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HIGH WATER MARK

On July 3rd between 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon members of the Gettysburg Camp conducted solemn sentry duty at the High Water Mark, marking the attack by Pickett on the Union center—the high water mark of the Civil War was marked too by another sentry at the G. A. R. Memorial depicting Albert Woolson, last survivor of the



Union Armies. Camp members have been conducting these ceremonies for several years as part of an annual week long celebration in Gettysburg. The Camp also enters a float in the annual parade, and has won first prize each of the last eight years in the Historical Division.

Patriotic Instructor's Column



In my article for the May issue of the BANNER, I tried to paint for you a word-picture of the Cathedral of the Pines, shown above. That sacred and beautiful hilltop in Rindge, New Hampshire is more sacred to us now that its impressive Altar of the Nation bears a dedicated memorial to our parent organization, The Grand Army of the Republic.

On April 26th, in spite of the cold, damp wind and the constant threat of rain, there was a good attendance at the dedication. I think that 150 would be a fair estimate, with Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont and California represented. The bronze plaque, as it had been originally conceived by Earl F. Riggs, then National Patriotic Instructor, and Past Commander-in-Chief Cleon E. Heald, was embedded in the masonry of the base of the Altar of the Nation.

The program began at 1 o'clock sharp, with an organ prelude played by Mrs. Emma Wheeler, President of the New England Regional Association Auxiliary. Following the prelude, the hymn America The Beautiful was sung by the assembly. The invocation was given by Dr. J. Kirkwood Craig, Past Commander-in-Chief.

The colors were then advanced to the Altar of the Nation, with P.D.C. Richard Wyman as Color Bearer and P.D.C. Clarence Parker with P.D.C. Alexander Bugler as Color Guards, directed by Lt. Col. Elmer Wheeler. Wyman, Parker and Bugler were wearing the Keene uniform, Wheeler a service uniform. They presented a fine appearance. The entire assembly joined in the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Lt. Col. Wheeler.

National President Ursula Shepardson then spoke, dedicating the Auxiliary plaque. Your National Patriotic Instructor, representing P. C. in C. Heald, gave his address. This was followed by a brief talk by Commander-in-Chief Earl Riggs. There were remarks by Mr. Douglas Sloane, the key figure in the founding and development of the Cathedral of the Pines.

A solo, Ave Maria, was beautifully sung by Johnny Capron, a fine young baritone from Bellows Falls. The assembly sang the Battle Hymn of the Republic, the Colors retired, and the service closed with an organ postlude, played by Mrs. Wheeler.

I have two tape recordings, giving a description of the service and the address of the National Patriotic Instructor. The description and the speech runs about 20 minutes. If any Camp or other group would like to use one of these recordings in a program of any kind, I will be happy to loan it to them.

This recording would be appropriate at any gathering having to do with the Civil War or the Grand Army of the Republic.

I am glad to report that some Department Patriotic Instructors have already sent in their reports. I hope that all reports will be in my hands at the earliest possible moment. National Encampment is just around the corner. I am hoping to meet you all there.

THOMAS H. CHADWICK,
National Patriotic Instructor.

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FLAG DAY ADDRESS

Faneuil Hall, Boston, Mass.—June 14, 1959

By ERNEST G. WELLS

Secy. Massachusetts Centennial Commission

Distinguished guests, Brothers and Sisters, and Friends:— I have been asked to give a patriotic address on the flag. The easiest and perhaps most pleasant way of doing this would be to give a simple tribute to that beautiful banner itself. There is a wealth of literature already written on this subject—so it would be easier for me to compile. It would be emotionally satisfying and patriotically stirring to you—so it would be a more pleasant interlude for you.

However, two minutes or less, after you had left this historic and hallowed hall, the inspiration and the fervor would probably start to fade away—because it would have been too vaguely idealistic and too impractically generalized.

It is my honest belief that each of us should do what we can—when we can—to add new glory to "Old Glory."

We have had with us for some time a problem that has concerned us greatly—and it is a problem that is beginning to impress itself upon us more and more as we approach the Centennial of the Civil War.

There can be no sensible contention to the view that a greater application to the study of American History in our schools must lead to a more complete understanding of those principles and attitudes that is our country today—and, it must therefore follow, will also lead to a better ability to solve its current problems.

Can there be any greater tribute to "The Stars and Stripes" than the effort to discover a way to contribute to the welfare of that for which it is the visible symbol?

Who can dispute that the story of "The Star-Spangled Banner" is inextricably interwoven with the fabric of our American History?

When you were in school, you probably studied history. The chances are that your child is enrolled, instead, in a course called "social studies." What is the difference? And does the new generation stand to gain or lose by the substitution?

In some schools, no real change has occurred. History is still being taught, and nothing but the label is different. In too many other schools, however, a great deal has happened, and the changes constitute a serious weakening of the school program. Moreover, the switching of labels has in itself done considerable harm, for parents now find it difficult to discover what is really being taught in this area, so vitally important for good citizenship.

"History" is a clear-cut term, describing a well-understood subject of instruction. By contrast, the phrase "social studies" possesses no definite or certain meaning. It can be given a reputable definition: (quote) "the entire group of subjects dealing primarily with men and women in organized societies." So defined, it embraces history, geography, economics, political science, anthropology, sociology, jurisprudence, and social psychology.

That well-educated, thoughtful citizens can be produced in this haphazard, hit-or-miss fashion is surely one of the most preposterous theories current in American education. When the social-studies approach is pushed to its logical extreme, graduates tend to have a smattering of knowledge about everything in general, but a clear and usable knowledge about nothing in particular. They have been on numerous field trips, to factories, housing projects, and government offices, and they have aired their opinions in discussions of current public problems. All these would have been fine as extracurricular activities. In the classroom, however, these young people have rarely worked in a continuous and orderly way to acquire mastery of any of the genuine tools of thought. They have looked at problems with economic aspects, but they have never learned to analyze the economic factors involved and to treat them systematically. They know a few provisions of the Constitution, but they never think about the Constitution as the product of a distinctive and consistent theory of government; nor can they point out clearly the logical differences between its principles and those of alternate systems. Far from having been trained to study contemporary problems, they have been misled into believing they can go right ahead to solve contemporary problems through a round of group discussions, without

benefit of precise knowledge, logical analysis, or historical understanding.

The idea of pushing history aside to concentrate on contemporary problems may be plausible until one begins to think about it. Then one realizes that there is no such thing strictly speaking, as a contemporary problem. Social and political problems do not, in fact, burst on us in any such sudden manner. They arise and alter and develop over long periods. To understand how they came into existence is usually the most important step in grappling with them.

Take, for example, the crisis over racial integration in Little Rock, Arkansas,—a contemporary problem that appears to have been studied in many high schools. How can it be understood except in historical terms? How can anyone discuss this matter intelligently, let alone plan a future course of action, without knowing the history of slavery, of the Civil War and Reconstruction, and of the Fourteenth Amendment of 1868, on which the Constitutional issue in Little Rock hinges?

It will be argued, of course, that a student learns more by solving a contemporary problem than by studying one that time has already solved. This argument is largely nonsense. A student does not solve a contemporary problem. At best, he merely clarifies his own opinions (or borrows his teacher's) concerning the way the problem might be or ought to be solved. His conclusions cannot be tested, because the returns may not be in until after he is dead. The reasoning behind his conclusions cannot be tested, either. His logic may look good on paper, but only the future can tell whether or not he has correctly estimated the factors at work and whether or not he has left out of his calculations certain historical forces that may in the end prove decisive. It is the problem of the historical kind (and the historian is as much a problem-solver as anyone else) that furnishes truly rigorous training in the handling of social and political problems. There is, after all, an answer sheet. The student can enter into the problem as contemporaries entered into it. But he knows more than contemporaries could have known. He knows the consequences of the lines of action proposed and pursued. He knows what finally happened.

Wise citizenship without a sense of history is no more possible than wise navigation without a compass. The central question for education is whether this understanding of history is to be imparted to students by systematic teaching of history, or whether we may count on their picking up a sense of history as a result of casual encounters with snippets of historical data, presented merely as a background to one or another contemporary problem. No other nation is gambling the future of its institutions on the absurd expectation that the latter program (if anything so haphazard can be called a program) will work. Elsewhere, the systematic study of history as history is a basic part of every elementary and secondary school curriculum. In the United States, we are gravely imperiling our fundamental traditions of freedom—which require historical understanding for their proper appreciation and defense—by permitting educational theorists and administrators to curtail, to disguise, and to disorganize the study of history in our schools.

Perhaps our most important single obligation is to do our best to see to it that the study of the American Civil War is more adequately dealt with in our schools.

In doing this, we insure that future generations will look upon the Flag of our Country with a deeper understanding, a more profound respect, and a more abiding love.

S. J. RES. 50

Are you one of the few who have not as yet written your letter to the Hon. James G. Eastland, Chairman, Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D. C.? If so, then in all fairness to the Hon. Kenneth B. Keating, Senator from New York and member of above named committee, please do so TODAY as time is running out and we need your help.

Senator Keating has performed loyal and honest work for our Organization and the least that we can do is to get behind him now, with all the letters we can muster. Not a long letter, just a statement that as a member of our Order you favor passage of Mr. Keating's S. J. Res. 50.

FRED E. COLWELL,
Chairman, Legislative Committee.



General Order No. 5 Series 1958-1959

Headquarters
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War
1371 West 7th Street
Upland, California

July 1, 1959

1. The 78th National Encampment is hereby summoned to meet in the City of Long Beach, California on the 16th to 20th days of August, 1959 inclusive. Headquarters will be in the Lafayette Hotel where all sessions will be held.

2. Camps will please see that quarterly reports are sent as soon as possible after July 1st to Department Headquarters. Departments will please send reports to the National Secretary-Treasurer not later than July 20th.

3. A registration fee of \$2.00 is payable at the time of registration. Department Secretaries will supply Credential Cards for Delegates, Alternates, and Past Department Commanders.

4. Any Department wishing to entertain the National Encampment in 1961 should present invitation from Convention Bureau, Chamber of Commerce and Hotels to the National Secretary-Treasurer no later than August 1st.

5. The following Encampment Committees are announced:

Credential Committee:

Bertram Isaacs, Dept. Secy-Treas., N. Y., Chairman
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Press:

Harold Drown, P.D.C., Mass., Chairman
John W. Teed, Calif.
Allen Spink, P.D.C., Conn.

Other committees will be appointed at the National Encampment.

6. The Chairman of the G.A.R. Highway Committee announces that California will make our delegates welcome by placing new U. S. Highway 6 G.A.R. Highway signs from the Nevada border to Long Beach.

7. As this is my last National Order, may I express to each and every one my appreciation for the many kind favors extended to me and to the office which has been my privilege to hold this past year. Your words of encouragement and cheer along the way has made this year a memorable one.

8. It is the hope of your Commander-in-Chief that every Department will have at least one new mem-

ber to be initiated at Long Beach. Safe journey to one and all.

By order of
EARL F. RIGGS,
Commander-in-Chief.

News of the Civil War Centennial

A SPECIAL CENTENNIAL BROCHURE on ordnance during the Civil War has just been prepared by the American Ordnance Association, Mills Building, Washington, D. C. Text and tables were prepared by Harold L. Peterson, staff historian of the National Park Service. It is available to members at \$1 per copy, non-members at \$2.

A NATIONWIDE SEARCH FOR DESCENDANTS of the Civil War soldiers who won the first Congressional Medals of Honor has been launched by the District of Columbia Civil War Centennial Commission. Paul J. Sedgwick, chairman, said the matter of locating the medals will be the first step in a plan to bring proper recognition to the memory of these heroes who originally earned the nation's highest award for valor. This will be done with fitting ceremony on the date in 1962 marking the centennial of Congress' action in instituting the medal. At the time of the commemorative ceremony, descendants will be invited to participate in a special program to be held at the Washington Cathedral.

MANASSAS, VA.—A full-scale reenactment of the first battle of Manassas or Bull Run, initial major engagement of the Civil War, has definitely been decided on and will be staged with a grand review and authentic mock portrayal of action scenes of a century ago. The program is scheduled for July 20-21, 1961. Gov. J. Lindsay Almond Jr., expressed the desire that each of the 23 states involved in that first great battle of the war be represented by a contingent of men dressed in copies of contemporary uniforms of the regiments of their states. Invitations have been sent to 12 states in the North and to 11 in the South. Already 16 of these have responded, either accepting or promising to bring the matter to prompt consideration.

THE PORTSMOUTH NAVY YARD'S nuclear-powered, fleet ballistic submarine SSB(N)-602 will bear a famous name. The Secretary of the Navy has assigned the name ABRAHAM LINCOLN to the submarine whose keel was laid November 1st. A sister ship, the SSB(N)-601 being constructed at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company will be named ROBERT E. LEE.

The UPI reported that Mary Lincoln Beckwith, 60, one of the Civil War President's three surviving great-grandchildren, said at Manchester, Vt., that Lincoln would have thought it a great honor to have the nuclear submarine named after him. Miss Beckwith, a grandchild of Robert Todd Lincoln who was the single Lincoln child to reach maturity, said the naming of the other sub after Confederate General Lee would have also pleased Lincoln. "I think he would have liked that. You know, they were good friends, though they didn't agree politically," she said.

Tentative Encampment Program

LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, 1959
Headquarters—Lafayette Hotel
Meetings—Starlight Roof

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

11:00 A. M.—Special church services. Seventh Day Adventist Church
1:00 P. M.—Registration (Credential Committee) Cavalier Room
1:30 P. M.—Meeting of Council of Administration
2:30 P. M.—Department Commanders meet with National Chaplain
7:00 P. M.—Joint Memorial Services (All Orders) Pageant Room. Wilton Hotel
8:30 P. M.—Camp Fire. Pageant Room. Wilton Hotel

MONDAY AUGUST 17

7:30 A. M.—Breakfast courtesy of California & Pacific Department for National Officers and Past Commanders-in-Chief.
8:30 A. M.—Registration
9:30 A. M.—Joint Opening. Sons and Auxiliary. Grand Ballroom
10:30 A. M.—Business Session. Starlight Roof
1:30 P. M.—Business Session
5:30 P. M.—Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents' Banquet
7:30 P. M.—Exemplification of Ritual. Grand Ballroom
9:30 P. M.—Auxiliary Courtesy Hour. Grand Ballroom

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

8:30 A. M.—Registration
9:30 A. M.—Business Session
1:30 P. M.—Business Session
3:00 P. M.—Receiving and extending greetings.
6:30 P. M.—Banquet honoring National Officers. Grand Ballroom
9:00 P. M.—Reception to National Officers, followed by dancing. Grand Ballroom

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

9:30 A. M.—Business Session
1:30 P. M.—Business Session
6:30 P. M.—Hawaiian Luau. Entertainment courtesy of Calif. & Pacific Department

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

9:30 A. M.—Business Session
(Arrangements are being made for a courtesy Harbor Trip sometime during the convention. Details will be announced in the program.)

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

For consideration of 78th National Encampment at Long Beach.

In the Constitution, wherever appears the word "Encampment," change the same to "Convention."

This affects Article V, Sections 1, 2 and 3; Article VIII, Sec. 6; and Article IX.

Submitted by the Ohio Department

PENNSYLVANIA AWARD



(U. S. Army Photograph)

The award for outstanding Cadet of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Bucknell University was presented on May 9th by Department Commander Dr. Charles J. Higgs during the Annual Federal Inspection. The recipient of the award is William Millard Brelsford of Rochester, N. Y. who is an honor student at the Lewisburg, Pa. college.

OMNIBUS

NEW MEMBER AT LARGE—We cordially welcome Mr. Kenneth Lewis Leonard of Winston Salem, North Carolina as a member at large. This group of members, coming from States where we have no organization, is growing rapidly.

DONATION TO LINCOLN UNIVERSITY—During May the Massachusetts Department submitted a check in the amount of \$25.00 earmarked for Lincoln Memorial University, which check has been forwarded and gratefully acknowledged by President Robert Calhoun Provine. In January they sent \$50.00 for the same purpose.

CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES—The annual Memorial Observance took place at the Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, N. H. on May 30th. Following the placing of wreaths from the President of the United States, and from the Governors of every State, there were dozens of presentations from leading veteran organizations. Past Commander-in-Chief Heald represented our Order and placed our wreath. The First Naval District furnished a firing squad and bugler.

REBEL DESCENDANT GETS AWARD — The Illinois Auxiliary has selected a descendant of a rebel soldier as the recipient of its scholarship award. The recipient is Richard A. Fryzell, 25, a senior at the Lutheran Augustana Theological Seminary in Rock Island. His maternal grandfather, and great-grandfathers of Alabama and Mississippi fought with the Confederates. Mrs. Florence Forby of Moline, said that the scholarship for excellent grades also was awarded as good will gesture.

CONGRESSIONAL CHARTER FOR LADIES G.A.R.—On June 17th President Eisenhower signed Senate Bill 949 granting a Congressional Charter to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. This is well deserved recognition for this fine group of loyal women who have been devoted to the Grand Army of the Republic, and we sincerely congratulate them. Our Washington Representative, Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd assisted with this legislation on our behalf.

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON issued a directive dated May 21, 1959 directing that Gen. Logan's Memorial Day Order No. 11 be read in the 242 grammar schools and 96 high schools in the diocese. This is the second largest Catholic Diocese in the country. We commend them and Ernest G. Wells for this cooperative effort.

"OCCASIONALLY, I see pictures of groups in the Union uniform but wearing the musical comedy suspenders which Warner Brothers introduced into the American military service in their excellent movie Fort Apache some years ago. Suspenders, like the umbrella, have no place in the American military scene unless concealed." So writes Col. Allen P. Julian, President of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta, Georgia, and a member at large of our Order. He also says "the crossed rifle ornament on the cap (which wasn't adopted until after 1870) is incorrect, as the curved bugle was the infantry insignia during war times."

Could you honestly preach what you practice?



Department News



CALIFORNIA

Sympathy is extended to the family of John Honn who died in April. He was a Past Commander of Phil Sheridan Camp 4 and has held Department Office. In April, Redwood Empire Camp 25 installed officers with L. J. Snow as the new Commander.

On June 3 Phil Sheridan Camp 4 and Aux. 12 were honored by a visit from Natl. Pres. Ursula Shepardson. A nice chicken dinner and reception was held. Several guests from Santa Cruz and Santa Clara also attended.

On May 22 Commander-in-Chief Riggs installed Camp 17 of Fresno and Mrs. Beatrice Riggs installed the officers of Aux. 6 at an open meeting in the Knights of Pythias Hall, Fresno. Fred Hoagland is the new Commander and Mrs. Bessie Smithy the new President. A pot luck supper was enjoyed by all who attended.

Mrs. Margaret Hixson of San Gabriel was installed Department President at the 49th Department Encampment by P.N.P. Lenore Glass.

COLORADO

COLORADO Department Encampment was held at Manitou Springs June 6-8, along with the Ladies of the G. A. R. and Woman's Relief Corps. Benjamin Adamson is the new Department Commander and Mrs. Edna Meeker the new Aux. Department President. Sessions were presided over by Commander O. L. Kent and Pres. Gwendolin Miller. Officers were installed by Commander-in-Chief Earl Riggs and Natl. Pres. Ursula Shepardson.

Aux. 5 with other Allied Orders observed Memorial Sunday at the Evangelical Brethren Church. On May 27 Dept. Pres. Gwendolin Miller presented a new flag to the Roy Masson High School.

CONNECTICUT

Harold L. Scott of Bristol, a World War I veteran, and a 45 year member was elected Dept. Commander at the 75th Diamond Jubilee Encampment at New Britain in May. P.D.C. Robt. W. DeForest was re-elected Dept. Secy.-Treas. for a term of 3 years. Miss Grayce Miller of Meriden was named Dept. Pres. and Mrs. Betty Finer, Dept. Vice-Pres. at the 14th meeting of the Auxiliary. Natl. Pres. Ursula Shepardson and Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Carder Perkins were guests of honor and installed the newly elected officers. At the banquet the Auxiliary presented a gift to the Klingberg Home in New Britain.

WOOSTER-RUSSELL Camp 22 of Ansonia-Derby came into being on Apr. 11 as a result of the merger of Wooster Camp 25 of Ansonia and Russell Camp 26 of Derby. Dept. Chaplain David Irving Hazard is the first Commander of the new Camp. A telegram of greeting was sent to P.D.C. Lewis S. Chapman, oldest living Commander of the Camps who celebrated his 90th birthday on that same date. Aux. 8 of Derby will serve as Auxiliary to the newly formed Camp 22.

RECEPTION Members of the Sons and Aux. with Department Presidents of the Allied Orders and veteran organizations honored Dept. Commdr. Harold L. Scott with a reception on June 13 given by Robinson Camp 31. Commander L. H. Crocker and Pres. Mrs. Janice Lyons of the Bristol Camp and Aux. were in charge of arrangements which included entertainment and refreshments. Four generations of Commdr. Scott's family were introduced, including his mother Mrs. Cora M. Scott, 87, his two daughters and two sons, and his two grand-children.

ILLINOIS

GENL. CUSTER CAMP NO. 1, Genl. Custer Auxiliary No. 30, and Keturah Hoover Tent No. 10 (D.U.V.) held their annual joint Memorial Day services on May 30 in Rosehill Cemetery, Chicago, at the Genl. Geo. Thomas Post (G.A.R.) plot. Aux. Pres. Gladys O'Connor placed a plant at the plot marker and Tent Pres. Hazel Lutz placed a wreath. Flowers were laid on the 72 veterans' graves in the plot by the

assembly, and three volleys were fired by the camp's firing squad, under the command of Charles Bournstine, P.D.C. A boy scout sounded taps. Portions of the ceremony were filmed by a television cameraman and carried over the program "C.B.S. News Special" on Channel 2 that evening.

77th DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT of the Illinois S.U.V. and 72nd Department Encampment of the Illinois Auxiliary were held June 12-13 at Hotel Louis Joliet in Joliet, Ill. Dept. Comdr. Roscoe Mathis of Prophetstown (Camp No. 48) was re-elected for another term, and Hilda Green of Rockford (Aux. No. 20) was elected Dept. Pres. A capacity crowd filled the Mediterranean Room of the hotel for the Grand Army Family Banquet on the final night of the encampment. This banquet is held annually as a joint function of all five Allied Orders, which always meet in encampment at the same time and in the same city. Commander-in-Chief Riggs and National President Shepardson were present throughout the entire encampment period, and a reception was held in their honor at the close of the encampment in the hotel's Presidential Suite, hosted by Senior Vice C-in-C Charles Brady, assisted by P.D.P. Vivian Moore and P.D.P. Bessie Goodermont. Both Lura Frye, Natl. Pres. of the Ladies of the G.A.R. and Elizabeth Jeans, Natl. Pres. of the W.R.C. attended.

ILLINOIS STATE CAMP NO. 12-100 was instrumental in having the department establish a Civil War Centennial Fund, to be used in financing the department's centennial activities during the years 1961-65. The camp has made the initial contribution to the fund (\$32.50) which represented money donated by a number of its members for this purpose.

CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE of the Illinois Dept. is giving its support to the efforts of State Representative Stevenson in his attempt to have a bill passed setting up the Illinois Civil War Centennial Commission and appropriating \$10,000 for the commission's use. The committee is also seeking to unite the centennial efforts of all five Allied Orders in Illinois into one joint committee, in order to bring about a unity of action and more effective centennial plans.

J. D. BEARDSLEE CAMP 46, Prophetstown, was saddened by the death of Guy Cleaveland in April. Bro. Cleaveland had been the last surviving charter member of this Camp, which was organized in 1895, and was treasurer of the Camp at the time of his death.

MAINE

Mrs. Susie Rennell was installed recently as President of Shepley Auxiliary. They recently celebrated their 72nd anniversary along with the 76th anniversary of the Camp. Mrs. Grace Berry was given a 50 year pin by the Aux. Pres. and Past Commander-in-Chief Henry Towle received a gift from Camp Commander Philip E. Hamlin recognizing his 66 years of membership.

P. C. in C. Albert B. DeHaven installed newly elected Dept. Commander R. Frank Calderwood at the Encampment June 20.

Garfield Camp 1 of Waterville presented a 50 year badge on June 10 to Jos. R. Goodwin. It was presented by Rexford Oliver who is now Sr. Vice Dept. Commander.

John J. Marks Sr., of Hyde Camp died on June 22. A member for 28 years he was a Past Commander and Patriotic Instructor on the Degree Team.

MARYLAND

The 72nd Encampment of the Sons and Aux. was held at the Dodge Hotel, Washington, D. C., May 15-16, with Natl. Pres. Ursula W. Shepardson as honored guest. The program for the reception and banquet was planned by Chief of Staff Lillian G. Wood and Myrtle L. Burke, Dept. Pres. They and other members of Cushing Auxiliary acted as hostesses.

The reception was of an Hawaiian nature, featuring Hawaiian music, songs, dancing and refreshments. It was to honor John A. Burns, delegate from Hawaii on the admission of Hawaii as the 50th state. Guests were escorted as they entered the room by Boy Scouts carrying the American Flag. Natl. Pres. Shepardson was escorted to the seat of honor, which was in the midst of roses and evergreens.

The Natl. Pres. presented 50 year gold pins to Sophie J. Bergner and Mabel B. Gates of Cushing Auxiliary as well as to Celeste D. Gentieu and Margaret J. Hahn of Appomattox Auxiliary, Wilmington, Del. She then presented 25 year gold pins to Mary H. Holt, Bathsheba MacLeod and Lillian G. Wood all of Cushing Auxiliary.

Then, for the first time in the history of the Department, a Queen was chosen to represent the Maryland Department Auxiliary. To her astonishment, Sophie J. Bergner, P.D.P. was elected. She was escorted to the seat of honor, which had been vacated by the Natl. Pres. She had on a robe which she had worn at the World's Fair in New York in 1939, representing Dolly Madison, wife of the 3rd President of the United States. It had been copied from the costume which is at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington. She was crowned Queen by Col. Karl S. Betts, executive director of the Civil War Centennial Commission.

P.D.C. Michael Casey was toastmaster at the banquet which was a well planned affair. An address was given by Lt. Col. Jess E. Unger, Assistant Engineer Commissioner, with response by P.D.C. Charles Langletz. A new hand made silk American Flag containing 49 stars was presented to Mr. Ralph J. Rivers, U. S. Congressman from Alaska. Col. Karl S. Betts, gave the principal address of the evening. Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd paid a visit during the banquet and gave a brief talk about the Centennial Commission.

An "I've Got a Secret" program was presented by Fourth Generation children of the Civil War Harold L. Gurney, Karen Joy Cocchiario, Eugene Hosier and Betsy Hine. The panel included Georgia Davison, Minnie Wackerhauser, Elmer Corrie and Carl Sierle. Mistress of ceremonies was Elsie M. Gurney. P.N.P. Margaret Hopkins Worrell of the Ladies of the G.A.R. presented a 49 star flag to each of the children participating in the program as well as to Assistant Scoutmaster Richard Evans.

MASSACHUSETTS

CAMBRIDGE—At the suggestion of Cambridge's blind Centennial Chairman, Frank F. Johnson, Gen. Logan's Memorial Day Order was printed by the City Government to be read in all public schools.

THE SECOND 75th ANNIVERSARY in the Bay State occurred in April, observed by Bowditch Camp 30, Dorchester. Robert L. Wood, Commander for 10 years was largely instrumental in its success. P.D.C. Roy Call and Harold Drown have held membership here, covering most of the Camp's history. Many National and Department Officers were guests, including Dept. Commander Clark Mellor, Dept. Pres. Mrs. Jessie G. Wells and Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Carder Perkins.

HIGHWAY ANNIVERSARY was observed on May 3rd at the approach to Fairhaven Bridge, New Bedford commemorating the original dedication in 1937. Dept. Pres. Jessie G. Wells and Dept. Commdr. Mellor participated in the ceremony. Harold M. Drown spoke for the National Order and gave the commemorative address.

NORTH METROPOLITAN ASSOC. held its 33rd anniversary dinner in City Hall Annex, Everett, recently. The Department Commander and Department President were included in a large guest list.

MEMORIAL DAY rites throughout the Bay State saw "Sons" taking prominent part. Those who were General Chairmen in their area include James G. Wolf in Brighton; Louis E. Winchell Sr. in Malden; Earle W. Harrington in Rockland; and Frank F. Johnson in Cambridge. Many others took prominent part by giving addresses, reading Logan's Memorial Day Order, etc.

BOWDITCH CAMP 30 and BAY STATE CAMP 61 held their Joint Annual Exercises at the Long Island Civil War Memorial on June 7th.

PAST COMMANDERS ASSOC. will hold its next regular meeting on Sept. 14. A joint outing is planned by the Past Presidents Assoc. for some time in July. New officers of the Past Commanders are President, Ernest G. Wells; Vice-Pres., Fred W. Butler; Treas., Leon Palmer; Secy., Louis E. Winchell; Trustees, James G. Wolf, Addison A. Quinn, John B. Davis, Henry S. Bowen and Fred V. Bell.

WAKEFIELD observed the most solemn of all patriotic holidays on May 30th with impressive ceremonies on The Common, following a parade of veteran groups. Following the ceremonies representatives from Warren Camp 34 and Auxiliary 13 along with Tent 49 DUVCW journeyed to Lake-side Cemetery where Memorial Service to the G.A.R. was held.

MICHIGAN

Camp 22 and Auxiliary 4 of Marshall were hosts to members of Mary Marshall chapter of the Daughters of the Amer-

ican Revolution in G. A. R. building during May. Mrs. William Durand was in charge of the program which was of a patriotic nature. Vicky VanNess of Troop 65 presented the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance was given. E. G. Rose read from a book of anecdotes on the rebellion of 1861 to 1865. Slides on Gettysburg and Washington, D. C. were shown by Mike Langan assisted by Gregg Lafever. Delightful refreshments were served to the near 40 persons attending. Guests from out of town included Mrs. Myrtle Hicks, state inspector, Mrs. Marguerite Huff and Mrs. Alice Winrich, all of Lansing.

A. C. Marvin, a member of Camp 7, Jackson, reports carrying on Memorial Day work in Port Rowan, Ontario, Canada again this year. American and Canadian flags were placed on graves of Canadian Veterans of the Civil War with the cooperation of the Canadian Legion Post 379 and their Auxiliary.

AUX. ENCAMPMENT was held June 3-4 at Grand Rapids with Dept. Pres. Bertha Richmond presiding, in a setting of beautiful flowers. The new officers include President Mildred Seelman of Grand Rapids; Vice-Pres. Mildred Cliff of Detroit; Secretary Bertha Orth of Grand Rapids and Treas. Violet Hinz of New Haven. Several of the members of the Sons were also present.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

It was a pleasure to have Natl. Pres. Ursula Shepardson and Commander-in-Chief Earl Riggs as guests at our recent Encampment in Concord. Mrs. Gladys Rollins presided over all sessions in a most efficient manner. Newly elected officers installed by the Natl. Pres. include: Mrs. Lizzie Crooker, Dept. Pres.; Mrs. Lois Alden, Vice-Pres.; Marguerite Patrio, Treas.; and Margaret Rasmussen, Secretary. Flags were presented at the Camp Fire on Friday evening.

NEW JERSEY



Pictured in center is newly elected Department Commander Albert W. Lambert. To his left, his father, Natl. Secy. Albert C. Lambert who was Department Commander in 1933 and to his right, his grandfather, William G. Simpson (father of P.N.P. Edna S. Lambert) who was Department Commander in 1951.

A very enjoyable Encampment was held in Atlantic City June 19-20 at which time we were happy to greet Commander-in-Chief Earl Riggs of California and Natl. Pres. Mrs. Ursula Shepardson of Massachusetts. Other honored guests included Roy and Anna Stoudt as well as Dept. Pres. Irene Murphy from Reading, Pa. Mrs. Anna Clayton, mother of P.N.P. Anne O. Clayton is the newly elected Department President.

P.D.C. Chester Stuart presented the Department with the Camden, N. J. G.A.R. Post Charter and a deed to their cemetery plot. These will be kept in the archives of the Department as valued memorabilia.

A resolution was adopted at the Encampment supporting the securing of additional lands by the Department of the Interior at Gettysburg and Antietam battlefields.

NEW YORK

ANNUAL MT. MCGREGOR EXERCISES were conducted May 3 by the Northern New York Club, presided over by General Chairman Edith Ostrander of Schenectady. Honored guests included Dept. Commander Joseph S. Rippey of Rochester and Dept. Pres. Emma Hughes of Utica. Natl. Chief of Staff Lillian Messer of Albany represented the National President. Principal speaker was Professor Grant, head of the English Department of Union College.

TIBBETS-McKONEY AUX. OF TROY held their installation of officers on May 9 with Mille Nitsiko as installing

officer assisted by a staff from Auxiliaries in the Tri-City area. A very nice dinner was served by the Auxiliary and an enjoyable evening was had.

TEN EYCK CAMP 154 held its annual Memorial Services at the G.A.R. Plot in Rural Cemetery with P.D.C. John G. Kernan as general chairman. Principal speaker was John Boos of Albany. Music was furnished by Ambrose Scully Post American Legion. At the April meeting of the Camp, Bro. Charles L. Messer was indorsed for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief at the coming National Convention to be held in Long Beach, Calif.

OLIVER TILDEN CAMP 26, New York City officers were recently installed by P.D.C. Clarence A. Maples aided by P.D.C. Wm. Bruckel, Bert Isaacs, and Norman Dellinger. Owen E. Coyle is the new Commander, with Cecil M. Baer as Secretary-Treasurer. Honored guest was Rem Ferrara, Commander of Queens County Veterans of Foreign Wars. The Camp held services on May 24th at Admiral Farragut's Monument, followed by services at the grave of Capt. Oliver Tilden and at the Oliver Tilden Post plot in Woodlawn cemetery.

ROCHESTER—The 108th N. Y. Inf. Reg. participated in the Memorial Day parade. Headed by the 54th Regiment Band and followed by Sons of Union Veterans in cars, the 108th was the hit of the parade. Led by their Commander, Arthur H. Fromberger they had 36 in the line of march, and look forward to a membership of 50. They will hold a state wide skirmish, shoot and meet on Aug. 16 at the National Guard Rifle Range near Rochester.

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS MONUMENT—P.D.C. Wm. F. Bruckel writes to correct an error appearing in a previous issue relative to the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in New York City, as follows "It was not until the Committee of the United War Veterans of New York City took up the matter that anything concrete was done. They took up the leadership and it is to them and them alone that the credit belongs."

BEACON—Officers of Howland Aux. were installed when Dept. Pres. Emma Hughes of Utica made her official visit. She was accompanied by P.D.P. Rose Isaacs of New York City.

OVID—Mrs. Emma Hughes, Dept. Pres. made her official visit to Aux. 72 on May 12 in Grand Army rooms. Dept. Secy. Margaret Hackenbury and Council Member DeVene P. Williamson also attended.

ELMIRA—Mr. and Mrs. John E. Winquist were installed Commander and President of Diven Camp and Aux. on May 26. Richard Cuyler of Ovid and Mrs. Thos. Konkoloski were the installing officers. Guests were present from Ovid, Ithaca and Halsey Valley.

Appropriate resolutions were adopted at the Department Encampment requesting the Department of the Interior to secure additional lands for the preservation of Antietam and Gettysburg battlefields.

OHIO

The 77th Department Encampment was held in Columbus June 12-13 with Commander Fred Pfister, Jr., presiding. Action was taken on the financing and organizing of the Ohio Regiment Sons of Veterans Reserve; the New Hampshire Plan; and the preservation and enlarging of the Gettysburg Battlefield. Election of officers resulted in the re-election of Fred Pfister as Dept. Commander. Clyde V. Neff as Senior Vice and Carl Berkaw as Junior Vice Commander.

The regiment, which already has a rifle and drum corps at Mt. Vernon and a Columbus infantry company, will be expanded to a planned 10 companies over the state. Men will be uniformed in blue and carry Civil War weapons. They will participate in local and state centennial programs. Col. Daniel F. Clancy, Gahanna, was named Chief of Staff of the Regiment with a commanding Colonel to be designated later.

OREGON & WASHINGTON

Members of Aux. 9, Eugene, wearing Centennial Dresses and displaying antiques gave a Silver Tea on May 25 in the Women's Club House. In the receiving line were Mrs. Myrtle Sieweke and Mrs. Ella Warren. Pouring were Mrs. Maxia O'Neal, Mrs. Alvin Brown, Mrs. Mildred Collier and Mrs. Pearl Carlsey.

Mrs. L. L. Baker, Mrs. Bert Rogers and Mrs. Mayme Wetterstrom were hostesses. Mrs. John Razor was chairman of the centennial program.

PENNSYLVANIA

Excellent Memorial Day observances have been reported from various parts of the state. At Mahanoy City the program following the parade was in charge of General E. O. C. Ord. Camp 54. Charles H. Engle was master of ceremonies, while attorney John H. Thomas was the speaker.

Ellis Camp 9 of Philadelphia conducted the services at Ivy Hill Cemetery where addresses were given by Camp Commander C. Morris Righter and Rev. Lester B. Brubaker. Secretary Chester R. Lander read Logan's Memorial Day Order, and the salute was fired by Co. B, 1st Regiment Sons of Veterans Reserve.

At Gettysburg, the 92nd Annual Memorial Day Exercises were held at the National Cemetery, following an impressive street parade. The principal address was given by U. S. Senator Hugh Scott, with Congressman James M. Quigley as master of ceremonies. Chester S. Shriver was General Chairman of a committee from Camp 112, the United Spanish War Veterans, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

WISCONSIN

SHEBOYGAN—Memorial services were conducted at the May meeting of Aux. 19. In the absence of the President, Mrs. Erma Pohland, Vice-Pres. conducted the meeting. The charter was draped in memory of Mrs. Amanda Borgwardt, and the memorial services were held under the direction of Mrs. Lila Schmatz, chaplain.

Flowers added to the impressiveness of the service as Mrs. Schmatz paid tribute to deceased members of the Sons, Aux., and G. A. R. During the business session reports on Better Films Council and the United Military Association meetings were given by Mrs. Aleff. Donations were voted for the National Patriotic Instructor and the Department Chief of Staff funds, and also to the Sheboygan Kiddies Camp.

IN MEMORIAM

REV. J. KIRKWOOD CRAIG, D.D.

Past Commander-in-Chief

Born in a Missouri log cabin on April 13, 1881, the son of a Civil War soldier, Brother Craig spent his early life in Kansas and Oklahoma. He died in Manchester, New Hampshire, May 12, 1959.

He was graduated from Upper Iowa University in 1909 and Boston University School of Theology in 1912. His long and distinguished ministry spanned nearly half a century serving in his chosen profession in Minnesota, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and New Hampshire.

During World War I, Dr. Craig trained in the School for Chaplains and rose to the rank of Captain. In the demobilization period he served as a Troop Train Secretary for the Y.M.C.A. and later for six months in the Religious Education Department of the Interchurch World Service. He was a member of the Masonic Fraternity and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Dr. Craig was elected Commander-in-Chief from the Minnesota Department in 1940. He joined our order in New Hampshire in 1910, transferred to the Minnesota Department in 1922 and transferred back to the New Hampshire Department in 1940. He served several terms as National Chaplain of our order.

In June 1912 he married Gertrude Clarke of Manchester, N. H., who survives with several nieces and nephews.

The writer was privileged to enjoy the friendship of Dr. Craig over a period of many years. He was a man of rare ability as a public speaker, a loyal working member of our Order, a crusader for the things which he believed to be right and a highly respected member of his community. His sense of humor was always at hand when the occasion required his rare ability in situations of stress and strain. His counsel will be missed in our order.

May Sister Craig and his surviving relatives find comfort and consolation in the knowledge that, "The Lord Who Sends a Cross to Bear, Sends Friends Who Understand and Care."

Largely attended funeral services were held in St. Paul's Methodist Church, Manchester, N. H., Friday, May 15, 1959.

The Commandery-in-Chief was represented by National Patriotic Instructor Thomas Chadwick and the writer.

CLEON E. HEALD,

Past Commander-in-Chief.