

Lincoln Sesquicentennial

World-wide celebration of the 150th anniversary year of Abraham Lincoln's birth got under way ceremonially in Washington, D. C. on February 11 with national and international leaders attending a Lincoln Dinner in the Statler Hotel. Guests were treated to a varied program which included President Eisenhower's brief resume of the homage statesmen the world over have paid the Civil War President, and an address by the Rt. Rev. Richard S. M. Enrich, Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan. Mr. Fredric March read Lincoln's Farewell Address at Springfield, and music was furnished by the United States Marine Band Orchestra. Selections from "The Union and the Confederacy" were sung under direction of Mr. Richard Bales.

On February 12th, an outstanding ceremony was held at the Lincoln Monument in Washington under direction of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, followed by their annual luncheon at the Army and Navy Club. Our Order was a guest of the Loyal Legion, and was permitted to place a wreath immediately following the presentation by Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd who is the present Commander-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion. Nat'l Secy.-Treas. Lambert represented us at all of the above affairs along with members in uniform from Harrisburg and Gettysburg, Pa. Music was furnished by the United States Marine Band, and the Gettysburg Address was given by Mr. Richard Boone, television and moving picture star. In addition to some twenty wreaths from various patriotic organizations, wreaths were presented by Maj.-Gen. John G. Van Houten, representing President Eisenhower; His Excellency Seilla Sacasa, Ambassador of Nicaragua; Roger Ernest, Asst. Secretary of the Interior; Mr. Conrad Wirth, director of National Parks; and Mr. Robert E. McLaughlin, president of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

Many Camps and Auxiliaries throughout the country sponsored Lincoln Banquets and observances. Among those reported to us are Harrisburg, Pa. on Feb. 7; Philadelphia on Feb. 14; Lehigh Valley Assoc. on Feb. 28; Rochester, N. Y. on Feb. 12; (Continued on Page Two)



Lincoln exercises at Emancipation Statue, Boston, Mass. shows left to right: Col. Raymond A. Wilkinson representing Gov. Furcolo; John M. Brown, official greeter City of Boston; and James G. Wolff, in charge of occasion and former Asst. Attorney General.

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Trenton, N. J. on Feb. 14; Newark, N. J. on Feb. 15; New York, N. Y. on Feb. 25; Cleveland, Ohio on Feb. 12; Cincinnati, Ohio on Feb. 12; Dayton, Ohio on Feb. 14; Boston, Mass. on Feb. 12; Plymouth County Assoc. of Massachusetts; Chicago on Feb. 12; Moline, Illinois on Feb. 14; Pittsburgh, Pa. on Feb. 7 in Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall; Providence, R. I. in The Arsenal.

Ceremony Planned for April 14

The Third Annual ceremony commemorating the death of Abraham Lincoln will be held at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Illinois on Tuesday, April 14th at 11 A. M. to be followed by a luncheon at the Hotel Leland at 12:30 P. M. Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles A. Brady, who is in charge of the affair requests all that plan to attend the luncheon to please advise him.

Our special guests on this occasion will be members of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States of America. Several other veteran and patriotic groups plan to participate and present wreaths.

A bus will leave the Hotel Leland at 10:45 A. M. to take those attending to Oak Ridge Cemetery, and will return the group to the hotel for luncheon. In addition to Brother Brady, members of the committee include George L. Cashman of Springfield; J. Colby Beekman of Petersburg; W. Glen Davis of Springfield and Warren L. Van Dine of Burnside.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION

The day most sacred to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Memorial Day, is only a few weeks away. It is time to give thought to whatever our activities are to be on that day. When each of us took our obligation in joining our order, we took solemn oath to "always observe the day set aside by the Grand Army of the Republic as Memorial Day, sacred to the memory of the Union Soldiers and Sailors of 1861 to 1865."

It follows, then, that in order to support our sworn promise, and also to satisfy our deep inner urge to show our appreciation and devotion to those whose patriotic sacrifices made it possible for us to live a good life in a land of freedom and hope, every true Son will make every effort to participate in a memorial service of some kind. But is this enough?

The oath we took also said, "and to persuade others to do the same." It has been my observation that to "persuade others" is a difficult thing to do. Fifty years ago, when the next town was as far away as the most distant place in the State is now, great crowds turned out to the Memorial Day observances. Today the nation is on wheels; and unfortunately most of those wheels are rolling toward far away places on every holiday, including the one we hold most sacred.

With the latter fact in mind, my home Camp at Bellows Falls is going to try something new this year. At least, it is new to us: if it has been tried before we never heard of it. The plan is simply to hold pre-memorial services, in a large hall or auditorium, a few days before the holiday. This must not be confused with pre-memorial Sunday services. It will be set up much the same as the usual out of door services are, excepting the firing squad. We will have

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a "name speaker," and the help of the ministers of two large local Churches. We will also have the cooperation of the schools, and of other patriotic organizations.

We believe that a great many people would like to express their patriotism by attending memorial services, whose natural patriotic urge is outweighed by the opportunity for a long holiday for the whole family, away from home.

Our pre-memorial service will give everyone the opportunity to do both. Of course, we will carry out our usual Memorial Day activities also.

I would like to urge all Patriotic Instructors to take this plan before their camps, and to consider whether it would be practical in your locality. If it can be done, we would not only be truly fulfilling our obligation, we would be adding greatly to the honor and prestige of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Brothers, do not forget our Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund. I have sent out a great many letters, but the response has been slow. I know that I will receive a great many generous donations, but let us not wait until the last minute, as the saying is. We are still working hard on the three M's. The Memorial season is nearly here; our Membership will surely rise to the occasion; and our beloved order needs Money.

THOMAS A. CHADWICK,
National Patriotic Instructor.

The Clay Battalion

With the firing on Fort Sumter and President Abraham Lincoln's call for volunteers Virginia seceded from the Union on April 17, 1861 bringing the frontier of the Confederacy to the very doorsteps of the capital. Disaster followed disaster with the burning and abandonment of the arsenal at Harper's Ferry on April 18, the Baltimore Riot on April 19, and the destruction of the Gosport Naval Yard at Norfolk on April 20.

The city of Washington found itself in a precarious position. With only a company of regulars from Minnesota and a small detachment of unarmed Pennsylvania volunteers the capital city had no defense against assault from without or treason from within. To give some semblance of military force the Lincoln government made arms available to all patriotic citizens who would offer their service in the defense of Washington.

Cassius Marcellus Clay, the newly appointed minister plenipotentiary to Russia, delayed sailing to his new post to protect the capital city. James H. Lane, the newly elected Senator of Kansas also heeded the call and with Clay's "Company" and Lane's "Headquarters Frontier Guard" Washington was saved during the crisis that lasted approximately ten days. During this period Clay commanded both of the military units which he called a battalion.

PLANNING CENTENNIAL



(Boston Evening American photo)

Pictured left to right: Ernest G. Wells, general secretary for Massachusetts Centennial Commission; John J. Curry, City Manager of Cambridge; Harold M. Drown, publicist for Massachusetts; and Frank F. Johnson, blind leader in Cambridge who is Centennial Chairman there. The first Company in the nation to answer Lincoln's call for volunteers was Company C of Cambridge of the 3rd Regiment. Cambridge still observes and recognizes G.A.R. Services on Memorial Day.

U. S. Grant at Old Fort Monroe

General Grant (1822-85) arrived at Fort Monroe, Virginia on the morning of April 1, 1864, having left Washington, D. C. the day before. He spent the day with Major General Benjamin F. Butler. Recently arrived from the Western theater of operations, General Grant had been given supreme command of all the Union armies.

The plan of General Grant was to strike at the Confederates on all fronts simultaneously without letup. To Major General Butler, Grant assigned one of the principal movements in the coming spring campaign, viz., to move from Fort Monroe up the James River and threaten Richmond. At the same time, Grant would hurl the Army of the Potomac against General Lee's army in Northern Virginia.

Grant crossed the Rapidan River on May 14, 1864, and attacked Lee in the WILDERNESS (May 5-7), and was repulsed. Instead of turning back, this new Union general moved to the left, obliging Lee to follow him to keep from being outflanked. At SPOTTSYLVANIA (May 8-18) the two armies locked again in bloody combat. Again Grant moved to the left instead of retreating. Then came the fighting at the NORTH ANNA and TOTOPOTOMOY CREEK (May 23-28). Again Grant moved to the left instead of retreating. By this time the two armies had traversed an arc of about 70 miles from the Rapidan to Cold Harbor just east of Richmond.

THE BATTLE OF COLD HARBOR (June 1-3) was one of the bloodiest battles of all time. Grant was again repulsed. He could not advance. He would not retreat. With great adroitness, Grant extricated himself from this serious predicament by slipping across the James River on June 14 before Lee realized that he had gone. Joining forces with Butler, Grant attacked PETERSBURG, which held out until General Lee's army raced down from Richmond.

Grant made another visit to Fort Monroe during the Siege of Petersburg, this time to confer with President Lincoln, on the morning of July 31, 1864. The siege of Petersburg lasted from June 19, 1864 to April 2, 1865, when General Lee abandoned the city. Closely pursued by Grant, Lee was unable to join forces with General Johnston in North Carolina. Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox on April 9, 1865. Thirteen months after Grant had been given supreme command of all Union armies and eleven months after he had started his offensive, the war came to an end with victory for the United States Government.

Grant was the 18th President of the United States, serving two terms (1869-1877). In the spring of 1884, Grant lost his entire fortune through the failure of a banking firm in which he was a partner. In October of that same year, Grant was found to have cancer of the throat. About this time, a publishing firm offered Grant a large sum of money for his memoirs. To provide for his wife and family, Grant undertook the race with death. He completed his memoirs just a few days before his death.

THE FORT MONROE CASEMATE MUSEUM (Newport News, Virginia) has several interesting Grant exhibits, chief of which is an exceptionally fine oil painting of General U. S. Grant by the noted portrait artist and historical illustrator, Jack Clifton of Hampton, Virginia.



LEST WE FORGET

Grand Army of the Republic Recognition

From the official proceedings of the Grand Army of the Republic the following Resolutions are quoted, showing the official recognition of our Order, by the Parent Order.

From resolution adopted at the 15th Annual Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, June, 1881, we quote: "The Sons of Veterans are all that their name implies; that they are of the best blood of the land, and as such should be encouraged in following the footsteps of their illustrious predecessors."

At the 65th Annual Encampment, Des Moines, Iowa, September 14-17, 1931: "Resolved, That the Grand Army of the Republic establish and have given proper observance, in Memorial Day since 1868, we in National Encampment now assembled grant whatever right we have to maintain our memories and see that our graves are properly decorated on Memorial Day to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and protest against any other Organization usurping that right in any place where a Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans exists."

Riggs Reception

A very beautiful and well attended reception was given for Commander-in-Chief Earl F. Riggs of Upland. Frank Woerner was general chairman. The membership history of Earl was depicted in the use of a "Long Road." Small trees and shrubs lined the path through which the Commander-in-Chief was escorted. He was escorted by John Emes, who was initiated with Earl in 1936. Other events noted were his marriage to Bea in 1947, his election to Department Commander in 1948, his election as Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief in 1950 and his election as Commander-in-Chief in 1958.

He was escorted from year to year by those who had served with him, reaching the 1958 year with his National President, Sister Ursula Shepardson, who had flown out for the occasion. The program for the evening was well received, and good wishes were extended by many. Four of Earl's children were present for the occasion together with their husbands and wives.

BEATRICE RIGGS.

DEDICATION DAY BILL—H. J. Res. 126

Mrs. Jessica McCullough Weis, newly elected Representative of the 38th District of New York on January 9th introduced to the newly convened First Session of the 86th Congress, House Joint Resolution 126 designating November 19th of each year as Dedication Day, in honor of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

After twelve years in the House of Representatives, Kenneth B. Keating was elected to the United States Senate and Mrs. Weis was elected to take over his seat in the House. Rochester has a dual interest in our Congress, now with Mr. Keating in the Senate and Mrs. Weis in the House, and our organization is fortunate in having two such good friends there also.

Now is the time to ask you good members from Maine to California to get busy with your Representative and with any member of the House Committee on the Judiciary. Arrange a special meeting of your Camp and have all present sign a Camp letter on your Camp stationery. Address your letter to Hon. Emanuel Cellers, Chairman, House Committee on the Judiciary, House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

H. J. Res. 126 will do us a lot of good with our preparatory plans for the Civil War Centennial. Let's get behind this "bill." You'll be surprised at what you and a lowly 4¢ postage stamp can do.

FRED E. COLWELL,
Chairman, Legislative Committee.



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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War
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Upland, California

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BUILD YOUR ORGANIZATION

1. Families, organizations, communities and countries are influenced by persons who lived long years ago. Their ideas are venerated, their words remembered and their principles given importance. This is well, and as it should be.

The founders of our organization have given us a wonderful tradition; one on which we should build. New ideas and plans will be offered from time to time as we progress. People are busy and many demands are made on their time. To interest them in an organization such as ours we must advance and keep pace with the modern jet age, never forgetting for one minute the importance of keeping alive the principles and objects of the Grand Army of the Republic.

2. Congratulations to the Department of Indiana. Their Department Commander, John M. Caylor has secured six new members for his Camp. Also to the Department of Ohio, where Brother Daniel F. Clancy has secured six new members for the Columbus Camp. Both of these Brothers have been awarded the gold ribbon, and are hereby appointed as National Aides to the Commander-in-Chief.

3. Brother John C. Ems of my own Camp in Ontario is also appointed as a National Aide for his loyalty to the organization and his untiring efforts to build up our Camp. Which Department will be next with additional Aides?

4. By action of the Council of Administration, the 1960 National Encampment will be held in Springfield, Illinois, August 21-25, 1960. Invitations have been issued to all of the Allied Orders to meet with us.

5. My appreciation to the Department of California and Pacific for the outstanding reception given in my honor. To the many friends who attended and those who sent regrets and best wishes I can only say a sincere "Thank You."

6. I attended the reception for the Department Commander of the California and Pacific Department, Brother Coby Wilcox on January 19 in Los Angeles.

7. One way of keeping our organization progressing after we are inactive is through a Life Membership. Congratulations to Major Edgar Tenney of my Department on becoming a Life Member.

8. Abraham Lincoln was a great man, with humor, love and devotion to his family, friends and his country. His stories are legend, his wisdom still a shining example for all to follow. By special arrangement your Commander-in-Chief with members of the Pasadena Camps visited the Huntington

Library to view their exhibits of paintings and documents of Abraham Lincoln.

9. I would urge that every member of our organization read "Patterns of Communist Espionage," a report by the Committee on Un-American Activities dated January, 1959. From it you will learn of the complacency of our citizens, and you will see the need of building organizations such as ours.

10. My itinerary is not quite complete, but I will be visiting as many of the Department Encampments during the month of June as time will permit.

11. To the Departments of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Indiana, I extend thanks for the fine meetings held in December on the occasion of my visit to them.

12. Word has just been received that our own National Centennial Committee is now ready and willing to send suggested programs to any Department wishing same. This committee has done a great deal of work and they have many good suggestions for Department Centennial Committees. Write to the Chairman, William O. Fuller, 104 Middle St., New Bedford, Mass., or to the Secretary, Ernest Wells, 11 Tufts St., Cambridge, Mass.

EARL F. RIGGS,
Commander-in-Chief.

**Plan to Attend . . .
NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT**

Long Beach, Calif.
AUGUST 16-20, 1959



A scenic packed tour to the 1959 National Encampments of the Sons of Union Veterans, their Auxiliary and the Ladies of the G. A. R. has been planned by the Burlington Railroad. You will have ample time to get acquainted with fellow members of the party, and to see some of the greatest attractions of our country.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT — Those wishing to be included in this trip must make reservations **immediately**. Direct your inquiry to

Mr. Arthur R. Kruse
Burlington Railroad
125 South Broad Street
Philadelphia 9, Pa.

The Lafayette Hotel will be headquarters for the Sons and Auxiliary while in Long Beach. Reservations should be made directly with the hotel reservation manager, giving date and time of arrival and departure.

Rates at the Lafayette Hotel are as follows:

Rooms:	Single	Double	Twin-Beds
	\$6.50	\$10.00	\$11.00
	7.00	10.50	11.50
	7.50	11.00	12.00
	8.00	11.50	12.50
	8.50	12.00	13.00
	9.00	13.00	14.00
	9.50	14.00	15.00
	10.00	15.00	17.00

FLAG POLE REDEDICATION



Sunday, October 26 was a gala Flag Pole Rededication Day for Phil Sheridan Camp 4 at the G.A.R. Plot in Oak Hill Cemetery, San Jose, California. This flag pole replaces one placed there by Sheridan Dix Post, G.A.R., fifty-two years ago. The above picture shows the Patriotic Instructors of the various organizations. At left of flag pole is Mr. Aaron Powers, Patr. Instr. of Camp No. 4. Standing at his right is Mrs. Edna Rodrigues, Patr. Instr. W.R.C. On her right is Mrs. Mabel Woods, representing the Ladies of the G.A.R., then Mrs. Florence Jackson, Patr. Instr. D.U.V.C.W., and Maude Cahill, Patr. Instr. Aux. to Sheridan Camp 4. Kneeling in front of Flag Pole is Commander Vernon Cheney of Phil Sheridan Camp. In army uniform is Major Clarence Stout, a fifty-year member of the Camp.

THE FLAG POLE SPEAKS—from the early records of Sheridan Six Post, G.A.R.

"I, the Flag Pole speak! Again I proudly stand straight and tall—a sentinel ever watchful over graves of those boys in blue who placed me here so many years ago.

I remember that day as if it were only yesterday. The date was May 21, 1906. Commander C. W. Rice of Sheridan Dix Post, G.A.R. appointed a Cemetery Committee consisting of five comrades . . . R. S. Smith, R. S. Butler, C. L. Burdick, L. T. Robinson and R. R. May. It was through their efforts that I was erected and given the honor of bearing on high the emblem of our country. At that time Sheridan Dix Post had a membership of 260.

I shall never forget the thrill I had in May of that year when the Comrades held their first Memorial Day service. How proudly I stood holding Old Glory aloft while the Comrades stood in full uniform below me.

All through the years that I have been standing, the sons of those boys in blue have been carrying on the traditions of their fathers, under an Act of Congress with full authority to act in the stead of the G.A.R. I recall when Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 was instituted on December 5, 1897, and have watched this active and progressive organization carrying on the noble traditions of their fathers who lived and died preserving that glorious peace we all enjoy today."

1959 DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

DEPARTMENT	DATE	PLACE	HOTEL
Calif. & Pac.	Apr. 12-15	Fresno	California Hotel
Colo. & Wyo.	June 7-9	Manitou Springs	Cliff House
Connecticut	May 2-3	New Britain	Hotel Burritt
Illinois	June 12-14	Joliet	Hotel Louis Joliet
Indiana	June 5-7	Indianapolis	Severin Hotel
Iowa	June 26-28	Waterloo	Lamson Hotel
Kansas	May 3-5	Eldorado	Eldorado Hotel
Maine	June 19-20	Portland	Eastland Hotel
Maryland	May 15-16	Washington, D. C.	Hotel Dodge
Massachusetts	Apr. 17-19	Boston	Sheraton-Plaza Hotel
Minnesota	June 13	Minneapolis	Court House
			G.A.R. Room
New Hampshire	Apr. 24-25	Concord	New Hamp. Hwy. Hotel
New Jersey	June 19-20	Atlantic City	Hotel Jefferson
New York	June 24-27	Elmira	Mark Twain Hotel
Ohio	June 12-13	Columbus	Desider Hilton Hotel
Ore. & Wash.	June 1-3	Seattle, Wash.	New Washington Hotel
Pennsylvania	June 21-24	Reading	Hotel Abraham Lincoln
Rhode Island	Apr. 10-11	Providence	Arsenal
Vermont	June 25-27	Rutland	Burdwell Hotel
Wisconsin	June 20-21	Racine	Racine Hotel

OMNIBUS

RUNKLE IN HOSPITAL—We regret to report that Past Commander-in-Chief John H. Runkle of Harrisburg, Pa. was taken in an ambulance from his office to the hospital on January 23rd. He was suffering from pneumonia and a slight heart attack, but is now reported to be greatly improved.

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

GRANT TOMB—By Act of Congress, the Grant Tomb in New York City is being accepted as a National Monument, to be administered and maintained by the Secretary of the Interior and to be known as "The General Grant National Memorial." The ceremony of transferring title from the Grant Monument Association will take place on Sunday, April 26th.

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL meetings will be held at Bath, Maine, on April 4-5.

News of the Civil War Centennial

A NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE interested in Centennial plans will be held at the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond, Virginia under the direction of the National Civil War Centennial Commission. The sessions will begin at noon on April 16 and will conclude at noon on April 17.

A REGIONAL MEETING OF STATE CENTENNIAL COMMISSIONS was held at St. Louis on February 11 with General Grant, chairman of the National Commission, and Mr. Belts, executive director, present.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22, 1959. Fear expressed in some quarters that the forthcoming four-year observance of the Civil War Centennial will develop into a mere series of battle re-enactments was deplored here today in a statement by Major General U. S. Grant, 3rd. chairman of the National Commission created by Congress to plan and coordinate it—he wants the Centennial to take the form of an extensive educational and commemorative program of pageants and observances—Its purposes as projected by the National Centennial Commission, he revealed, will be to tell in accurate detail the true story of the war, to bring about the discovery and preservation of valuable records, and to encourage the erection of monuments and markers to preserve significant sites and landmarks—The General recalled that experience advises against turning the Centennial into a mere restaging of battles. "Our Civil War was the greatest test this country ever faced," he concluded. "Built of the heroism and endurance that was drawn from men and women of both sections of the nation by devotion to principles valued more than life itself, it was our most profound and tragic experience. What was finally gained by it affected our national character and our national destiny itself—the preservation of the American Union as an instrumentality of freedom for all the peoples of the world."

VERMONT'S first Civil War Centennial Committee meeting was convened recently by its Governor, Joseph B. Johnson.

AN OPERETTA OR MUSICAL COMEDY with a Civil War theme is a major goal of the Rock Island County Civil War Centennial Commission in Illinois.

NEW HAMPSHIRE Centennial Commission has prepared a listing of the engagements in which New Hampshire military units took part.

MISSISSIPPI Centennial Commission plans the marking of routes followed and battles and skirmishes fought in that area, and the collection of printed materials and other items relating to the war.

OREGON'S Advisory Council to the Centennial Commission has been organized, and plans to acquire historic property at Roseburg for use as a museum by the State Historical Society.

MEMORABLE DATES THE WAR IN THE EAST

1861

Apr. 12—Fort Sumter, S. C., fired on.
Apr. 14—Surrender of Fort Sumter.
Apr. 15—Lincoln calls for 75,000 militia.
Apr. 19—Lincoln proclaims a blockade.
June 10—Union defeat at Big Bethel, Va.
July 21—Union defeat at 1st Battle of Bull Run (Manassas), Va.

1862

Mar. 8—Merrimac destroys Cumberland and Congress at Newport News, Va.
Mar. 9—Monitor and Merrimac fight drawn battle in Hampton Roads.
Apr. 1—Landing of McClellan's army at Fort Monroe, Va., completed.
Apr. 5—Siege of Yorktown, Va., begins.
Apr. 11—Merrimac comes out again.
May 4—Confederates evacuate Yorktown.
May 5—Battle of Williamsburg, Va.
May 6-11—Lincoln at Fort Monroe.
May 8—Merrimac prevents landing of Union troops at Sewell's Point to attack Norfolk.
May 9—Troops land at Ocean View, Va.
May 10—Norfolk surrendered by its mayor.
May 11—Merrimac blown up by its own crew.
June 26-30—Lee drives McClellan to banks of James River in the Seven Days' Battles.
July 1—McClellan defeats Lee at Malvern Hill.
Aug. 30—Lee defeats Pope at 2d Battle of Bull Run (Manassas).
Sept. 5—Lee invades Maryland.
Sept. 16-17—McClellan defeats Lee at Antietam (Sharpsburg), Md.
Dec. 13—Lee defeats Burnside at Fredericksburg, Va.

1863

Apr. 12-May 4—Siege of Suffolk, Va., by Confederates under Longstreet.
May 1-4—Lee defeats Hooker at Chancellorsville, Va.
June—Lee invades Pennsylvania.
July 1-3—Meade defeats Lee at Gettysburg, Pa.

1864

Mar. 9—Grant made General-in-Chief.
May 5-7—Grant attacks Lee in the Wilderness, Va.
May 8-18—Grant attacks Lee at Spottsylvania, Va.
May 23-28—Grant attacks Lee at North Anna and Totopotomoy Creek, Va.
June 1-3—Lee defeats Grant at Cold Harbor, Va.
June 14—Grant slips across James River.
June 15-19—Grant attacks Petersburg, Va.
June 19—Beginning of Siege of Petersburg.

1865

Feb. 3—Hampton Roads Peace Conference at Fort Monroe. Failure.
Apr. 2—Lee abandons Petersburg.
Apr. 3—Fall of Richmond, Va.
Apr. 9—Lee surrenders to Grant at Appomattox Court House, Va.

THE WAR IN THE WEST

1862

Feb. 6—Grant captures Fort Henry, Tenn.
Feb. 16—Grant captures Fort Donelson, Tenn.
Feb. 23—Union forces occupy Nashville, Tenn.
Apr. 6-7—Drawn battle at Shiloh, Tenn.
Apr. 7—Union forces capture Island No. 10 in Mississippi River.
Apr. 25—New Orleans, La., captured by Admiral Farragut.
June 6—Union forces occupy Memphis, Tenn.

1863

May 19—Grant begins Siege of Vicksburg, Miss.
July 4—Vicksburg surrenders to Grant.

Sept. 19-20—Confederate victory at Chickamauga, Tenn.
Nov. 23-25—Grant wins Battle of Chattanooga, Tenn.

1864

May 5—Sherman invades Georgia.
July 23-Sept. 2—Siege of Atlanta.
Sept. 2—Capture of Atlanta.
Nov. 16-Dec. 10—Sherman's March to the Sea.
Dec. 10-21—Siege of Savannah, Ga.
Dec. 21—Capture of Savannah.

1865

Feb. 17—Sherman captures Columbia, S. C.
Mar. 10—Sherman captures Fayetteville, N. C.
Apr. 26—Johnston surrenders to Sherman near Durham, N. C.

(From *Tales of Old Fort Monroe*)

An Unpublished Lincoln Story

In the winter of 1861-62 a large plot of ground not far from the White House was assigned for cattle. From the autobiography of Capt. John Henry Woodward, who had charge of the beef supply for the Army of the Potomac, I quote:

"The superintendent of the abattoir where from 80 to 90 head of cattle were slaughtered daily for the army, asked if he would be allowed to cut the choice beefsteak he came across each day and send it to the White House for President Lincoln's breakfast each morning, saying that there is in the neck or chuck, as he called it, of each animal, (some better than others), a steak better than any other part. I answered, "Yes, of course," and thought no more of the matter until a week or so later when the President came by on one of his walks about the premises and remarked, "Captain, for the past week or so, I have had exceptional quality of beefsteak at my breakfasts."

I recalled the circumstances, and answered, "Oh yes, the head butcher requested of me the authority to have it delivered by one of the men who drove the supply wagons for the army. The President replied most earnestly, "I wish that it may be discontinued. I learned of the fact upon inquiry from the porter, on account of its better quality." My answer was "Certainly, if your Excellency so requests. But it is a matter of very insignificant importance." His reply was, "that is true but my observation is that frequently the most insignificant matter is the foundation for the worst scandal."

The autobiography of Capt. Woodward was lent to me by his grandson, a retired Lt. Colonel of Marines, now living in Santa Rosa, California.

Dr. L. J. SNOW, P.D.C. California.

Permanent Fund

Our Permanent Fund was authorized to unite us and to assure a permanent association. No member is obligated to contribute, nor may he be assessed. All funds in the Permanent Fund must be voluntary to fulfill its intent and purpose. Any member may contribute in memory of his family or Civil War ancestor to honor and perpetuate the memory of their name.

The following contributions have been received since the last issue of THE BANNER.

Life Membership, Edgar L. Tenney,	
Maj. U. S. Engrs. Ret.,	
Glendale, California	\$100.00
Maj-Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd	500.00
This represents his eighth major contribution to this fund.	

HONOR ROLL

Lucius B. Smith,	
42nd Massachusetts Infantry, Company G	10.00
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It is never safe to look into the future with eyes of fear.



Department News



CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

Rosecrans Aux 2 observed the 61st anniversary of Camp 2 on January 19 with a special dinner at which there was a large decorated cake. The Aux. presented a monetary gift to the Camp. At the same time a reception was held honoring Department Officers that are members of the Camp and Aux. including Coby Wilcox, C. T. Harrison, Orville Beck, Miriam Wilcox and Mary Story.

A banquet was held on Saturday evening preceding a Joint District Meeting held in Fresno in October. Commander-in-Chief and Mrs. Riggs, and Department Commander and Mrs. Wilcox were present.

Lawton Camp and Aux. tendered a reception in October to their Dept. Pres. and David Livingston, who is Dept. Sr. Vice Commander.

The Fresno Aux. is very active preparing to entertain the Encampment in April. They serve Pot Luck Dinner before meetings to both the Sons and Aux. John and Grace Willis are a husband and wife team, being Camp Commander and Aux. President.

COLORADO & WYOMING

Aux. 8 of Denver was inspected by P.D.C. Sylvia Brownell. Dept. Pres. Gwendolyn Miller was guest of honor. Aux. 5 of Colorado Springs entertained Dept. Pres. Miller at which time Mae Levin inspected the Auxiliary. The Camp and Aux. held a Lincoln and Washington program with Pearl Hay and Louis Kent in charge.

Aux. 7 of Pueblo was inspected by Mae Levin. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Savage entertained at luncheon. Mrs. Savage is Auxiliary President.

CONNECTICUT

EAST HAMPTON AUX. entertained Dept. Pres. Mary Buchanan, Dept. Comdr. G. Leon Lewis and their staff of officers as well as Past Dept. Presidents at their installation on January 17. A buffet supper was served.

ROCKVILLE AUX. entertained Dept. Inspector Dorothy Linnell and her husband Ellery at their annual Christmas Party which was held after their inspection in December.

AUX. 5 installation of officers was held on February 12 with a Lincoln Program as a feature. MERIDEN AUX. entertained Department Officers as their inspection on Jan. 21.

IOWA

WATERLOO Camp and Aux. held a dinner in November in honor of their National and Department Officers. Amy Noll, National Chaplain and Viola Hearshman, Dept. Pres. attended.

AUX. 8 held a dinner and reception in November honoring Dept. Pres. Viola Hearshman, who also inspected the Auxiliary. Mrs. Marie L. Basham, 92, of Aux. 8 passed away Dec. 10. She gave many gifts to the State Historical Museum in memory of the G.A.R.

ILLINOIS LINCOLN SEQUICENTENNIAL



Col. William Herzog, founder and President Emeritus of the Abraham Lincoln Heritage was principal speaker at the Hotel Sherman, Chicago. A capacity crowd representing all of the Allied Orders attended the dinner sponsored by Custer Camp 1 and Auxiliary 30.

Shown at the head table, left to right are: Dr. A. W. Stillans; Col. William Herzog; Georgia Mathis; Roscoe Mathis, Dept. Commander; Sylvester Clancy; P.N.P. Eva B. Blackman; Gladys O'Connor; Florence Forbey, Dept. Pres.; Sr. Vice C. in C. Charles Brary, Jr.; and Arlyne Lang.

MAINE

Hyde Camp reports initiating two new members on January 12. P.D.P. Golda Hall thanks all for their encouraging messages while she was ill.

MARYLAND

APPOMATTOX AUX. 2 of Wilmington, Del. held installation of officers in January with Natl. Press Corr. Dorothy L. Hilyard as installing officer. We are very proud of our new President, Mrs. Mary Skelton, who is an active 80 years of age.

SHAW AUX. 6 was installed by Dorothy L. Hilyard in January. Mrs. Catherine Addie is the new President. The Aux. celebrated Lincoln's Birthday with a special program with the Ladies of the G.A.R., after which a Tea was held.

NATL. PRESS CORR. Mrs. Dorothy L. Hilyard brought Greetings to Mrs. Lura Frye, Natl. Pres. of the Ladies of the G.A.R. when she visited Wilmington.

MASSACHUSETTS

No. Abington Camp 67 has just redecorated G.A.R. Hall. The Allied G.A.R. Associations and the City of Boston held Memorial Exercises at the Lincoln Monument, Park Square, Boston on February 12 at noon. A reception to Gov. Foster Furcolo was held in the Hall of Flags, State House on February 23. Plymouth County Assoc. will hold a supper and entertainment on March 14 in G.A.R. Hall, Abington. The Boston District "Country Fair" will be held March 20 at Pam Elder's, 9 St. James St., Roxbury.

During a recent session of the Centennial Committee of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R., President John E. Powers of the Massachusetts Senate attended. A few days subsequent, several of the committee conferred with him at the State House when he informed us that our choices for appointment to the Centennial Committee were selected. They are Charlie Holman, a lifelong member of our Order; James R. Lawton, an associate of Brockton Camp; and Vincent Blanchard who saved the G.A.R. Highway title on Cape Cod. This gesture on the part of Senator Powers forebodes success of events to come.

The diamond jubilee of Hawes Camp, New Bedford, was observed with a dinner with about 100 present, including 25 Past Dept. Commanders or Presidents from the five Allied Orders. More than 20 attended from Rhode Island. William O. Fuller, a fifty year member, was General Chairman and Master of Ceremonies. The commemorative address was given by Addison A. Quinn. Guests included Natl. Pres. Ursula Shepardson, Harold M. Drown representing C. in C. Riggs, Maude B. Warren, Flora D. Bates, Millard F. Brown, Raymond Morse and Helen Rogers.

MINNESOTA

Senator Carr of the Duluth District advises that he is introducing legislation to have a suitable monument erected at the Capitol in St. Paul to honor the First Minnesota Regiment and Comrade Albert Woolson. The dedication is planned to coincide with the Civil War Centennial.

At the first meeting of the Minneapolis Memorial Day Association, Dept. Secy-Treas. Chester L. Charter was elected Chairman, this being the Sons turn to hold the chairmanship.

At a recent dinner meeting of the Minneapolis Camp and Aux., Mr. Richard Dorer, honorary member gave an inspiring address. He is a retired member of the Conservation Department of Minnesota.

NEW JERSEY

House Joint Resolution No. 2 has been introduced in the New Jersey Legislature to provide for a New Jersey Civil War Centennial Commission. A similar bill failed to receive approval at the 1958 session, therefore all members are urged to write their Assemblymen and Senators urging support this year.

The semi-annual dinner meeting of the New Jersey State Camp will be held on Saturday evening, April 25 at Landwehr's Restaurant on the River Road between Trenton and Washington Crossing.

NEW YORK

The Old Guard of the City of New York honored Dept. Comdr. Jos. S. Rippey, naming him as one of its sponsors at its 133rd Anniversary Ball held at the Commodore Hotel on January 30. The Annual Ball is a leading formal military

social event in which members appear in Assembly and Grand Military March in colorful and distinctive uniforms. The Old Guard is a member of The Centennial Legion of Historic Military Commands, composed of independent military units with dates of origin as early as 1636, from the thirteen original colonies.

The 108th New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment recently organized by Grover S. Scott is busy studying Civil War history and engaging in practice skirmishes. Dept. Commander Rippey is urging other Camps to form such Civil War youth groups.

U. S. Grant Camp 20 of Brooklyn has instituted a plan of holding alternate meetings in Brooklyn and on Long Island and it has met with great success. Five new members have recently been initiated, and five more applications are on hand. Two of the new members are prominent attorneys on Long Island, and we expect to muster in the managing editor of "Newsday," Long Island's largest daily.

The Department of Parks and Board of Estimate have taken action to have a new marble face given to the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in time for the Civil War Centennial. The Department estimated it would cost more than \$1,300,000 to restore the crumbling 80 foot monument to Union Forces at Riverside Drive and 89th Street. The campaign to restore the 56 year old marble shrine was led by Bert Sack, Commander of Oliver Tilden Camp No. 26.

Oliver Tilden Camp 26, New York City, entertained representatives of the Sons of Confederate Veterans at their Abraham Lincoln Night held in the Municipal Building on February 25.

P.D.C. William F. Bruckel arranged with the Liggett and Myers Tobacco Co. to send 2,000 cigarettes sent to the Mt. McGregor Veterans Hospital for free distribution to hospitalized veterans. This was done in observance of "Commemoration Day."

OHIO

A reception was held on February 14 at Mansfield honoring Dept. Pres. Ethel Constance, Dept. Chaplain Ethel Miller, Personal Aide Mary Belstein, Dept. Counsellor Paul Selby and Dept. Vice Comdr. Clyde Neff.

The Fife and Drum Corps of Mount Vernon is busy appearing and representing the Order on many occasions. P.D.C. Wm. Dorsey has recently been appointed by Governor O'Neal as a member of the Ohio Civil War Centennial Commission. In November, the Corps lead the parade for the North-South Skirmish at Gettysburg. Other units from Ohio attending were the Second Ohio from Columbus and the Fifth Ohio from Elyria. The Elyria group won first prize in the match with their solid brass cannon. The Mt. Vernon Corps hopes to take part in ceremonies at Fort Sumter on April 12, 1961.

A uniformed unit, wearing the blue of a century ago, has been formed in Columbus by Gov. Dennison Camp No. 1, oldest Camp west of the Allegheny Mountains. It has been designated as Company C, 1st Ohio Regiment, Civil War Centennial Army by Dept. Comdr. Fred Pfeister.

The company was formed by Lt. Col. Daniel Francis Clancy (pictured here), Commander of Dennison Camp, who was commissioned Lieutenant Colonel on Feb. 12, 1958 by P.D.C. Chas. H. Bigley of Toledo. Clancy is a newspaperman and columnist on the Columbus Dispatch.

Hopes are to expand the "Centennial Army" throughout Ohio, where the SUVCW already has a 35 man blue



uniformed Fife and Drum Corps in Mt. Vernon under command of Col. W. W. Dorsey. This outfit has gained national attention and was especially invited to play at the funeral of the last Union Veteran, Comrade Woolson in Duluth, Minn. in 1956.

PENNSYLVANIA

Plans for the Civil War centennial observances in Pennsylvania are progressing, and also the Commonwealth's Commission for the observance of the Battle of Gettysburg. A recent open meeting of representatives of many organizations in Gettysburg heard Virgil "Pat" Jones of the National Commission outline the importance of every community's participation.

Camp 34 of Mt. Carmel installed new officers on January 30 with members of the Auxiliary present. Five new candidates were initiated into membership.

Other Camp installations include: Meade Camp 16 of Reading installed January 6 by Dept. Comdr. Dr. Charles J. Higgs; Pfeiffer Camp 60, New Oxford installed January 15 by P.D.C. Chester Shriver, Major O. G. MacPherson and Col. Corvan Bryan. Ellis Camp 9 of Phila. was installed January 9 by Phillip Frech at headquarters, 5251 Germantown Ave. C. Morris Richter is the new Commander.

The military affairs committee met in a special session on February 7 and named Major O. G. MacPherson of Gettysburg as the Commanding Officer of the Pennsylvania Brigade, Sons of Veterans Reserve. Former Commanding Officer Col. H. M. Bredbenner of Wilkes-Barre resigned recently because of ill health.

READING—Approximately 200 persons attended a Testimonial Dinner honoring Mrs. Irene Murphy, sponsored by Aux. 6. The tables were decorated with pastel candles and colored leis. Natl. Vice Pres. Beulah Cummins represented the Auxiliary in the absence of the National President.

Inspections were held by Aux. 6 of Reading and by the Gettysburg Auxiliary during November. Mrs. Mary Gailbraith, Dept. Inspector officiated at both affairs.

CARLISLE AUX. 50 received special commendation from the Carlisle School Board for their patriotic work. On October 13 a large nylon flag and standard was presented to the Hamilton Elementary School and on October 20 an identical American Flag was presented to the Moorland Elementary School. Mrs. Martha Wilson, President of Aux. 50 made the official presentations. Two new members were initiated at the Aux. Inspection, with Patr. Instr. Charlotte Sinninger as Inspecting Officer.

CARLISLE JUNIOR AUX. is active and taking in new members. On November 8 they were hosts to the Pottsville Junior Aux. at which time the Pottsville girls put on the initiatory work and initiated eight members of the Carlisle group. They held a most successful Halloween Party and Christmas Party.

OREGON & WASHINGTON

Aux. 9 sponsored a Public Tea in the Springfield Memorial Building in November that was well attended. They also entertained Mrs. Cliff Kern of Vancouver, Wash. at luncheon. Dept. Inspector Mrs. Louis Armstrong of Portland, inspected the Auxiliary.

RHODE ISLAND

On February 8 a Joint Lincoln Dinner was held with other G.A.R. groups at which time the Historical Society of Westerly put on a play based on the Civil War. On March 14 a play by the Narragansett Tribe of Indians will be presented at The Arsenal in Providence.

VERMONT

The winter meeting of the Winoski Valley District was held in Morrisville in February. The reception for Dept. Pres. Dora Robinson and Dept. Comdr. Walter Morse was held in Burlington, with many Department Officers present. Representatives were present from the Allied Orders as well as the American Legion Aux. and Veterans of Foreign Wars Aux.

WISCONSIN

At a special ceremony held on January 11th, Dr. John E. Sanborn, former Jr. Vice Commander was installed as Department Commander of the Wisconsin Department, replacing Gen. Kuechenmeister who died in office.

The difficult part in an argument is not to defend one's opinion, but rather to know it.

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Worse than a quitter is the man afraid to begin.