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## Plaque Unveiled at Woolson Grave

A bronze plaque dedicated to the memory of Union Veterans of the Civil War was unveiled in Duluth at the Park Hill Cemetery on June 1, at the grave of Comrade Albert Woolson, last to die of the members of



the Grand Army of the Republic. The plaque was presented by the National Organization of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Shown above is National President Miss Anne O. Clayton who in dedicating the plaque said "this ceremony paid respect not only to Woolson, but to all of his comrades." Woolson died on August 2, 1956, at the age of 109. He was the sole survivor of more than 2,675,000 men of the Union Armed Forces.

"Their spirit will never die," National President Clayton told the crowd at the dedication rite. "It lives in the minds and hearts of millions of vigorous young Americans."

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(Shown above at the Duluth ceremony top left to right: Maj. Gen. Jos. E. Nelson, principal speaker and Duluth Mayor Eugene Lambert. Bottom left to right, Minnesota National Guard and Mrs. Ellinore L. Konrad, Chairman of Committee.)

Another speaker was Maj. Gen. Joseph E. Nelson, St. Paul, Minnesota, Adjutant General. "It is fitting and proper that we should select Memorial Day weekend to dedicate this bronze marker," he said. "We are not only honoring the memory of the brave young drummer boy (Woolson), but also paying tribute to the valor and sacrifices of men of the Grand Army of the Republic who gave so much of life and blood that this union of the United States should be forever preserved."

The following inscription appears on the 12" by 18" bronze marker:

WITHIN THESE SACRED BOUNDS LIES THE FINAL BIVOUAC OF THE LAST MEMBER OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, COMRADE ALBERT WOOLSON, DIED AUGUST 2, 1956, AT THE AGE OF 109 YEARS.

ERECTED IN 1958 BY THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF THE AUXILIARY TO SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR TO COMMEMORATE THE VALOR AND SACRIFICE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC AND ALL UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR.

Greetings were extended by Duluth Mayor Eugene Lambert, and by Dewey B. Mead representing Commander-in-Chief DeHaven. Woolson's three daughters, Mrs. John Kobus, Mrs. Arthur Johnson and Mrs. Robert Campbell, were introduced. The 598th AAA battalion, Minnesota National Guard acted as a color guard, and music was provided by the drum and bugle corps of the 343rd fighter group, Duluth Air Force Base.

The committee that arranged the event consisted of P.N.P. Ellinore L. Konrad, Wisconsin; P.N.P. Gladys B. Salman, Illinois, and Margaret Horn, P.D.P. of Indiana. Other distinguished guests present included P.N.P. Celeste Gentieu, Maryland; Dewey Mead, P.D.C. Minnesota; Dept. Commander and Mrs. Sid Bemis, Iowa, and members of the Minnesota Department Sons and Aux.

### National Encampment Highlights

There is intense activity in the New England Departments in the recruiting of new members. It is believed that the National Class Initiation on the evening of August 18 at the Sheraton Plaza Hotel in Boston, is the main purpose of this productive competition.

At this date, June 23, Massachusetts is ahead in the number of candidates scheduled to take part. However, there is a surprising dark horse coming up fast on the outside. Watch out for New Hampshire! There are some stirring developments around Peterborough and Portsmouth.

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Contrary to some reports—and in spite of the Massachusetts Supreme Court ruling against assistance to conventions—your 1958 National Encampment Committee has gone right ahead with their plans for the wonderful Moonlight Sail on the "Boston Belle" for the evening of August 20. Under the able and energetic leadership of P.D.C. John Day, P.D.P. Pamela Elder, and P.D.P. Alice Harwood, this group of devoted and hard working Massachusetts members have assumed the terrific task of raising the necessary funds—and their Brothers and Sisters are responding generously and unhesitatingly.

So, look forward to a real treat! Romantic, historic Boston Harbor (starting from very close to the scene of "The Boston Tea Party"), with cooling breezes from the Atlantic Ocean, during the hot month of August.

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It is the considered opinion of most (if not all) of the Massachusetts Department that our finest Master of Ceremonies is P.D.C. Addison A. Quinn. With him as chairman of the event, our National Camp Fire promises to be not only impressive, but positively inspiring. We could give you more details, but we won't. We want you to be most pleasantly surprised.

ERNEST G. WELLS.

### News of the Civil War Centennial

**State Centennial Commissions—The Keystone of the Arch** upon which the Centennial program rests have already been appointed in thirty states. Gov. Almond acted as the spokesman for the Centennial Commission at the Governors' Conference in Miami recently and urged his fellow executives to speed up the appointment of these vitally important state groups.

**Additional Emphasis** was given the Centennial Movement recently with the announcement of the first appointments to the Advisory Council. Among the acceptances received were those of Hon. Leo E. Allen, Congressman from Illinois; Richard Bales, Director of Music, National Gallery of Art; Prof. Hal Bridges, University of Colorado; Henry D. Brown, Director of the Detroit Museum; Mrs. Mary Givens Bryan, Georgia State Archivist; Miss Charlotte Capers, Mississippi State Archivist; J. Winston Coleman, Lexington, Kentucky; Prof. Henry Steel Commanger, Amherst College; Clifford Dowdey,

# 100 YEARS AGO

BY ROBERT HOWARD  
(Chicago Tribune Press Service)

Springfield, Ill., June 16—The Centennial of Abraham Lincoln's "House Divided" speech was observed tonight in the same room where it was delivered in a courageous stand against the spread of slavery.

There was a reenactment of Lincoln's scriptural warning that "A house divided against itself cannot stand," and that the United States of necessity must either be all slave or all free.

In Sangamon county's old Circuit courtroom, television cameras and 300 spectators were admitted for a dramatization, sponsored by the Springfield Historical Monuments commission, of Lincoln's life on the day of the 1858 Republican state convention. A cast of 14 participated.

On June 16, 1858, Republican delegates gathered in the House of Representatives chamber in the old state capitol, which is now the court house. They endorsed Lincoln as their candidate to run, unsuccessfully it later developed, against Sen. Stephen A. Douglas.

One scene showed cautious friends advising Lincoln that "Morally you are right in your position on slavery, but politically it is sheer suicide" to take a chance on antagonizing not only southern sympathizers but many northern voters who regarded abolitionists as radicals.

#### Saw Crisis as Inevitable

In defining the issues on which the Civil war was later fought, Lincoln opened with four sentences, stating his thesis that slavery agitation was steadily increasing and that a crisis was inevitable. He continued:

"A house divided against itself cannot stand."  
"I believe this government cannot endure, permanently, half slave and half free."

"I do not expect the Union to be dissolved—I do not expect the house to fall—but I do expect that it will cease to be divided."

"It will be all one thing or all the other."  
Lincoln continued to speak for nearly an hour, tracing the agitation for additional slave territory and Douglas' compromising with the south.

#### Horsley in Leading Role

Only the introductory theme was recited tonight. The leading role was taken by Rep. G. William Horsley (R., Springfield).

Only Lincoln's partner and biographer-to-be, William H. Herndon, approved the speech in a pre-convention scene in the state law library. Tom Shrewsbury, playing Herndon, said: "Lincoln, deliver that speech as you have read it and it will make you President."

#### Few Took Bold Stand

Lincoln and most others in the new Republican party objected privately to slavery, but only the radical abolitionists spoke boldly against it as an evil that must be exterminated. Because slavery was legal under the Constitution, Lincoln previously had kept silent rather than disrupt the Union.

Lincoln spoke up in 1858 because of alarm that such developments as the Supreme Court's Dred Scott decision and Douglas' popular sovereignty doctrine in Kansas and Nebraska might result in the legalization of slavery thruout the north.

#### Never Acquired Shrine

After the Republican convention, Douglas rushed back from Washington and the rival candidates soon were campaigning thruout the state. The Lincoln-Douglas debates followed.

In the old court house, which has never been acquired by the state as a historical shrine, Lincoln made many political and legal speeches, but none equalled the "House Divided" address in importance.

You will never "find" time for anything. If you want time you must make it.

Historian, Richmond, Virginia; Harry A. deButts, Pres. of the Southern Railway System; and Patrick C. Courtney, Confederate Research Club, Hampshire, England.

**Diaries, Photographs, Newspapers and Books** which have to do with the Civil War, are already being unearthed in cellars and attics in various parts of the country, and Centennial Headquarters has received many communications asking what to do about them. The Commission recommends that these historical documents be sent to State Archives or local museums and libraries for display. It is a definite part of the program to make these records available for study to students and historians and if you have any treasured papers of this nature, you are urged to bring them to the indicated points of collection.

**William Ingles, Washington Capitalist**, a member of the Advisory Board, has accepted an appointment for additional service on the Industrial Leader's Committee, which is to be formed to coordinate the publicity and advertising plans of the Commission with those of leading business concerns throughout the United States. The New York Stock Exchange, the Southern Railway Company and representatives of Curtis Publishing Company have been working with the Commission in the preparation of a list of firms which have been continuously in business in the United States for the past 100 years. A number of these firms are already planning a tie-in of their institutional advertising with that of the Civil War Centennial observance.

**Kansas Celebrated** the first notable centennial event of the Civil War on May 19 when ceremonies were staged commemorating the Marais des Cygnes massacre near the town of Trading Post, where Charles Hamelton, leading a band of bushwhackers from Missouri, captured 11 Free State men and, lining them up in a ravine, killed five and wounded five. The last man escaped. "The war really started in Kansas in 1858," says Wint Smith, Congressman from the state's 6th District and chairman of our Executive Committee.

Those who have free seats at the play hiss first.  
Chinese Proverb.

### Boston Tribute



At the Massachusetts Encampment Commander-in-Chief Albert DeHaven and Natl. Pres. Miss Anne O. Clayton received replicas of silversmithing done by Paul Revere. Shown above, l. to r., Col. O'Leary, aide to Gov. Furculo; DeHaven; Miss Clayton; and John D. Brown, director of public celebrations for the City of Boston.



## General Order No. 5 Series 1957-1958

Headquarters  
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF  
Sons of Union Veterans  
of the Civil War  
P. O. Box 550  
Sanford, Maine

July 1, 1958

**1. NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.** The 77th Annual National Encampment will be held in Boston, Mass., August 17-21st. Headquarters and sessions will be held in the Sheraton-Plaza Hotel. The hotel will have a flat rate of \$15.00 double and \$10.00 single. Hotel Lenox, one block away has rates of \$13.00 double and \$8.00 single. The Copley Square Hotel, about two blocks away also has moderate rates. Make reservations direct to hotel.

**2. REPORTS.** Camps please see that quarterly reports are sent immediately after July 1 to Department Headquarters. Departments please send your reports to National Secretary not later than July 25. This is required because of the early August date of the National Encampment.

Delegates have your credentials and membership cards ready. All National Officers will make their reports in duplicate, sending one copy to the National Secretary no later than August 1st. All resolutions should be sent to the National Secretary for reference to the Resolutions Committee.

**3. ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEES.** Preliminary appointments to committees are as follows:

### Credential Committee:

Bertram Isaacs, Dept. Secy., New York  
Coby F. Wilcox, Dept. Commdr., Calif.  
Ernest G. Wells, Massachusetts  
Archie Aldrich, P.D.C., Vermont  
Albert C. Lambert, Natl. Secy., New Jersey

### Resolutions:

Ulysses S. Grant 3rd, Past Commander-in-Chief  
Frederic G. Bauer, Past Commander-in-Chief

### Press:

Harold Drown, P.D.C., Massachusetts

**4. CENTENNIAL COMMISSION.** The U. S. Civil War Centennial Commission, U. S. Grant 3rd, chairman has extended a cordial invitation to our organization to designate a representative to serve on the Advisory Council provided for by Sec. 1(B) of the legislation which established the commission.

I hereby appoint P.C. in C. Albert C. Lambert as the representative of our organization on the Advisory Council to serve, according to the wishes of the Commission for the duration of the Commission. He will act as liaison between the Commission and our Order. Brother Lambert has been kept informed, since the establishment of the Commission by myself and Gen. Grant, and is therefore well informed as to its activities.

**5. CONCLUSION.** This is my last General Order, and I would like to thank every member that has contributed to whatever good that has been ac-

complished during the past year. I especially wish to thank the National Officers for their fine team work.

Your Commander-in-Chief, whose time is his own, has traveled very many miles and made numerous special trips. He was able to give time in talking over Camp and Department problems in the many places that he visited. Courtesy was shown on every hand, which was gratefully appreciated. If at least a little good resulted, then the time and personal expense given is well rewarded.

The vast number of friends that were acquired, and added to the many friends that I already had, is well worth any activity on my part.

ALBERT B. DeHAVEN,  
Commander-in-Chief.

## TENTATIVE PROGRAM

### Headquarters—Sheraton-Plaza Hotel

#### Sessions—Venetian Room

#### SUNDAY, August 17

- 10:45 A. M. Church Services in Old South Church. Leave hotel in a group at 10:15.
- 1:00 P. M. Registration in Main Lobby.
- 1:00 P. M. Dept. Commanders meet Natl. Chaplain in Oval Room.
- 1:00 P. M. Council of Administration meeting in Headquarters Room.
- 2:30 P. M. Memorial Service—Allied Group—Oval Room.
- 7:30 P. M. Camp Fire—Allied Group—Oval Room.

#### MONDAY, August 18

- 9:00 A. M. Mayor's breakfast for Nat'l Officers, P. C. in C.s and P.N.P.s in Foyer.
- 9:30 A. M. Registration in Main Lobby.
- 10:30 A. M. Opening business session in Venetian Room.
- 1:30 P. M. Business session.
- 5:30 P. M. Past Commander-in-Chief's and Past National President's Dinner in Copley Room.
- 7:30 P. M. Class Initiation, Massachusetts Degree Team in Oval Room.
- 9:30 P. M. Auxiliary Courtesy Hour.

#### TUESDAY, August 19

- 9:30 A. M. Business session.
- 1:30 P. M. Business session—Greetings received and extended at 2:30 P. M.
- 6:30 P. M. Banquet honoring Commander-in-Chief and National President in Ballroom.
- 9:00 P. M. Reception to Commander-in-Chief and National President—Ballroom.

#### WEDNESDAY, August 20

- 9:30 A. M. Business session.
- 1:30 P. M. Business session.
- 9:00 P. M. Moonlight boat ride (Bus leaves hotel 8 P. M.) Rowe's Wharf.

#### THURSDAY, August 21

- 9:30 A. M. Business session if warranted.

## Proposed Amendment to Constitution

### Article 6—Section 4—Line 4

Eliminate the words "one hundred and fifty members," and substitute therefor "seventy-five members."

Adopted and submitted by the New Hampshire Department, May 21, 1958.

## Message From National President

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all of the Departments for the many courtesies that were extended to me at the time of my official visits. You were most gracious, and I shall never forget your many kindnesses to me.

Unfortunately, it is impossible for me to report a large gain in Membership in any of the Departments. However, the enthusiasm that prevailed was most gratifying. With this splendid spirit there is no reason why our Organization shouldn't go forward in leaps and bounds.

My sincere thanks are extended to all Department Officers who served during the past administration. The gratitude of the National Organization is extended to each of you for your efforts in behalf of our Auxiliary.

To the newly elected Department Officers, I extend my sincere congratulations and good wishes.

Please don't forget your contributions to the Funds of the National Chief-of-Staff and the National Patriotic Instructor. These Funds are very important to our Organization and need your wholehearted support.

I trust that it will be my pleasure to greet many of you at our National Encampment in Boston, Mass. the week of August 17th. Headquarters will be at the Sheraton-Plaza Hotel. The Committee has worked very hard to make this an enjoyable Encampment for you, so if you haven't made your reservation, be sure to do it immediately.

I am indeed grateful to each and everyone of you who has worked so diligently with me this past year. Your splendid spirit of cooperation is something that I shall always cherish.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

ANNE O. CLAYTON,  
National President.

## 95th Anniversary of Frightful Battle of Gettysburg

Like all of the some 2,000-odd engagements of the Civil War that pitted brother against brother and father against son 95 years ago, the Battle of Gettysburg was a bloody and unholy holocaust that left the field of conflict littered with more casualties and more dead horses and shell-scarred buildings and battered natural landmarks that can be imagined. More than 7,000 men were killed and over 33,000 were wounded in three days of fighting.

Neither Lee nor Meade chose Gettysburg to be the scene of the three-day annihilation, but that's where the two great armies finally met. Here is where a determined major general named George G. Meade tangled muskets and artillery with a southern gentleman and soldier General Robert E. Lee and saved the Union for Abraham Lincoln and the North. Although Meade was criticized for not having pursued the Rebels when they fled, historians are now pretty much agreed that perhaps he was wise to have refrained from doing so. Both sides took a vicious beating, with casualties running into the many thousands. The truth of the matter is that there wasn't much fight left in either side by the time the three-day slaughter was over.

## Department Officers 1958-1959

**CALIF. & PAC.**—Commander Coby Wilcox, 2014 Buckingham Rd., Los Angeles. Secy. Frank Woerner, 11200 Eastwood Ave., Inglewood. Treas. Vernon L. Cheney, 4041 Altamont Ave., Oakland.

**COLO. & WYO.**—Commander Louis O. Kent, 1120 E. Las Animas, Colorado Springs. Secy-Treas. George W. Lee, 729 S. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs.

**CONNECTICUT**—Commander G. Leon Lewis, 237 West Point Terrace, West Hartford. Secy-Treas. Robert W. DeForest, 62 Kingsland Ave., Wallingford.

**ILLINOIS**—Commander Roscoe C. Mathis, 202 Locust St., Prophetstown. Secy-Treas. Charles A. Brady Jr., 9144 S. Bishop St., Chicago 20.

**INDIANA**—Commander John M. Caylor, 714 Lemcke Bldg., Indianapolis. Secy-Treas. Roy L. Volstad, 401 Peoples Bank Bldg., Indianapolis.

**IOWA**—Commander S. A. Bemis, 917 N. George, Mason City. Secy-Treas. L. B. Jones, 437 Reed St., Waterloo.

**KANSAS**—Commander Lester D. Bartlebaugh, 915 Pine St., Newton. Secy-Treas. Wm. L. Dix, R.F.D. No. 1, Newton.

**MAINE**—Commander Clarence P. Renell, 87 Sherwood St., Portland 5. Secy-Treas. Albert B. DeHaven, P. O. Box 550, Sanford.

**MARYLAND**—Commander Francis Hoffman, 516 N. Franklin St., Wilmington, Del. Secy-Treas. Charles H. Langlet, P. O. Box 65, Baltimore 3, Md.

**MASSACHUSETTS**—Commander Edwin J. Lennon, 22 Pleasant St., Dorchester. Secy. William O. Fuller Sr., 104 Middle St., New Bedford. Treas. Henry F. Weiler, 387 Washington St., Boston.

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**MINNESOTA**—Commander Theodore Froot, 734 Hall Ave., St. Paul. Secy-Treas. Chester L. Charter, 3543 24th Ave., S., Minneapolis 6.

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**NEW YORK**—Commander Joseph S. Rippey, 165 Linden St., Rochester. Secy-Treas. Bertram Isaacs, 2225 Municipal Bldg., New York, N. Y.

**OHIO**—Commander Fred Pfiester Jr., 7220 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati 36. Secy-Treas. Wm. A. Selz, 16 Buckeye St., Dayton 2.

**ORE. & WASH.**—Commander Richard Doran, 4420 Ferdinand St., Seattle, Wash. Secy-Treas. Frederick K. Davis, 1193 Pearl St., Eugene, Ore.

**PENNA.**—Commander Dr. Charles J. Higgs, 61 Carey Ave., Wilkes-Barre. Secy-Treas. Chester S. Shriver, P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg.

**RHODE ISLAND**—Commander H. Dwight Bromley, P. O. Box 6, Westerly. Secy-Treas. Harold E. Arnold, P. O. Box 41, Coventry.

**VERMONT**—Commander Walter J. Morse, Brandon, Vt. Secy-Treas. Thomas Chadwick, R.F.D., Chester, Vt.

**WISCONSIN**—Commander A. A. Kuechenmeister, 2050 N. Holton St., Milwaukee. Secy-Treas. Edw. E. Biering, 1745 N. 34th St., Milwaukee 8.

## Ceremony At Lincoln's Tomb



Marking the 93rd anniversary of Lincoln's death are officials of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. The wreaths were placed at Lincoln's Tomb in ceremonies at Springfield, Illinois on April 15th. From left are Albert DeHaven, Sanford, Maine, commander-in-chief of the Sons of Union Veterans; Frank B. Huntington, Chicago, commander of Illinois Commandery, Loyal Legion; and U. S. Navy Commander William C. Duval, Cincinnati, Ohio, past national commander of the Loyal Legion.

## Auxiliary Presents Scholarship



Shown above is Aux. Natl. Pres. Miss Anne O. Clayton presenting a \$200.00 check to Mr. Seymour Dunn, Dean of Gettysburg College. The presentation to the scholarship fund of the college was presented as a memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic.

## OMNIBUS

**SIGNIFICANT SYMBOLISM**—The United States is obviously the center of a tremendous volume of ill-will. Developments in South America, where the presence of Vice President Nixon provided the provocation for hostile demonstrations, and in Beirut, Lebanon, where the United States Embassy was attacked in force by jeering crowds, permit of no other conclusion. However, there is a certain compensating sense of pride and satisfaction in the knowledge that this country symbolizes in the view of Communists everywhere all that is hostile to their political ideology and their purpose of world conquest. Americans who cherish their tradition of democracy and freedom, could not wish it otherwise.

**SAVE THE U.S.S. OLYMPIA**—Souvenir coins made from the metal of the propellers of the Olympia are now available to the public. Its proceeds will go towards the restoration of the ship. The front of the coin shows a picture of the Olympia with the name U.S.S. Olympia below it. The reverse side shows the propeller with the inscription "Made from propeller of Admiral Dewey's flagship." These coins will be issued to all donors who contribute one dollar or more. Make checks payable to "Save the Olympia" and mail to Philadelphia National Bank, Philadelphia, Pa.

**CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES** is a National War Memorial at Rindge, New Hampshire where annual Memorial Services are held at which wreaths are presented from the President of the United States, as well as from each State Governor. All major National Veteran groups participate. Past Commander-in-Chief Cleon E. Heald represented Commander-in-Chief DeHaven and placed a wreath from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

**BENDING THE TWIG** is a skillful and hard hitting recitation of the long story of socialist infiltration of our educational system. . . . This classic of its kind by Augustin G. Rudd is now available at your book store at \$3.95.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE CENTENNIAL.** We are delighted to announce that Gov. Lane Dwinell of New Hampshire has appointed Past Commander-in-Chief Cleon Heald as a member of the Civil War Centennial Commission in that state.



## Department News



### COLORADO & WYOMING

Members of Lincoln Aux. 7 of Pueblo motored to Canon City and were entertained at the home of P.D.P. Louella V. Holmes. Miss Holmes presented several of her guests with potted African Violet plants. She also presented Wilson Savage, P.D.C., with a set of eight volumes of Civil War History books of her father, James Holmes, a Civil War Veteran. These treasured books had been in the possession of Miss Holmes for half a century. Bro. Savage expressed delight at this valuable addition to his library.

### CONNECTICUT

Aux. 5 of Rockville entertained for National Historian Allen Spink, and Department Officers of the Sons and Aux. in G. A. R. with a buffet supper and program after which Dept. Secy. Minnie Burkhart installed officers for Aux. 5 in a most efficient manner.

### MARYLAND & DELAWARE

We were happy to have Natl. Pres. Anne O. Clayton and her Personal Aide Sister Ella Reeger at our Department Encampment in Hagerstown. P.N.P. Celeste Gentieu installed the Department Officers. Myrtle Burke of Alexandria, Virginia, is the new Department President and Francis Hoffman, of Wilmington, Delaware, is the new Department Commander.

### ILLINOIS

The Illinois Departments of the Sons of Union Veterans and the Auxiliary held their 76th and 71st annual encampments, respectively, on June 6, 7 and 8 at the St. Nicholas Hotel in Springfield. The Illinois Departments of the other G.A.R. Allied Orders also met in encampment at the same city and on the same dates, but at different hotels. Joint encampments are always held in Illinois, with the arrangements being handled by an Encampment Committee composed of representatives from each Order, and chaired by a different Order each year on a rotating basis. Mrs. Sadie Keefer of Chicago, a member of Auxiliary No. 32, was chairman of the 1958 Encampment Committee.

The Illinois Department Auxiliary was honored by the presence of National President Anne O. Clayton during the second day of its encampment, and a luncheon was held in her honor. Joint activities held by the Sons and Auxiliary during the encampment were the Memorial Service on Friday evening, and a dinner held the same evening, in addition to the breakfast for Past Dept. Commanders and Past Dept. Presidents held on Saturday morning. A surprise program called "This is Your Night" was arranged by the Auxiliary to honor P.N.P. Eva B. Blackman; it followed the same

vein as the famous radio and television show "This is Your Life." Refreshments were served following the program and a general fellowship hour ensued.

Members of the Sons and Auxiliary joined with those of the other G.A.R. Allied Orders for the traditional G.A.R. Family Dinner held on Saturday evening, at which Mrs. Keefer was toastmistress. The speaker of the evening was Rev. William E. Skadden, secretary of the Lincoln Memorial Center Association.

New department officers elected by the Sons include: Roscoe C. Mathis of Prophetstown, Commander; James M. Blackman of Chicago, Senior Vice Commander; Myron E. Goodermont of Aurora, Junior Vice Commander; Charles A. Brady, Jr., of Chicago, Secretary-Treasurer. The Auxiliary seated the following new department officers: Mrs. Florence Forbey of Rock Island, President; Mrs. Hilda Greene of Rockford, Vice President; Mrs. Agnes Mallon of Naperville, Secretary; Mrs. Bessie Goodermont of Aurora, Treasurer.

**CHICAGO**—Custer Camp 1 and Aux. 30 and Hoover Tent 10 D.U.V. held a joint Memorial Day service at the plot for Gen. George Thomas Post of the G.A.R. in Rosehill Cemetery. Custer Camp provided the firing squad, and Camp Commander Charles A. Brady Jr. read the Commander's Address from the G.A.R. Ritual. Aux. Pres. Alice Angel laid a plant at the monument and Tent Pres. Nola Pacer laid a wreath. Flowers were placed on 72 individual graves by members of the three organizations. Dr. Arthur W. Stillians of Custer Camp gave the invocation and benediction.

### INDIANA

Services at the Indianapolis Plaza, United States Naval Armory were conducted May 25 under auspices of Ben Harrison Camp 356 and Auxiliary 10. Frank Unversaw is Commander and Leona Graham is President of the Aux. Arthur Bowman was chairman of the reception committee. The address was given by the Hon. John M. Caylor, then Department Commander of the Indiana Department SUVCW. Military honors were given by the Navy firing squad, bugler and color guard.

The Auxiliary was greatly honored by the presence of Natl. Pres. Anne O. Clayton of New Jersey at our Dept. Enc. held at the Severin Hotel in Indianapolis June 6-8. After the banquet the group was entertained by a group of young men and women in wheel chairs. This group, called the Joy Riders of Cross Roads, executed square dances beautifully. Natl. Pres. Anne Clayton installed the new Dept. Officers headed by Mrs. Clarence Bodle of Lafayette as Department President.

### MAINE

**HYDE CAMP AND AUX.** held a Fair on April 19 followed by a supper and rally in the evening.

**WATERVILLE**—Following the parade the Camp held a brief memorial service at the Memorial Building on Old Colby College Campus for members of the G.A.R. William Swain of Garfield Camp gave an address and read the poem "When the Boys in Blue are gone."

### MASSACHUSETTS

Edwin J. Lennon was elected Commander at the 76th Massachusetts Encampment held May 2-4 in Boston. Mrs. Barbara D. Brown of New Bedford (wife of P.D.C. Millard F. Brown) is the new Dept. Pres. of the Aux. Everett M. Atwood and Mrs. Nancy Call presided at business sessions and C. in C. DeHaven and Natl. Pres. Anne O. Clayton were guests. Mayor John B. Hynes of Boston tendered these National Officers a breakfast with Gov. Foster Furcolo extending the courtesy of a luncheon. Retiring Dept. Officers were given a banquet and reception.

Class initiations featured the Encampment. The "Sons" staff, led by retiring Commander Atwood was composed of his own (Meade) Camp along with P.D.C. Drown, Hooper and Howland; all functioning as Civil War clad, Plymouth County Assoc. official group. Appropriate tribute was paid former Gov. Alvan T. Fuller, a member of the Order, who passed away during the Encampment.

**BAY STATE CAMP 61 and BOWDITCH CAMP 30** observe Memorial Day on a coordinating basis with memorial services conducted in "Hall of Flags," State Capitol on May 23. Malcolm M. Donahue, son of Judge Frank J. Donahue is Commander of Bay State Camp. On May 25, North Cemetery in Dorchester and Burying Grounds of historic Boston were

visited, and on Memorial Day Bowditch Camp services were held in five Dorchester cemeteries under command of Robert L. Wood. P.D.C. Call was marshal for the forty-fifth year. P.D.C. Drown gave the Gettysburg Address. He was also guest speaker in Stoughton for the twelfth consecutive time.

**CAMBRIDGE**—G.A.R. Memorial Day in Cambridge is sponsored and supported by the City Government. Comdr. Frank F. Johnson of Camp 56, appointed by the Mayor as "Chief Marshal" and later gave the Gettysburg Address which he has done for two generations.

**SPRINGFIELD** has the outstanding observance for Western Massachusetts with Tift Camp 15 prominent in exercises which include all Veteran, Civic and Fraternal units. Alfred M. Bowen Jr. was chairman with Harold P. Shepardson, George A. Adams, Herbert W. Bogue and Laurence R. E. Johnson participating in ceremonies.

Charles W. Hopper read Gen. Logan's Memorial Day Order at Bridgewater ceremonies with Allan B. Howland assuming same role at Rockland, where Gilman W. Harrington was "Officer of the Guard" with a regular army detail. With no Camp at Hanson, Gen. Meade Camp 67, Abington, performed in that town as well as at home with P.D.C. Everett Atwood directing.

### MICHIGAN

**PORT ROWAN, CANADA**—Brother A. C. Marvin of the Michigan Department reports that with the cooperation of Canadian Legion Post 379 the graves of American Veterans were decorated, including several Civil War Veterans buried in Canada. They decorated graves both in Port Rowan and at St. Williams, Ontario, Canada. The Delhi Brass Band headed the parade of the Legion Post and their Auxiliary.

### MISSOURI

Mrs. Ida Smith, Department Press Correspondent of the Aux. reports that Hazel Moushey is the newly elected Department President of the Auxiliary. Services were held at the Encampment for P.D.P. Mary Bell White who passed away on May 20.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE

**KEENE CAMP 10 NEWS** is a fine monthly newsletter published by Camp 10 and Auxiliary 11. This six page publication is filled with interesting announcements and editorials. Subscriptions can be secured from the Editor, Leonard A. Wyman, 51 Beech St., Keene, N. H.

**ORCHIDS TO MANCHESTER** who boasts of having the oldest Son of a Union Veteran in Frederick W. Shoutell, 97 years of age. Another member at 90 years holding the office of Dept. Vice Commander is Fred R. Atwood. Bro. Atwood is credited with 68 years of membership. Also another member, Francis P. Murphy, a former Governor of the State of New Hampshire.

### NEW YORK

**THE NORTHERN NEW YORK CLUB** held exercises at Gen. Grant's Cottage at Mt. McGregor on May 4 with Mrs. Edith Ostrander, chairlady, presiding. Robert Wagoner is President of the Club. Mr. Wm. Murphy, professor of English at Union College gave the address, and Maj. Wm. F. Bruckel also spoke on Grant's life. Mrs. Mary Stapleton represented the National President and introduced the distinguished guests. Dept. Pres. Anita Stephens and Dept. Commander Truman Vincent extended greetings. Natl. Secy. Mrs. Myrtle Phillips also spoke. The flag salute was led by Dept. Patr. Instr. Miss Vinnie M. Sweet.

**AMSTERDAM AUX.** 56 entertained Dept. Pres. Stephens and staff officers on May 31. Dept. Patr. Instr. Vinnie Sweet donated a flag to the Y.M.C.A. It was presented by Aux. Patr. Instr. Mrs. Pearl Brindle. Sister Sweet also presented a flag, staff and standard recently to the Americanization Class of New Citizens of Schenectady, and another flag is to be given to a church group shortly.

**ELMIRA AUX.** 49 members along with Camp members took part in the Memorial Day parade. They also held a memorial service at their meeting in the Pennsylvania Railroad Y.M.C.A. The altar was decorated with a large wooden cross and spring flowers. Mrs. Charles Halm was in charge of the service. Mrs. Dorothy Edison was pianist. Mrs. John Winquist presided at a business meeting which followed.

**BEACON AUX.** 127 received an official visit from Dept. Pres. Stephan of Buffalo recently. Mrs. George Warren,

president, conducted the session in Memorial Hall. After the meeting a social hour was enjoyed.

FRED COLWELL friends of Fred can communicate with him at Goodman Sanitarium, 28 N. Goodman St., Rochester 7, N. Y.

TILDEN CAMP 26 N. Y. C. installed officers May 14 in the G.A.R. Memorial Room, New York City, with the largest attendance in years. P.D.C. Clarence Maples installed the officers with the assistance of Dept. Patr. Instr. Philip Satter, Dept. Council Dellinger and P.D.C. Wm. Bruckle. Bert Sack is the Commander for the coming year.

UTICA ENCAMPMENT at the 75th Department Encampment Attorney Joseph S. Rippey of Rochester was elected as Department Commander. We enjoyed a fine encampment and were honored by the presence of Commander-in-Chief DeHaven, of Sanford, Maine. Emma Hughes of Aux. 15, Utica, was installed as Department President by Natl. Pres. Anne O. Clayton of Trenton, N. J. She was assisted by the Past Dept. Presidents of New York with a very impressive ceremony.

## NEW JERSEY



The first flag carried by New Jersey troops into Virginia on May 23, 1861 under the eyes of President Lincoln and Gen. Winfield Scott is shown by P.D.C. Harrison Williams. The flag was then escorted by members of Garfield Camp No. 4 in the Trenton Memorial Day Parade.

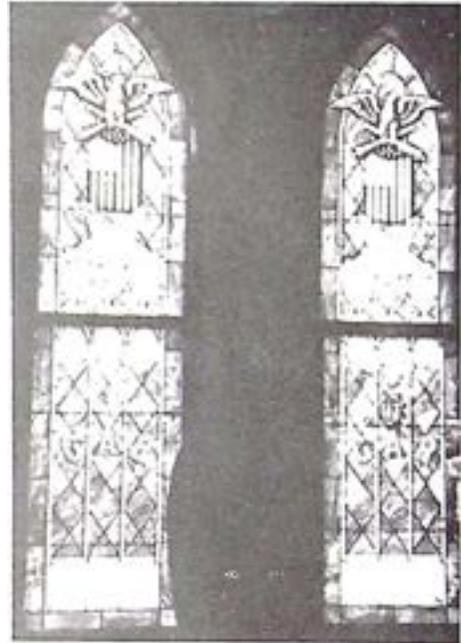
P.D.C. Robert E. McCloud served as General Chairman of the Bloomfield Joint Memorial Committee again this year. A parade was held in the morning which was followed by exercises on the Town Green. The Bloomfield Camp represented the Grand Army of the Republic.

## OHIO

Commander Bigley presided at the Dept. Encampment at Mansfield at which time Fred Pfeister of Cincinnati was elected Commander for the coming year. The Dept. Patr. Instr. of the Sons and Aux. raised funds to leave a bar walker for the Crippled Childrens Hospital of Mansfield. At the banquet the Sons, Aux., W.R.C., and Ladies of the G.A.R. joined to hear the speaker, Ohio Supreme Court Judge James A. Stewart, a member of the Cincinnati Camp. We were pleased and honored by the presence of Aux. Natl. Pres. Anne O. Clayton of Trenton, N. J. The new Department President is Ethel Constance of Mansfield.

The Mt. Vernon Fife & Drum Corps played a prominent part in the Encampment and appears regularly in various Ohio communities, including the Mansfield Flag Day parade.

## OREGON & WASHINGTON



Pictured are a G.A.R. window and a Ladies of the G.A.R. window in the First Methodist Church of Bremerton, Wash. Hiram R. Gale, past commander-in-chief of the G.A.R. was commander of Navy Yard Post 110 in Bremerton when these windows were presented in 1902.

Following a Sunday afternoon reception at our Department Encampment held in Portland June 1-3 delegates went on a sight seeing tour which included the Grotto of the Sacred Mother, which was very beautiful. New Dept. Officers are headed by Mrs. Kern, Dept. Pres., and Richard Doran, Dept. Commander.

## PENNSYLVANIA

GETTYSBURG—The 91st annual Memorial Day exercises were held on May 30 with appropriate parade and exercises, with Camp 112 having an active part. The principal address was given by Assistant Secretary of the Army George H. Roderick who said "An all-out nuclear war . . . could only be the result of insanity . . . a sort of madness sweeping the world. Nevertheless, we must recognize that force is the only deterrent to unlimited ambition and expansion. We must maintain this deterrent at all costs." At the cemetery ritual services were conducted with Chester S. Shriver representing the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

MAHANAOY CITY Ord. Camp 54 conducted Memorial Day services at the G.A.R. Plot in the German Protestant Cemetery. Two of the Past Commanders of the Camp have recently been elected as Commander of other veteran organizations; Howard C. Holman Jr., American Legion and George W. Rounds, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

CARLISLE Camp and Aux. had a prominent part in the impressive Memorial services held at Indian Field at which time members of Aux. 50 acted as ushers. The parade and public exercises were held on Memorial Day.

ALLENTOWN—Arthur W. Noll, P.D.C. was master of ceremonies at the ceremony arranged by the Camp at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument, following which a rifle salute was fired by Co. E., 2nd Regiment, S.V.R.

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