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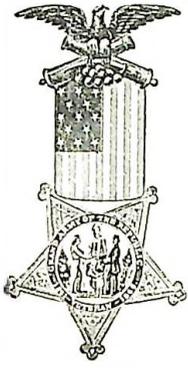
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## ONE OF 2,778,304



**ALBERT WOOLSON**  
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief  
Grand Army of the Republic

Of the 2,778,304 men who answered their country's call from 1861 to 1865, this man alone is alive. He has recently been elected a member of the Duluth "Hall of Fame".

Comrade Woolson was born in Watertown, N. Y., on February 11, 1847, moving later to Minnesota. He enlisted on October 10, 1864 in Co. C 1st Minnesota Heavy Artillery, and was transferred to Co. D on July 7, 1865, and was mustered out with his company August 5, 1865. He has held several National Offices and was appointed Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief to fill a vacancy in 1949. Comrade Woolson lives at 215 E. 5th St., Duluth, Minn. with his daughter, Mrs. John Khobus. He is the father of 12 children, four of whom are the children of his second wife, whom he married at the age of 58.

On March 14, Comrade Woolson, 106, the last of the northern soldiers of the Civil War, laid a wreath in the Duluth Civic Center as a memorial to Comrade James A. Hard.

Comrade Woolson is also a member in good standing of our organization as his father was also a Civil War Veteran.

### By the Way with the Commander-in-Chief

A simple, streamlined quarterly report form for Secretaries has replaced clumsy and confusing forms 35, 37 and 38. Let us hope Heaven will forgive the inventor of those old quarterly monstrosities and put another star in the crown of Albert Lambert.

More Lincoln pictures and articles appeared in publications this year in February than in any previous year. The Lincoln story grows steadily in fascination and public interest. Too bad that we as an organization missed the chance to associate ourselves in an outstanding manner with this story and grow with it.

Benjamin P. Thomas's recent volume, **Abraham Lincoln**, is the best one-book life of Lincoln so far written. It is profoundly absorbing. Lincoln really comes to life again!

I thumbed quickly through it to page 404 to read how Gen. Grant's troops at Chattanooga, Tennessee (my father was in command of a company from Illinois) stormed up Missionary Ridge to capture it from the Confederates, thus achieving "one of the greatest miracles in military history".

Eighteen thousand Federal soldiers fought to the top of the Ridge and held it, although ordered to take only the trenches at the foot. When it was over, a great thing had happened—"For the first time in the war a Confederate army had broken in panic".

Lincoln telegraphed to Grant: "God bless you all". And Lincoln knew that, at last, he had found a General.

U. S. Grant, 4th, a geology professor, is the newest member of my Eugene, Oregon, Camp. I took the application. Mr. Grant was deluged with mail after appearing on a **Bet Your Life** broadcast. He is a cousin of our Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Major General U. S. Grant 3rd, retired.

Some local groups do not have inspiring piano music for their marching, or the pianist may be absent at times. I recommend ownership of a 78-rpm portable phonograph with a few records of band and piano marches as well as of the required music for singing. A new portable may be had for \$15 and anyone could operate it. Good second-hand portables are sometimes available for \$5.

A national row is under way regarding the merit of the newly revised version of the Bible. The verdict varies, but looking over the list of translators one may find the names of eight men who were also listed some years ago as identified with Communist fronts by the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Are men who were promoters of Communistic projects spiritually qualified to revise the Bible? Perhaps a spirit of repentance has drawn them back to that Book of Books.

Left-wing clergymen (these are ministers who, in my opinion, have lost faith in Christianity—possibly without fully realizing it—and have turned for salvation to economics and government regimentation) have emitted wrathful denunciations of "an investigation of religion". Neither Chairman Velde nor his House Committee have considered investigating religion as such. Their objective has been certain individuals of the type as

named in Congressional publications of former years, and the "fronts" they sponsor.

We hear the cry—"Leave everything to the F.B.I." But the Committee is working directly in line with, and support of, the F.B.I. J. Edgar Hoover, head of the F. B.I., has expressed many times his anxiety over the penetration into the clergy of Communists and the difficulty of doing anything about it, or bringing public exposure.

One quotation from Mr. Hoover will suffice: "I confess to a real apprehension, so long as Communists are able to secure ministers of the gospel to promote their evil work and espouse a cause that is alien to the religion of Christ and Judaism". We should all be equally alert and apprehensive.

One of my projects is to obtain reproductions of recordings or broadcasts made by Union veterans. Any leads or help in getting such recordings located and reproduced will be appreciated, and the expense gladly met.

The first item to start this hoped-for collection, which should be of eventual value to our order, is an excellent reproduction of the program broadcast nationally in 1949 in tribute to the last encampment of the Grand Army at Indianapolis. A reproduction of a national broadcast made in 1950 by the last Grand Army Commander-in-Chief, Theodore A. Penland, should be in my possession by the time this appears in print.

Reproductions on 33-rpm flat records, or on tape at 33 $\frac{1}{4}$  or 71 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches a second speed, are desired.

The enterprise with which some commentators and writers twisted, distorted, and thoroughly obfuscated the understanding of foreign ship operators with Sen. McCarthy's committee has seldom been equalled—which is saying a lot.

First, it seemed better to them that our boys should be wounded and killed in Korea than that Joseph McCarthy should have anything to do to prevent it.

Second, they built their denunciation of him on the false premise that the understanding or agreement was a "treaty" as defined in the Constitution. It was nothing of the sort. A treaty is "a ratified agreement between governments". Any American citizen may have an agreement with foreign businessmen, thousands do. That is the way international business is transacted.

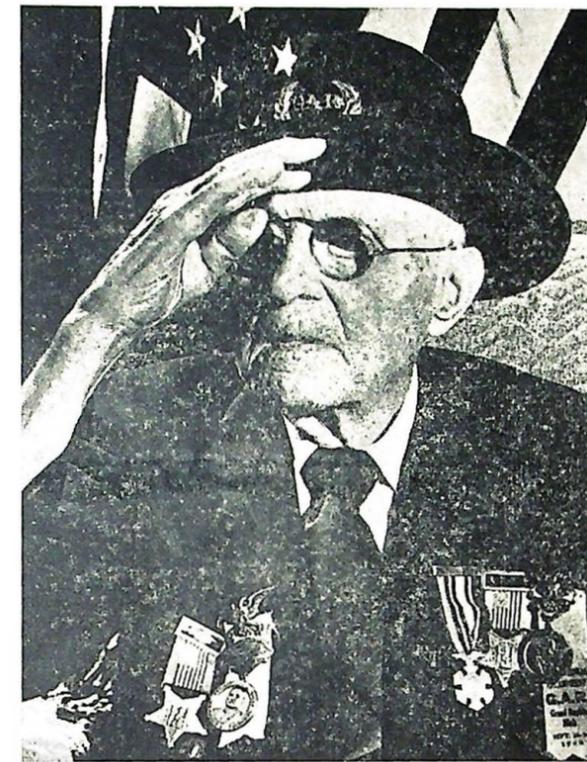
The McCarthy committee was looking into the legality of the transfer of American ships to the control of foreign businessmen who used the ships, in part, to transport supplies to China which the Chinese could use in Korea. This situation occurred, and had existed for a long time, under Truman-Acheson authority.

The McCarthy investigation scared the foreign ship operators into offering not to carry such supplies any longer to China. They hoped by this concession to get a lightening-up of the pressure to investigate the shady procedures by which they obtained control of ships paid for by American tax payers.

Like thousands of other men, I have a boy in combat training for the army—and where will it be but in Korea? I am thankful to Senator McCarthy for doing something about a war that former leadership made the most carefully calculated effort **not** to win.

Frederick K. Davis, Commander-in-Chief

### The Old Soldier Is At Rest



Under sombre, leaden skies—punctuated by the staccato farewell volley of a firing squad, and the haunting strains of "Taps"—the flag-draped casket of Comrade James A. Hard was lowered into its Mt. Hope Cemetery grave in the waning hours of March 16, 1953. Thus ended the illustrious 111-year career of the nation's oldest war veteran. Rochester's most celebrated citizen, one of the country's oldest men. He died March 12, 1953 in General Hospital, Rochester.

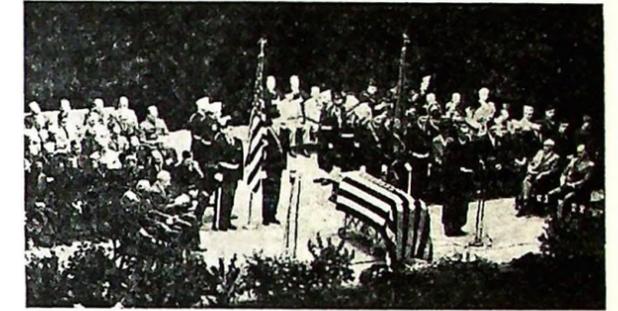
He went to his final resting place with the heartfelt sympathy and understanding and prayers of all of the nation; thousands of his fellow citizens paid their last respects to the grizzled Civil War veteran during a day-long civic funeral tribute that marked the end of an era in Rochester history. Comrade Hard lay in state in the foyer of the Masonic Temple Auditorium during the morning, and past his bier, covered by a United States flag and banked high with flowers, filed thousands of people—young and old—to pay homage.

Respectfully, silently they looked upon the man who in 111 years of life had seen more of history than almost any other man. They thought those thoughts reserved for a moment when men and women become humble in the presence of death. Then they walked quietly away. Comrade Hard had a white carnation on his uniform, and upon his left breast two medals, one signifying his Civil War service, and the other a G. A. R. badge. His G. A. R. campaign hat rested on the casket near his head.

In the afternoon the scene shifted to the stage of the Auditorium Theater, where funeral rites—the same traditional services which were used by the G. A. R. were held. The room, filled with hundreds of Comrade

Hard's friends and acquaintances, throbbed to the pulsating beat of time-honored Civil War songs, played on an organ, as a prelude to the services.

It was at Comrade Hard's request that the G. A. R. Burial Service was used. Not long ago, he asked thru P. D. C. Fred E. Colwell that the traditional G. A. R. rites be performed at his funeral. Officiating at the ceremonies were P.D.C.'s Fred Colwell, Walter S. Beilby, Harold T. Beilby, Rev. Wm. A. Hallock, and Department Commander Robert McMahon.



Also on the stage were clergymen, representatives of the city and county governments, honorary bearers, and representatives of various veterans organizations.

At the close of the service the mourners joined in singing two of the old soldier's favorite songs, "The Battle Hymn of the Republic", and "Tenting Tonight on the Old Camp Ground". The funeral cortege was made up of uniformed National Guardsmen, a color guard from the Masonic War Veterans, James A. Hard Post; marching units of veterans' groups, and an automobile caravan of mourners stretching as far as the eye could see. During the funeral and procession, State Supreme Court Sessions were suspended. In Mt. Hope Cemetery, the old soldier embarked upon a new journey to join his Civil War comrades of nearly a century ago.

### General Whitney Honored

The public newspapers bring news of the appointment of a Brother belonging to a Camp in Massachusetts in the person of Gen. Otis M. Whitney of Concord, Mass., as Commissioner of Public Safety which gives him control of the State Police. Brother Whitney has been a member of the Governors Council for several years and Gov. Herter has now appointed him to one of the most important offices in the gift of the Commonwealth. It should be a source of gratitude to members of our Order to know of the high esteem in which Gen. Whitney is held by members of both political parties.

Rev. Arthur M. Soule

### Lincoln Stamp

The 25th anniversary of the Mt. Rushmore National Memorial was commemorated by a special 3¢ stamp. The color selected for this issue is green and the initial printing order called for 110,000,000 stamps. As the sixteenth president is one of the four characters portrayed in the Gutzon Borghum sculpture, Lincoln philatelic collectors will want a quantity of these stamps.

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**Officers and Members:**

Elsewhere is published a tentative program for the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment at Buffalo, Aug. 23-27, with headquarters and all meetings at the Hotel Lafayette. An innovation will be a speaker of national note in patriotic effort.

**In Memoriam**

The previous General Order reported that the once mighty ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic had declined to two men. But on March 12, at the General Hospital, Rochester, N. Y., 11:45 P. M., the number of men changed to only one.

The valiant spirit of our nation's oldest soldier, James A. Hard, age 111, withdrew then from the worn and damaged body it could no longer use, and another irreparable loss had come to us and to the Grand Army. Only Albert Woolson, Duluth, Minnesota, remained to carry the memorable name.

**Camp and Department Officers**

A number of Dep'ts will have selected their staffs for the coming 12 months; others will do so soon. When the Encampment has closed, the Secretary will fill out Form 49 with the names and addresses of the new officers, also those of delegates, and forward it promptly to the Nat'l Secretary. The Dep't Secretary will not overlook sending to him, also, a receipt showing renewal payment on a position bond for the Department Commander.

All Dep't reports must be received by the National Secretary before June 30.

Camp Patriotic Instructors will make out their annual report immediately after Memorial Day and send same to the Dep't Patriotic Instructor on form 60, who will collect the information on Form 61 and send it to the Nat'l Patriotic Instructor, Albert B. DeHaven, 35 Berwick St., Sanford, Maine.

**Nat'l Aide Appointments**

For obtaining five or more members, or other exceptional service, appointment citations have been presented to the following together with the Commandery-in-Chief gold ribbon:

George W. Kimball, P.D.C., Chelsea, Mass.  
Walter Thrasher, Sec'y Camp 88, Waverly, N. Y.  
Eugene Hawkes, Bath, Maine  
William R. Baugh, P.D.C., Portland, Oregon  
Alaric Nichols, Jr. Vice D. C., Bellows Falls, Vt.  
James R. Riggs, Dep't Chief of Staff, Pasadena, Cal.  
Wallace W. Scott, Jr. Vice D.C., Sierra Madre, Cal.

**Observances**

Many decades of sentiment and service are associated with Memorial Day. Our Camps will give the day the most worthy observance in their power. Others

may forget, or be indifferent, but "let no....ravages of time testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten....the cost of a free and undivided Republic."

Frederick K. Davis, Commander-in-Chief

Attest;

Albert C. Lambert, Nat'l Secretary-Treasurer

**Nat'l Patriotic Instructor's Column**

Albert B. DeHaven, Nat'l Patriotic Instructor

**Memorial Day**

We come again to the day that was dear to the hearts of our Fathers, the Union Veterans of the Civil War. We, their sons, carry on the practice of our Fathers in decorating the graves of the departed Heroes.

There are several stories of the origin of this Day, but we do know that General John A. Logan as Commander-in-Chief of the G.A.R. ordered it as a duty of his organization. We like to think of it as Grand Army Day, although other veteran and patriotic organizations and the people throughout most of the states have adopted this day to pause and see that the graves of their departed ones are in condition to receive the tribute of flowers they will place there.

The writer remembers his first Memorial Day. When, as a boy of six, his mother took him to see the ceremonies and just outside of the cemetery, as the parade was passing, he saw his father and breaking away from his mother, he ran and grasped the hand of his father and proudly marched into the cemetery. He later saw his father bend and place flowers on a departed comrade's grave. We cannot possibly estimate the many thousands of times this act of decorating a grave has been duplicated throughout the land.

There are Sons in some of our camps whose work we should fervently commend. Hundreds of cemeteries have been located and cleared, and stones and markers erected and reconditioned.

**G. A. R. Memorial Fund**

Donations are needed more than ever to this fund. The Highway Committee is doing a wonderful job as is our Commander-in-Chief, whose activities are recorded in another part of The Banner. Have you made your donation yet?

**GIVE—AS MUCH AS YOU CAN—GIVE NOW!**

**Received for Permanent Honor Roll Fund from:**

Kenneth Hemminger \$10 in honor of John Hemminger,  
Co. F, 158th Penna. Infantry Regiment  
George W. Lovering \$10 in honor of Geo. W. Lovering,  
Co. C, 48th Wisconsin Regiment

*Hunt diligently for the good points in the other fellow--  
he often has to do the same in your case*

**No one can repeat what you don't say.**

You can determine a man's age by the degree of pain he feels in coming in contact with a new idea.

**It is better to have a hen tomorrow than an egg today.**

*Let each become all he is capable of being.*



**Tentative Convention  
Program**  
Buffalo, N. Y.—Aug. 23-27, 1953

[Eastern Daylight Saving Time]

- SUN-AUG 23--A.M.** Services in church of your choice.  
2 P.M. SUVCW Credentials received--Mahogany Room  
AUX. Credentials received--Ballroom  
SUVCW Council of Administration meeting--book audit.  
AUX. National Council meeting.  
4 P.M. Dept. Presidents or representatives--Dept. Commanders or representatives meet with Nat'l. Chaplains of SUVCW and AUX in ballroom.  
5 P.M. AUX-- All National and Special Aides meet with Chief of Staff in ballroom.  
8 P.M. Concert by Sylvania Choralliers--Crystal Ballroom  
9 P.M. Joint Memorial Services under direction of National Chaplains--Crystal Ballroom
- MON-AUG 24** Courtesy bus trip to Niagara Falls for all delegates of both organizations. Buses will leave Hotel at 8 A.M. and will return to Hotel at 12 noon.  
1 P.M. Credentials received--both organizations.  
1:30 PM SUVCW Opening session--Mahogany Room  
AUX. Opening session--Crystal Ballroom  
5 P.M. Banquet--Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents.  
7:30 PM SUVCW Exemplification of initiation work by degree team from Rochester in Mahogany Room to be followed by a program of screen-projected slides and commentary by Commander-in-Chief Davis.  
9 P.M. AUX--Auxiliary Courtesy Hour--Crystal Ballroom--direction of Nat'l. Chief of Staff, Mrs. Ruth Muzzey.
- TUE-AUG 25** 7:30 A.M. AUX. Club breakfasts  
9 A.M. Business sessions--both organizations.  
12:15PM SUVCW No-host luncheon--Dept. Commanders & Sec'y's.  
1:30PM Business sessions--both organizations.  
2:00PM AUX Presentation by Nat'l. Patr. Instr. to Cerebral Palsy Foundation in memory of the G. A. R.  
2:30PM Greetings received from all organizations.  
6 PM Banquet honoring Commander-in-Chief and National President in Crystal Ballroom under direction of Nat'l. Chief of Staff Mrs. Ruth Muzzey. (A speaker of National Prominence will be present--details in next issue of The Banner)  
9 P.M. Reception and dance honoring National President and Commander-in-Chief in Crystal Ballroom under direction of Nat'l. Chief of Staff Mrs. Ruth Muzzey.
- WED-AUG 26**  
8-10 AM AUX--Balloting outside of ballroom  
9 AM Business sessions--both organizations  
12 Noon AUX--Past Dept. Presidents Luncheon-Crystal Dining Room.  
12:15 PM SUVCW--No-host luncheon for Past Dept. Commanders and Past Dept. Secretaries.  
1:30 PM Business sessions--both organizations  
7 PM Wreath laying ceremony and massing of colors at Civil War Monument in Lafayette Square. All Camps are requested to bring their colors for this purpose. These colors will be displayed during the entire encampment.  
9 PM Military Ball--dancing and entertainment under direction of Chief of Staff, C. Leroy Stout -- Crystal Ballroom.
- THUR-AUG 27**  
Business sessions if necessary.  
SUVCW-Meeting of Council of Administration  
AUX. Meeting of National Council

**Grant's Tomb Exercises Held**

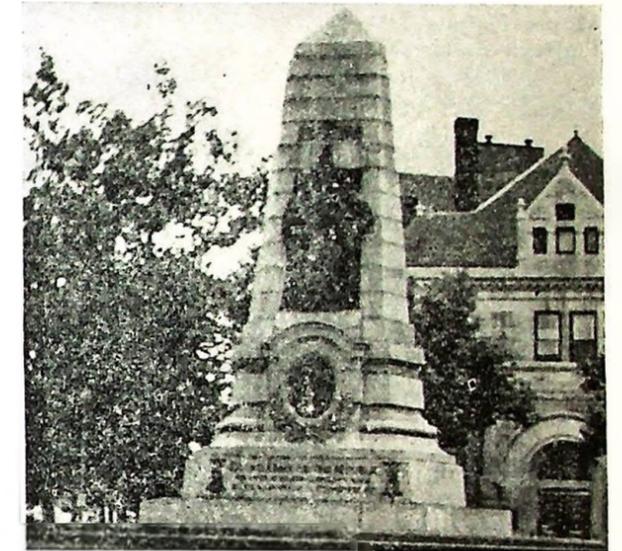
On a beautiful spring afternoon, April 26th, Camps and Auxiliaries of Greater New York held their annual exercises commemorating the 131st birthday of General Ulysses S. Grant.

New York's Riverside Drive was crowded to capacity affording excellent publicity for this beautiful outdoor ceremony. P.N.P. Mayme E. Dwyer was Honorary Chairlady, while P.D.C. Clarence A. Maples was the Chairman and presiding officer. Speakers included Nat'l Chaplain Hermon Brockway; Jr. Vice C. in C. Andrew Richardson; Nat'l President Lila Macey; Hon. Paul P. Rao; Walter Kelly; and Col. Vincent Hart.

Music was furnished by the Catholic Sea Cadets of America Band, with Color Guards present from as far as Trenton, N. J. A salute to the dead was fired by a

firing squad from the U. S. First Army. Beautiful wreaths were placed in the tomb by Dep't Commander Robt. McMahon and Dep't Pres. Ruth E. Dellinger.

**G. A. R. Monument in Washington**



This picture of the beautiful G. A. R. monument in Washington, D. C. located near the Archives Building was taken by C. in C. Davis on his recent trip there.

**S. U. V. C. W.**



**News Notes**

**Indiana**--Elaborate plans have been completed for the 5th Memorial Encampment to the Indiana Dep't, G. A. R. at the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, June 12-14 . . . 350 are expected at the Camp-Fire Banquet of the Allied Orders on June 13. . . P.D.C. Argus Ogborn is Gen. Chairman, assisted by all Dep't officers. . . Benton Camp 28 of Richmond will exemplify the ritual in blue uniform on June 12 . . . Dep't Secy-Treas Barksdale and wife report a fine trip thru Southern battlefields and shrines including Lincoln's birthplace, Andrew Jackson's home "The Hermitage", Vicksburg, Ft. Sumter, Lookout Mt., Missionary Ridge, Chickamauga.

**Massachusetts**--Tift Camp 15 of Springfield held its Lincoln-Washington dinner in G.A.R. Hall on Feb. 28. . . Herbert W. Bogue was in charge with Rev. Henry Jacobson portraying Lincoln . . . he was introduced by P.D.C. Jacob Wentzel of Penna. . . The North Met Assoc. held their March meeting as guests of Camp 30 of Dorchester, and their April meeting in Cambridge as guests of Camp 56. . . The annual outing will be held at Bro. Whitman's estate at Phillip's Lake, Sandown, N. H. in July. . . Camp 34, Wakefield, is cooperating with the Veterans Council in planning for Memorial Day . . . The Camp will have a G.A.R. Memorial Window in a store window for a week before May 30. . . They will be hosts of the Veterans Council at the June meeting . . . Camp 62, Everett, is planning (continued next page)

**Sons News Notes continued**

a G.A.R. Memorial Window in Everett Square for a week before Memorial Day. . . Dedication of the G. A. R. Highway took place at New Bedford on May 3 at 3 P. M. (at approach to Fairhaven Bridge). . . this was part of nation-wide observance (along 3652 miles of the project).

**Maine**-Pictured is the 1952 Memorial Day parade in Portland, Maine with P.C. in C. Henry Towle as Parade Marshall, a position which he has filled for many years, and will occupy again this year.



**Missouri**-Through the efforts of Comdr. Balsiger of Camp 36, Kansas City, the Permanent Memorial Day Committee in their Memorial Day parade features an empty automobile bearing the sign "Vacant Seats—In Reverent Memory of the Grand Army of the Republic". . . The Camp extends best wishes to Comdr. Balsiger and Sec'y Walter Litton, both of whom have been ill.

**Michigan**-Rev Frederic M. Clough, retired Methodist minister died recently in Grand Rapids. He was a lecturer of the Lincoln era, and a Past Dep't Chaplain of the Michigan Dep't.

**New England Regional**-held its spring meeting in New Haven on March 28-29, and will meet at the Weirs, N. H. during the summer. . . Arrangements have been made to have a stone from the Gettysburg Battlefield placed on the Altar of the Cathedral Of The Pines in Rindge, N. H.

**New Jersey**-Our Dep't Encampment will be held at the Hotel Jefferson, Atlantic City, June 19-20. . . meetings of both Sons and Aux. will be held in the Hotel. . . All Camps report readiness for Memorial Day decoration and observance. . . Camp 4 Trenton announces the candidacy of Fred H. Combs Jr. for the office of Dep't Comdr. . . The Comdr. of Camp 5 Trenton, Albert W. Lambert (son of Nat'l Sec'y-Treas) has enlisted in the U. S. Army and is now at Fort Dix. . . following basic training he will be assigned to the Army Finance School at Indianapolis. . . Abraham Lincoln Camp 100 (the State Camp of N. J.) had an auspicious start on April 25 with 28 charter members. . . much will be heard from this Camp.

**New York**-Plans for the Elmira Encampment include a Campfire Wed. eve., June 24 featuring the Moose Band, and the Kiwanis Quartette in a program of Civil War music. . . Local Chairman Truman Vincent will introduce Dep't Comdr. Robert H. McMahon as presiding officer. . . the principal address will be given by P.C. in C. Neil Cranmer whose theme will be "New York in the Civil War". . . Greetings will be extended by Mayor Emory Strachen, Sec'y of Commerce Robt. W. Moderhuk, and Manager Emerson of the Mark

Twain Hotel. . . A joint opening with the Auxiliary will take place Thurs. morning followed by a Joint Memorial Service. . . A class of candidates will be mustered on Thurs. evening by the Monroe County Degree Team. . . The joint banquet with the Aux. will be held Friday evening. . . A breakfast for P.D.C.'s and P.D.P.'s is scheduled for Thurs. morning.

Tilden Camp 28 N. Y. C. . . Dep't Sec'y-Treas. Bertram Isaacs recently installed Cecil M. Baer as Sec'y-Treas. of the Camp, and Jacob Goldfish as Comdr. . . at this meeting Laurence Isaacs, grandson of the late Julius Isaacs was mustered into membership. . . The Camp plans its usual Memorial Day activities with grave decoration and parade. . . Ten Eyck Camp 154, Albany, will present the name of John Kernan for Dep't Comdr. at the Elmira Encampment. . . Berry Camp 89 of Niagara Falls and Tilden Camp 26 of N. Y. C. will sponsor the candidacies of P.D.C. Fred E. Howe and P.C. Bertram Isaacs for Dep't Secy-Treas.

**Last Picture of Comrade Hard**



Taken on Feb. 12, 1953 with Nat'l Chaplain, Hermon L. Brockway. On the following day Comrade Hard entered Rochester General Hospital.

Dupont-Eiseman Camp 2, Brooklyn, installed officers at their Feb. meeting. They have recently lost Gus Jacoby and G. A. Weichert by death. . . At the meeting in March Bro. Howard E. Bunker, 86, was presented with a gold ribbon and citation from the Commander-in-Chief. . . Plans are in readiness for Memorial Day. . . Services will be conducted at the Germain-Matternich G.A.R. Post Plot in Lutheran Cemetery. . . Comdr. Owen of Diven Camp 77, Elmira, named P.C. Truman Vincent in charge of grave decoration in Woodlawn; Second St; and Fulton St. cemeteries, and P. C. in C. Cranmer to give Logan's Order at Memorial Day exercises. . . The quarterly meeting of the Western N. Y. Past Commdrs. Assoc. was held in Rochester Apr. 25. . . the next meeting will be a basket picnic at Churchville Park, Sunday, July 26.

**Ohio**-Dep't Comdr. Wood attended Lincoln banquets at Cleveland, Columbus, (continued next page)

**Sons News Notes continued**

Canton, and Alliance, and also participated in wreath laying ceremonies at McKinley's Monument in Canton. . . Alliance Camp 91 and Aux. recently entertained the Dist. No. 3 meeting. . . the next meeting will be held in Minerva. . . Alliance Camp and Aux. are cooperating in equipping of a room in Akron Children's Hospital in memory of the G.A.R. . . presentation will take place May 24. . . The Cuyahoga County Council of Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans recently presented a beautiful portrait of Lincoln to the Soldiers and Sailors Orphan Home at Zenia.

**Pennsylvania**-Headquarters for the Dep't Encampment at Pittsburgh has been changed to the Fort Pitt Hotel. . . A plaque of Lincoln will be presented to the Scotland School on June 13 by the Dep't. . . The Lehigh Valley Assoc. will have an inside picnic on May 16 at the Bethlehem Market House in Bethlehem. . . The 21st annual Appomattox Dinner at Reading was an outstanding success. . . All Allied Organizations were represented and Jr. Vice C. in C. Richardson of Trenton, N. J. was toastmaster.

**Auxiliary**

National President  
Mrs. Lila A. Macey



**News Notes**

725 State St.,  
Schenectady, N. Y.

The Nat'l President has announced the appointment of the following Nat'l Convention Committee:

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|-------------------|------------------|
| Margaret C. Brady | Leila M. Kroepke |
| Mayme E. Dwyer    | Edith L. Snyder  |
| Ida B. Lange      | Marion Werner    |
| Mary E. Stapleton | Margaret Hensler |
| Ida Fox           | Adeline Schleigh |
| Ethel Brockway    | Iva Pearson      |

**"BUSY BEA'S HONOR ROLL"**

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|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Lela Shugart P.N.P., Indiana         | 7 members |
| Esther Priest, New York              | 5 members |
| Lucy Waterman, New York              | 5 members |
| Grace Waddell, Oregon and Washington | 5 members |
| Pearl Freeman, Calif.                | 5 members |
| Lucy Pyle, Calif.                    | 5 members |
| Helen Sexton, Calif.                 | 5 members |

The Honor Roll is growing as we enter our last quarter. California is still leading. Come on, Sisters, let us get busy!  
Beatrice S. Riggs, N. V. P.

**California**-Santa Ana Aux. 30 honored Nat'l Chaplain Alice Odell of Ill. when she visited California. Mrs. Odell was escorted by her daughter Bernice DaSilva. . . Other guests included Nat'l Vice Pres. Beatrice Riggs, Earl Riggs, Dep't Comdr. Melville Riggs, Dep't Pres. Molly Sneeberg, P.C. in C. Ralph Barrett, and P.N.P. Lena Barrett, along with many Calif. Dep't Officers. . . Decorations included a white Bible backed by a floral flag made of wood fibre, tiered red white and blue candles, and individual place mats were blue with words "Welcome Nat'l Chaplain Alice Odell" in white with miniature flag and Bible stickers. Small white Bibles were given as favors. . . An Easter Style Show was held by Podrasnik Aux. on Mar. 23. . . the proceeds will be used by Chairman Beatrice Riggs, N.V.P. to present a \$100 scholarship in a local High School. The winner of an essay on "The Meaning of Memorial Day" will receive the award. . . At the time of this writing P. C. in

C. Dr. Ralph Barrett is hospitalized. . . we extend best wishes for a speedy recovery.

**Indiana**-The legend of the dogwood tree was told by Mrs. Thomas M. Horn, P.D.P. at an Easter Party for the widows at Indiana State Soldiers Home. . . a varied program of singing, devotions, flag drill, and vocal solos was presented, with Dep't Chaplain Mrs. N. C. Brown giving the Scripture reading. Dept officers were guests.

**Illinois**-80 members and guests of John Hanks Aux. 50 of Decatur recently attended a dinner honoring the G.A.R. . . Principal speaker was David V. Felts, editor of The Herald. . . Mayor Robt. E. Willis spoke briefly. . . Members of several local veteran organizations were guests.

**Iowa**-Aux's 8 and 16 with Camps 75 and 77 were hosts to all Camps and Aux's at a mid-winter party on Feb. 25 at the home of Dep't Pres. Amy Noll. . . Aux. 2 and Camp 33 of Waterloo celebrated Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays with a dinner at Memorial Hall. . . They have also presented flags to the Linden Methodist Church Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Car Men's Union.

**Michigan**-A regional dinner and meeting of the Camps and Aux's was held April 11 at the Legion's Home in Kalamazoo. . . Officers and members were present from Detroit, Jackson, Lansing, Grand Rapids, Allegan and South Haven.

**Minnesota**-61st annual Encampment will be held on May 8-9 at St. Francis Hotel, St. Paul. . . There will be a social evening on the 8th, and on the evening of the 9th the banquet will be held.

**New Jersey**-Under direction of Dep't Patr. Instructor Mrs. Alice Reilly, a fine party was held recently for the inmates of the Menlo Park Soldiers Home. . . At our Convention in Atlantic City June 19-20 the Dep't will present a silk American flag to the Lawrence Twp. Jr. High School for use in their library. . . The flag will be accepted by the School Principal, Mr. Fred H. Combs Jr., who is also Dep't Sr. Vice Comdr. of the N. J. Dep't S.U.V.C.W.

**New York**-Oliver Tilden Aux. 31 celebrated its 54th anniversary on March 25 with a card party and social. . . Aux. 7 Waverly, celebrated Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays with a fine program. . . Aux. 17 Binghamton, joined Camp 93 in their celebration of Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays and at the same meeting installed officers for 1953. . . This was delayed because of illness of the new Pres. Sister Arlette Rood.

**Ohio**-Youngstown Aux. 2 has had the misfortune of losing their meeting place in the County Courthouse, but as recently initiated 11 new members. . . Mansfield Aux. 100 reports 6 new members initiated. . . Dep't Pres. Olive Boren recently visited Carrollton and Salem, and attended Lincoln banquets in Cleveland, Canton, Columbus, and Alliance. . . On May 24 the Dep't Patriotic Instr. will present a new furnished room in Akron Children's Hospital in memory of the G.A.R.

**Pennsylvania**-Aux. 1 held a successful bingo party recently for the benefit of Dep't funds. . . On April 27 we surprised Sister Caroline Moeckel with a party honoring her as Dep't Inspector. . . Aux. 6 Reading, cooperated with the Allied Orders in sponsoring the annual Appomattox Day dinner. . . All the Allied Orders were represented. . . Aux. 14 of Roxborough, recently held a surprise party for Nat'l Press Correspondent Margaret McKinney. . . Representatives (continued next page)

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from several Phila. Auxiliaries attended.

**Vermont**-Mid-year Conference was held in Morrisville Nov. 29 with Dep't Pres. Josephine Lawrence and Dep't Commdr. Edwin Barnard present. . . Aux's have contributed to the Elizabeth Lund Home in Burlington, the Vt. Childrens Aid, the Bennington Soldiers Home, the Vt. Assoc. for the Crippled, as well as March of Dimes, Red Cross, etc. . . Early spring meetings of Dist. 5 and the Winooski Valley Dist. have been held, the next meetings will be held in May.

JUNE 20 is the dead-line for the July-August "Banner" news. Please submit items before that date.

Margaret McKinney, Nat'l Press Correspondent

**OBITUARY**

We have just been informed of the death of Past National President Margaret L. Waters of Massachusetts on May 2nd. Her son, Daniel Waters, Sudbury, Mass. survives.

**Battle of Shiloh, Tenn.**



**CHARGE of GENERAL GRANT**

Gen. Grant's army at the beginning of April 1862 was encamped between Pittsburg Landing, on the left bank of the Tennessee and the Shiloh Meetinghouse which stood back in the forest about two miles.

A force of 40,000 Confederates, unknown to Grant, had crept up from Corinth to within a few miles of Shiloh Meetinghouse. This force was in command of Gen. A. S. Johnston, assisted by Gen'ls Beauregard, Polk, Hardee, Bragg, and Breckinridge. Learning that Gen. Buell's army was on its way to join Grant, they struck before dawn on the morning of April 6th.

For ten hours the battle raged, with terrible slaughter on both sides, Gen. W. H. L. Wallace of the Federals, and Gen. Johnston of the Confederates being killed. After being pushed back, the Federals, reinforced by Buell's army and a division under Gen. Lewis Wallace routed the Confederates. Gen. Grant would have pursued Beauregard's army had not Gen. Halleck, his superior at the time, ordered the troops to rest for awhile. This gave the Confederates a chance to reorganize their forces and to make themselves ready for another battle.

**There Was Shooting, But What Was It?**

(Chicago Daily News, Feb. 2, 1953)

After 90 years, America's bitter, bloody, historic war of 1861-1865 still has no official name. The 14th Amendment of the Constitution, written in the heated days at the war's end, refers to "rebellion". Official records of the War and Navy Departments called it the War of the Rebellion for 40 years. Then they changed to Civil War. An inscription on the Lincoln Memorial in Washington quotes the Gettysburg Address: "Now we are engaged in a great Civil War" On the outside of the national headquarters of the American Red Cross appears the message "In memory of the heroic women of the Civil War".

The United Daughters of the Confederacy repeatedly have urged Congress to call it the War Between the States. A spokesman at the Robert E. Lee mansion in Arlington, Va. said "This side of the Potomac, we just say "the War", and everybody knows what we mean. Recently the Columbia (S. C.) State Magazine, a newspaper Sunday supplement, published an article that referred throughout to the "Confederate War." It is also known as the War of Secession, War of the Rebellion, War for Southern Independence, and War for the Southern Confederacy.

The Library of Congress uses Civil War as a listing, but points out there has been no official decision.

Editor's Note—The Ordinance of Secession signed on Dec. 20, 1860 created "The Confederate States of America", and authorized the dissolution of the Union known as "The United States of America".

True patriotism is not manifested in short, frenzied bursts of emotion. It is the tranquil, steady dedication of a lifetime.

*A fellow who is always getting fed up with his job is apt to wind up hungry for one.*

**Your conscience won't stop you from doing wrong--it will only prevent you from enjoying it.**

The instruments of war can be manufactured . . human blood cannot be; and the lack of just one pint could mean the life of an American serviceman.

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

*Have you asked an eligible lately?*

Liberty is the one thing you cannot have unless you give it to others.