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75 YEARS OLD! *Now What?*

There is a great deal in your upbringing, in your memories, and in your personal desires, that would inspire you to great deeds of patriotic heroism—if you were suddenly called upon for your country's defense.

But there is a kind of quiet, steady, day-to-day patriotism that our beloved nation needs perhaps more than any other. It could be that those who do **what** they can, **when** they can—quietly, persistently, and intelligently—to serve our great Republic's best interests over the years—are more to be esteemed and, yes, venerated than the career diplomat who tries to buy international friendship with so many billions of our hard-earned cash or the politician who promises to cut our taxes, whether the value of the dollar goes down or not.

We are rightfully proud of our organization's essential characteristic of Brotherhood—dedicated to selfless service, in the hallowed tradition of the great and glorious Grand Army of the Republic.

Here we have an opportunity to prove ourselves to our fellow-citizens—but, most of all, to ourselves!

Each year your contributions to the G.A.R. Memorial Fund enables us to furnish a scholarship in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic to Lincoln Memorial University. Let us, this year, raise enough more to also furnish a scholarship for General Howard, the founder of that fine educational and cultural institution to which we are, as "Sons," so closely associated.

Now that we are incorporated by Act of Congress, and about to take a more vigorous and influential part in national affairs, let us recognize this as a chance to give ourselves to the future—a chance to help develop the descendants of those most loyal to the Union during the Civil War into the very useful citizens that they have every right to be—a chance to pass the memory of what the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War stand for on to succeeding generations—and a chance to be one of those quiet, devoted, farsighted heroes so needed today by these United States of America.

With faith in God, in my country, and in my brothers

Cordially yours in F. C. & L.,
ERNEST G. WELLS,
National Patriotic Instructor.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AT ENCAMPMENT

Commander-in-Chief Martin J. Johnson of the Sons of Confederate Veterans will be a guest at our Harrisburg Encampment. Although the Grand Army of the Republic and the United Confederate Veterans held several reunions, this is the first time, so far as is now known, that the head of the Sons of Confederate Veterans has attended an Encampment.

There will be another distinguished guest. We think of the Grand Army of the Republic as the prototype of all general veterans' organizations, but it was not. Although the officers of the Revolution formed the society of the Cincinnati, the veterans as a whole never organized. The oldest organization in the world of the type of the Grand Army is the Society of the War of 1812.

On 14 September 1814 veterans of that war organized and voted that they "would never disband." When they found that they would have to disband on account of age and deaths, they decided to perpetuate their organization by taking in their descendants—a step which Past Commander-in-Chief Martin of the Grand Army said they ought to have done "years ago." The President General of the General Society of the War of 1812 will attend our Encampment to extend the greetings of that organization, the predecessor of the Grand Army.

YANKEE MONEY 'INSULT' TO DIXIE

Atlanta—(U.P.)—Southerners rallied to defend the three surviving Confederate veterans today from the "insult" of getting Yankee money to pay their medical bills.

Officials of the United Daughters of the Confederacy declared the fading old soldiers can get along without the pension proposals being considered by a House judiciary subcommittee.

Southern congressmen introduced the proposals because Congress last year voted to pay the medical expenses of the last surviving veteran of the Union Army, Albert Woolson, of Duluth, Minn.

THE BANNER

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National Secretary-Treasurer's Column

1956 DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

Location	Date	City	Headquarters
Calif. & Pacific	Apr. 22-25	San Jose	DeAnza Hotel
Colo. & Wyo.	June 7-9	Cheyenne, Wyo.	Plaines Hotel
Connecticut	May 19-20	Hartford	Hotel Bond
Illinois	June 14-17	Peoria	Pere Marquette Hotel
Indiana	June 8-10	Indianapolis	Hotel Severin
Iowa	June 1-3	Davenport	Hotel Black Hawk
Kansas	May 6-8	Emporia	Broadview Hotel
Maine	June 8-9	Lewiston	DeWitt Hotel
Maryland	May 18-19	Wilmington, Del.	Hot. Dupont
Massachusetts	Apr. 27-29	Boston	Sheraton Plaza Hotel
Michigan	June 13-15	Lansing	Hotel Olds
Minnesota (t'n't'y)	June 2-3	Minneapolis	
New Hampshire	Apr. 20-21	Concord	N. H. Hgwy. Motel
New Jersey	June 22-23	Atlantic City	Hotel Jefferson
New York	June 20-23	Lake Placid	St. Moritz Hotel
Ohio	June 24-28	Columbus	Deshler-Hilton
Oregon & Wash.	May 21-22	Seattle, Wash.	Aud. Annex
Pennsylvania	June 27-28	Hazleton	Hotel Altamont
Rhode Island	Apr. 13-14	Providence	The Arsenal
Vermont	June 21-23	Brattleboro	Hotel Brooks
Wisconsin	June 16-17	Madison	Lorraine Hotel



Shown above is the latest picture of Comrade Alfred Woolson of Duluth. It was taken on the occasion of his 109th birthday on February 11, 1956.

ROSTER CORRECTION—Due to resignation of Brother Ross, the newly appointed Department Secretary-Treasurer of the Oregon and Washington Department is W. Mark Simpson, 1842 N.E. 38th Ave., Portland 13, Ore.

MEMBER AT LARGE—Brother Wilfred Henry Winship of Syracuse, Kansas who was elected as member at large at the Cincinnati meeting of the

Council in Chief died on November 8, 1955 at the age of 88.

HONOR ROLL FUND—The most recent donation to this fund was \$10.00 from Raleigh O. Yingst of Muncie, Indiana, in honor of Comrade Joseph B. Yingst of Company I, 61st Ohio Infantry. His entire record will be recorded on our Honor Roll.

PROCEEDINGS—The proceedings of the 1955 National Encampment have been mailed to every Camp and to every delegate that attended the meeting in Cincinnati.

FORM 22—Report of Camp Installing Officer (Form 22) must be completed by each Camp in duplicate. Department Secretaries are to forward one copy of each to these headquarters. Failure to do so will deprive the Camp of their copy of The Banner and other releases from this office.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP—We welcome Brother Howard E. Waite of Worcester, Mass., as our most recent Life Member. Attention is again called to this class of membership. The \$100.00 fee is placed in our Permanent Fund and the interest on the same is forwarded to the local Camp of the Life Member.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS—Attention all Departments. At the Cincinnati National Encampment there were six Constitutional Amendments approved. These will be submitted to the various Departments for their action at their 1956 Department Encampments. Ballots will be sent to each Department and are to be returned to these headquarters immediately following each Department Encampment.

INCREASES IN PER CAPITA TAX—Attention all Departments. At the 1955 National Encampment the Per Capita Tax from Departments was increased to .25c per quarter on each member, starting with the September, 1956 quarter. At the same time the .50c new member fee will be discontinued. All Departments are requested to take this into account in preparing their 1956-1957 budgets.

A. C. L.

The first Confederate killed on a battlefield was Henry L. Wyatt, of the 1st North Carolina Regiment, killed at Big Bethel.

General Lee said that General Meade had given him as much or more trouble than any other general.

The cheapest victory ever won on any battlefield was the battle of Darbeytown Road, October 7, 1864.

The first Soldiers' Orphan School was founded by James P. Barr, of Pennsylvania.

NOTES FROM THE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Members of Lafayette Camp, New York City, led by Dept. Commander Bruckel and Commander-in-Chief Bauer took part in the Old Guard Ball at the Hotel Commodore on 27 January and a detachment in Civil War Uniform marched in the color ceremony.

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National Officers of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic have concurred in our stand on the subject of our stature with relation to the other Civil War organizations, as set forth in the January Banner. This organization, made up of women related to Civil War Veterans by blood or marriage is cooperating with us whole heartedly and is deserving of greater recognition than they have received in some places. Members of our Order should cultivate closer relations with the "Ladies."

EXERCISES AT LINCOLN MEMORIAL
AND TOMB

As last year our Order joined with the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States in the exercises at the Lincoln Memorial on Saturday 11 February. The exercises were well attended and fortunately the rain held up sufficiently so that the colors did not have to be cased. It was indeed an inspiring sight when our Commandery-in-Chief Colors borne by our Color Guard in Civil War uniform, under command of Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle, and escorted by the members of the Loyal Legion and our own Order led by General Grant and our Commander-in-Chief marched up the long flight of steps leading up to the Memorial between the lines of the Guard of Honor representing all four of the armed services. The exercises were brief and dignified, consisting of the reading of the Gettysburg Address and placing the wreaths, the Loyal Legion and our own wreaths having the place of honor after those of the President of the United States and other Federal Officials.

In the absence due to illness of Past Commanders-in-Chief Locke and Holbrook, who have had charge of the exercises at the Lincoln Tomb at Springfield, Ill., in the past, Past Dept. Commander J. Colby Beekman took charge and placed our wreath.

Others, including the President of the United States, placed wreaths, and the exercises were televised in "Wide Wide World." The thanks of our order are due to Brother Beekman for talking over at short notice and handling the ceremony in a manner befitting us as the oldest organization connected with the Civil War except the Military Order of the Loyal Legion and the Grand Army of the Republic.

MINIATURE INSIGNIA

Our Order now has an official miniature badge comparable to those of the other military and hereditary societies, which can be worn either alone or on a bar with the other miniatures to which the wearer is entitled. The miniature will be of similar size to those of other organizations, and will be suspended from our official ribbon corresponding to the rank of the wearer. Stars indicating rank and a palm to denote war service will be available. The miniature can be procured from the National Secretary at the following prices:

Miniature Badge Complete With Pin \$2.75
(If pin attachment is not desired deduct 10 cents.)

EXTRAS:

1 Bronze Star for Presiding and Past Camp Commanders10
2 Silver Stars for Presiding and Past Dept. Commanders10
3 Gold Stars for Past Commanders-in-Chief 1.50
Silver Palms for War Service25

Members should place their orders with the National Secretary now in order that a sufficient supply may be ordered. The money need not be sent until the person placing the order is notified that the insignia are ready for delivery, which it is hoped will be in season for all the Department Encampments. In ordering give (1) address, (2) rank, and (3) whether the wearer has had war service.

GROCERY STOCK

And BUSINESS STAND with
**THREE YEARS' LEASE
FOR SALE!**

The subscriber being one who has faith in Republican Institutions, and who believes the time has now come when the Government should have the services of every able-bodied man in putting down this rebellion, and maintaining our Republicanism against the world.

Has determined to Enlist for the War, and accordingly hereby offers to sell out his entire STOCK and BUSINESS, together with a THREE YEARS' LEASE of the building.

No. 65 MAIN STREET,

The stock of Goods is new and in tip-top order. The Stand is a first-rate one—one of the best in Paterson, and the premises are in good order, with proper shelving, good cellar, hoisting gear, and every facility to do a prosperous business.

Any person desirous of going into the Grocery or other business in Main Street, now has a fine opportunity. No bonus is required for the position, all that will be the price of the goods, etc., at the market valuation. Also, a fine

MARE & WAGON

With HARNESS, and all apparatus furnished there-with. The mare is one of the finest animals in Paterson, and as a "family horse" cannot be excelled.

All of the above is for sale in bulk or will be sold separately in lots to suit purchasers.

"Our Country calls, we must obey."

H. C. IRISH.

P. S.—Now to those young men who have said "why don't YOU go!" I say, "come along, I am in for the war!"

H. C. I.

The above is a reproduction of an advertisement used by Captain Hugh C. Irish of Paterson, New Jersey, when he decided to enlist in 1862. The original is owned by Captain Hugh C. Irish, Camp No. 8 of Paterson, N. J.

THIRY YEARS OF GRAVE MARKING

This year marks the 30th year of organized effort on the part of the National body in the important project of marking, registering and erecting headstones for the graves of our veterans. The first Graves Registration chairman was appointed in June, 1926 by the late Past C.-in-C., Edwin C. Ireland who named the late Brother Charles R. Hale of Connecticut to the post. This action stemmed from the action of the 44th National Encampment upon the resolution of the Illinois Department to secure permanent marking of the graves of Civil War veterans, which was endorsed by P. C.-in-C. William M. Coffin, then Commander-in-Chief, with the statement, "This activity should be encouraged to the utmost!" The late Brother Hale served faithfully and well in the capacity of grave marking chairman for nearly 20 years until his death in February of 1946. The last Past C.-in-C., H. Harding Hale in July, 1946 appointed P.D.C. Bertrand O. DeForest, Sr., also of Connecticut Department to succeed to the post of National Graves Registration Officer and for the past nearly 10 years Brother DeForest has administered the affairs of that office. Having assisted Brother Charles Hale in grave marking on the Connecticut Department Committee for a number of years, and having drawn maps of the location of veterans' graves in a large area of the State of Connecticut, Brother DeForest was well acquainted with the requirements of the office. Much progress has been made over the 30 years of organized effort in the task of marking these graves as 30 annual reports will testify. Many faithful Brothers are ardently engaged in the task day after day, unheralded and unsung. But until every last grave of a Union veteran of the Civil War is marked with a headstone, the job is not finished, the success of the project is not complete. We call upon every member to assist in its final accomplishment.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

We are now entering the year 1956 which is our 75th Diamond Birthday year. This year many of our members will travel to the City of our Birthplace—Pittsburgh, Penna., and will use the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Highway to the city of our destination, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

The work of this Committee has been somewhat hampered by the delay in receiving lists of appointments from various Departments. It is the responsibility of these appointed National Committeemen to see that the Markers on this Highway are in place and in good condition; also that the beauty of the Highway will be outstanding so we may receive the recognition so deserving to the Grand Army of the Republic who did so much for our country, the United States of America.

Brothers:

The success of this Committee does not rest alone with the appointed members of our Order through

which the Highway passes—but with every Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War doing their share and helping this project which is Our Project.

Suggestion—

From my own State of Iowa our Camps are sponsoring the placing of roadside tables on this Highway—the planting of trees and shrubbery where location makes it possible. We hope for the marking of all historical places.

What will your Department do?

National Chairman Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Highway Committee,

ROY J. BENNETT.

Attention Brother Chairman:

I would appreciate receiving from each Department Committeeman any pictures of Historical spots, road markers and newspaper clippings of interesting happenings along or connected with the Highway. I will put these in book form to become the property of our National Organization.

Message From the National President

GREETINGS: Sisters, let us pledge our loyal support to our Auxiliary! Giving the best that is within us, lending a willing hand and forgiving each other's faults. Our organization is decreasing in membership but if each Sister would bring in one new member a year, just think how many and helping hands we would have to work for our Order.

We are happy, our mothers, "The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic" have given to the Sons, the successors to the Grand Army of the Republic, their fullest cooperation.

On Mother's Day let each one of us honor the memory of our dear Mother with deeds of kindness.

During my year in office, I plan to visit as many Encampments as possible and hope to visit each state.

P.N.P. Margaret Anderson, has lost her father.

P.N.P. Clara Gallagher, has suffered a few heart attacks.

P.N.P. Eva Blackman, has lost her mother.

P.N.S. Alice Thompson, is recuperating from an operation.

Send greetings of cheer to our shut-in members.

Let us remember it is the little things that make life worth living.

A sincere compliment, a word of appreciation, and the joy of sharing and working together.

LEORE D. GLASS,
National President.



Nicholas G. Satter, center, is given a birthday cake in observance of his 99th birthday in his home at St. Lawrence, Pa., by officers of Meade Camp, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War of Reading, Pa. Edward W. Schnable, left, commander, presents the cake, and W. Howard Still, Sr., secretary-treasurer, hands Satter a greeting while C. LeRoy Stoult, councilman, standing left, and Arthur L. Yocum, commander-elect, looks on.

CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC—Our Past camp Commanders hold regular meetings in the Southern District. They are sponsoring the ways and means of raising money for the monument to be built in Long Beach at the end of Highway 6, Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Highway. The selection of the monument has been made and now work for the raising of money is proceeding. Bar-b-ques, steak dinners and jitney dinners have been planned so far. Everyone is working. Elections and installations of officers have been changed this year, so we are holding a long year for our Camp Commanders this time. We will be electing in March, our Encampment will be in April, our installations in May.

Plans are being made by the Chief-of-Staff of both Departments for the Department Encampment, Frank Woerner, of Inglewood, and Beatrice Riggs, of Ontario, April 22nd, to April 4th the dates, San Jose, the city.

The reception for our National President Lenore Glass, held in San Jose, was well attended by both the northern and southern part of the state. Past national officers in attendance, Earl and Beatrice Riggs and Louis Story. A delightful program, a wonderful dinner, nice words of greeting and good fellowship was certainly enjoyed at this reception. Lenore was the receiver of many gifts.

VERMONT—Most of the camps in the Vermont Department have elected and installed their officers for the current year. Brattleboro: Commander, Aamon De Witt; Bellows Falls: Commander, George Taylor; Springfield: Commander, Merton Graham; Rutland: Commander, Arthur Bernel; Montpelier: Commander, Thomas Drinkwater; Barre: Lawrence Cayia; Green Mountains State Camp No. 1: Commander, Archie Aldrich.

At the quarterly meeting of Green Mountains State Camp No. 1 held in Barre, February 11, the Barre Camp was reorganized.

The 1856 Encampment of the Vermont Department will be held the third weekend in June in Brattleboro. The committee in charge is busy at this time making the necessary arrangements. A long range program to increase our membership and to build up our finances will be presented for consideration at the Encampment. An interesting Encampment is assured.

RHODE ISLAND—The Rhode Island G. A. R. Family meeting was held in Providence at the Arsenal, January 28.

The Department held a card party on their regular meeting night at the Arsenal, February 4.

The Annual Lincoln Day Dinner was at the Biltmore Hotel, Providence, February 12.

These meetings were largely attended.

March 17-18th, the New England Regional meeting will be at the Arsenal, in Providence. Saturday meeting at 2:00 P. M., supper by Holman, \$2.00.



Department News



NEW JERSEY—Outstanding Lincoln celebrations were held throughout the State. Camp No. 4 of Trenton held their 50th Lincoln Banquet and the event also celebrated the 60th anniversary of the Camp. Camp 118 of Newark again sponsored the Newark G. A. R. Association Lincoln celebration at the Lincoln Statue. Camps 12 of Bloomfield and 5 of Trenton held open house and had planned Lincoln celebrations.

A recent Department Order by Department Commander Satterthwaite lists the following Camp Inspections: Bloomfield, Mar. 7; Newark, Mar. 14; Paterson, Mar. 23; Lambertville, Mar. 26; Trenton, (5), April 3rd; Union City, April 8th; Trenton, (4), April 12th; and Atlantic City, April 18th. He would be pleased to see all Camps represented at these meetings.

April 13-14, the annual Departmental Encampment will be at the Arsenal. The banquet will be Saturday evening—tickets \$2.00, Holman caterer.

NEW YORK—Oliver Tilden Camp No. 26 held installation of officers on Wednesday, 11. Dept. Commander Bruckel was the installing officer. The camp is still fighting to have the Soldiers and Sailors Monument restored in time for the coming Memorial Day.

P. D. C. Leslie W. More installed the officers of Diven Camp No. 77. A P. C. badge was presented to Alfred Burchard.

The mid-winter meeting in Utica was well attended. C-in-C. Bauer was present and discussed the relation of the Sons to the allied group. Dept. Com. W. F. Bruckel requests that district meetings be substituted for the Department Mid-Winter meeting. P. D. C. Charles L. Messer and P. C. Robert Wagoner are arranging a fine program at Grant's cottage, Mount McGregor, Sunday, May 6.

O'Rorke Camp, No. 60, observed its sixtieth anniversary, together with its Auxiliary No. 23, at city hall annex, Wednesday evening, February 29. P. C. C. Charles Hook, the only active charter member, with Sister Carrie Hook, were honor guests.

MASSACHUSETTS—Harold M. Drown addressed the Stoughton Historical Society on theme—"Sons of Noble Sires"—the date being 250th birthday anniversary of Benjamin Franklin. Historical Society President, Gustav T. Winroth, presented the speaker as "nationally known member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War." The program was complimented by Dept. Comdr. Millard F. Brown; P. D. C., Charles W. Hooper; Past Vice Com., Everett M. Atwood (who gave "Flag Charge"); Charles L. Burnham, Comdr. of George E. Meade Camp—delivering "Gettysburg Address," and Ernest Hines, P. C. Meade Camp. Bro. Drown reviewed the 75-year-old history of S. U. V. and program, now, of perpetuating the deeds of the G. A. R.

Plymouth County Assoc. and Assoc. Auxiliary observed their Lincoln-Washington annual banquet and commemorative program on Feb. 18th, at Abington. Chief guest and speaker—introduced by Association President, Harold M. Drown, was Thomas H. Buckley, P. C. of Meade Camp and recently the Commissioner of Administration and Finance, Comm. of Mass. when original dedication of G. A. R. Highway occurred in 1937, at New Bedford, Buckley was the orator. Everett M. Atwood was chairman of the evening and a feature included "Gettysburg Address" (in costume), by Frank E. Brown, member of the G. A. R. Highway Com. and the father of Dept. Com. Brown.

The Past Commanders' and Past Presidents' Associations of the Mass., Dept. complied with request by City of Boston, that we hold commemoration of Lincoln, this year on Feb. 11th. It was doubly significant, as it fell on 109th birthday of Comd. Albert Woolson. Committee on arrangements was: James G. Wolff, recently Asst. Atty. Gen. Comm. of Mass.; Louis E. Winchell, Exec. Secty., New Eng-

land Regional Assoc.. Harold M. Drown, Past Nat. Secy.; William Randolph Cohen, Comdr. Lowell Camp, Boston. Wreaths were placed by City Greeter "Jack" Brown, for Mayor John B. Hynes; Herbert W. Bogue, Pres. Past Comdrs.; Pamela S. Elder, P. D. P., for Past Presidents. Those participating with Bro. Wolff, presiding were: Winchell, reading Governor's Proclamation; John L. Day, Sr. Vice Comdr.; Nat. Pat. Instrc. Ernest G. Wells and heads of Affiliates, Grand Army of the Republic.

COLORADO—Camp No. 5, Colorado Springs met Jan. 9th for joint Installation of the officers for 1956.

On Feb. 13th the annual Lincoln-Washington tea was held. The speaker being Chaplain Fred W. Nierman, from Camp Carson. His subject, "What Kind of a Nation Are We."

Denver, Colorado, State Camp No. 1, Dept. of Colorado and Wyoming Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Aux. entertained with covered dish luncheon for a Christmas party.

Past Dept. Commander, John B. Fuller was appointed Dept. Chairman, Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Highway.

PENNSYLVANIA—Davis Camp, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, held joint installation on Thursday, January 12th, in Memorial Hall. George H. Bassett, Jr., was installed as Camp Commander and Mrs. Irene Boyd as President of the Auxiliary. Following installation, refreshments were served in the Banquet Room Annex.

The Annual Lincoln dinner was held in Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall, Pittsburgh, on Saturday, February 4th. The guest speaker was Coroner of Allegheny County, Dr. William D. McClelland.

Greetings were extended by Clara E. Lewis, representing the Women's Relief Corps, Mrs. Margaret Urban, Dept. President, Ladies' G. A. R., and Wm. C. Jones, Dept. Commander, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Patriotic solos were rendered by Alice Long Walker and Anna Clevenhaus of the Daughters presided.

AUXILIARY NOTES

CALIFORNIA—Lena Barrett, P. N. P. and Counselor to the National President has returned from her trip to Japan. Sister Barrett is a member of the Auxiliary to Rosecrans Camp No. 2 in Los Angeles. Mrs. Hannah Dabel, Department President of California and Pacific was honored with a reception sponsored by Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 and Auxiliary No. 12 of San Jose, California, with her staff officers in Friendship Hall of the Pioneer Savings Bank in Willow Glen. There were 89 guests present, representing the Auxiliaries in Oakland, Santa Rosa and Santa Cruz from Northern California and Los Angeles, Pomona and Ontario from Southern California. Our National President, Lenore D. Glass was guest of honor, with P. N. P. Mamie Deems and Lena Barrett. District No. 1, Sons and Auxiliary held their joint meeting on January 15, in Oakland.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR Presentation of National Certificate "Honorary Associate"



Left to right: Mrs. Starr, mother; Thomas Irwin Starr, gatherer of Lincoln and Civil War memorabilia, recipient of the Certificate; Charles Frederick Dexter, Personal Aide to the Commander-in-Chief; Milo C. Newer, Sr., Department Commander; George R. Raub, Sr., Department Senior Vice-Commander. This recognition is the first of its kind ever conferred in the 75th years of the Sons organization.

COLORADO—The Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War met at the home of Mrs. A. J. Meeker for luncheon, honoring the Department President, Mrs. Fred Brownell and the Department Inspector, Mrs. George W. Lee. They are both from Colorado Springs and were making their official visit to Lincoln Camp 7. Past Department Commander and Past Department President, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Myers were present, among many other guests from out of town.

Mrs. Sylvia Brownell of Colorado Springs, Department President, installed the officers of Lincoln Camp No. 7's Auxiliary. Mrs. William Popp is the President of the Auxiliary. Brother Wilson Savage of Lincoln Camp draped the charter of their Auxiliary in memory of Sister Edna Short's sister, Edith Roe, who is P. D. P. Louella Holmes niece, as well as for Sister Jane Sayhouse's husband.

Auxiliary #1, of Denver installed their officers on January 10. Sister Evelyn Thomas is the new President. Sister Anne Tarlton and Brother J. B. Fuller announced they were married in Nov. 1955. Congratulations!

Auxiliary #8, Denver, held their installation the first week in January. D. P. Sylvia Brownell was the installing officer.

Auxiliary #5, Colorado Springs, held their installation January 9. D. P. Sylvia Brownell installed. Sister Lucy Adamson is the President.

ILLINOIS—On Thursday, February 9, Illinois had the pleasure of entertaining our National President, Sister Lenore Glass, with a small reception at the Sherman Hotel in Chicago. We consider it quite an honor, and our President brought us much encouragement, and a fine message.

MAINE—T. W. Hyde Auxiliary #11 were saddened by the death of Past President Edith Milles in November. Please accept the sympathy of the National Body, in your loss.

MASSACHUSETTS—At their January meeting, Auxiliary #5 began work on an Afghan to be presented to a hospital. This is an annual project of the Auxiliary.

MICHIGAN—Francis Finch Auxiliary of Grand Rapids, was organized in 1925 by Mrs. Florence Brown with the assistance of National and Department officers and several members of Robert Finch Camp No. 14. Mrs. Brown was elected their first President. Now, in 1956, she has again been selected to pilot the organization through another year, which will make the fifth time she has been the President. She also served the Michigan Department as President one year, and is now one of Lena's '49ers.

NEW HAMPSHIRE — Boscawen — Miss Marilyn Bartlett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Bartlett of Boscawen, has been named President of the J. S. Durgin Auxiliary. It is believed she is the youngest President of an adult Auxiliary in the National Organization. Marilyn has attended two National and two Department Encampments. She will be 16 years old in March and has belonged to the Auxiliary since she was 14. Marilyn is the daughter of our National Patriotic Instructor, Iyla Bartlett.

Keene—The Auxiliary held a food sale at Roxbury Street, proceeds for the benefit of the Polio Drive. A Lincoln Day program was featured at a meeting of the Auxiliary. Sketches of the life of Abraham Lincoln, a long cabin replica and other Lincoln highlights were featured. The District meeting will be held in Bennington, Vermont. A life membership was voted to Past National President Blanch Beverstock.

WASHINGTON-OREGON — The Auxiliary presented flags to two Cub Scouts of Springfield. Mrs. Lella Reynolds of Seattle, Dept. President of Oregon-Washington made her official visit to the Auxiliary, accompanied by a group of her official staff. The guests included representatives from the three allied orders, and Department Commander of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mr. Spencer Leonard. The Auxiliary gives voluntary service at the Veterans Hospital and assists needy members.

VERMONT—The Winooski Valley District meeting was held at Chelsea with a supper. The Mid-Year Conference was also held there in the afternoon. The Fall meeting of District No. 5 was held in Reading. The Vermont Department Encampment will be held

in Brattleboro, June 28-30. This Fall Regional meeting was held in Hartford, Connecticut. Montpelier has three new candidates for membership.

IOWA—A joint dinner-meeting of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its Auxiliary was held Monday evening in the Amber Room of Nick's Restaurant.

The following officers were installed: Edward R. Kuba, commander; C. A. Williams, Senior vice-commander; Floyd Vaverka, junior vice-commander; R. A. Wilkinson, secretary-treasurer; Rollo James, chaplain; Lee Osborn, patriotic instructor, and B. E. Skinner, guide.

Auxiliary officers include Edith Bouquet, president; Etta LeFebure, vice-president; Blanche Coombs, chaplain; Mable Wilkinson, treasurer; Alma Owens, secretary; Marietta Turkle, patriotic instructor; Josephine Kuba, guide; Etta Williams, assistant guide; Laura Sanders and Myrtle Childers, color bearers; Luella Taylor, guard; Marie Kurth, musician, and Edward R. Kuba, councilor.

CARD OF THANKS

I take this opportunity to thank everyone who sent me cards and words of condolence on the recent death of my mother.

Your kindness and thoughtfulness are much appreciated.

EVA B. BLACKMAN,
Past National President

MAINE—T. W. Hyde Camp and Auxiliary of Bath had a live television program from Channel 13 of Portland on Monday, February 20. It was the first of this kind ever to be held in the State of Maine. Commander Donald C. Preble and President Miss Phyllis Warner gave interesting facts about the organization. P. D. C. Maurice J. Warner gave the "Charge to the Flag." Many favorable comments have been had and we feel it has done much to publicize our organization.

MASSACHUSETTS—The 65th Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary will be held in Boston, Mass., at Sheraton Plaza Hotel on April 27-28-29, 1956.

Lt. Nathaniel Bowditch Auxiliary #90 of Dorchester, Mass., at their regular meeting in December, endorsed Sister Nancy Ricker Call for the office of Dept. Vice President and will present her name at the Dept. Encampment in April.

The South Shore Past Presidents' Association, S. U. V., held their mid-winter meeting in Abington, Mass., at G. A. R. Hall on January 28th. Entertainment and social hour followed the meeting.

Flora Bates, Mass. Dept. President, S. U. V. Auxiliaries, has called a District meeting to be held in Brockton, Mass., on Tuesday evening, February 7, 1956 at 8 p. m. This gathering will be her official visit to the Auxiliaries in this District and it is earnestly hoped that many will make every effort to be present to greet our Dept. President. This will be a regular meeting with Sisters from different Auxiliaries taking part.

The Washington-Lincoln banquet of Plymouth County Association, S. U. V. and Auxiliaries will be held at Grand Army Hall, Abington, Mass., on Saturday evening, February 18, 1956, at 6:30 p. m.

The Past Presidents' and Past Commanders' Association of Massachusetts will have their Lincoln-Washington banquet in Roxbury on Saturday, Feb. 25th.

PENNSYLVANIA—Joint installation of the officers of Capt. J. P. Brindle Camp No. 50, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its Auxiliary No. 50 was held on Friday night at the G. A. R. Hall.

American and State flags were presented to the Carlisle Senior High School at ceremonies in the first assembly in the new auditorium. Members of the National Honor Society opened the program with devotions.

Mrs. Nellie Kern, Patriotic Instructor of Auxiliary No. 50, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, presented the American Flag and E. C. Baker, Commander of American Legion Post No. 101, presented the State Flag. Mark N. Burkhart, principal, accepted the flags on behalf of the school.

Brownie Troop No. 68, meeting at the First Reformed Church, 30 North Pitt Street, Carlisle, was presented an American Flag yesterday afternoon by the Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Mrs. Nellie Kerns and Mrs. Ella Ruggles, members of the Auxiliary made the presentation to Mrs. Nedra Difford, Brownie leader.

Mrs. Jennie Palmer was elected president of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War of Chester, at a meeting at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Bullock, 725 Parker Street.

PERMANENT FUND

Attention is again called to the Permanent Honor Roll, which is part of the Permanent Fund. Members are urged to make use of this means of honoring their ancestor and at the same time helping to add to the permanent fund of the Order.

To-Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer,
P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J.

Kindly enter the following Civil War record on the HONOR ROLL FUND.

Name of Veteran

Company & Regiment

Enclosed find (\$10.00 or more) donation to the HONOR ROLL FUND from

Name

Address

(Donations, legacies, and bequests to this fund are welcome and will be preserved.)