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**CONFIRMATORY DEED OF CONVEYANCE**

On February 25, 1956, Albert Woolson, acting Commander-in-Chief and sole surviving member of the Grand Army of the Republic, executed a Confirmatory Deed of Conveyance which ratified and confirmed the original deed dated February 13, 1954 which "grants, bargains, sells and conveys to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, a corporation created by Act of Congress of August 20, 1954, all the property, real and personal, tangible and intangible, conveyed by said deed of February 13, 1954 . . ."

The following are photostatic copies of the Judgment and certificate recently issued by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
In re  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC  
Petitioner  
No. 3906-54  
*Filed June 15, 1956 Harry M. Hull Clerk*

JUDGMENT

Upon consideration of the motion filed herein by Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, a corporation created by Act of Congress, representing that it is the successor of Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the grantee in a certain deed from the Grand Army of the Republic dated February 13, 1954, and confirmed by this Court on December 22, 1954, and praying for confirmation of a certain confirmatory deed to it from the Grand Army of the Republic dated February 25, 1956, made for the purpose of correcting a clerical error in said deed of February 13, 1954, a copy of said confirmatory deed being filed in this Court and the original being submitted to the Court for inspection, and it appearing to the Court that the allegations of said motion are true and that the purpose of said confirmatory deed is to carry out the true intent and purpose of the original deed of February 13, 1954, it is this fifteenth day of June, A.D. 1956, by the Court,

ORDERED, Adjudged and decreed that the title and ownership of the property covered by said deeds of February 13, 1954 and February 25, 1956, be and hereby is vested in Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, a corporation created by Act of Congress approved August 20, 1954.

*/s/ Alexander Hartoff*

A TRUE COPY  
TEST:

HARRY M. HULL, C.A.  
By *Wm. S. Fisher*  
Deputy Clerk

A. C. Form 111 Resubstituting Certificate

**United States District Court**

for the

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

I, HARRY M. HULL, Clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, and keeper of the records and seal thereof, hereby certify that the

document attached hereto ~~is a true and correct copy of the Judgment No. 3906-54 and filed June 15, 1956.~~ (and further according to the record no appeal has been perfected to date)

In testimony whereof I hereunto sign my name and affix the seal of said Court, in said District, at Washington, D. C., this 11th day of July 1956.

HARRY M. HULL, CLERK  
By: *Wm. S. Fisher*  
Deputy Clerk

I, RICHMOND B. KEECH, United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, do hereby certify that HARRY M. HULL

whose name is above written and subscribed, is and was at the date thereof, Clerk of said Court, duly appointed and sworn, and keeper of the records and seal thereof, and that the above certificate by him made, and his attestation or record thereof, is in due form of law.

July 11th, 1956.

*Richmond B. Keech*  
United States District Judge

I, HARRY M. HULL, Clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, and keeper of the seal thereof, hereby certify that the Honorable

RICHMOND B. KEECH whose name is within written and subscribed, was on the 11th day of July 1956, and now is Judge of said court, duly appointed, confirmed, sworn, and qualified; and that I am well acquainted with his handwriting and official signature and know and hereby certify the same within written to be his.

In testimony whereof I hereunto sign my name, and affix the seal of said Court at the city of Washington, District, in said State, on this 11th day of July 1956.

HARRY M. HULL, CLERK  
By: *Wm. S. Fisher*  
Deputy Clerk

## THE BANNER

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**Why We Are Late**

The Banner has been purposely delayed this issue so that we might bring to the attention of our readers any last-minute changes to the Constitution that are to be acted on at our National Encampment and also any last-minute news regarding the Encampment.

**Proposed Amendments to Constitution****For Consideration of 75th National Encampment****ARTICLE 8—AMENDMENTS**

On line four, following approval by some Department add the following:

"or by the Council of Administration."

**ARTICLE 5, Section 1**

Eliminate the words "and the National Officers, councilors and staff, and the National Council constitute the Commandery-in-Chief."

**ARTICLE 5, Section 2**

Eliminate the words "by the Commandery-in-Chief."

ADOPTED AND SUBMITTED BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT, JUNE 23, 1956.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

The six amendments to the Constitution of the Order adopted at the 74th National Encampment held in Cincinnati, Ohio, last year have been approved by the necessary number of Departments and are now part of the Constitution.

**Office of National Historian**

As National Historian I am endeavoring to compile a history of our Order, beginning with this year, when the office of Historian was established, and working back. Several Brothers have been kind and thoughtful in sending me press clippings, historical data, pictures and general data, which material is being compiled and made available for posterity. Will each Brother, from National Officers and Department Commanders down, please send me any material describing outstanding work or of historical value to his Department or Camp.

This office is trying to obtain and keep up a complete file of the Proceedings of National Encampments and also copies of the Banner. If any Brother has copies of any of these which he does not wish to keep will he please send them to me that I may complete my files.

At the 58th National Encampment at Pittsburgh, Star Davis Camp of Pennsylvania distributed a his-

tory of our Order from its organization in 1881 up to that time. I desire to have this history continued and made available in our archives, even if not published, and any material which can be used toward such a history will be gratefully preserved.

ALLEN F. SPINK,  
National Historian.

**ADDITIONS TO HONOR ROLL**

Since the last edition of The Banner, donations were made to the Permanent Fund and the following names were added to the Permanent Honor Roll as follows:

Henry Klein, Co. E, 40th New York Infantry — \$10  
(Courtesy Ida R. Klein, P.N.P.)  
Jacob M. Lehman, Co. B, 8th Illinois Infantry—\$10.  
(Courtesy Ivy M. Lyman)  
Thomas M. Huston, Co. L., 3rd Indiana Cavalry—\$10  
(Courtesy Frank C. Huston, P. C. in C.)  
Franz A. Kuechenmeister, Co. K., 26th Wisconsin Inf. Vol. ....\$10  
(Courtesy Alvin A. Kuechenmeister)  
Albert Woolson, Co. C and Co. D., 1st Minn. Heavy Artillery .....\$10  
(Courtesy Minn. Dept. Sons of Union Veterans)  
Willard P. Woolson, Co. I., 4th Minnesota Infantry .....\$10  
(Courtesy Minn. Dept. Sons of Union Veterans)  
(Willard Woolson was the father of Comrade Albert Woolson, on whose record Comrade Albert Woolson affiliated with our Order.)

**Department Officers — 1957-1957**

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**NEW JERSEY**—Commander, Frank A. L. Daubert, 444



The above picture was taken on February 11, 1956 on the 109th birthday of Comrade Woolson and shows he and Brother Dewey Meade. Brother Meade is National Aide to Comrade Woolson.

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**H. J. Res. 53 — Dedication Day**

At the close of the New York Department Encampment at Lake Placid last month I urged the members assembled to write their own Congressman requesting their favorable consideration for Congressman Kenneth B. Keating's H. J. Res. 53 — a bill establishing November 19th of each year, the anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, as a special (not a holiday) on our national calendar to be known as Dedication Day. I now ask each member of every Camp of each Department to write their Congressman and especially the members of the Committee on the Judiciary before which Representative Keating's H. J. Res. 53 is now pending; asking their co-operation for the passage of this resolution. Roster of Committee on the Judiciary is as follows and it is your letters, as their constituents, that will let them know what YOU want. Time is running out as Congress will soon adjourn, so get YOUR letter on its way. Do it NOW and enjoy the

good feeling of having done your part to secure this 'worthwhile' and long-sought legislation.

**Committee on the Judiciary**

Messrs. Celler (chairman), Walter, Lane, Feighan, Chelf, Willis, Frazier, Rodino, Jones of North Carolina, Forrester, Rogers of Colorado, Donohue, Brooks of Texas, Tuck, Ashmore, Quigley, Boyle, Davidson, Keating, McCulloch, Miss Thompson of Michigan, Messrs. Hillings, Crumpacker, Miller of New York, Taylor, Burdick, Curtis of Massachusetts, Robson of Kentucky, Hyde, Poff, Scott.

Representative Keating has worked long and faithfully for his bill, just as he did for our Congressional Charter; and we owe it to him to support his efforts in our behalf by rallying as many of his colleagues for his bill and by all means as many members of the Committee on the Judiciary as possible. Then write Chairman Celler, Hotel Mayflower, Washington, D. C., requesting Representative Keating's bill to be scheduled for hearing before Congress adjourns. Thank you for co-operation.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

FRED E. COLWELL,

Chairman, National Legislative Committee.

**75th Diamond Jubilee Encampment**

The 75th Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will convene in the City of Harrisburg with headquarters at the Penn-Harris Hotel.

The Credential Committee will meet to receive

**Allan S. Holbrook**

BORN—AUGUST 1, 1874  
DIED—MAY 14, 1956

Allan S. Holbrook, former owner, publisher and editor of the Dwight Star & Herald, died in the VA Hospital at Dwight following a heart attack.

He was affiliated with the Star & Herald since Nov. 1, 1905 when he became a partner with William G. Dustin. Following the latter's death he became publisher and editor. On Jan. 1, 1952, he sold his interest to Mr. A. R. Tock, but he always took an active part in the operations of the paper.

Military escort was composed of members of Dwight Post 486, The American Legion, and Albert Tunbery Post 2608, Veterans of Foreign Wars. The body was sent to Lyndonville, Vermont, for internment.

He was a veteran of the Spanish-American War and was associated with the Dwight Congregational Church. He was a member of the Livingston Lodge No. 371, F. & A. M., Bloomington Consistory and Mohammed Shrine, Peoria.

In 1930 he served us as Comander-in-Chief, and for many years was publisher of The Banner. His interest in the S.U.V.C.W. was tremendous and he was one of the most honored and revered men in our Order.

To his wife and three sons, we extend deep sympathy in their great loss.

credentials on Sunday, Sept. 9 at 1 P. M. in the hotel lobby.

The Council of Administration will convene at 1:30 P. M. on Sunday, Sept. 9, in the C. of C.'s Headquarters Room.

All National Officers and Committee Chairmen will please submit their written report to National Sec.-Treas. Lambert no later than September 1st.

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**GENERAL ORDER, NO. 3**

Headquarters  
 Commander-in-Chief  
 Sons of Union Veterans  
 of the Civil War  
 123 Heights Road  
 Ridgewood, New Jersey  
 1 August, 1956



I. Announcement is made of the appointment of Department Commander Spencer Leonard, Dept. of Oregon and Washington, as an aide to the Commander-in-Chief in recognition of historical and genealogical work done for the Order.

II. As questions have arisen regarding the right of members in the armed forces to wear our insignia on the uniform while in the service of the United States, the following extracts from the uniform regulations of the several services are published for the information of all concerned:

**Army.** "The following badges are authorized to be worn on the uniform: \* \* \* e. Badges of civic societies of the United States while the wearer is attending meeting, ceremonies, and function of said societies, but not while proceeding to or returning from such meetings, ceremonies, or functions or on any other occasion." AR 600-70, para. 33.

**Navy.** "An act of Congress permits officers and enlisted men of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps who are members in their own right of military societies commemorative of wars of the United States (including the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican War, Civil War, \* \* \* \* to wear the dis-

tinctive medals or badges adopted by those societies on all ceremonial occasions. Persons who by right of inheritance and election are members of these societies are members thereof 'in their own right.'" U. S. Navy Uniform Regulations, Article 1523, para. 1.

**Air Force.** "Air Force personnel may wear badges of those military societies as specified by law which are commemorative of wars, campaigns, or expeditions in which the United States was engaged. Authorization is restricted to Air Force personnel who are members of such societies in their own right. These badges may be worn on the uniform only while attending meetings, ceremonies, and functions of such societies." Air Force Manual 35-10, para. c.

It will be noted that the Army and Air Force Regulations authorize wearing our badges only while attending "meetings, ceremonies, and functions" of our Order, while the Navy regulations permit them to be worn "on all ceremonial occasions."

**FORM OF BEQUEST**

I give and bequeath to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, a corporation created by the Congress of the United States, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars (to be used for \_\_\_\_\_).

\*The use of this clause is optional, and is appropriate only when the testator wishes his bequest devoted to some special purpose. Unless directed to the contrary, all bequests are invested and the income only is used.

Bequests and gifts are exempt from Federal Gift and Estate Taxes, and in many cases from State Gift and Inheritance Taxes.

**Gettysburg Trip Will Feature Harrisburg Encampment**

The highlight of the National Encampment being held in Harrisburg, will be the tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield and the dedication of the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Statue, both of which will take place Wednesday, September 12th.

The delegates and members attending the Encampment will leave Harrisburg by bus that morning and when arriving at Gettysburg they will stop and each bus will pick up an official battlefield guide. They will then proceed to the point of the first day's



At the New Jersey Encampment banquet held in Atlantic City, the head table (left to right) were Mrs. Elizabeth Sharp, Chaplain; Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. Henrietta Satterwhite, P.D.P.; Col. Frederic G. Bauer, Commander-in-Chief; Mrs. Louisa Daubert, Department President; Fred Combs, Jr., P.D.C. and toastmaster; George M. Satterwhite, Department Commander; Mrs. Edna S. Lambert, National Director Budget; Frank A. L. Daubert, Senior Vice Department Commander, and Mrs. Tena Jacobus, Patriotic Instructor. Frank A. L. Daubert of Trenton is the newly elected Commander and Miss Dorothy Klunck of Union City, the new Department President.

battle from where they will be taken successively through the three-day conflict.

At noon all busses will arrive at Spanglers' Spring where 93 years ago both the Union and Confederate soldiers drank and filled their canteens. The tourists will then leave the busses and be served a delicious box lunch after which a panorama picture will be taken of the entire group.

After lunch the busses will proceed to within two blocks of the site of the dedication of the memorial where we will again leave the busses. A parade will now be formed and everyone will march the remaining two blocks to music furnished by the Gettysburg High School Band and the Harrisburg Fife and Drum Corps.

The memorial is being erected by the National Auxiliary at a cost of \$17,000.00. It is a bronze study of Comrade Albert Woolson, the lone survivor of the Grand Army. It shows him sitting on a bench, his Grand Army hat beside him, and proudly wearing his badge. The memorial is the work of the noted art consultant, Dr. Avarid Fairbanks, and will be mounted on a large granite base.

The site selected for the memorial is in Ziegler's Grove which is located only a half mile from the National Cemetery. It will stand on a mound facing west, among the trees, and between two batteries of guns. In selecting this site, the National Park Service architect explained his reasons for doing so. He said we would be criticized by the public if we were to place an old man in a field where he would be sitting in the hot sun. He said he wanted the statue to face the west because the man and the organization are both in the sunset of their lives. Thirdly, in this position Comrade Woolson will be facing the statue of General Lee and the architect thought, since the



Senator Homer E. Capehart this week became a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. While he will be a member of Benjamin Harrison Camp 356 at Indianapolis, membership was bestowed upon him in his Washington office. Commander of the Benjamin Harrison camp is Mr. John M. Caylor, Indianapolis attorney. Senator Capehart is shown here after the badge of membership was bestowed upon him by the National Commander-in-Chief of the organization, a retired army colonel, Frederic Gilbert Bauer

two armies faced one another in battle, so they should in peace.

The memorial will be presented by National President Sister Lenore Glass and will be accepted for the Federal Government by Mr. Eivind T. Scoyen, Associate Director, National Park Service. It will be unveiled by P.N.P. Sister Celeste D. Gentieu, Chairman, National G.A.R. Fund who will be assisted by a "boy in blue" in the form of Chester S. Shriver, Department Commander of Pennsylvania. He will be wearing the cap worn by his grandfather during the battle. The dedicatory address will be delivered by a man whose name is synonymous with the Civil War, Maj. Gen U. S. Grant, 3rd. Hon. Donald P. McPherson of Gettysburg will preside at the ceremony. The committee planning the dedication is composed of Col. C. LeRoy Stouidt, Chairman; P.N.P. Celeste D. Gentieu, Co-Chairman; P.N.P. Katharine Joyce, D.P. Caroline Riddell, P.D.P. Mary E. Liddick; D.C. Chester S. Shriver, P. C. in C. John H. Runkle and O. G. MacPherson.

**Memorial Highway Committee Report**

In Iowa we are making quite a number of improvements on our highway. The dedication of two memorial picnic tables took place April 22 at the junction of Highway 6 and Highway 38 at Wilton, Iowa. It was a very cold and cloudy day with winds reaching a velocity of 50 miles per hour at times but the people of Iowa were out to do a job and remained undaunted.

The department president and her secretary, from Iowa City; Lawrence Boutin, Roy J. Bennett and Sons and Auxiliary members from over the state, planted trees, flowering shrubs and erected a flag and markers on the beautiful roadside area.

The two picnic tables were dedicated in memory of Ray Snodgrass of Waterloo and Clyde Hinchliffe of Iowa City. Sister Ethel Snodgrass, past department president, presented a table in memory of her husband and it was dedicated by his grandson, Frank Lemper, Jr. Sister Nora Hinchliffe, sitting department president, presented a table in memory of her husband and it was dedicated by his son, Clyde Hinchliffe, Jr.

Department Commander Sam Guynn of Waterloo gave the invocation and Mr. Swisher, historian, of Iowa City, gave a brief review of the participation of the Iowa Grand Army of the Republic Soldiers in the Civil War, and noted it was in the year of 1947 that the highway was completed through Iowa.

Having conceived the project of placing picnic tables on the Grand Army of the Republic Highway when I was Department Chairman in 1954-1955, it is a sincere pleasure to have it mature in my year as National Chairman of this Committee. I wish to commend Laurence Boutin, Chairman of the Department of Iowa for his co-operation on this project.

At the invitation of Richard Locke I attended the dedication of the U. S. Grant Highway in Galena, Ill., on April 28. I attended as a spectator and had no part in the dedication. Never has it been brought so clearly to me how fast we are slipping. Very few of our members were present. A Boy Scout convention was attended by approximately 500 or more and they attended the dedication.

I received this communication from Brother Hu-

bert Bogue of Springfield, Mass.

"On naming road for MacMillan. A bill which would rename part of U. S. Route 6 in Provincetown the Rear Admiral Donald B. MacMillan Drive, in honor of the polar explorer, was engrossed by the Senate by a vote of 8 to 4."

This is a disgraceful piece of legislation and when it comes from Old New England—a place we surely had the right to feel secure — we felt no danger in this locality for those grounds are haunted grounds with the deeds and memories of the Union soldiers.

As for the men who put through that act of legislation: they surely cannot be proud of themselves. They should go down on their knees and remember the accomplishments of those men who are inseparable in the world history. Great men are priceless and we have an inheritance in their greatness.

We must not allow any part of our Highway to their memory which has been the work of so many years to be taken from us and so destroy that work. We have placed our markers there and they must not go down to defeat.

It does not seem possible that one man, giving all due credit to his achievement, should have precedence over the Grand Army of the Republic which preserved our Union and our way of life.

ROY J. BENNETT, National Chairman  
of the Grand Army of the Republic  
Memorial Highway Committee.

### Message of National President

#### OUR FLAG, OUR GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, AND OUR SONS

Our Flag, may God bless it forever,  
May its glorious folds be kept unfurled,  
Be a call to the Nation for freedom  
A symbol of hope to the world.

At this time I wish to extend my sincere thanks to all the Departments I have visited for the many courtesies extended me during those visits, including the gifts of love and esteem.

To all members who have entertained me in their homes I am grateful, and my thanks to all who have made my visits in their states so pleasant by various forms of entertainment.

I am asking each member to feel that the 70th Encampment to be held at Harrisburg, starting on September 9th, is her encampment, not only mine, and all will be most welcome to participate in this encampment.

#### TENTATIVE PROGRAM Sunday, September 9, 1956

- 11:00 A. M.—Church Services, Camp Curtin Methodist Church.  
1:00 P. M.—Registration, Penn-Harris Hotel lobby.  
1:30 P. M.—Department Presidents meet with National Chaplain in ballroom.  
2:30 P. M.—National Special Aides and National Aides meet with the Chief-of-Staff in the ballroom.  
4:00 P. M.—Joint Memorial Service in the ballroom.  
8:00 P. M.—Camp Fire in the Forum of the State Capitol.



Dr. Thomas H. Ford, seated, superintendent of the Reading School District, receives the "Good Citizen Award" given by Gen. George G. Meade Camp, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Arthur L. Yocum, camp commander, makes the presentation. Others, from left, are C. LeRoy Stoult and W. Howard Still, Sr.

#### Monday, September 10, 1956

- 9:00 A. M.—Registration in lobby.  
9:30 A. M.—Official Opening.  
12:00 N. —Noon Luncheon (open).  
1:30 P. M.—Regular Meeting in the ballroom.  
6:00 P. M.—Banquet, Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents, (Governor's Room).  
8:00 P. M.—Exemplification.

#### Tuesday, September 11, 1956

- 9:00 A. M.—Business Meeting in ballroom.  
12:00 N. —Past Department Presidents' Club Luncheon (Assembly Room).  
1:30 P. M.—Business Session, nomination of officers.  
8:00 P. M.—Courtesy Hour in ballroom.

#### Wednesday, September 12, 1956

- Trip to Gettysburg.  
Dedication of Monument to Comrade Woolson.  
6:30 P. M.—Banquet and Reception honoring Commander-in-Chief and National President (Plantation Room).

#### Thursday, September 13, 1956

- 8:00 A. M.—Balloting for officers.  
9:00 A. M.—Business Session.  
1:30 P. M.—Final Business and Joint Installation.  
Headquarters — Penn-Harris Hotel. All meetings in the ballroom. Make your reservations direct to the hotel.  
Please come and enjoy your encampment and the trip to Gettysburg.

LENORE D. GLASS,  
National President.



## Department News



**NEW YORK**—P.D.C. Robert W. Doughty was the principal speaker at services held in Beacon. P.C. Col. Jonathan Huston was honorary marshal of the parade at Cold Spring, N. Y. Dupont-Eiseman Camp presented a flag to Goodsell Methodist Church on Memorial Sunday. New York Department was saddened to learn of the death of P.D.C. Hermon L. Brockway on July 10. Brother Brockway was one of three department commanders to serve two terms in 1936 and 1937. He was honored by being chosen National Chaplain twice. He also served as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. He is survived by his widow and two sons. The sincere sympathy of the entire department is extended to them.

The Western New York Past Commanders held their annual picnic on the Island at Friendship, the home of Morgan-Hills Camp, No. 201. This event promises to become the annual site for the association's activities because of its inviting surroundings and location.

The Encampment of the New York Department was held at Lake Placid. Marshall Hope of Oneida is the new Department Commander. The Department was the recipient of a Department Flag presented by the wives and widows of Past Department Commanders, and of an American Flag, presented by Senior-Vice Commander-in-Chief Fred Howe.

The annual meeting of the Southern Tier Association was held in Elmira on Sunday, July 15.

Oliver Tilden Camp No. 26 had the honor of carrying the colors of the Grand Army of the Republic on Memorial Day in the parade on Riverside Drive. Department Commander Dr. William F. Bruckel led the guard of honor attired in Civil War uniforms. Department Commander Bruckel laid a wreath at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument.

**MICHIGAN**—Albert Woolson State Camp No. 1: Camp No. 1 was well represented at the June 25th closing of the charter of the Gen. Carl Schurz Camp by the Michigan Department. Don McIntyre, who drew up the framed honor roll of those who made possible the "Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Room" plaque, and Worden Wells, son of the last surviving widow of a Union Veteran of the Civil War, in Detroit, have been initiated into Camp No. 1.

**DEPARTMENT:** The following department officers were installed at the Michigan Department Encampment by Brother Charles Frederick Dexter, personal aide to the Commander-in-Chief: Commander, George R. Raub, Sr., Detroit; Senior Vice, Charles Hammond of Horton; Junior Vice, John Dellzell, Detroit; Council members, Milo C. Newer, Sr., Detroit; Judge Carl M. Weideman, Detroit; and M. K. Brown, Grand Rapids; Department Sec.-Treas., Birt Hammond, Rives Junction, and Assistant Department Sec.-Treas. Charles F. Dexter, Detroit. Also, the appointive officers were installed. Detroit is making an interesting bid for the 1957 Department Encampment. The Department Encampment adopted a resolution inviting the National Encampment to meet in Detroit in the fall of 1957.



Annual Michigan Department Public Memorial Service honoring the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, held at the Sharpshooters Monument on the grounds of the State Capitol at Lansing, Mich. Front row, left to right: Fred Hammond, Jackson; Rev. Albert O. Andrews, Department Chaplain; Arthur Youngs, Department Guide; Milo C. Newer, Sr., Immediate P.D.C. and Council Chairman; U. W. Mackey, Past Commander-in-Chief; Charles Frederick Dexter, Personal Aide to the Commander-in-Chief and the new Department Secretary-Treasurer. Back row, left to right: Milo Newer, Jr., Department Publicity Director; James C. Newer, Detroit; Birt Hammond, Department Secretary-Treasurer; M. K. Brown, Department Council Member; and Wesley Sauve, Department Patriotic Instructor.

**CALIFORNIA**—The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of California and Pacific met in the DeAnza Hotel in San Jose, April 22 to 25. The opening service was joint with the Auxiliary. The real business of the session began with taking up reading of a new set of by-laws which were unanimously adopted after much discussion and a few minor changes. Brother Louis Story was elected our commander for the ensuing year.

July 11 the camps and auxiliaries of Southern California gathered in Memorial Hall in Los Angeles for a reception to Commander-in-Chief Frederic Gilbert Bauer and his wife, and National President Lenore Glass.

Commander-in-Chief Bauer was asked to speak to the meeting which he in his very fine and forceful way. He explained how we were the oldest of the patriotic orders and how the order had been started by mere boys and therefore depended on the older order for guidance but that now we are men and must take our rightful place among the orders. He told how we had always been last on all programs and that we could be allowed no more. He had high praise for the way the ladies of the Grand Army had cooperated with the sons.

**INDIANA**—Upon request of Arthur B. Bowman, Secretary-Treasurer of the Department of Indiana, your national patriotic instructor seeks your permission to report on this small but active and devoted department.

An event that we hope will be the precursor of many similar (we own to nostalgic memories of our main boulevards lined with the "Stars and Stripes" as far as the eye could see) was a radio presentation by Brother Cecil McConahay (former Indiana State Senator and present Junior Vice Department Commander) of a certificate, signed by Department Commander Alva Reef and expressing appreciation for the continuous and proper display of the Flag of the United States by the Indianapolis Power & Light Company. Mr. Bernard W. Schotters, vice-president and secretary of the company, responded and was most appreciative of the honor bestowed.

Brother Bowman reports that their constant campaign to increase the number of those displaying the Flag has thus far been 50% effective.

**PENNSYLVANIA**—On Saturday night, April 28, 1956, the Camp held a surprise birthday dinner for one of our members, H. F. Nickel, who joined Camp No. 33 in February, 1897. Mr. Nickel helped organize the first Sons of Veterans Reserve Company in York, 1898. He served as camp commander in 1903. Mr. Nickel was active in the Reserves until 1940. He has been, and still is, active in the Camp.

**CONNECTICUT**—George H. Schmidt of 430 Shelton Avenue, New Haven, was elected Commander of the Connecticut Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the organization's 72nd annual encampment in the Hotel Bond, Hartford.

Also elected were Bertrand O. deForest, Jr. of Derby, senior vice department commander; G. Leon Lewis of Hartford, junior vice commander, and Robert W. deForest, Ansonia, secretary-treasurer.

Named new officers for the department's ladies auxiliary were Mrs. Alice Clark of Danielson, president, and Mrs. Minnie Burkhardt of East Hampton, secretary.

**VERMONT**—The 74th annual encampment of the Vermont Department was held in Brattleboro, June 21, 22 and 23 with Commander Roy Pierson presiding. A long-range program to increase membership was presented and adopted. A council of administration was set up to carry this plan to a successful conclusion. Camp No. 92 of Barre won the membership for the past year. There was much interesting and informative discussion.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**—Richard E. Wyman of Keene, a member of General S. G. Griffin Camp No. 10, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and E. Martelle Marston of Auxiliary No. 11, Keene, newly elected Department Commander and Department President, were tended a reception held in their honor at the G.A.R. Hall, Saturday, June 2, 1956.

**IOWA**—The 73rd annual encampment, Department of Iowa, was held in Fort Dodge, May 31 to June 3, in conjunction with the seventh annual convention of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic of which P.D.C. Boutin was general chairman. The W.R.C. did not attend.

#### AUXILIARY NOTES

**ILLINOIS**—On May 9 Auxiliary No. 30 entertained the National Press Correspondent, Ethel C. Heileman,

with a dinner at the Sherman Hotel and we all enjoyed having our past national presidents, Sister Eva Blackman and Sister Ellinore Konrad, with us. A good time was had by all.

**INDIANA**—The Indiana Department Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, together with the Sons, held their annual encampment in Indianapolis this year. Mrs. L. P. Allen of Lafayette, Indiana, was elected the new department president.

**MARYLAND**—The Maryland Department, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held their encampment in Wilmington, Delaware, May 18-19, 1956. Mrs. Augusta Klein of Baltimore was elected department president. Appomattox Auxiliary No. 2 celebrated their 56th anniversary on May 16. Our National President, Sister Lenore Glass, was present.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE—Keene**—Mrs. E. Martelle Marston, president of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Richard E. Wyman, Commander of the Sons, were tendered a reception on Saturday, June 2. Nearly two hundred friends and guests from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New York were present, as well as representatives of most all other patriotic orders.

**OREGON-WASHINGTON**—Mrs. L. L. Baker, Eugene, was installed as department president at the encampment in Seattle. Spencer Leonard, Portland, was retained as department commander as was most of his staff. An inspirational feature was the presence throughout the encampment of National President Lenore D. Glass.

**MASSACHUSETTS**—The 65th Annual Encampment of the auxiliary was held with the "Sons" at Sheraton-Plaza Hotel, Boston, April 27, 28 and 29. Mrs. Kate L. Dewey of Springfield was elected president of the Massachusetts Department for the ensuing year, with Mrs. Nancy R. Call being named as vice-president. Mrs. Viola D. Brunet is again department secretary, and Mrs. Eva M. Sloan, the treasurer. News items for "The Banner" should be submitted to Mrs. Bessie T. Drown, Press Correspondent, at 187 Plain Street, Stoughton, Mass.

Guard Academy, New London, Conn., on June 1, gave our order much prestige. Past National President Maude B. Warren presented to honor student Don Stewart Bellis of Tampa, Fla., a wrist watch inscribed "Memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. Some student each year is given this award by New England Regional Association Auxiliary, S.U.V. and Maude was the president on this occasion. Mrs. Maud B. Russell, Keene, N.H., has had the honor, also.

**MISSOURI**—At our 40th encampment held in Jefferson City, Mo., a flag was presented to a Girl Scout troop by two sisters, members of the Maj. William Warner Auxiliary, honoring their brother, George A. Carmichael, a Spanish-American War veteran. The address was given by the department president, Frances S. Rohrbach, a sister, and the flag was presented to the troop by the older sister, Janet Edwards.

**RHODE ISLAND**—The Department of Rhode Island entertained the national president at a two-day conference in Providence, May 2 and 3. She visited the old historic city of Newport and had the privilege of visiting the new Veterans Home at Bristol, R. I.