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## GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHWAY

Vernon E. Cheney, Chairman

The issuance of a special 3-cent commemorative stamp on the occasion of our nation-wide highway dedication on May 3 will likely be approved soon. Postmaster Donaldson deferred this decision, resulting in additional correspondence with the new Postmaster General.

This committee thanks all for their overwhelming response to our request for personal letters and petitions to the Postoffice Dep't. California sent more than 3000 such requests, and our estimate is that well over 150,000 have supported our project.

### America's Greatest Highway Dedication

On May 3, we will conduct the greatest highway dedication ever known in American history. Reaching from Cape Cod, Mass to Long Beach, Calif., the highway crosses 14 states. This dedication, sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans and with the cooperation of many Veteran Organizations, Civic, Commercial, and Highway Associations, as well as State, County, and City groups, will form the largest attendance from coast to coast that has ever been known at such a dedication.

The Dep't of California has sponsored the building of a most appropriate monument at the end of the highway in Long Beach, which will be unveiled and dedicated on this occasion. The monument is 5x8 feet at the base and 3x6 feet at the top. It will be 7 feet high to the base of the gun, and will weigh approximately 30,000 pounds. The original drawing by Chairman Vernon E. Cheney is shown here.



Arrangements and program are not complete but we expect to have a television broadcast; and hope to include as many as possible of the various services from coast to coast. It is our plan to have a speaker of national renown, and to broadcast the address to all the dedication services being held in other states. Each Dep't on the Highway is being requested, under the direction of its member of the National Highway Committee to arrange the dedication services in their own state, and to time these programs to be conducted simultaneously with the program at Long Beach which will be at 10 A. M., Sunday, May 3. Thus, if we have the television broadcast, we can pick up greetings from the many services being held. Gov. Thornton of Colorado, stated that his state will have three dedications at the same hour; one at each State Line, and one in or near Denver. Nevada's dedication will be at Ely, where the project of our special issue stamp originated with Mr. Darwin Lambert, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

The monument is being financed by donations of \$10.00 each by various members of the Grand Army Family, and each one subscribing is given a page in our history book, on which will be recorded the war service of the Veteran from whom your eligibility in the order is derived; or some Veteran you may choose to so honor. Illinois Dep't has sponsored the service records of President Abraham Lincoln, and General Ulysses S. Grant, to be recorded on the parchment sheets of this book. The book is to be sealed in the concrete and stone in a sealed copper container. Some of the sand and sea-water from the Atlantic Ocean will also be placed with the articles to be sealed in the monument. Any who may wish to dedicate a page in this book may do so by sending your contribution and the record you choose to use to the Nat'l Chairman of the Highway Committee, Vernon E. Cheney, 4041 Altamont Ave., Oakland, Calif.

This is a golden opportunity to publicize the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and attract nationwide attention to our Order. Publish articles in local papers and build up all the publicity possible. Be alert to secure new members through the attention attracted by this publicity. The California Dep't has already added many new members as the result of this project.

Additional information relative to definite plans and the program of the event will be furnished very soon.

### By The Way With The Commander-in-Chief

In time of prosperity save for the day of dearth. The United Spanish War Veterans have not overlooked this principal of wise living. With enviable foresight, they have built up a reserve fund of \$229,000, invested in bonds, from which they derive an annual income of nearly \$6,000. When comes the day that only a corporal's guard of men remain, their organization will still be well financed. Foresight is better paymaster than hindsight.

Schools, cities, and organizations have at times displayed the United Nations flag in a manner and with a deference not approved by Senator Edward Martin, Pennsylvania. He has introduced a bill in the Senate requiring that "the American Flag must appear on top of every other flag, no matter what and no matter where. Only exception . . . is at the headquarters of the U. N." The bill proposes a penalty of \$250.

On April 27th we observe the 131st anniversary of General U. S. Grant's birthday. Born in Ohio, he is claimed by Illinois. Unlike many great generals, Grant was not military by instinct and in his biography he states his early regret at being at West Point. He had an aspiration to live the quiet life of a professor of mathematics at some small college.

Grant arrived at military greatness by course of circumstances and because there was need of indomitable leadership. In character and action he was straightforward, simple, direct—never devious or complicated. This enabled him to direct a battle without becoming lost in side-issues and minor details.

James Longstreet, fellow cadet and a close friend of Grant's at West Point, and a guest at Grant's wedding in St. Louis, later became the best fighting general in the Confederate Army. When Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox, Longstreet was in the bag, too. After the war, the two men renewed their friendship.

Simon B. Buckner, another West Point friend, commanded the Confederate forces at Ft. Donelson where he and 15,000 men were captured by Grant on the grim terms of "unconditional surrender".

A tremendously challenging problem has been confronting our organization the last few years without receiving general recognition. This situation has been impressed on me by correspondence in which appears the repeated plaint, "How can we pay the rent of our meeting hall and have anything left for the important activities our organization should sponsor and support?"

How did this situation develop so widely? Why is it spreading? We may take Stamford, Conn. for example. In 1931 "a perpetual memorial hall to the G. A. R." was designated for patriotic groups in a municipal building. Recently the city moved to recover the hall for other use. The case reached Superior Court. Judge Howard W. Alcorn decided in favor of the city. It is reported to me that his uncle, Robert Alcorn, was a former Department Commander, and that the background of the judge for patriotism is excellent. But a judge must make his decisions by law, not sentiment. The verdict indicates that a hall for our use in any public building can always be taken from us by the constituted authority. And it seems to have been done in many cases.

One group lost its hall in the local court house after three decades of free use, and now must pay \$15.00 a

month for a hall in order to have ritualistic meetings. Two groups managed to pay the rent of a hall for a while, now hold informal meetings in homes of members. One group here at Eugene lost its hall in State Armory several years ago and pays \$20 a month (\$240 a year) for a hall where it can keep and use ritualistic equipment.

Now we have the \$64 question. Is it essential for many groups to struggle along desperately to pay rent to some landlord in order to have the ritualistic type of meeting and have nothing left for the work they prefer to sponsor and promote? In these circumstances their attitude is one of persisting discouragement. Many successful organizations do not exhaust their income paying rent on meeting halls. They are more realistic. But for us the solution remains obscure. We need a solution, and we need it quick.

My wife and I have visited groups in our organization as far apart as Seattle, Washington, and Fresno, California—a distance of some 1100 miles. Health considerations made some cancellations necessary.

The Woman's Relief Corps has six national funds and the slogan, "A contribution to every national fund from every Corps." Our organization actively solicits Camps for only two national funds. On a basis of comparison, our requested cooperation from Camps is very moderate.

The Department Commander of Colorado and Wyoming offers this comment in a Dep't Order; "What kind of Department and Camps would they be if all of our members were like you and me?"

Vice President Richard Nixon advises me that his grandfather, George Nixon 3rd was killed in the battle of Gettysburg. His grave is Grave 4 in Section C, Ohio Lot in the National Cemetery at Gettysburg, having enlisted on Nov. 8, 1861 at Waverly, Ohio as a private in Co. B, 73rd Ohio Infantry. (continued page three)

#### TO BE FEATURED AT BUFFALO



The Sylvania Choraliers, who will sing a one hour concert at 8:00 on Sunday evening, Aug. 23 in the Crystal Ballroom of Hotel Lafayette in Buffalo prior to our Joint Memorial Services.

These good-will ambassadors of the Sylvania Radio and Television Co. are highly professional in the execution of their repertoire. It is one of the most talented and most sought after industrial choirs in the land, and has reached a high level of public acceptance. Their ranks, including backstage and business personnel, number forty-five. Director Theo. F. Nist has an extensive musical background, and has appeared by invitation on the leadership panel of the Nat'l Industrial Music Clinic held each year at Purdue Univ. An accomplished pianist, master of ceremonies, male quartet, and several soloists are included in the group. Their over-full schedule recently included a coast-to-coast radio hook-up. They have made frequent television appearances

### By The Way . . . continued

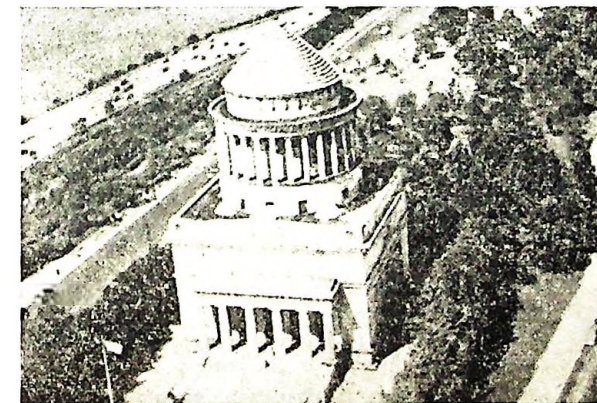
Recently I had occasion to write an authoritative article on Reconstruction in the South—the 10- or 12-year period after the Civil War which is so designated. Taking advantage of an illness to refresh my memory, histories and other books by some dozen authors were stacked on table and chair beside my bed. Most of the books were high school and university textbooks.

Not one of the books anywhere in its contents mentioned the Grand Army of the Republic nor any other type of fraternal organization except the Ku Klux Klan, an anti-Negro society in the South. This confirms my conviction that the greatest and only memorial that can continue in some measure the memory of the Grand Army is the project of our organization—the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, transcontinental Route No. 6 from Provincetown, Cape Cod, to Long Beach, California. Let us not begrudge any dollar that will further promote and improve that great project.

The honor and credit for initiating this undertaking go to P. C. in C. William L. Anderson and his son, Maj. William L. Anderson, Jr., who launched the undertaking in Massachusetts at the Department Encampment in April, 1935.

Frederick K. Davis, Commander-in-Chief

### Tomb of General U. S. Grant New York City



This unusual view of the majestic tomb in its magnificent hillside setting, is reproduced from a 35mm color slide made in August 1952 by Navarre Davis, son of the Commander-in-Chief, from the carillon tower of Riverside Church. Twin sarcophagi contain the remains in the tomb of General and Mrs. Grant. Over the entrance to the tomb appear Grant's memorable words, "Let us have peace".

The annual exercises at the Tomb, sponsored by the Camps and Auxiliaries of Greater New York will be held Sunday, April 26th at 2 P. M.

Great things are only done by men who having failed will try again.

The men who try to do something and fail are infinitely better than those who try to do nothing and succeed.

Nothing has happened tomorrow.

### Nat'l Patriotic Instructor's Column

Albert B. DeHaven, Nat'l Patriotic Instructor



General Ulysses S. Grant Brady photo

All Camps are urged to arrange appropriate exercises celebrating the anniversary of the birthday of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, Commander-in-Chief of the Union Army in the Civil War, and 18th President of the United States. Born on April 27, 1822 at Pt. Pleasant, Ohio.

#### 1953 G. A. R. Memorial Fund

DO YOU feel grateful to our Highway Committees who have succeeded in getting the states thru which Highway 6 passes to designate it as GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHWAY.

DO YOU wish to get the Highway Commissions in the states thru which it passes to place this highway on their agenda for extra improvements where needed, and mark the highway with suitable signs.

DO YOU wish to have the map makers designate the G. A. R. Highway on their maps.

DO YOU wish to have handsome leaflets placed into Tourists and Chamber of Commerce offices explaining the history of the highway and the men for whom it is named, and an outline of our organization.

DO YOU know that the Nat'l Organization of the Grand Army of the Republic is still in existence, and that we still contribute to their expenses.

DO YOU know that there are other projects for which money out of this fund is taken, and that these projects cost money.

DO YOU know that our Per Capita Tax cannot take care of the expenditures for these projects.

DO YOU know that we are really accomplishing something with this fund with projects in memory of our Fathers—The Union Veterans of the Civil War.

DO YOU believe in the advisability of this fund and its purpose. If so, make your contributions as generous as you can and send to Nat'l Sec'y-Treas. Albert C. Lambert, 2772 S. Broad St., Trenton 10, N. J.

Appeals for donations have gone out to all camp secretaries and others, and I feel need not be repeated here.

GIVE—AS MUCH AS YOU CAN—GIVE NOW



### General Order No. 3 Series 1952-1953

Headquarters  
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
1193 Pearl Street,  
Eugene, Oregon

March 1, 1953

#### Officers and Members:

"A body at rest tends to remain at rest. A body in motion tends to remain in motion." Such a statement appears in books dealing with the laws of nature—physics. A similar law applies to organizations—such as our Camps and Departments.

Once your Camp slows to a static condition, with a sluggish pulse, it is difficult to ever get it into motion again. It is almost impossible to overcome its condition of inertia. But if you have life and animation in your Camp, it is easier to maintain vitality and activity.

On a successful football or other team every player does his part. Too many of our members rely on too few of their fellow members to keep the Camp healthy and vigorous. That does not make a successful team.

#### In Memoriam

Irreparable loss came to us all when earthly life was relinquished by Comrade William Magee, Grand Army of the Republic, Van Nuys, Calif. The papers nationally took note of his going and that the slim ranks of that once mighty organization are now down to two members.—James A. Hard, Rochester, N. Y., who was ill for a time in February, and Albert Woolson, Duluth, Minn., who celebrated his 106th birthday on Feb. 11th. Comrade Magee was regarded with esteem and affection by our members who knew him, and Dep't Commander Melville Riggs kept helpfully in touch with him as our National Representative.

To that loss we must add with profound regret the decease of the Sec'y-Treas. of three Dep'ts: Julius Isaacs, New York; Thomas L. Bufter, Maryland; and H. Frank Finch, Michigan. Each of these gave long and faithful service. We believe there is an eternal reward for men who thus give so freely of their time, resources, thought, and service. Our gratefulness never can be adequately expressed.

The Nat'l Chaplain will see that the Comrade and the three Brothers are appropriately commemorated at our National Memorial Service.

#### National Encampment Data

Confirming previous announcement, the Encampment city is Buffalo, N. Y., during the week of August 23rd. Hotel Lafayette will be Nat'l Headquarters. All meetings will be in this hotel. Rates in detail appear on the reservation card enclosed with this issue. Singles run from \$4.75 to \$8; doubles from \$7.50 to \$12.00. Program details will appear in The Banner in May. The Mecca of sightseers, Niagara Falls, is only a few miles from Buffalo.

#### National Encampment Committee

Chairman, Nat'l Chaplain Herman L. Brockway, Ithaca  
Neil D. Cranmer, Elmira Fred E. Colwell, Rochester

Judson N. French, Batavia Harry E. Gibbons, Buffalo  
Marshall Hope, Oneida Fred K. Howe, Niagara Falls  
Chas. L. Messer, Albany Philip Sattler, Brooklyn

#### Appointments and Citations

Members as here listed have received appointments and citations as here listed and have been authorized to wear the national gold ribbon during my term:

Distinguished service citation—Howard E. Bunker, Woodhaven, N. Y. At the present age of 86 he has been a member for 66 years, gave long service in associate offices for two G. A. R. Posts, was Camp Commander nine terms and has held other Camp offices for 40 years, obtained and placed over 300 stones on unmarked graves of Union Veterans, received Gen. Douglas MacArthur's acceptance of membership in our organization, and is still working the best he can for us. Our appreciation and gratefulness go abundantly to Brother Bunker for a most remarkable and outstanding record.

Information as to other distinguished records will be welcomed.

Nat'l Aide—Paul A. Snyder, Gettysburg, Penna., for special services in connection with pageant reproducing Lincoln's dedication of Gettysburg Cemetery.

Nat'l Aide—Clyde E. Holman, Mahanoy City, Pa., for 5 or more new members and vigorous activity for his Camp of which he is now Commander.

Fraternal Aide—James A. B. Young, Glendale, Cal., who travels extensively and visits many meetings of other organizations, presenting readings and other memorizations that do us great credit.

Nat'l Aide—John H. Starr, Eugene, Ore., for 5 or more members and for outstanding activity and service to his Camp as Sec'y at the age of 83. He is a P. D. C.

Nat'l Encampment Pianist—John B. Davis, P. D. C., and now Camp Commander, West Medford, Mass.

Nat'l Aide—Jack Owen, Camp Commander, Elmira N. Y., for 5 or more new members and highly commendable enterprise.

The January General Order promised a gift made in Oregon to the first member obtaining five candidates. Similar gifts were sent to Brothers Holman and Owen—the first two who met the requirement.

#### 1954 Nat'l Encampment Invitations

Invitations to hold the 1954 Encampment in your locality will be welcomed. Favorable inducements should be enumerated. Send invitations to the Nat'l Secretary

#### Changes of Address

Dep't Commander, Conn.—Harry L. Clark, 62 Reynolds St., Danielson, Conn.

Dep't Commander, Penna.—Kenneth F. Hemminger, 3732 Montour St., Harrisburg, Pa.

Nat'l Chief of Staff—C. Leroy Stouder, 2540 Fairview Ave., Mt. Penn., Reading, Pa.

Dep't Sec'y-Treas. Mich.—Edgar M. Lindsley, 1047 Madison Ave., S. E., Grand Rapids 7, Mich.

Dep't Sec'y-Treas. New York—Bertram Isaacs, 2225 Municipal Bldg., New York 7, N. Y.

Dep't Sec'y-Treas., Maryland—David J. Green, 729 W. 9th St., Wilmington, Del.

#### Days for Observance

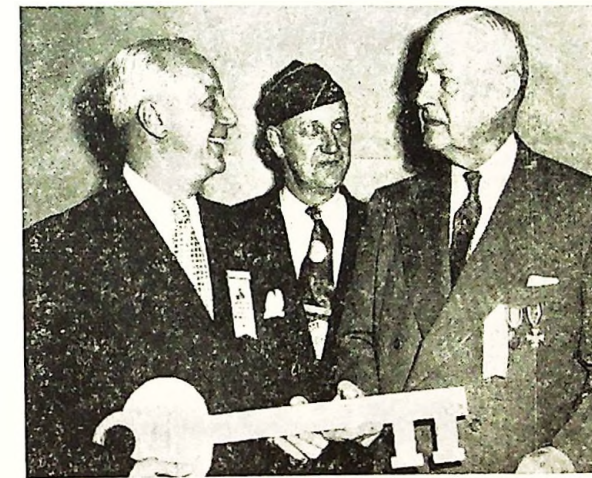
Camps surely do not need reminders, but of special moment are the birthday on April 27 of General U. S. Grant and early planning for Memorial Day. If the community or other organizations (continued page five)

At Trenton



From left: Albert C. Lambert, Nat'l Secy-Treas.; Mrs. Alice D. Thompson, Nat'l Secy.; Mrs. Lila A. Macey, Nat'l Pres.; General U. S. Grant 3rd, Sr. Vice C. in C.; Mrs. Edna S. Lambert, Director of Budget; Andrew Richardson, Jr. Vice C. in C.

At Newark



Newark News Photo  
From left: Hon. Ralph A. Villani, Mayor of Newark; Bro. Lewis A. Varick, Genl. Chairman of Committee; Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd, Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Sr. Vice C. in C., Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd spoke at the Lincoln Banquets in Trenton and Newark, N. J., on Feb. 13th and 15th.

"President Lincoln . . . passed on to us the duty to keep America American", he said. "We have allowed agents of our enemies and those loyal but soft-headed fellow citizens who were led astray, to mislead us. Were we asleep, or just indifferent? These dangers are not passed yet, but we were suddenly appraised of them a few years ago and shocked to find them so wide-spread."

"It is not realized how far we have skidded down the road to Communism", he said. "Many steps have actually been taken leading to socialization of our economy . . . I do not say they are all wrong, I do say that they are all leading in a wrong direction".

"Do not let us deceive ourselves, world unity has not been achieved. Basic differences in economic theory and needs, territorial ambitions and appetite for power exist. There is one difference on which no compromise is possible. We profess to believe in and worship God. The motto of our country is 'In God We Trust'. The Communists deny the very existence of God. This is one issue which never can be adjusted by peaceful brotherly

compromise".

"As the young Lincoln said in his 1856 so-called lost speech: 'We ourselves must not decline the responsibility, nor take counsel of unworthy passions. Whatever duty urges us to do or omit, must be done or omitted'."

#### General Order . . . concluded

are not cooperative, arrange your own service at a suitable locale, preferably a Grand Army plot.

Because of the expense of flags, difficulties of placement and collection, criticism when a grave is missed—there is a trend toward having a central flag pole and raising a flag there with a commemorative service. This is official practice in all cemeteries in the writer's county.

Frederick K. Davis, Commander-in-Chief

Attest: Albert C. Lambert,  
Nat'l Secretary-Treasurer



"This wreath is placed in loving memory of our martyred President Abraham Lincoln on behalf of Frederick K. Davis, Commander-in-Chief of the S. U. V. C. W." Thus spoke P. C. in C. Allen Holbrook at Lincoln's Tomb in Springfield, Ill., on Feb. 12. Thousands were attracted to the tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery while many patriotic and service organizations paid homage. P. C. in C. Locke and Jr. Vice Dept Commander Mattie Schesley accompanied Bro. Holbrook. The presentation took place during a program sponsored by Corps 17, W. R. C.

Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Grant and Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Richardson attended the wreath-laying ceremonies at the Lincoln Monument in Washington, D. C. on the same day. President Dwight Eisenhower and Vice-President Richard Nixon were present on this occasion.

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## S. U. V. C. W.



## News Notes

**Calif. & Pacific**—The mid-winter meeting in Pasadena Feb. 8 was attended by 200 plus, including every Dept. Officer. . . We are looking forward to the dedication of the G.A.R. Highway at Long Beach on May 3 during our Dep't Encampment. . . The marble marker will be an imposing landmark. . . A Memorial Book of Civil War Veterans is being prepared by Bro. Frank Woerner. . . Dist. No. 2 Sec'y Boynton advises that a Dist. Meeting will be held Mar. 25 at Long Beach.

**Colo. & Wyo.**—Along with Dep't Comdr Coffey, several members of Camp 5 of Colo. Springs visited Camp 1 of Denver on Nov. 11 and Pueblo on Dec. 15. . . We mourn the loss by death of Bros. Walter A. Linch, Rodici Miller, and Theron J. Gilbert. . . The Camp is planning a Lincoln and Washington program.

**Indiana**—I recommend to the membership a volume titled "Veterans in Politics", The story of the G.A.R. by Mary Rulkotter Dearing of Bethesda, Md. Her book of over 500 pages is well documented and the foot notes and source material constitute an education in Civil War literature in themselves. The book contains a well-written account of the final encampment of the G.A.R. and a number of favorable notices of the S.U.V.C.W.—Argus E. Oghorn, P.D.C.

**Kansas**—Funeral services for Bro. Henry Meade Lewis were held on Jan. 21 in Wichita. . . Bro. Lewis served twice as Dep't Comdr. . . He supervised the decoration of graves in Wichita each Memorial Day, providing the City with its first complete list of service dead, and also served as adjutant to the local Post of the G.A.R.

**Maine**—Bradstreet Camp has lost its oldest member. . . he was Bro. James F. Burkill who had been a member for 68 years. . . Hyde Camp mourns the death of its last Charter Member, P.D.C. John Shaw.

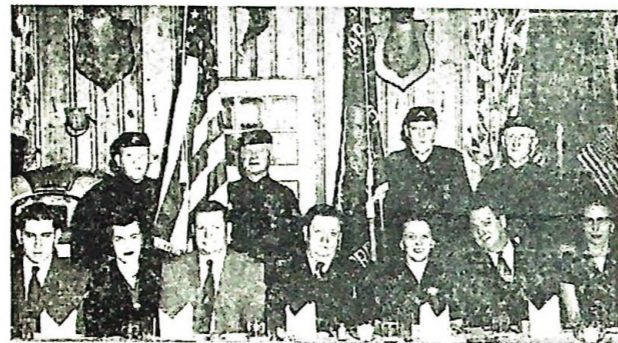
**Massachusetts**—Camp 81 Chelsea at one of their first meetings under John B. Davis as Comdr. added four new members. . . The P.D.C. Assoc. held a fine meeting with John Day presiding. . . Dep't Comdr. Perkins recently held a supper at the Home-Craft for the benefit of the Dep't. . . The Past Comdrs. and Past Presidents Assoc. held exercises at the Emancipation Statue in Park Square, Boston, observing Lincoln's birthday. . . the two associations along with the D. U. V. placed wreaths. . . Many representatives of the G.A.R. Family spoke. . . Comdr. James G. Wolff was in charge. . . The annual Lincoln and Washington Banquet was held in Tremont Temple on Feb. 14 with P.C. in C. Moran as principal speaker. . . Dep't Comdr. Perkins represented the Dep't at the 20th annual session of the Massachusetts Women's Patriotic Conference at Faneuil Hall on Feb. 22. . . On Feb. 23 a large delegation attended the Governor's Reception at the State House.

**Michigan**—Services for Dep't Sec'y-Treas. H. Frank Finch were conducted by Bros. Savage, Linsley, Mackey, and Brooks. . . Camp 14 has installed a fine group of officers with Bro. John Kolis as Comdr. . . Bro. and Sister Mackey recently opened their home for a party at which 35 members and friends had a pleasant time.

**Minnesota**—Comrade Albert Woolson of Duluth celebrated his 106th birthday Feb. 11. . . The Minn. State Legislature adopted a resolution to memorialize this

event. . . An ex-drummer boy, veteran of the dash for Vicksburg, he thinks Pres. Eisenhower is doing a fine job, and puts him in a class with Gen. Grant. . . His family includes 2 sons, 6 daughters, 10 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren. . . His formula for longevity stays the same as years roll by—moderation in all things.

**New Jersey**—Camp 12 of Bloomfield will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a dinner in their hall May 12. . . Camp 32 of Union City celebrated their 70th anniversary with a dinner on Feb. 14th.



Pictured at Lincoln Banquet of Camp 5, Trenton, left to right seated—Albert W. Lambert, Camp Comdr.; Mrs. Wm. Stuck; Prof. William A. Stuck, History Professor of Rider College; P. C. in C. Walter Mabic, toastmaster; Mrs. Henrietta Satterthwaite, Dep't Pres.; George Kilmer, Dep't Comdr.; Mrs. Irma Lawyer, Aux. Pres. —Standing, Robert Davison, Walter Edgar, William Smith, and Robert Gerke, Sr.

**New York**—Past Sr Vice C. in C. Henry Bender installed the officers of Lafayette Camp 140 recently. . . Two new members were obligated. . . The Camp is planning a Lincoln Banquet. . . Officers of Burdick Camp 40 Ithaca were installed in G. A. R. Hall by P. C. in C. Cranmer. . . The Grand Army Memorial Assoc. of Erie Co., held its annual Lincoln Dinner and reception to Dep't Officers Feb. 11. . . The Lincoln Assoc. of Rochester commemorated the 144th birthday anniversary of the Great Emancipator on Feb. 12 with a dinner and entertainment at the Seneca Hotel. . . The N. Y. Dep't was dealt a stunning blow in the passing of Dep't Sec'y-Treas. Julius Isaacs. He would have completed 30 years in office this June. Because of faithful service he was given the honorary rank of P.D.C. several years ago. . . The Dep't also mourns the loss of P.D.C. Edwin W. Sanford, for many years a prominent attorney in Albany. . . P.D.C. Fred Howe of Niagara Falls is the new Pres. of the Western New York Past Comdrs. Assoc. . . P.D.C. Fred E. Colwell of Rochester attended the annual coalition meeting of Patriotic Societies at Washington, D. C., Jan. 29. . . Officers of Diven Camp, Elmira, were installed Jan. 27 by Dep't Chief Deputy Truman Vincent. . . Commander Lynch of Waverly recently inducted his son, Charles Jr. age 16 into Waverly Camp. . . Diven Camp and Aux. 49 observed Lincoln's birthday on Feb. 24. . . Waverly Camp 88 and Aux. 7 held a Lincoln Banquet on Feb. 11. . . Members of Tilden Camp placed a wreath on the Battleship Maine Monument at the 55th annual services conducted by the United Spanish-American War Veterans. . . Binghamton Camp 93 joined with Aux. 17 in observing Lincoln and Washington birthdays on Feb. 11.

**Ohio**—regrets to report the death of Bros. Robert A. Stoner and Charles U. Getz, and extends condolences to their families. (Notes continued on page seven)

## S.U.V.C.W. Notes . continued

**Ore. & Wash.**—Portland Camp and Aux. officially entertained C. in C. Davis and wife at a dinner Jan. 19. . . As an informative prelude to viewing television next day of the inaugural, Mr. Davis gave a one-hour program of screen-projected pictures brought home from Washington, D. C. last summer. . . Portland papers recognized this visit by printing interviews and a picture of C. in C. Davis, and a preliminary invitation was extended by the Chamber of Commerce, Mayor, and the Governor to have the 1954 Nat'l Encampment held in Portland, Ore. . . Dep't Comdr. John Mikesell has been on a trip to Florida, and the San Juan Islands.

**Penna.**—The Past Comdrs. and Past Presidents of So. Central Ass'n met at York Jan. 17. . . their next meeting will be in Carlisle during March. . . Successful Lincoln Banquets were held in Harrisburg, Bethlehem, and by the Sons of Veterans Club of Phila. . . Ord Camp 54 of Mahanoy City celebrated Lincoln's Birthday. . . Sr. Vice Comdr. Rounds gave the address of the evening. . . Comdr. Holman was presented a citation from C. in C. Davis for securing new members. The Camp is planning to celebrate its anniversary in conjunction with the anniversary of Mahanoy City as a borough.

## Auxiliary

National President  
Mrs. Lila A. Macey



## News Notes

725 State St.,  
Schencetady, N. Y.

## Message from Chief of Staff

All Nat'l Special Aides and Nat'l Aides are urged to cooperate by supporting the Nat'l Chief of Staff Fund. Time is getting short. August will soon be here.

Ruth Muzzey, Nat'l Chief of Staff

**Colo.**—Aux. of State Camp 1 held their installation in January with Dep't President Ethel Meyers of Colorado Springs as Installing Officer. . . a number of members from Colo. Springs attended. . . The Aux. initiated 15 new members during 1952.

**Indiana**—At the recent 50th annual County Fair in Fayette County, the S.U.V.C.W. and Aux. displayed Grand Army relics in a large window of a store. . . Several selected items were loaned by Bro. Oghorn of Richmond. . . At the same time the newspaper listed names of veterans buried in the County cemeteries. . . Several calls were received telling of small private cemeteries that were formerly missed. . . The mid-winter meeting of the Sons and Aux. was held at Frankfort Dec. 6-7. . . Registration and a Tea was held in Grand Army Hall followed by a banquet at Tabernacle Methodist Church. Tables were beautiful in yellow Gold and White in honor of Sister Emma Stuart Finch's 50th yr as a member. Other honored guests included Sister Le'a B. Shugart; Dep't Pres. of Ill., Sister Goodermont and Sister Pauline Keller from Ohio. . . Dep't Comdr. Walter Wellman was in charge of the funfest and the Christmas Cantata. . . The parcel post sale was very successful. . . Dep't Pres. Helen Keeney presided over the business sessions. . . Plans were discussed for our Dep't Encampment to be held in Indianapolis. A letter was received to the effect that the Postoffice Dep't has accepted our request for a G.A.R. Memorial stamp to be issued in 1953.

**Maryland**—On January 5 Appomattox Aux. 2 officers were installed by Dep't Pres. Mary C. Barlow of Wil-

mington. . . Sister Dorothy B. Lucas is our new President and is the third generation of her family to hold this office. . . The Past Pres. Club will celebrate Lincoln's birthday with a dinner meeting. P.N.P. Celeste Gentieu is chairman. . . A testimonial dinner was given in Nov. in honor of Dep't Pres. Sister Barlow, and Dep't Comdr. Richard Green. . . Sister Jessie Estlow is still improving at her home, and we look forward to having her with us soon.

**Mass.**—A new school in Westboro received a new set of flags donated by Aux. 127. . . one flag by P.N.P. Phyllis Dean, and a large flag given by the Sons. . . Dep't Patriotic Instructor Flora Boudreau presented South Barre School with a new set of flags, one of the flags being personally donated by P.D.P. Josephine Bates.

**New York**—Grant Aux. 24 presented a radio to Veterans Hospital at St. Albans. . . P. N. P. Mayme Dwyer made the presentation. . . The annual dinner of Past Presidents Assoc. of Greater N. Y. was held on Jan. 31 at Rosoff's. . . Special guests included Dep't Pres. Mrs. Edith Ostrander, Dep't Comdr. Robt. McMahon, Nat'l Pres. Mrs. Lila A. Macey, and Jr. Vice C. in C. Andrew Richardson.

**Ohio**—The mid-winter meeting of the S.U.V.C.W. and Aux. was held on Jan. 17-18 at the Deshler-Wallick Hotel in Columbus. . . On Saturday eve "Fun Night" was in charge of Sister Nannie Johnson. . . Dep't Pres. Olive Boren presided over the Sunday meeting. . . We were inspired by the fine message brought to us by Nat'l Pres. Sister Lila Macey. . . Plans are developing for our Dep't Encampment in June at Dayton.

**Ore. & Wash.**—The dinner and reception at Seattle in honor of Dep't Pres. Grace Waddell was a lovely affair well attended by local guests and out-of-town members, including C. in C. Davis and wife, with his aide, Dr. L. L. Baker and wife, who is Dep't Inspector. . . Mrs. Baker has inspected all the Auxiliaries, and Mrs. Waddell has traveled extensively to personally install new officers of all her Auxiliaries except Salem. . . Portland Aux. gave a flag to Pentecostal Holiness Church. . . The Auxiliaries are having a monthly joint dinner and program with their Camps. . . Mrs. Lila Collins of the Eugene Aux. whose grandfather was a cousin of Abraham Lincoln had her picture in the paper with a good write-up. . . In Feb. Eugene Aux. joined the Camp in a card party to which members of the D. U. V. and W. R. C. were invited.

**Penna.**—Officers of Aux. 14 Roxborough have been installed, and we look forward to a successful year. . . plans are under way for our anniversary banquet. The Lincoln Social of Phila. held its 60th annual dinner at the Whittier Hotel on Feb. 14th with Nat'l Pres. Lila Macey and Dep't Pres. Mary Bender as guests. . . following the dinner dancing was enjoyed, and many door prizes distributed. . . Fri. Feb. 20 the Aux's in the area of Phila. held a joint meeting to receive Dep't President Mary Bender. Auxiliaries 1, 2, 12, 14, 200 and 236 were represented, each Aux. supplying 3 officers.

Dep't Press Correspondents, Attention!!! April 20th is the dead-line for the May "Banner" news. Each Dep't Press Corres. should submit items for each issue.

Margaret McKinney, Nat'l Press Corres.

Nationalization would seem to operate on the theory that a socialistic government can legislate unsuccessful people into prosperity by legislating successful people out of it.

## Afternoon Shadows



The picture "Afternoon Shadows" of two veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic is a reproduction of a painting owned by C. in C. Davis which is singularly significant at this time when only two members of that great host of Civil War veterans are living—Albert Woolson, Duluth, Minn., and James A. Hard, Rochester, N. Y.

Painted in oils by the late Harriet Reynolds, wife of A. Leroy Reynolds, P.D.C. of Illinois, it was her conception of the last two members of the G.A.R. in that State.

The reproduction in black and white does not do justice to the painting but is similar to the hundreds of reproductions on postcards that have been sold. The painting owned by the Commander-in-Chief was a gift from Arthur Rhin-smith, now at Masonic Home, Sullivan, Ill., to whom it was given by Mrs. Reynolds.

Many members called attention to an erroneous dispatch sent out by the Associated Press from Los Angeles and widely printed in the papers stating that James A. Hard and Albert Woolson were not members of the G.A.R., and that the death of Wm. A. Magee ended the existence of that organization. A corrective dispatch by C. in C. Davis was sent out by the AP, but we have no way of knowing how widely it was published. The AP error arose from a misunderstanding by Mrs. Charlotte Kratch, local President of the W.R.C. in Los Angeles.

## Comrade Hard Undergoes Surgery

On March 2 Comrade James A. Hard of Rochester, N.Y. had his right leg amputated just above the knee for forestall gangrene. On March 7 the "Rochester Democrat & Chronicle" reported as follows: "James A. Hard is still holding his own very nicely. He had no fever, slightly low blood pressure and slightly rapid pulse". On March 8, P. D. C. Fred Colwell reported that Comrade Hard was slightly improved and was up in a wheelchair.

## DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

California & Pacific Long Beach May 3-6  
 Colorado & Wyoming Manitou Springs June 7-9  
 Connecticut New Haven April 18-19 Hotel Garde  
 Illinois Peoria June 12-14 Pere Marquette Hotel  
 Indiana Indianapolis June 12-14 Claypool Hotel  
 Iowa Fort Dodge June 7-9  
 Kansas Eldorado May 1-3  
 Maine Waterville June 19-20 Elmwood Hotel  
 Maryland Wilmington May 1-2  
 Massachusetts Swampscott May 15-17 Ocean House  
 Michigan Detroit June 3-5 Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel  
 Minnesota St. Paul May 8-9 St. Francis Hotel  
 Missouri Kansas City During week of May 17  
 New Hampshire Concord April 24-25 Eagle Hotel  
 New Jersey Atlantic City June 19-20 Hotel Jefferson  
 New York Elmira June 24-27 Mark Twain Hotel  
 Ohio Dayton June 21-25 Dayton Biltmore Hotel  
 Oregon & Washington Eugene June 1-2 Veterans Memorial Bldg.  
 Pennsylvania Pittsburgh Week of June 21 Hotel Roosevelt  
 Rhode Island Providence April 17-18  
 Vermont Burlington April 21-23  
 Wisconsin Oshkosh June 12-15

## One-Line Editorials

I had no shoes and I complained—until I met a man who had no feet. (Arabian Proverb)

We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing, while others judge us by what we have already done.

You don't get ulcers from what you eat, but from what's eating you.

By the time a man can afford to lose a golf ball, he can't hit it.

One way to acquire popularity is to say nothing, in silence.

Happiness is not a destination, but a route to follow.

God grant us the serenity to accept things we cannot change; the courage to change what we can; and the wisdom to know the difference.

To be great is to be misunderstood. (Emerson)

An understanding friend is better than an admiring one.

## Dead at 106



Comrade Wm. A. Magee was born in Findlay, Ohio on August 19, 1846 and enlisted Oct. 10, 1863 in Co. M 12th Ohio Cav., being mustered out on Nov. 14, 1865. He then reenlisted in the regular Army and retired in 1898. Comrade Magee died Jan. 23, 1953 in the Wadsworth Veterans Administration Hospital in Los Angeles, California.