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We Need Work

Our fathers fought for their country and its flag; they then instituted a great fraternal organization. Discouragements were faced and overcome in the Grand Army of the Republic. We, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, have a splendid organization--lofty in its purpose, grand in its principles. We have gained and lost--legislated and experimented: success and discouragements have been experienced, and today we must face the simple proposition to determine to enlarge our membership. How can this be accomplished? There is only one way--WORK--hard work and unceasing loyal effort to induce those worthy and eligible, to join with us in the duties of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. Only this will stop losses and gain the headway we desire. It is within the power of hundreds of our brothers to bring new members into the Order, and the Commander-in-Chief calls upon the rank and file, from the Brothers who have achieved the highest honor to the newest recruits to work zealously for the upbuilding of the Order.

The following letter was received by me from Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Woolson, age 104, recently. We must be worthy of the faith that he has in us.

Saturday Dec 30 / 51

*Hon Roy J. Bennett
Commander in Chief of
Sons of U. S. of Civil War*

*Dear Sir I Have Recd your Fine word
to me. I have no spoils to make to
you. as at near age of 105 have to
do all of my correspondence. in
person. I have been nearly completely
deaf. The past year but recovering
faith and hope to meet with you on near
future. As you represent the Future
Defenders of Our Country*

*P.S. Albert Woolson
Sr. Vice. Commander
in Chief No. 5, C. R.,
my correspondence has
been very extensive this year*

Recent visitations include Midwinter meeting in Lafayette, Ind., Lincoln Banquets in Trenton, N. J., Phila. Pa., Buffalo, N. Y., Rochester, N. Y., Rock Island, Ill. At Rochester, we spoke over radio Station W. H. E. C. and visited with Comrade Hard (continued on page three)

State House Tribute to Lincoln



Commemorating Lincoln's Birthday, Dayton Camp No. 5 of Trenton, N. J., placed a wreath in front of the Civil War battle flags on display in the State House. Viewing the wreath and marking the occasion are (left to right): Commander-in-Chief Roy Bennett; Mrs. Phyllis Dean, Nat'l President of the Auxiliary; Albert C. Lambert, Nat'l Secy-Treas.; and Governor Alfred E. Driacoll. The Commander-in-Chief and Nat'l President were in Trenton attending the annual Lincoln Banquet of Garfield Camp No. 4 and Auxiliary No. 18.

Culmination of A Dream

A dream of a transcontinental highway marked by the insignia of the Grand Army of the Republic was realized on February 9 in Long Beach, Cal., when the Sons of Union Veterans and their Auxiliary took part in a ceremony marking completion of the project.

The highway marked as the G. A. R. highway is U. S. highway 6, starting at Provincetown, Mass., on the tip of Cape Cod, and ending at Long Beach, Cal. The project was inaugurated in 1936 by P. C. in C. Wm. L. Anderson when he presided at a ceremony in Massachusetts.

J. Elmer Wohlgenuth of Long Beach, Dep't Commander of California acted as master of ceremonies. Vice Mayor Lyman B. Sutter delivered the address of welcome. Other speakers were John Wilson, principal of Jordan High School and Vernon E. Cheney, national chairman of the Grand Army Highway Committee.

Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, P. C. in C. of Cal., and Wm. L. Anderson, P. C. in C. of Mass., took part in cutting a ribbon at the marker at the California end of the highway which crosses 14 states from the Atlantic to the Pacific. It is the longest highway in the nation, 3562 miles in length.

Music for the program was furnished by the Long Beach Veterans Band. Colors were posted by the Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.



**General Orders No. 2
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HEADQUARTERS
Commandery-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Office of the Commander-in-Chief
924 Loomis Ave.,
Des Moines, Iowa

March 1, 1952

DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

- California--Sacramento, May 4-7
- Colorado and Wyoming--Manitou Springs, June 8-10
- Connecticut--Hartford, May 17-18
- Illinois--Springfield, June 20-22
- Indiana--Indianapolis, June 13-15
- Iowa--Cedar Rapids, June 8-11
- Kansas--Newton, May 4-6
- Maine
- Maryland--Washington, D. C., June 6-7
- Massachusetts--Swampscott, May 2-4
- Michigan--Grand Rapids, June 25-27
- Minnesota
- Missouri--St. Louis, May 7
- Nebraska
- New Hampshire--Concord, April 18-19
- New Jersey--Asbury Park, June 13-14
- New York--Albany, June 11-14
- Ohio--Columbus--June 11-14
- Oregon and Washington--Portland, June 23-25
- Pennsylvania--Reading, June 22-26
- Rhode Island--Providence, April 25-26
- Vermont--Brattleboro, June 26-28
- Wisconsin--Green Bay, June 7-10

71st NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The convention committee which I appointed in New Jersey reports splendid progress in preparing for an outstanding encampment. There will be several features that will make your stay in Atlantic City one to be remembered. I hope that as many as possible will plan to attend this encampment, the week of Aug. 24.

Headquarters for both the Sons and Auxiliary will be established in the Fetter Family Hotels, which include the Jefferson, the Monticello, and the Boscobel. These three hotels adjoin each other and offer every type of accommodation. The meeting rooms and other public rooms are air-conditioned. Room rates are as follows:

At the JEFFERSON

- Double room with bath, European Plan (without meals) \$10 \$12 \$14 per day for two persons
- Suites consisting of two double rooms with connecting bath to accommodate four persons: \$18 \$20 \$22 \$24 per day for four persons
- Single rooms \$10 per day
- Rate for 1 extra person occupying room with 2 adults, \$3.50 day.

At the MONTICELLO and BOSCOBEL

- Double room with private bath, European Plan (without meals) \$9 \$10 per day for two persons
- Suites consisting of two double rooms with connecting bath to accommodate four persons: \$16 \$18 \$20 per day for four persons
- Double rooms with hot and cold running water \$6 \$7 \$8 per day for two persons
- Single rooms with hot and cold running water \$5 \$6 per day for one person

Rooms to accommodate from 4 to 10 persons are available at the Monticello and Boscobel Hotels. Rates submitted on request.

The management has guaranteed to meet our needs. Reservation blanks are being mailed with this copy of the Banner, and will be available at all Dep't Headquarters. Please indicate that you are attending the Sons of Union Veterans convention.

The Encampment Program will be published in the next issue of the Banner. A musical program is being planned in conjunction with the Memorial Service to be held on Sunday evening. An outstanding speaker will be secured to address the convention at the banquet. The parade this year will be held on the boardwalk with many musical units participating. Included is the Penna. Brigade Band, the 6th Inf. Field Music, E. Company Band, the Berlin, Pa. Fife and Drum Corps, the G. A. R. Cadets from Reading, Pa., one of the famed String Bands from the Mummies Parade, and a Regular Army Band and troops. The Penna. Brigade under command of Col. C. Leroy Stoudt is planning a large attendance. The famed Steel Pier is furnishing reduced price tickets for our delegates during the stay in Atlantic City. In addition to a fine program at the convention, Atlantic City has much to offer the tourist and vacationist.

MEMORIAL DAY

May the 30th has been dedicated as a perpetual memorial to those who offered their lives that the Republic might live, and are now sleeping in the various cemeteries throughout the land. A Nation will be at the graves of her soldiers in commemoration of their faithfulness. "To keep green the memories of our fathers" is the most sacred charge committed to our patriotic order. Let every Son of a Veteran assist in making these most sacred exercises worthy of the great sacrifices our fathers have made, that the Republic might endure throughout all time.

SPECIAL AIDES

The following Brothers are being cited and are hereby appointed Special Aides to the Commander-in-Chief. By your actions you have made yourself worthy to the obligation you took when you became a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and to the memory of your father. Wear your gold ribbon proudly. Grover C. Scott, Glidden Pierce Camp 6, New York, 12 members
George Hoyt, Camp 6, New York 5 members
Harry G. Hinson, Comdr Camp 3, Wilmington, Del. 5 members

In Memoriam

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF H. HARDING HALE

Died February 3, 1952

Joined Camp 5 of Hudson, Mass. Dec. 6, 1906

Elected Department Commander in 1913

Elected Commander-in-Chief in 1945

Brother Hale was a well known Boston attorney for 50 years. Born in Reading, he was a graduate of Boston University. In addition to his activities in our organization he was a past president of the Field and Forest Club and a member of the Appalachian Mountain Club, the Blue Lodge of Masons and the Royal Arch Chapter of Masons. He leaves his sister, Miss Mabel F. Hale with whom he made his home.

1953 NAT'L CONVENTION INVITATIONS

If your Dep't desires to entertain the Commandery-in-Chief and Auxiliary in 1953, obtain full cooperation of your Convention Bureau, Chamber of Commerce, Hotels, City Government and your members. Have your convention bureau communicate with Nat'l Sec'y Albert C. Lambert, 2772 S. Broad St., Trenton 10, N. J.

1951 ENCAMPMENT PROCEEDINGS

Journal of Proceedings of the 70th Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief held-- (continued on page three)

General Orders, continued

at Columbus, Ohio have been promulgated to all Departments. Dep't Officers shall, in turn, promulgate one copy to each Camp. Camp Secretaries shall make the Journal available to all members of the Camp, subsequently filing same with Camp records.

Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Blair of Cincinnati, Ohio fell on Dec. 15 badly injuring his back and suffered a broken right arm at the wrist. The best wishes of the Commandery-in-Chief are extended for a speedy and complete recovery.

**National Secretary's Consolidated Report
Quarter ending December 31, 1951**

	Camps	Members
In Good Standing Sept 30, 1951	461	10,208
GAIN		
Initiation	59	
Transfer	1	
Reinstatement	20	
	461	10,288
LOSS		
Disbanded	1	5
Death		105
Honorable Discharge		12
Transfer		4
Suspension	4	63
Dropped		149
	5	338
In Good Standing Dec. 31, 1951	456	9,950
Camps disbanded - suspended:		
New York, No. 61 Schenectady,	5	members
Nebraska Dept., 4 Camps,	63	members

**National Treasurer's Consolidated Report
Quarter ending December 31, 1951**

	General Fund	G. A. R. Fund	Legislative Committee	U. S. Bonds	Permanent Hon. Rl. Fd.
Bal. 9-30-1951	43.30	2,352.14	102.00	5,500.00	575.00
Receipts	1,929.23	5.00			20.00
	1,885.93	2,357.14	102.00	5,500.00	595.00
Disbursements	1,491.45	118.45	15.08		
Bal. 12-31-1951	394.48	2,238.69	86.92	5,500.00	595.00

PERMANENT HONOR ROLL FUND- The following addition to this fund has been received during February, and the money deposited in a special savings account:

- Frederick K. Davis \$10.00, in memory of Capt. Wm. W. Davis Co. K, 79th Illinois Vol.
 - Albert B. DeHaven \$10.00, in memory of Philip P. DeHaven Co. I, 83rd Pa. Vol. Inf.
- Attest: Albert C. Lambert Nat'l Secy-Treas. Roy J. Bennett Commander-in-Chief

We Need Work, continued

Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. He sends greetings to all the Sons wherever they may be. I am encouraged by the enthusiasm and inspiration to work that was in evidence in the many Departments that I have had the pleasure to visit.

Roy J. Bennett, Commander-in-Chief

Big plans are in the making for the Atlantic City Encampment--so plan to attend.

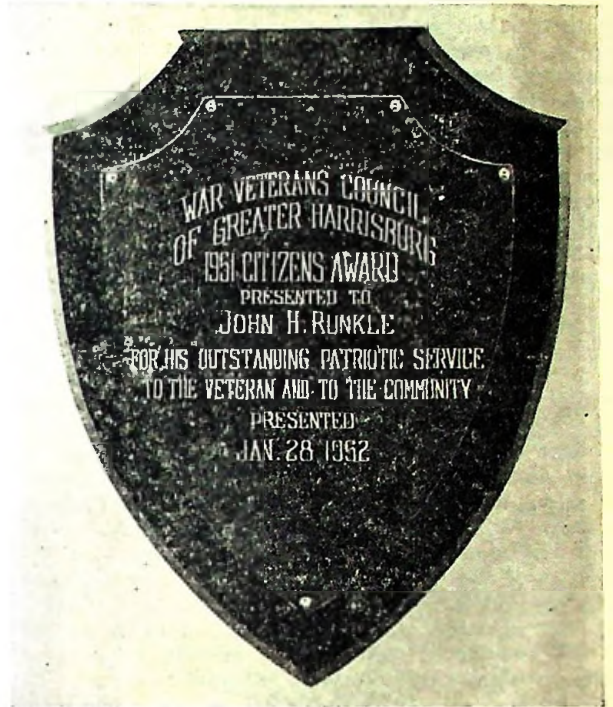
IS THIS YOU?

At meetings of Camps, by an effort of will,
I always contrive to keep perfectly still,
For it takes but a word of annoyance or pity,
And wham! there I am on another committee.

News items for the Banner must be received by the 25th of the month previous to issue, and must be forwarded thru Dept Press Correspondents.

Have you entered your Civil War record and subscribed to the Permanent Honor Roll Fund? This is an opportunity to take pride in your ancestry and support a Permanent Fund that will guarantee continuance of our work--apathy is inexcusable--DO IT NOW.

**John Runkle honored by
War Veterans' Council**



Harrisburg's leading citizen in 1951, from a veteran's viewpoint was John H. Runkle. John was so honored by the Greater Harrisburg War Veterans' Council at its annual banquet on January 28th. Runkle was chosen from a field of nine nominees for his 25 years of service with the City Memorial Day committee, his activities in planning city Armistice Day programs, and his work with the Grand Army of the Republic, and its affiliated groups since 1920. This award can only be made to one serving without compensation.

Colorado

Colorado State Camp No. 1 installed officers recently at which time Justus P. Knapp was installed as Commander by P. D. C. John B. Fuller. At the same meeting the Camp initiated two new members, and the Aux. also initiated two new members. A covered dish luncheon was served before the meeting. Arrangements are being made for a Washington and Lincoln Turkey dinner. Several members visited Colorado Springs Camp No. 5 and their Auxiliary and had a fine time at their birthday dinner.

Connecticut

The Connecticut Dep't held its annual Lincoln Day Dinner recently at Hartford, with Camp 6 as host. A large attendance included Dep't Comdr. C. Brown Newton, Dep't Pres. of the Auxiliary Nattie Dagencoe, Dep't Pres. W. R. C. Anne Littlefield, and Dep't Pres. Daughters of Union Veterans Wilhelmina Joyce. The features included the address by Lt. Col. Floyd Martin, U. S. Army, and the Lincoln's Gettysburg Address by 12-year old Clayton Oelkort. This was followed by varied entertainment.

Freedom dies with every individual; it is not reborn with his successors; it must be achieved anew, generation by generation.

There is no security on this earth. Only opportunity.--Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Grave Marking

Spring is just around the corner. A call is hereby issued to all Camp cemetery committees to get into action. In the next six weeks there is work to be done. Camp Chairmen, organize your efforts so as to accomplish the work with system. First, get out your cemetery maps. Haven't you mapped your cemeteries yet? Even a pencil sketch however crude, showing the location of your veterans' graves will be of great assistance to those who will take over your work when you are no longer able to visit the cemeteries. If that hasn't been done, make it your first job this Spring. Next, call your committeemen together, say the first pleasant Saturday morning or afternoon, and together visit cemetery number one. Go over the entire place and check every veteran's grave. Is the flag-marker there? Is it on the right grave? Is it broken, or does it need painting? That one job can be a project which should be taken care of well before Memorial Day. Check the grave itself. Is it sunken? Should it be re-sodded? Call it to the attention of your cemetery sexton. In most states the cost is borne by the town. NOW, and most important of all, does it have a headstone? Well, you probably haven't time to secure one now, in time for Memorial Day, but be sure that you put right in your little notebook, on the spot, all of the information you will need when you make Federal application for a headstone. And do not delay, get that application in within the week if possible. If your State supplies headstones for veterans' graves apply to your Adjutant General's Office, but do it without further delay. There is your first day's job, the checking process, and except for these notes which you have taken for things to be done later you have made ready for the flagging committee at Memorial time. Only one morning or afternoon has been consumed. You can report to your Camp with pride and justification, that its Grave Marking Committee is active and alert. Just remember the follow-up on those jobs you have noted for future attention, and be sure that these are all completed well before May 30th. Will you do just one more thing? Drop a line to your Nat'l Graves Registration Officer and tell him how you are doing, would you do that?

Bertrand O. DeForest
Nat'l Graves Registration Officer

LEST WE FORGET	
(Living Members of the Grand Army of the Republic)	
Israel Broadwords Samuels, Idaho Age 105 December 23	Wm. A. Magee 14313½ Victory Rd. Van Nuys, Cal. Age 105 August 19
James A. Hard 31 Portsmouth Terrace, Rochester, N. Y. Age 110 July 15	Douglas T. Story 1228½ S. Brockton Av W. Los Angeles, Cal. Age 107 November 24
	
Albert Woolson, Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief 215 E. 5th St., Duluth, Minnesota Age 105 February 11	

Have you asked an eligible lately?

IT WAS A PLEASURE

to receive so many kind messages relative to the January issue. It is impossible to thank each one individually, but we do express appreciation to all.

Subscription rate for six issues is 60 cents. Anyone wishing to be included on the mailing list can do so by communicating with Nat'l Sec'y Albert C. Lambert, P. O. Box 457, Trenton, N. J.

Complimentary copies are mailed to each Camp Secretary. All others, members or friends are expected to subscribe.

Nat'l Patriotic Instructor's Message


Brothers—have you made your contribution to the G. A. R. Memorial Fund? If not, please do, as this is a most important project. This money will be used in memory and honor of the "Boys in Blue". Department Commanders and Camp Commanders are requested to urge cooperation of Camp Patriotic Instructors.

A timely reminder—every thinking person realizes the importance of National Defense in these times of unrest, with war and the demon Communism knocking at our door. Self preservation is the first law of even the lower animals. Why should it not be with the human race? Your first step should be to have your own blood typed, and carry the card with you—that in case of emergency much valuable time and perhaps your life may be saved. Give blood for the blood bank. Become thoroughly familiar with your local Civil Defense plans. Know what all signals mean, and be able to instruct others. Think carefully and investigate thoroughly before affiliating with any new so-called Patriotic Society. Contact your local Civilian Defense Chairman and find out just what you can do.

I trust that all of our Camps and Associations have had special Lincoln observances. Let the world know that we are proud of our heritage. The red in our membership badge signifies the unstinted streams of blood shed that the blessing of a free government might be our heritage. Our blood can help the boys in Korea to help us keep this free government of ours—GIVE.

John W. Emery,
Nat'l Patriotic Instructor

Form B. 2-52 5 M



OFFICIAL MEMBERSHIP CARD
Commandery-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War

City _____ Date _____ 19__

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT BROTHER _____

WHOSE SIGNATURE APPEARS ON THE MARGIN HEREOF, IS A MEMBER OF _____

NAME AND NUMBER OF CAMP _____	DEPARTMENT _____
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HE HAS PAID SAID CAMP DUES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____

AND IS IN GOOD STANDING UNTIL _____ 19__

CAMP SECRETARY OR TREASURER _____

This membership and identification card was designed in accordance with instructions of the 69th Encampment held in Columbus last August. To be known as Form B, this card replaces old Form B. Available only in lots of 100 each as follows:
\$0.50 per hundred to Departments
\$0.60 per hundred to Camps

Indiana

The mid-winter meeting of the Indiana Dep't Sons and Aux. held in Lafayette on Jan. 12-13 was a grand success. There were 67 at the banquet which was followed by a wonderful program. We were honored by the presence of C. in C. Bennett and National President Phyllis Dean.

Ben Harrison Camp 356 at Indianapolis, celebrated Lincoln's Birthday by initiating a class of candidates. They plan to have a class each month.

The annual encampments of the allied organizations of the G. A. R. will be held at Indianapolis June 13-15. The annual Camp Fire will be replaced by a joint banquet of all the allied organizations. Each organization will contribute a part to the patriotic program. This will be the 66th encamp. of the Sons, 63rd of the Aux. Headquarters will be at the Claypool Hotel.

Maine

The Officers of Hyde Camp were installed by P. D. C. Maurice J. Warner assisted by Harry Warner as guide. We were honored by having Dep't Comm. Chas. Morton present. The Aux. Officers were installed by P. D. P. Georgianna Patten assisted by Sister Doris Morton. In spite of bad weather, more than fifty were present. Supper was served with Sister Lucelia Blake as chairman, assisted by members.

Massachusetts

Curtis Camp 143, Norwell, very likely had the headline honors on "Lincolnia" in Bay State. Norwell High School Principal Small co-ordinated in an essay contest among students on "Life of Lincoln". The Camp awarded prizes to three winners. Publicity Sec'y Drown helped to make the program official with an address on "Linked with Lincoln as of today". Duet "When Boys in Blue are gone", in closing, made all else memorable.

Annual ceremonies at Park Sq. Lincoln Statue in Boston, Feb. 12 jointly with the City of Boston. Assistant Atty.-Gen. of Massachusetts, 'Jim' Wolf, (one of our own) presided. A surprise visit by Nat'l Patriotic Inst'r Emery, representing C. in C. Bennett. P. D. C. Winchell and Drown and other G. A. R. affiliates participated.

Past Comdrs. and Past Pres. Annual Lincoln Dinner Feb. 12, with P. N. P. I. Addie Quinn and P. N. C. S. 'Pam' Elder, heading the committee. Dep't Comdr. Smith; Dep't Pres, Maybell W. Howard, and National Patriotic Inst'r Emery attended.

Plymouth County annual banquet and entertainment on Feb. 9. P. D. C. 'Tom' Crawford, one of the hard workers on this Lincoln observance. A fellow-member with him on the Board of Trust. G. A. R. Hall at Brockton, Michael A. Caffrey, paid a glowing tribute to the memory of the G. A. R. and their heirs, the S. U. V.--and 'Mike' is not even an eligible. Nat'l Officer Drown was 'drafted' for the Gettysburg Address.

P. C. in C. H. Harding Hale was 'promoted' Feb. 3rd. Ritual ceremony during last rites on Feb. 6. Sr. Vice Dep't Comdr. Perkins, Dep't Sec'y Palmer, P. D. C.'s Weiler, Fuller, and Drown participated. Sec'y Palmer, Nat'l Sec'y-Treas. Lambert, N. E. Reg. Sec'y Winchell, and C.-in-C. Bennett were alert to their obligations.

'Bob' Wood, Comdr of Bowditch Camp, Dorchester, cooperated in arrangement of details. We're bound to miss members of the Hale calibre. His invaluable contribution to our radio programs will ever be remembered.

Pub. Repr. Drown has been fortunate in securing forum items in a half-dozen big newspapers on confederate propaganda, which is really getting out of hand. A full text of 500 words appeared in the Boston Traveler on Feb. 12--the same day, Boston Herald contained 'Bill' Cunningham's syndicated column; taking issue and not in entire accord. However, we received the best and biggest publicity in our history. Only just started.

P. D. C. Wm. Haskell is heading a committee in tendering a reception to Elmer Shaw, Jr., Commander of Grover Camp 17, Brockton, to be held Feb. 29th in G. A. R. Hall, Brockton. Shaw, a student at Brockton High School, may be the youngest ever to command a local Camp.

Camp No. 15 of Springfield reports a fine Lincoln and Washington Birthday dinner. Well attended and enjoyable. Had guests from various parts of Mass. and Conn.

The spring meeting of the N. E. Regional will be held in Rutland, Vt., March 29-30, with Homer L. Atkins Sr., Comdr. in charge. Thos. Chadwick, of Springfield, will conduct the radio program. The Auxiliary will meet at the same time.

New York

The 62nd Lincoln Dinner of Lafayette Camp 140 was held Feb. 14 at Rosoff's in New York City at which time Dr. Wm. F. Brudel was mustered into the Camp.

TenEyck Camp and Sheridan Aux. 30 of Albany held a joint installation on Feb. 17, at which time Gaeton Barbagallo was installed as Comdr., and his mother, Mrs. Lillian Messer as President. P. N. P. Mary Stapleton and P. C. John Kiernan were joint chairmen.

Diven Camp officers were installed jointly with Aux. 49 Jan. 22 in Elmira by P. C. Truman Vincent. John Winquist is the Commander. At the February meeting, Samuel Bailey, Spanish-American War Veteran, and Harry Owen, Korean Veteran, were initiated.

DuPont-Eiseman Camp 2 of Brooklyn re-installed its present officers at its last meeting. P. C. Louis Eyring installed the officers. After the meeting a surprise party was tendered to Commander and Mrs. Eberhardt on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. Plans for Memorial Day are taking shape.

The annual banquet of the Abraham Lincoln Ass'n of Rochester was attended by over 200 persons. P. D. C. Wm. Kelly was toastmaster, and C. in C. Roy Bennett the principal speaker. Other speakers included Nat'l Pres. Sister Dean, Dep't Comdr. Milton Armstrong and Dep't Pres. Ethel Ferris. P. C. Roy Pettinger was chairman of the committee.

Grover Scott, Dist. Deputy for Rochester area installed Glidden-Pierce Camp officers on Jan. 14. On the 28th the Camp initiated a class of 12 candidates. Dep. Scott's 'Save paper for S. U. V.' has handled over 3 ton producing over \$40.00 for S. U. V. purposes.

Bertrand Goodbread was elected Pres. of the Western N. Y. Past Comdr. Ass'n whose next meeting will be held in Buffalo in April. Grover C. Scott was re-elected as Adjutant of Veterans Memorial and Executive Council of Rochester. This group, composed of all veterans groups, handles all Civic and Memorial Day affairs.

Glidden-Pierce Camp No. 6 will present the name of Sr. Vice Dep't Comdr. Robt. McMahon for Department Commander at the Encampment in Albany.

JUST RECEIVED !! Minnesota Dep't Encampment will be held June 6-7 in Minneapolis at the Curtis Hotel.

About Lincoln's Election in 1860



FOUR Candidates for the Presidency were in the field in 1860, Stephen A. Douglas and John C. Breckinridge, the nominees of the two halves of the Democratic Party, John Bell of the Constitutional Union Party, and Abraham Lincoln of the Republican Party. In the election Lincoln received nearly 500,000 more votes than Douglas, more than twice as many as Breckinridge, and more than thrice the number received by Bell. The four together received 4,682,069 votes, and Lincoln had 474,583 fewer than half that grand total. That is what is meant when we say that he was a minority President.

It is quite true, of course, that Lincoln had not a single vote in the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, No. and So. Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas, ten States in all.

As to the five Border States, he counted only about 2,000 in Virginia, 1,400 in Kentucky, 2,300 in Maryland, 3,800 in Delaware, 17,000 in Missouri.

The tabulation shows that Lincoln carried 15 States in the popular vote against the combined opposition, and thereby obtained a clear majority in the Electoral College.

The grand total of the Electoral Votes in that election was 303, of which a majority would be 152. These 15 States gave Lincoln 17 more votes than were necessary for his election.

As a matter of fact, Lincoln had 180 votes in the Electoral College. Four of these came from California and in that State the popular vote of the combined opposition was more than double that for Lincoln. A similar situation existed in Oregon, where the popular vote for the three other candidates combined was nearly twice that for Lincoln, yet he secured the three electoral votes.

New Jersey's seven votes were divided, Douglas winning three and Lincoln four. New Jersey was one of three States in which the opposition united in a Fusion Ticket; Lincoln carried two of these outright, Rhode Island and New York, and divided New Jersey with Douglas.

Among other curious features of that election we note that Kentucky bestowed 12 electoral votes, Tennessee also 12, and Virginia 15, on John Bell; that Douglas had a popular vote of 1,377,000 and yet obtained only the nine electoral votes of Missouri and three of the seven belonging to New Jersey; and that Breckinridge with a popular vote of 850,000, carried all the 10 States in which Lincoln got no votes at all, with the exception of Tennessee which went for Bell, together with Delaware and Maryland, and thus accumulated 72 electoral votes.

The opposition saw that the only chance to defeat Lincoln was to carry New York against him. If the Man from the West should lose the 35 electoral votes of the Empire State he would fail of a majority in the Electoral College even if he carried every Western State and all the Northern States except New York. In that case the election would have gone to Congress, and there the Democrats believed they had a chance. Of no other State could that have been said.

Finally it may be noted that the popular vote in 1860 was for Union and Peace. Breckinridge was commonly regarded as the secessionist candidate, and he received less than one-fifth of the total vote.

—The Lincoln Herald

Vermont

The Sons and Aux. program observing Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays was well attended in G. A. R. Hall at Brattleboro. The guest speaker was Rev. Bligh Telfer. Civil War songs were sung and the Gettysburg Address recited.

All of the northern Vermont districts have been consolidated recently and will be known as the "Winooski Valley District". New officers include Roy Ring of Morrisville, Pres.; Alfred Brigham, Vice-Pres.; Arthur Robinson, Sec'y-Treas.; Wm. Reed, Chaplain; and Sue Abbott, Press Correspondent. At the meeting Alfred Brigham, Arthur Robinson, and Ben Warren were presented with 25 year bars for their badges. The next meeting of the District will be held the last of April or the beginning of May in Morrisville.

SUGGESTION--Several Camps have designated one man in the Camp to secure Banner subscriptions, with good results. Some Camps have ordered for their entire membership. This works out more effectively than having each man sending his own subscription.

To Be An American Is Greater Than To Be A King

You were born to the purple; born into a glorious heritage where every man is a king by divine right. All the enginery of our free institutions were yours for the asking. You were privileged to enjoy by birth the priceless boon of hard won freedoms, secured for you thru the blood and strivings of your liberty loving forefathers. The freedoms you enjoy so thoughtlessly were won for you on hundreds of battlefields.

The sighs of dying soldiers, the wounded on the pain-racked beds of countless hospitals, the fortitude and wisdom of a Washington and Lincoln, the forensic abilities of a John Marshall and a Daniel Webster, and the mighty works of numerous other wise and patriotic giants wrought the privileges which have been yours to enjoy, and I might here add, to defend.

A politician thinks of the next election--a statesman of the next generation.

There is a limit to what we can spend and tax and remain solvent.

A strong, economically sound U. S. is the backbone of the Free World.

Federal bureaucratic corruption, now unprecedentedly flagrant, should unquestionably be curbed. Persistent advocacy of sky-rocketing taxation accompanied by unbridled reckless expenditures must be stopped. Enactment of Governmental reforms, economies, are long overdue. The alarming trend towards State Socialism must be arrested to preserve our Free Enterprise System, which enabled America to attain world leadership.

May you rejoice in the gladness of the Easter season,
And may its good cheer remain with joy always.