribute to Gen. U. S. Grant. They also visited the General Grant Cottage, where the General passed away.

Auxiliary No. 48 entertained its Department President and Staff of Officers on May 3, and celebrated its 50th Anniversary on June 4.

**OHIO**—Fostoria: Camp 48 and its Auxiliary hold their meetings in the Legion Home, where they hold pot luck dinners and many get-together functions.

The Department President, Mrs. Paul Selby, and her Personal Aide, Mrs. Alvin Miller, were entertained at a reception in Memorial Hall. One hundred guests were present, including Past National President Anne Lockyer. A basket of flowers was presented to Sister Selby by Representatives of the Daughters of America.

**Auxiliary No. 100** has had many Patriotic programs during the year.

**COLORADO**—Lincoln Camp No. 7 and its Auxiliary have been active with card parties, which the Colorado Springs Auxiliary and members of Camp No. 5 attended.

**WISCONSIN**—At the convention of Wisconsin Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliary met June 17-18-19 in Fond Du Lac. Our National President Sister Eleanor Konrad installed the Auxiliary officers.

President Sister Constance Nack of LaCross, Secretary Sister Hellen Wilbur of Madison, Treasurer Sister Edith Allen of Fond Du Lac.

Present at our opening Commander in Chief U. S. Grant III of Washington, D. C. and past Commander in Chief Richard Locke of Glen Ellyn, Ill.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS 1955-1956  
**CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC**—H. S. Rainwater, 1850 Del Mar, Fresno, Calif.  
**COLORADO AND WYOMING**—Clarence W. Reed, 1085 Sherman, Denver, Colo.  
**CONNECTICUT**—Robert E. Daniels, 88 Dix Road, Wethersfield, Conn.  
**ILLINOIS**—Chas. L. Bournstine, 7030 Chappel Ave., Chicago, Ill.  
**INDIANA**—Alva Reef, 412 So. Council St., Muncie, Ind.  
**IOWA**—Sam W. Guynn, 84 Ricker St., Waterloo, Iowa.  
**KANSAS**—A. P. Phillips, 428 W. 5th St., Newton, Kan.  
**MAINE**—Lester C. Crenner, 52 School St., Sanford, Me.  
**MARYLAND**—Charles P. Weldin, R. D. 2, Wilmington, Del.  
**MASSACHUSETTS**—Millard F. Brown, 106 Chestnut St., New Bedford, Mass.  
**NEW HAMPSHIRE**—Clarence W. Edmunds, Henniker, N. H.  
**NEW JERSEY**—Geo. Satterthwaite, 3304 S. Broad St., Trenton, N. J.  
**NEW YORK**—William F. Bruckel, 403 E. 56th St., New York, N. Y.  
**PENNSYLVANIA**—Wm. C. Jones, 1117 Franklin Ave., Wilkinsburg, Pa.  
**RHODE ISLAND**—A. Waller Lewis, Jr., Ashaway, R. I.  
**VERMONT**—Roy M. Pierson, Reading, Vt.  
(This list compiled as of July 1 at which time several Departments had not yet reported.)

### Noted Author to Be Campfire Speaker

Bruce Catton, now editor of American Heritage and author of the popular books, "Mr. Lincoln's Army," "The Road to Glory," and "A Stillness at Appomattox," was awarded the Washington Civil War Round Table Gold Medal last April for his contributions to Civil War History. At our effort to revive the G.A.R. Campfire on Sunday evening, August 21—not a business meeting but an evening of reminiscences of camp and battle—he will enlighten and cheer and inspire us with anecdotes and experiences of the Civil War, garnered from the thousands of diaries and letters of the Boys in Blue which he has read in preparing his books, themselves so full of human interest. Thus he will lead us to a better appreciation and understanding of what our fathers and grandfathers suffered and overcame to save the Union. He is an excellent as well as learned speaker. His address is to be followed by a presentation by the Historian of the National Park Service of the Civil War Battlefields and Memorials in his Service's custody and how they are being improved and cared for. Altogether an exceptionally interesting and informative evening is in store for you.

### Message from National President

This will be my last message to you in "The Banner."

I wish to thank all of the Departments who received me at their Encampments or called meetings, the courtesies extended and the many gifts showered upon me. I have memories that will be cherished for many years.

During my travels throughout the Departments I have found that much has been accomplished through rehabilitation, many have a gain in membership and all are doing excellent patriotic work.

I want to express the thanks of the National Organization as well as my personal thanks to all the officers who have served their various Departments. My best wishes to the newly elected officers as you assume your duties for the ensuing year.

I would like to remind the members to be 100 per cent in their contribution to the National Chief of Staff Fund and the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund. They are very important to our Organization.

I am also looking forward to meeting my old friends and greeting new ones at the National Encampment to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, the week of August 21.

In all of our efforts let us not forget the grand principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

ELLINORE L. KONRAD,  
National President.

The deadline for the September-October issue is September 1. Due to fact that this issue will contain a complete report of our National Encampment, Department News received after this date will not be considered for publication. Please, if possible, typewrite all copy and use only one side of the paper. Much copy had to be discarded this issue because it was impossible to read. All communications regarding material for publication should be sent to Leslie W. More, 265 Erie Street, Owego, N. Y. All other matters regarding subscriptions and address changes should be sent to Albert C. Lambert, P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, New Jersey.

May 6th, 1955

Dear Mr Grant -

Received your nice letter of May 2nd with the wonderful gift enclosed.

You are all so kind and thoughtful and I will use this check to help defray expenses incurred during my illness.

My thanks to all of you and may God bless each and everyone of you.

Sincerely yours,  
Albert Woolson

Communication received from Comrade Albert Woolson expressing his thanks for the contribution from the National Organization as voted by the Council of Administration.

The last battle fought by the 2nd Corps under General Hancock, was the battle of Boydstown Plank Road, October 27, 1864.

Battery D, 1st New York Artillery, participated in a greater number of battles to November, 1864, than any other battery in the 5th Corps. It took part in twenty-two engagements.