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He showed us the glory of quiet comfort

In 1860 history was about to tap Ulysses Grant for a mighty big job. Grant's whole early life trained him in the tough business of hanging on when all seemed black and hopeless. He never gave up and he never whined.

It was odd that he had ever become a professional soldier in the first place. He never liked army life. To his quiet, sensitive nature, war was an abomination. Yet when war came, he went back into the service. Nobody paid much attention to him until he took Fort Donelson, with the whole garrison. Then suddenly he was famous. The public, weary of generals who fell back and made excuses, hung upon his every word.

Thus the character molded under the buffets of earlier years revealed itself. In the red moment of sudden danger, when other men panicked, Grant was cooler than ever. The more desperate and confused the situation, the keener his concentrated energy. At such times he thought fast, straight and clear. And above all, said Lincoln, he FOUGHT. He applied common sense to the mechanics of war. Too many generals, he said, were always wondering what Napoleon would do.

After Appomattox they sent him to the White House. He had his troubles, both there and afterwards. But he met them all without flinching or side-stepping. When cancer put a term to his life, he was nearly penniless. In order to provide for his family and despite almost constant suffering, he wrote his memoirs, racing death to the last word.

In this as in all things, Grant never admitted defeat. And at last he won, most gloriously. This is the human story behind the white tomb on New York's Riverside Drive. It is a story which should hearten and inspire every American when the way is hard and the night is long.

ANECDOTES OF GENERAL GRANT—HIS HABITS

"A Woman wrote to the Philadelphia Press (no date) from Ashland, Pa., the following stories about General Grant."

"During the first three years of the war I was actively identified with the Western branch of the Sanitary Commission, and had abundant opportunity of judging for myself in regard to the character and ability of many of our Generals. During the entire campaign of the opening of the Mississippi it was my privilege to aid in caring for our noble patriots, both in hospitals and in camps, and I have been for weeks together where I saw General Grant frequently, heard his name constantly, and never did I hear intemperance mentioned in connection with it. Facts are stubborn things. I will relate a few of the many that came directly to my knowledge: In the winter of 1862-63, when the army arrived at Memphis, after long weary marching and trials that sicken the heart to think of, two-thirds of the officers and soldiers were in hospitals. General Grant was lying sick at the Gayoso House. One morning Mrs. Grant came into the



This picture of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, 18th President, was taken July, 1885 on porch at Saratoga Springs, New York, while finishing his memoirs.

ladies' parlor, very much depressed, and said the medical director had just been to see Mr. Grant, and thought he would not be able to go any further if he did not stimulate. Said she: 'And I cannot persuade him to do so; he says he will not die, and he will not touch a drop upon any consideration.' In less than a week he was on board the advance boat on the way to Vicksburg.

"Again a few weeks later I was on board the headquarters boat at Millikens Bend, where quite a lively gathering of officers and ladies had assembled. Cards and music were the order of the evening. General Grant sat in the ladies' cabin, leaning upon a table covered with innumerable maps and roads to Vicksburg, wholly absorbed in the great matter before him. He paid no attention whatever to what was going on around, neither did any one dare to interrupt him. For hours he sat thus until the loved and lamented McPherson stepped up to him with a glass of liquor in his hand, and said 'General, this won't do; you are injuring yourself. Join with us in a few toasts, and throw this burden off your mind.' Looking up and smiling, he replied: 'Mac, you know your whiskey won't help me to think; give me a dozen of the best cigars you can find, and if the ladies will excuse me for smoking, I think by the time I have finished them, I shall have this job pretty nearly planned.' Thus he sat; and when the company retired, we left him there, still smoking and thinking, not having touched one drop of liquor.

"When the army lay around Vicksburg during that long siege, the time that tried men's souls, I watched every movement it was possible for me to do, feeling almost certain that he would eventually succumb to the custom, alas! too universal among the officers.—I was in company with a gentleman from Chicago, who, while calling upon the General, remarked, 'I have some very fine brandy on the boat, and if you will send an orderly with me to the river, I will send you a case or two.' 'I am greatly obliged,' replied the General, 'but I do not use the article. I have a big job on hand, and though I know I shall win, I know I must do it with a cool head. Send all the liquor you intend for me to my hospital in the rear. I don't think a little will hurt the poor fellows down there.'

"At a celebration on the 22nd of February, before the surrender of Vicksburg, while all around were drinking toasts in sparkling champagne, I saw General Grant push aside a glass of wine, and taking up a glass of Mississippi water, with the remark, 'this suits the matter in hand, drink to the toast 'God gave us Lincoln and liberty, let us fight for both.'"

(In view of the revival of stories inspired by jealousy and malice, this may be of interest.—EDITOR.)

Civil War Centennial Commission

SUGGESTIONS

for

CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIONS

Adopted January 15, 1958

The Civil War was the greatest test our country ever faced. Built of the heroism and endurance that were drawn from men and women of both sections by devotion to principles valued more than life itself, it was our most profound and tragic emotional experience. What was lost in it was lost by all of us; what was finally gained, affecting 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—was gained by all of us. The loss, the gain and the experience itself are a common national possession.

To commemorate the centennial of this war we do not want simply to string together a series of holidays, reviving here the exultation of victory

and there the sadness of defeat. Rather, the centennial must give us a new understanding of the way in which Americans built from sacrifice and suffering an enduring Nation and a lasting peace. Our ancestors fought to the limit of endurance for four years; when the fighting ended they closed ranks, saw in the unity of their land something that over-shadowed the bitterness of the fight, and ever since have stood firmly together, fighting side by side, when occasion has demanded, to defend the values which both sections had stood for while the Civil War lasted. Human history contains few lessons more inspiring than this.

So the centennial observance must be a new study of American patriotism—a study which should give us a deeper understanding of the immense reserves of bravery, of sacrifice and of idealism which lie in the American character.

This study must be based on a broad knowledge of the underlying facts. From the ingenuity and resourcefulness with which an unprepared people met the challenge of the first truly modern war, much can be learned. It goes without saying that where fables and legends have obscured the real truth, the truth must be made clear. We are not preparing to commemorate a romantic myth; we are making ready to look closer at a chapter of our own history, and the chapter must be accurate.

To achieve these ends, it is suggested:

1. That the Commission encourage States and localities to organize for themselves observances of the anniversaries of Civil War events with which they were especially concerned. Such observances should not be directed from Washington; they should spring into being in response to the wish of the people in each political subdivision.

2. That it assist in plans for local observances with advice and guidance, where such are requested.

3. That the Commission set up an historical section to make correct replies to questions which may be addressed to it.

4. That consideration be given to awards of certificates, medals or other recognition for newspaper or magazine articles, or books, television and movies, dealing with the Civil War.

5. That the Commission forthwith prepare a chronological list of Civil War events which may merit local recognition.

6. That the Commission cooperate closely with the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of the National Park Service in support of the MISSION 66 program to complete the preservation and development of the 25 Civil War battlefields, memorials and historic sites in the National Park System, so that fitting observances may be held at each as its Centennial occurs.

7. That the Commission cooperate in every way possible to bring about the proper marking, regardless of the degree of importance and whether or not they are on private or public lands, of every historic site and landmark connected with the war and not now suitably identified.

8. That the historical offices of the various Federal agencies, particularly the Historical Division of the Department of State, the Office of the Chief of Military History, the historical offices of the Army's various technical services, and the historical offices of the other military and naval services, be encouraged to cooperate with the Civil War Centennial Commission by undertaking appropriate historical studies leading to publication where possible, which would make genuine contributions to our knowledge of important aspects of the country's military effort in the Civil War, North and South; and that, in addition, these offices give publicity to such matters during the Centennial celebration through their various news media.

9. That the Commission work for the issuance of special stamps in the 1-cent to 15-cent categories to commemorate significant Civil War anniversaries.

10. That it do what may be possible to encourage the collection, codification and dissemination of basic materials such as manuscripts, newspapers, pictures and maps, to the

end that such material may be preserved and made more easily available to students.

11. That it encourage a program of publications including the revision and reissuance of important out-of-print works—of basic sources, guides, indices—and other aids to research and writing.

12. That it organize or sponsor a group of speakers to represent it at such observances and to carry its greetings to local participants.

13. That it consider, for possible recommendation to Congress, the advisability of holding joint commemorative exercises for certain of the outstanding war anniversaries.

14. That it do what may be possible to develop among the nation's schools, colleges and universities, museums, libraries, historical societies and historical offices of the Federal Government, by appropriate means, a deeper appreciation and keener interest in the rich heritage of national experience with particular reference to the history of the Civil War years; and that the Commission consider the use of a mobile museum in its program.

15. That, finally, the Commission throughout direct its attention to bringing to the attention of the American people the fullest understanding of the heroism and sacrifice displayed by the people on both sides of the war, to the end that a deeper awareness of the depth and breadth of the war's full meaning may become possible.

The suggestions here made are not proposed as a rigid and exclusive program into which all centennial observance activities must fit. They are offered as suggestions of the ways by which this Commission may help all of the people in their approach to the commemoration of this most profound and moving of American anniversaries.

U. S. GRANT 3rd, Chairman.

TIME IS NOW—FOR GRAVE MARKING ACTIVITY

Spring signals the time for grave marking committees and Grave Registration Officers to begin activity leading to the ultimate completion of unfinished business before Memorial Day. As soon as weather permits entrance to our cemeteries an after-winter check-up should be made of the condition of graves and of headstones. Now is the time to order Federal or State headstones for those graves as yet unmarked so as to allow time for setting before May 30th. Federal headstone applications may be had by writing to the National Graves Registration Officer at the address below. Flag-holders must be checked for broken ones and replacements made. Many will be found moved and resting on graves where they do not belong. Decoration committees will be benefited by your work if you relocate them on the proper graves. If you do not have a good working map of the location of the veterans' graves in the cemeteries under your jurisdiction, now is the time to make one. Have photostats made of it and lodge a copy with your Town or City Clerk. Loose-leaf notebooks with typed lists of veterans' graves in each section of each cemetery should be prepared now. With a good legible list and a workable map the newest recruit in your Camp can by himself flag and decorate any section assigned to him for the first time. It is worth the effort to have such records in the archives of your Camp. And if there is any Camp Commander who has not as yet appointed a Camp Graves Registration Officer, or any Department Commander who does not have a Department Graves Registration Officer, please do not delay any longer in making such appointment. The name and address of Camp Graves Registration Officers should be immediately sent to the Department Graves Registration Officer. And the name and address of the Department officer should be sent to the National Graves Registration Officer. This is important! Here, Brothers, is a worthwhile task, an opportunity for great service to our Order. Let us right now, take advantage of the Springtime, and let us get busy in our cemeteries. There is no more realistic way in which we can perpetuate for future generations the memory of our Civil War heroes, than to have their last resting places marked in lasting bronze or marble, with their name and the record of their great service to our nation.

BERTRAND O. DeFOREST, Sr., PDC
National Graves Registration Officer
1381 Dartmouth Street
Baldwin, L. I., New York

OMNIBUS

GRANT TAKES RICHMOND—Almost a century ago Ulysses S. Grant had to fight his way into Richmond. But the Civil War general's grandson, Ulysses S. Grant III had an easier time in February—he received a key to the city. City Council honored Grant when he spoke at the Virginia Heritage Dinner. "The war is over," a councilman said with sad finality.

AND BUCKNELL—On March 18 when he presents an open lecture under the auspices of the ROTC Department. General Grant will discuss the strategy of the Civil War, to be followed by a question and answer period.

SHERIDAN RELICS ASKED—The United States Army is requesting relics of the military career of Gen. Phil Sheridan for a post museum to be opened at Fort Sheridan. Objects such as uniforms, books, pictures, weapons and maps are among items sought for the museum. Persons who wish to donate such items should notify Richard E. Duckett, the Special Services Museum Director at Fort Sheridan.

ADDRESS CHANGE—Past Commander-in-Chief Neil E. Cranmer, 568 Robinson St., Elmira, N. Y. Neil is now home from the hospital and is conducting his insurance business from his home.

ANOTHER WOOLSON MEMORIAL—Our Auxiliary announces that they have ordered a handsome bronze plaque to be placed on the grave of Comrade Albert Woolson in Duluth, Minn., designating him as the "last survivor" of the Grand Army of the Republic. The plaque will be erected and dedicated in the Spring.

H.R. 9953—At the request of General Grant 3rd, Representative Sikes has introduced a bill "To provide for the presentation of a medal to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War." The medal in question is one of those authorized by the Act of July 18, 1956 (7th Stat. 577) to be given to each of the survivors of the Civil War. Comrade Albert Woolson, the last Union soldier survivor died before the medal was finished and could be delivered to him. Apparently the Treasury Department cannot deliver it to anyone else without new legislation giving it authority to do so. The heirs of Comrade Woolson have indicated their desire to have the medal given to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to be preserved and suitably displayed as a memorial to him. This bill is now being considered by the House Judiciary Committee, Hon. Emanuel Celler, Chairman.

WILL YOU PERMIT THIS OUTRAGE—The American Planning and Civic Association calls attention to plans to construct a bridge across the Potomac River in Washington, D. C. that would destroy the beauty and dignity of our great National Memorials in the great Mall. An alternative suggestion is the construction of a tunnel in lieu of a bridge. We are requested to petition the Congress to take the action necessary to stop the Commissioners of the District of Columbia from further action towards construction of the so-called Constitution Avenue bridge and its approaches, and especially beg the House of Representatives to pass S-944 authorizing a tunnel at this general locality in lieu of a bridge.

THE QUALITY OF MERCY—is the true and tragic story of the doctor who, in his line of duty, unknowingly treated John Wilkes Booth after the assassination of President Lincoln. This story will be telecast on March 11 at 9:30 P. M. (EST) over ABC-TV on "Telephone Time," the Bell systems TV program.

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

March 1, 1958

1. Your Commander-in-Chief attended the meeting of the U. S. Civil War Centennial Commission in Washington, D. C. at which time he received valuable information pertaining to the coming commemoration. Gen. Grant 3rd, the chairman of the Commission handled the meeting in such a manner that what was to have been a two day meeting was accomplished in one day.

This Commission is formed to study the possibilities of adequate commemoration of the events during the Civil War. States will be expected to appoint Centennial Commissions who will plan for the observance in their localities. Elsewhere in this issue is a statement of suggestions as to what should be accomplished.

2. It was our pleasure to participate in the ceremonies at the Lincoln Monument in Washington, D. C. on February 12, under auspices of the District of Columbia Commandery, Military Order of the Loyal Legion. Your Commander-in-Chief was privileged to place a wreath on behalf of our Order, and our Color Guard was present through the courtesy of Camp No. 15, Harrisburg, Penna. The Presidential wreath was laid by Maj. Gen. Van Houten, Commanding General of the Military District of Washington. The very impressive ceremony was highlighted by the presence of the U. S. Marine Band and a large detail of marines. After the usual luncheon at the Army and Navy Club two Civil War Films were shown. These films are the property of the War Library and Museum of the Loyal Legion and were used in lieu of any dinner speech.

3. On Tuesday, April 15th our order will again mark the anniversary of the death of Abraham Lincoln by appropriate ceremonies at Lincoln's Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery at Springfield, Illinois. At that time the Military Order of the Loyal Legion will be our guests.

4. The 77th annual National Encampment will be held in Boston, Mass. August 17-21. Headquarters and meetings will be held at the Sheraton-Plaza Hotel. The hotel will have a flat rate of \$10.00 for a single room, and \$15.00 for a double room. The Hotel Lenox, one block away has rates of \$8.00 for single and \$13.00 for double. The hotels are prepared to accept reservations now. Make reservations direct to hotel. A class initiation will be held, and a moonlight sail has been arranged for all attending the Encampment, at no charge.

5. For procuring new members the following members are appointed as National Aides with privilege of wearing the National Ribbon: Walter J. Morse, Rutland, Vt.; Thomas A. Chadwick, Chester, Vt.;

Aleric Nichols and Haydon Nichols, Bellows Falls, Vt.

6. Your Commander-in-Chief will be traveling from March 5th through March 26th at which time he will be visiting the various Departments that are West of the Mississippi.

ALBERT B. DeHAVEN,
Commander-in-Chief.

From Our National President

I am indeed grateful to all for the lovely cards and expressions of friendship that I received during the Holidays. You were most thoughtful, and your kindness was deeply appreciated.

Just a few months of the New Year have past and we are once again approaching the Spring season—a time of year when each of us should come forth with renewed vigor and enthusiasm to serve our Auxiliary. Membership is still our primary problem, and I humbly ask your cooperation in trying to secure new members so that we might overcome some of the unfortunate losses we have had.

It was my happy privilege to attend many Lincoln Banquets, and each one was an outstanding Patriotic event in its respective community. To these Camps and Auxiliaries, I would like to offer my sincere thanks for their efforts.

Plans for our National Encampment to be held in Boston, Massachusetts, the week of August 17th, are being formulated, and everything points toward an outstanding encampment. Headquarters will be at the Sheraton-Plaza Hotel. You will receive your hotel reservation card in the near future.

The circular letters of both the National Chief-of-Staff and the National Patriotic Instructor have been mailed. The returns from these funds help to further our patriotic work, as well as provide for the necessary funds used to carry on the work of our organization. I know you will want your name listed in each of these reports, so if you haven't taken care of your contribution, will you please do so immediately.

Sometime within the next few months I expect to make my official visits to the various Departments. I am looking forward to these visitations, and sincerely trust that I shall have the pleasure of meeting many of the Brothers and Sisters of our Organization at that time.

ANNE O. CLAYTON,
National President.

1958 DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

DEPARTMENT	PLACE	DATE	HOTEL
Calif. & Pac.	Long Beach	Apr. 20-24	Lafayette
Colo. & Wyo.	Manitou Springs	June 8-10	Cliff House
Connecticut	New Haven	May 10-11	Garde
Illinois	Springfield	June 6-8	St. Nicholas
Indiana	Indianapolis	June 6-8	Severin
Iowa	Sioux City	June 6-8	Sheraton-Martin
Kansas	Newton	May 4-6	Ripley
Maine	Rockland	June 6-7	Thorndike
Maryland	Hagerstown	May 9-10	Alexander
Massachusetts	Boston	May 2-4	Sheraton-Plaza
Michigan	Port Huron	June 8-10	Harrington
Minnesota	Minneapolis	May 31-June 1	G.A.R. Mem. Hall
New Hampshire	Concord	Apr. 25-26	Highway
New Jersey	Atlantic City	June 13-14	Jefferson
New York	Utica	June 20-21	Hamilton
Ohio	Mansfield	June 12-14	Leland
Ore. & Wash.	Portland	June 1-3	Heathman
Penna.	Gettysburg	June 8-11	Gettysburg
Rhode Island	Providence	Apr. 11-12	The Arsenal
Vermont	Montpelier	June 26-28	Pavilion
Wisconsin	Milwaukee	June 14-15	Plankinton

Permanent Fund

The following additions to the Permanent Fund have been received:

LIFE MEMBERSHIP	
Frederick K. Davis, Eugene, Oregon	\$100.00
HONOR ROLL	
Joseph Clayton	\$10.00
Company F, Third N. J. Infantry Reg. (Courtesy Miss Anne O. Clayton, Natl. Pres.)	
Douglas T. Story	\$10.00
Company I, 136th Illinois Vol. Inf. (Courtesy Sr. Vice C. in C. Louis T. Story)	



**Department
News**



CALIFORNIA

Due to stormy weather, members from the northern part of the state were unable to attend our annual Lincoln Club Banquet. A feature of the entertainment was the picture shown, "The Face of Lincoln." The mid-winter meeting was held Sunday following the Lincoln Banquet, in the Memorial Building, Inglewood. The Chiefs-of-Staff conducted a beautiful opening ceremony. Following the business session a lovely luncheon was served.

At the January meeting Burlingame Camp 14 initiated Francis Reignier, and his wife Emma joined the Auxiliary. On January 1 the Camp lost their Chaplain, Wilbur O. Bertis. The Camp held a beautiful ceremony at the grave. Eleven members of the Auxiliary accompanied the Camp.

Rosecrans Camp and Auxiliary recently honored their members who are Department Officers with a lovely reception.

The Past Commanders Association of Southern California has urged their members to oppose H.R. 8200. This is the bill that would move Memorial Day to the closest weekend.

CONNECTICUT

Past Department Commander, Judge Alfred C. Baldwin passed away at his home in New Haven December 20, 1957. A Fifty-year member of Col. Charles L. Russell Camp No. 26 of Derby. Judge Baldwin served as its Commander in 1902 and during the early nineteen-hundreds the Camp held its regular meetings in his law office in Derby. He became Commander of the Connecticut Division in 1906 and later served the division as Quartermaster. He joined Col. Russell Camp No. 26 October 24, 1897 and in 1947 a meeting of the Camp was held in his honor at which time a 50 year membership badge was presented to him by the Camp. Judge Baldwin was from 1925 to 1942 a Superior Court judge in Connecticut.

Dept. Commander Bert DeForest, Jr., and Dept. Sec'y-Treas., Robert W. DeForest were guests at the supper meeting of Griffin A. Stedman Camp No. 6 of Hartford.

ILLINOIS

An overflow crowd attended the First Lincoln Day Dinner held on February 12 in Chicago under auspices of Custer Camp No. 2 and Auxiliary No. 30. Addresses of welcome were given by Commander Charles A. Brady, Jr., and President Mrs. Alice M. Angel. PNP Eva B. Blackman acted as Toastmistress, and the address was given by Rev. Joseph A. Mears, Chaplain of Hines Hospital.



Pictured left to right: Rev. Jos. Mears; Dr. A. W. Stillians; Charles Brady, Jr.; Eva B. Blackman; Alice M. Angel; Natl. Vice-Pres. Bessie Goodermont; Aux. Dept. Pres. Vivian Moore; Arlyne Lang and Mary Thompson, Dept. Pres. D.U.V.

INDIANA

A meeting of Camp 356 was held at GAR Hall on January 24 at which time Hon. John O. Lewis, lawyer, statesman and world traveler discussed highlights of the Civil War. Frank Unversaw, student of Civil War history, County Surveyor and Republican Chairman of Marion County was installed as

Camp Commander. Ross C. Smith was re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer.

The mid-winter meeting of the Sons and Aux. was held in the Court House in Franklin December 7-8. A banquet was held at the Woodside Church with beautiful table decorations reaturing miniature ships holding red, white and blue candles. The speaker of the evening, Robert Bracken, spoke of his visits to Shiloh Cemetery and Memorial Park. Distinguished visitors included Natl. Vice-Pres. Bessie Goodermont; P.N.P. Emma Finch; Dept. Pres. Mary Brown and Dept. Commander John M. Caylor.

MAINE

Due to the death of Vernon W. Miller, Phillip A. Boyd has been appointed as Department Press Correspondent. Bro. Miller was a member for 59 years in Hyde Camp 46 where he was a life member and holder of a 50 year medal. While participating in 59 Memorial Day parades, he held every office in the Camp and was Department Commander in 1950. On January 11 Maurice J. Warner installed the officers of Hyde Camp with Chester McCabe as the new Commander. Before the installation a fine supper was served by the Auxiliary. The Camp and Aux. observed Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays with an outstanding program.

Deep sympathy is extended to National Chaplain Charles C. Webster upon the sudden death of his twin sister, Sarah Mae Osgood of Demarscotta, Maine. Brother Webster was devoted to his sister, who was a member of the Auxiliary.

MARYLAND

The Department entertained Commander-in-Chief DeHaven at the Lord Baltimore Hotel in Baltimore on February 9. The Auxiliary of the Department have planned a tour of the battlefield at Antietam during our Department Convention.

MASSACHUSETTS

Change of address—Pamelia Elder, 9 St. James St., Roxbury, Mass.

H.R. 2800 is a petition before the Massachusetts General Court which provides that every holiday, not falling on a Monday, will fall on the nearest Monday to it. Again the "money-mad" and the "pleasure-mad" seek to destroy the significance of our "hallowed" days. Remember our Fathers! Will you allow the merchants and the "long holiday weekend thrill seekers" shuffle these dates like a pack of cards? Write your state senator and representative. Refer to it as H.R. 2800 and let them know just what you think of this disgraceful business.

A bill has been introduced in the Massachusetts legislature to create a Massachusetts Civil War Centennial Commission. Another bill has been introduced to provide assistance to our Convention Committee in handling the 1958 Encampment in Boston.

The Massachusetts Past Commanders Association has voted to merge their Civil War Centennial Committee with that of the Massachusetts Department.

Annual exercises commemorating Lincoln's Birthday were held February 12 at noon in front of his Emancipation Statue in Park Square, Boston, under joint sponsorship of the City of Boston and the Massachusetts Past Commanders Association. Following the ceremonies a dinner was given by Mayor John B. Hynes to all participants in the Statler-Hilton Hotel. Harold M. Drown arranged the informal program.

The annual Lincoln-Washington Banquet of the Plymouth County Associations were held February 8 in G.A.R. Hall, Abington. P.D.C. Wm. W. Haskell presided while Gilman W. Harrington and Mrs. Bessie T. Drown acted as receptionists. Hon. Herbert L. Jackson of the Malden City Council was guest speaker who was introduced by P.D.C. Louis E. Winchell, a fellow member of the Malden City government. Dept. Patr. Instr. Harold M. Drown delivered Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and dedicated it to Brother Jackson. The speaker's father was a fugitive slave, who joined the Union Forces in the Civil War. Other distinguished guests included Dept. Comm. Everett M. Atwood; Aux. Dept. Pres. Nancy Call; William O. Fuller, representing the Commander-in-Chief; P.N.P. Maude B. Warren as well as a large number of Past Department Commanders and Past Department Presidents.

At a recent meeting of the 1958 National Encampment Committee the following permanent officers were elected: Mrs. Nathalie Brown (Aux.) corresponding secretary; Mrs.

Blanche Gage (Ladies GAR) recording secretary; and Addison A. Quinn, treasurer. General Chairman John L. Day appointed the following committees: Program, William O. Fuller, Nancy L. Call, Beatrice Pike, Florence Mason; Camp-Fire, Addison A. Quinn, Flora Bates, Viola Geyer, Edna Brooks and Janet Willey. Aux. Chairman Pamela S. Elder appointed Mrs. Nathalie Brown in charge of Exemplification of the Ritual and Class Initiation and Miss Elaine Wells as Assistant Guide for this event.

MICHIGAN



Pictured above at the special mid-winter meeting held in Detroit on February 23rd are: Front row, left to right, Joseph O'Rourke, Charles A. Walton, Worden L. Wells, Dept. Comdr. John Dalzell, Commander-in-Chief Albert DeHaven, Natl. Counselor Richard F. Locke, Dept. Secy-Treas. Chas. F. Dexter, George R. Raub, and Fred A. Engel. Back row, left to right: James C. Newer, Samuel J. Throop, Frank X. Seck, Milo Newer, Jr., Milo Newer, Sr., Dudley W. Randlett, and Kenneth C. Miller.

A resolution approving the State Senate Bill to empower the Governor to appoint a nine member commission to plan the Civil War Centennial was passed. The meeting also approved the study and revision of the Department by-laws. They also passed a resolution endorsing the selection of Port Huron as the place of the Department Encampment to be held June 8-10 at the Harrington Hotel and voted to invite all Allied Orders to meet at the same time and place.

GRAND RAPIDS Camp 14 officers were installed recently by P. C. in C. Urion Mackey, with Edgar Lindsay and Ralph Savage assisting. Thomas Wilson is the new Commander. The meeting was preceded by a fine supper arranged by the Auxiliary, which meets on the same night and in the same building.

DETROIT Aux. 8 held installation of officers on a very bad night, January 24th. In spite of the bad weather a good sized crowd attended including representatives from Port Huron, Pontiac and Aux. 16 of Detroit. Cora Parshey was installed as President. Retiring President Sister Sauve presented her officers with lovely gifts. We were pleased that Sister Martha Klein was able to be present after her illness.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT Marie Peters extends appreciation to Auxiliaries in Marshall, Jackson, Kalamazoo and others for their many courtesies. Appreciation is also extended to Brother Davey and his wife Christina, as well as Elsie Cleaven, Evelyn O'Bryan and Blanche Templeton for accompanying her on her official visits. We regret to report the death of P.D.P. Edith Helmick on February 10. Sister Helmick was Michigan's first Department President.

MINNESOTA

Sympathy is extended to Dept. Secy-Treas. Chester L. Charter upon the death of his wife, P.D.P. Mrs. Blanche Charter who passed away February 19. Services were held in Minneapolis and interment in Montevideo, the place of her birth. Besides her husband, she is survived by sons, George M. and C. Lloyd Charter and eleven grandchildren.

NEW JERSEY

The 52nd annual Lincoln Banquet of Garfield Camp 4 of Trenton was well attended on a very stormy night. Rev. Lynn H. Boyer was the principal speaker, while P.D.C. Fred H. Combs, Sr., acted as Toastmaster. Messages were given by Natl. Pres. Anne O. Clayton; Dept. Comm. Alton Sharp; Dept. Pres. Genevieve Orme; and Natl. Secy-Treas. Albert C. Lambert representing C. in C. DeHaven.

At the mid-winter meeting of the Department held January 12 in G.A.R. Hall, Bloomfield, a program was outlined for participation of the Department and Camps in the coming Civil War Centennial. We plan to have each City and Town that furnished troops to honor them locally on the occasion of the centennial of the date they marched away.

The following Camp Inspections are scheduled for March and April: March 4, Camp 5 of Trenton; March 19, Camp 12 of Bloomfield; April 3, Camp 4 of Trenton; April 16, Camp 11 of Atlantic City, and April 25, Camp 8 of Paterson.

We regret to report the death of P.D.C. Henry Bender who served as Department Commander in 1918 and as Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief in 1919.

A Testimonial Dinner honoring Dept. Commander Alton Sharp will be held on Saturday evening March 22 at the Oyster Bay Restaurant, Jersey City.

NEW YORK

ALBANY—Mrs. Jessie Johnson was installed recently for her second consecutive term as President of Sheridan Aux. 30. Newly elected officers were installed at ceremonies conducted by P.N.P. Margaret Brady. Plans were made for distributing food to the Little Sisters of the Poor.

SCHENECTADY—Miss Vinnie M. Sweet, Dept. Patr. Instr. recently presented an American Flag and staff to Joseph Szyzewski, supervisor of the Americanization Classes of new citizens. The presentation was made at the Christmas party and assembly held recently at the high school by the new citizens.

ELMIRA—At an open meeting and installation dinner held recently the Camp and Aux. made plans for their annual Washington and Lincoln dinner. Charles P. Bradshaw was re-elected and installed as Commander by Dept. Commander Truman Vincent. Mrs. Winquist was re-elected as President of the Auxiliary and was installed by Mrs. Lottie Terwilliger.

ROCHESTER—The 69th annual transfer of flags conducted by Glidden-Pierce-Lomb Camp in connection with the Board of Education was held Sunday, February 16. Grover C. Scott, chairman for the SUVCW bestowed the Silver Palm Leaf to five Camp members who have served with the Armed Forces, viz: Wallace Ocorr; Jos. S. Rippey; Chas. R. Merrill; Capt. F. M. Culhane and Harold F. Beilby. Scott was presented with a Citation from the National Organization for obtaining members and for representing the Order in Memorial Day work and civic affairs. Medals were presented to the 50 Standard Bearers. These are donated annually by the firm of Bausch & Lomb Optical Co. in memory of Capt. Henry Lomb a co-founder of that firm and a Civil War G.A.R. figure after whom Lomb Camp was named. The annual observance was instituted by Geo. H. Thomas Post G.A.R. in 1889 and has been observed ever since. Rochester is one of twelve cities which still carries on this impressive service. At one time there were more than 200 cities in the nation observing this ceremony.

NEW YORK CITY—After 36 years as Treasurer, Andrew H. A. Thompson is retiring from that office in Lafayette Camp 140. Dr. Wm. F. Bruckel, P.D.C., who is Sr. Vice Commander of Camp 140 recently presented a sword in behalf of the Camp to a graduate of the U. S. Marine Academy at Kings Point. The Camp's 68th Lincoln Dinner was held on February 20.

At the January meeting of Oliver Tilden Camp 26 a fine address was given by Mr. Irving Werstein who spoke on the subject "Civil War Draft Riots in New York City." Representatives from several veteran organizations were present. Activities of Camp 26 are printed in over 60 Long Island local newspapers. A new staff of officers were installed by Oliver Tilden Aux. 31 on February 1, with Sister Rose Friebly as President. She was presented with a gold medal to be presented to her mother Mrs. Bertha Koch in recognition of her 50 years membership. The presentation was made by Dept. Pres. Anita Stephens at the Past Presidents Dinner on January 25th.

OHIO

Lincoln's Birthday was observed with banquets in Cleveland, Dayton, Toledo, Alliance, Akron, and a number of programs in the various Camps and Auxiliaries. Dept. Commander Chas. Bigley spoke at the banquets in Alliance, Cleveland and Toledo as well as at several Camps. The speaker at the Alliance banquet was P.D.C. Earl Corbin of Akron.

Commander-in-Chief DeHaven will make an official visit in April at which time a number of meetings are being planned for him.

A joint, public installation of officers of U. S. Grant Camp 100 and its Aux. No. 7 was held in Cincinnati on January 15 at which time Fred Pfeister, Jr., was installed for a second year as Commander and Mrs. Nell Timney (85 years of age) was installed as President of the Auxiliary. During the meeting it was discovered that a portrait which hangs on the meeting room wall has a bronze plate bearing the following inscription: "Col. R. M. Moore, Ex-Mayor of Cincinnati, Projector of the G.A.R. and Originator of Memorial Day. Born October 29, 1816—Died 1880." This in turn, brought to mind an ancient argument as to the origin and purpose of Memorial Day as we know it today; which, however, was put to rest forever by Comrade N. P. Chipman, who was Gen. Logan's Adjutant General when famous General Order No. 11 was issued, and who in 1921 wrote from his home in Sacramento, Calif. as follows:

"The frequent inquiries from various parts of the country with regard to the origin and purpose of Memorial Day, and erroneous statements made concerning some of the facts, impel me to put in printed form the true history of the observance.

"Early in May, 1868, I received a letter from a comrade residing in Cincinnati, Ohio, suggesting that in some of the countries of Europe it was the custom to strew with flowers in the springtime the graves of heroes who had fallen in defense of their country, and asked if such a custom would not be appropriate to commemorate the services of our comrades who had given their lives that the nation might not perish. Upon reading this letter there seemed to me to open up a great opportunity through our organization to institute observances which might grow into a custom that would help to advance its great objects, and at the same time be a fitting means of perpetuating memories of our departed comrades.

"Moved by the thought which had thus been inspired, I made a rough draft on May 5, 1868, of General Orders No. 11 and took it to General Logan at the House of Representatives, who promptly approved of its issuing, and after having inserted a paragraph directed me to issue the order at once.

"My object was to have the ceremonies come in a Spring month, but to postpone it to a date which would give opportunity for flowers to mature. The 31st of May that year fell upon Sunday, and so I named May 30. This is the true and only reason for having named May 30 as the date to be observed."

Grant Camp 100 held a public celebration of Lincoln's Birthday at Memorial Hall to which all Allied Orders of the G.A.R. were invited. At this time William C. Duval (a Past Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion) who was absent in January on active Naval Reserve duty was installed as Sr. Vice Camp Commander. Comdr. Fred Pfeister, Jr., was presented a Past Comdr's Badge for his first year's service; and he, in turn, presented a gavel to Mrs. Timney as President of the Auxiliary. A feature of the evening was the presentation of two sound-movie reels: "Lincoln Speaks for Himself" and "True Story of the Civil War."

OREGON & WASHINGTON

Dept. Pres. Nora Sawyer has been visiting all Auxiliaries at the time of their Installation of Officers. Eugene has its installation in the afternoon, preceded by a noon meal, with all of the Allied Orders represented, and a large crowd witnessed the installation, with Ella Warner installed as President. A large group from Eugene attended the installation of Salem Aux. P. C. in C. and Mrs. Fred Davis are enjoying the winter in Arizona.

On February 4 a variety show was sponsored at the Palomar Theatre by the Hiram R. Gale Hospital Annex Inc., a non-profit organization composed of several patriotic organizations. Proceeds will be used to help build an exercise area at the Veterans Administration Hospital on Beacon Hill. Mrs. Zella Lindgren, national representative for the DUVCW at the hospital, and Mrs. Pearl Razen, national representative for the WRC were co-chairmen of the show. The Hiram R. Gale Hospital Annex Inc. includes many groups including Hiram R. Gale Aux. Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

PENNSYLVANIA



OBSERVES ANOTHER MILESTONE: George F. Toye, youngest member of Meade Camp of Reading, Pa., presents a birthday cake to the Camps oldest member, Nicholas G. Satter, in observance of Satter's 101st birthday. Looking on, from left, are James B. McKee, Dept. Council member; Kenneth L. Reber, Camp Council member, and W. Howard Still, Sr., Camp Secy-Treas.

MAHANAY CITY—Past Commander Charles H. Engle recently installed the Camp Officers with Jos. A. Lieberman as the new Camp Commander. The Camp is formulating plans to observe the borough centennial in 1963. A committee was appointed to confer with other local veteran organizations on Memorial Day arrangements.

HARRISBURG held its 23rd Annual Lincoln Banquet on February 1 which was a very stormy night. P. C. in C. John Runkle was in the hospital with pneumonia, but was excused long enough to make a brief appearance. The address was given by Rev. Elmer H. Finger. Distinguished guests included Natl. Pres. Anne O. Clayton, Carl P. Gutekunst, Dept. Commander; Clara E. Lewis, Aux. Dept. Pres.; and representatives of the Allied Orders.

APPOMATTOX Dinner—The Allied Orders of the G.A.R. will hold their annual Appomattox Dinner at the Hotel Abraham Lincoln in Reading on April 12th at 6:30 P. M. For reservations contact Carrie M. Heabner.

JOHNSTOWN—John W. Tittle, age 89, of Camp 14 for the past 65 years was injured by being hit by a truck on January 11 at which time both legs were fractured, an arm fractured, and skull fractured, resulting in his death on January 13. P.D.C. Gilbert Brown has been appointed to take over his duties as Camp Secretary-Treasurer.

HELLERTOWN Camp 295 and Aux. 295 held a joint installation after an annual dinner. Beatrice A. Werkheiser installed the Aux. and P.D.C. Maynard Huber installed the Camp Officers. C. Edward Werkheiser and Charles Achey were presented with 50 year badges by Dept. Comdr. Gutekunst.

MIDDLETOWN Aux. 87 held their installation on January 15 with Geraldine Hershberger as Installing Officer. Plans were made for assisting in the various Department and National projects.

PHILADELPHIA—Ellis Camp 9 installed officers recently with Wilson L. Huffnagle as Commander. We believe that we must have discovered the "Fountain of Youth" as we have ten members who range in age from 78 to 93. They are William Loeb, Edwin Goodwin, Thaddeus Unruh, John Goodwin, Frank Dern, William H. Moore, Horace Sheppard, Harrison Bachmeyer, Albert Roberts, and A. Rothwell Meehan. On the other side of the ledger we have two fourteen year old boys, sons of Past Commanders, who at-

tend almost every Friday evening. They can't understand why we don't have the minimum age lowered to 14 years. Their names are John S. Nagle and Robert Bruce Harris.

More than 100 persons gathered at Beck's on Roosevelt Boulevard, Phila., on February 8 for the 64th annual dinner of the Sons of Veterans Club and Lincoln Social. Distinguished guests included Commander-in-Chief Albert B. DeHaven; Natl. Pres. Anne O. Clayton; Dept. Commander Carl Gutekunst; Aux. Dept. Pres. Clara E. Lewis; and Ladies of the G.A.R. Dept. Pres. Ruth Hawk. The speaker was P.D.C. Frank M. Heacock, while Rev. Elmer H. Finger offered the invocation. P.D.C. Chas. H. Dern, Sr., served as Toastmaster for his son and President of the Club, Charles H. Dern, Jr., who was unable to be present due to illness. As is customary, Commander-in-Chief DeHaven and the speaker, Bro. Heacock were made Life Members of the Sons of Veterans Club, and for the first time in the history of the Club, tradition was broken, and the first member of the fairer sex was accorded Life Membership, when Natl. Pres. Sister Anne Clayton was elected a Life Member. Following the dinner, a reception for Department Commander Carl P. Gutekunst was given by Camp No. 200.

RHODE ISLAND

On January 2 officers of Chapman Aux. 2 of Westerly were installed by Gertrude M. Peterson. The Camp Officers were installed by Sr. Vice C. in C. Harold Arnold. On December 6, Sister Peterson installed the officers of Elisha Dyer Aux. 2 of Providence.

Mrs. Mabel S. Taylor presented a piano to the Grand Army Family organization in memory of her grandfather, a Civil War Veteran, at the Lincoln Banquet held February 9 in the Arsenal at Providence. George A. Wells, of Worcester, Assistant Commissioner of Commerce of Massachusetts was the principal speaker. George Strait, Dept. Comm. of Rhode Island presented a plate to Mrs. Mabel S. Taylor in memory of her grandfather, Sylvester James Sweet.

VERMONT

A reception honoring Dept. Pres. Katie Pierson and Dept. Comm. Amon DeWitt was held in the Community House at Springfield with guests present from various parts of Vermont and other New England States.

The Department is actively preparing for the forthcoming Civil War Centennial observances. Dept. Comm. DeWitt has appointed the following committee: Thos. A. Chadwick, A. C. Aldrich, and A. G. Nichols. They will meet with committees from the other Allied Orders.

District No. 5 held a meeting January 25 at Felchville with the Springfield Camp and Aux. as hosts. Mrs. Lida Chapin presided and the program was presented under direction of P.D.C. Roy Pierson.

Green Mountain State Camp No. 1 held its quarterly meeting at Montpelier on February 15 at which time one new member was admitted. Bro. Leon Bosworth, age 84 was given a life membership in the Camp. A supper was served by the Montpelier Aux. which was followed by a most informative talk by Dr. Richard Wood, Director of the Vermont Historical Society.

Herbert Clark is the Commander of our new Camp, Burnt Town Camp 93, which will shortly become an outstanding Camp in the Department.

We announce with deep regret the death of P.D.C. George A. DeWitt in Sanford, Fla., on January 29. Brother DeWitt was a long-time member of our Order, and was one of the most patriotic citizens that ever lived. For many years he had charge of Memorial Day exercises in Brattleboro.

WISCONSIN

Aux. 4 of Milwaukee honored their Dept. Pres. Aurelia Harder recently with a dinner and reception in the Y.M.C.A. Among the many guests present were Mrs. Harder's mother, who is 81 years old. P.N.P. Ellinore Konrad was chairlady of the event. Aux. 23 of Kenosha installed officers recently with Dept. Pres. Harder installing. A dinner followed the ceremony.

We are sorry to report that Ellinore Konrad's husband Milton passed away at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., on March 3.

"I REMEMBERED"

With this issue of The Banner goes an appeal for your support of the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund, known as the G.A.R. Memorial Fund.

Every Department can surely give \$10.00 and every Camp as well as many members can give at least \$5.00 for this important project. From this fund our annual scholarship to Lincoln University is raised.

Your National Patriotic Instructor will issue to each member making a personal donation of at least \$5.00, a wallet size card with a picture of a Union Veteran as used on the Memorial Stamp. This will certify that you have contributed, and REMEMBERED. These cards are something special and every member will wish to have one.

Our year is fast growing to a close. Have you remembered the Permanent Fund either with a donation to the Honor Roll fund, or by securing a Life Membership? What a wonderful way to be sure that our organization will live on after we are no longer here, or able to carry our share of the load.

The memory of the Grand Army of the Republic will live forever in the hearts of our people. Following the Civil War their efforts at unification of the North and South resulted in preserving one great nation. Our heritage and responsibility is to properly represent them.

Memorial Day is a traditional day for REMEMBERING. Every race, creed and color will pause and pay tribute to those who have gone before. At Fort Washakie, there is one of the most brightly decorated cemeteries on Memorial Day each year. It is the burial ground at Wind River Reservation in Central Wyoming. The people of the reservation spend many days preparing thousands of artificial flowers which are assembled into wreaths and sprays to be placed over the several hundred graves. The graves are first mounded up about a foot above the ground level, and the decorative flowers, so carefully made that they appear to be real, are then arranged on top. American Flags fly over a high proportion of the graves indicating that the Wind River people have contributed heavily in America's conflicts. Yes, the American Indian observes Memorial Day. THEY REMEMBER.

Make every effort to keep Memorial Day on May 30th. Write your Congressman. In past messages I have spoken of building for the future. What better way than to make your CONTRIBUTION NOW to the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund.

Department Patriotic Instructors will be receiving from me a Certificate of Merit with instruction for its use. Be sure that the Camp sending in the best report is recognized at your Department Encampment. Your reports should be coming to you by now. Compile them, have them approved at your Encampment, and forward to me as soon as possible.

My congratulations to each Department Patriotic Instructor. May your efforts result in prosperity and gain in membership. Remember the G.A.R. Memorial Fund. Let each do his part to keep alive the principles and objects that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War represent. Then you can truly say "I REMEMBERED."

EARL F. RIGGS,

National Patriotic Instructor.

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