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General John A. Logan
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1868-1870

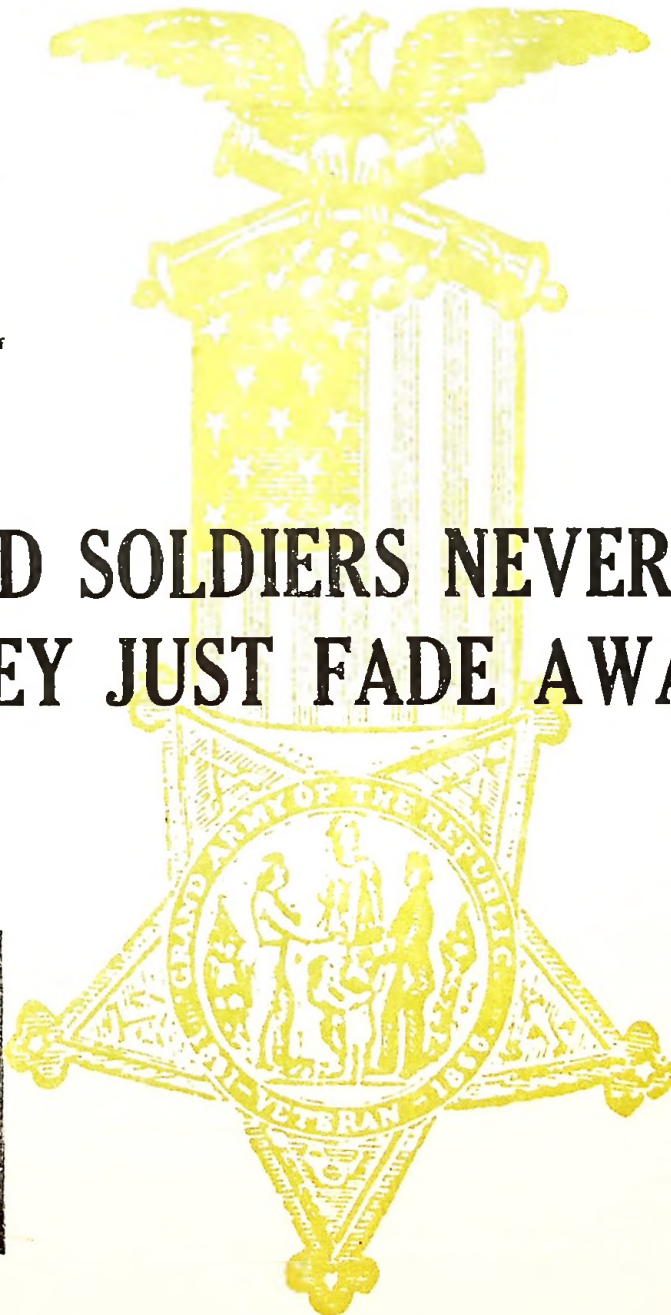
**“OLD SOLDIERS NEVER DIE
THEY JUST FADE AWAY”**



Theodore A. Penland
Oregon
Last Commander-in-Chief of G. A. R.
1947



Albert Woolson
Minnesota
Last Survivor
of the G. A. R.



100 YEARS AGO

Prior to "The Compromise of 1850" the union was threatened with disruption, as it included 15 slaveholding states and 15 free states, and Southern leaders were openly advocating secession if a new free state were added to the Union. The "Great Pacificator", Henry Clay proposed a compromise which was finally adopted as the "Compromise of 1850". The chief gain for the North was the admission of California as a free state, for it broke the balance between the free and the slaveholding states and gave the North a majority in the Senate. The South now lost control of both branches of Congress.

1850--Lincoln's son Edward dies, and a third son, William Wallace is born . . . Pres. Taylor dies and Vice-Pres. Millard Fillmore is inaugurated as thirteenth President . . . Henry Clay introduces six resolutions for slavery compromise . . . Congress passes the Fugitive Slave Bill . . . Total number of slaves in the U.S. at this time is 3,024,333.

1851--Lincoln is very active as a circuit lawyer . . . His father dies at the age of seventy-three.

1852--There appeared in the literary field a volume which fanned the flame of abolition to new heights. Harriet Beecher Stowe of Cincinnati, used some of the stories which had been told her by runaway slaves as a background for the famous "Uncle Tom's Cabin". The book was an exaggerated account of the evils of slavery but it was accepted by most of its readers in the North as a true picture of the Southern institution . . . Henry Clay dies at seventy-five and Daniel Webster at seventy.

1853--Lincoln's fourth son, Thomas (Tad) is born . . . Franklin Pierce is inaugurated as fourteenth President . . . Commodore Perry arrives in Japan with a fleet of seven vessels to solicit a treaty between that country and the U. S . . . The Gadsden Purchase secures from Mexico additional territory for the United States.

1854--Douglas introduces his Kansas-Nebraska Bill which provides a Territorial Government for Kansas and Nebraska . . . The Missouri Compromise is repealed . . . Lincoln's interest in politics is aroused again . . . The Republican Party is formed as a party against slavery.

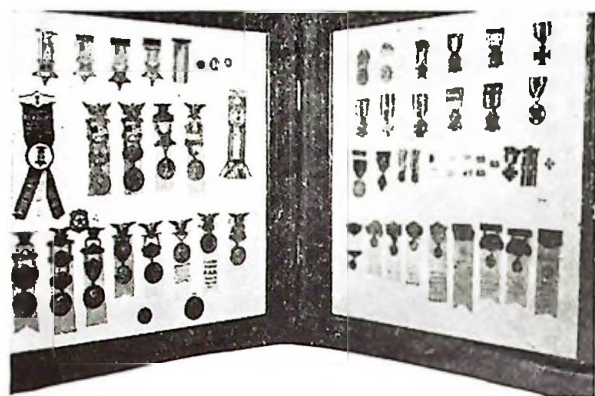
Events of 100 years ago prior to and during the Civil War will be reviewed in this column in future issues of THE BANNER.

Spend A Little Time

With the coming of Spring we look forward to Memorial Day, the day which has been set aside to perpetuate the memory of the "Boys in Blue" who have passed on to their final camping ground. Let us all make a special effort this year as we walk or ride along to look for the little Star and Flag that marks the grave of one of these gallant men. Whether it be in a large city cemetery, a small farm lot or along the highway in a remote spot, let us all spend a little time to clean up this plot of ground, and this star and decorate it with our Nation's colors. This is but a small task to ask of each of us, but if this is done we can feel sure that perhaps there will be graves decorated this year that have been overlooked in the past, and that we have practiced one of the principles for which we were founded--Patriotism. Let us all Spend A Little Time!

H. E. Arnold, Nat'l Patriotic Instructor.

Memorial Day Display



The badges pictured above (property of Nat'l-Seey. Lambert) will be prominently displayed in Travers Book Store window in Trenton, N. J. along with other Civil war relics for a week before and after Memorial Day.

Inferno

In the light of the clear knowledge that a war with nuclear weapons would transform cities and even continents into an inferno, it is the responsibility of the leaders of free nations to marshal world opinion against it. The appeal of the United States, Great Britain and France for new United Nation talks on disarmament and atomic energy control is a logical and important step toward this objective. Through one means or another, the steady drift toward the destruction of civilization must be stopped.

It is all too slowly that the world which calls itself Christian learns the lesson the Founder of Christianity taught—hope for a new world from which fear and doubt have been banished and one which witnesses the victory of One who accepted death that He might implant in the souls of men the ideals of love and peace.

The Grand Army Family

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
Organized Nov. 12, 1881

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS
Organized July 25, 1883

DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
Organized May 30, 1885

LADIES OF THE G. A. R.
Organized Nov. 13, 1885

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Organized Dec. 1, 1886

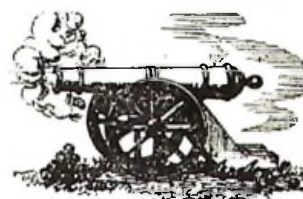
(While the Grand Army of the Republic had no predecessor and no successor, it's work and spirit of service will go on indefinitely thru it's recognized and authorized affiliates.)

An optimist sees opportunity in every calamity—a pessimist sees calamity in every opportunity.

Rome endured as long as there were Romans. America will endure as long as we remain American in spirit and in thought.

There is no limit to the good a man can do if he doesn't care who gets the credit for it.

Food For Thought



Recent legislation introduced in the Wisconsin Legislature has given allied orders of the G. A. R. anxious moments.

On Flag Day, June 14th, 1918 a suite of rooms was dedicated in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. These were located on the 4th floor in the north wing of the Wisconsin State Capitol. These rooms are truly historical, inasmuch as they contain many Civil War relics, heirlooms, flags, guns, badges, priceless pictures, and other articles of historical interest. Thousands of visitors of all ages visit these rooms during the year.

A bill was introduced by the Committee on Veterans Affairs in the Wisconsin Legislature to abolish these rooms. The Sons of Union Veterans and their Auxiliary with the cooperation of allied orders and other patriotic groups vigorously opposed this bill, and it finally was withdrawn.

A short time later another bill was introduced to return the historical Shiloh cannon to Shiloh National Military Park, Tennessee. This artillery piece was captured at Shiloh on April 7, 1862 by the 14th Regiment of Wisconsin Volunteers at the Battle of Pittsburgh Landing, Tennessee. The cannon was brought back to Wisconsin, and it has rested here in Camp Randall Memorial Park, Madison for 90 years. Again, this bill was vigorously opposed and withdrawn.

This year Pres. E. B. Fred of the University of Wisconsin called a meeting of prominent members of the Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary and proposed the erection of an Indoor Practice Building in Camp Randall Memorial Park. This building would be 230 x 400 feet to be used as a training center for R. O. T. C. students and athletic activities of the University. The Board of Regents have approved the following conditions: (1) The Building is to be designated as a Memorial to the Union Veterans of the Civil War (2) A bronze plaque will be affixed to the building giving the facts and history of Camp Randall Memorial Park (3) The Guard House in Camp Randall is to be placed under a roof for better protection (4) the Legislature is to be requested by the Board of Regents to make the remainder of Camp Randall Memorial Park a perpetual memorial for the Union Veterans of the Civil War, and provide a permanent committee to supervise the management and care of the park.

Be ever on the alert, and do not forget our "Boys in Blue".
Helen H. Wilbur, P. D. P.

The proposed athletic practice building, will if erected here, take away a strip of land from this Memorial Park about 2.5 acres more or less. It will take away a good third of the high point of the Park that now has the flag pole and a Memorial Cannon and plaque upon it. To cut this knoll down to an elevation for this proposed structure will destroy its prominence and historical background. As the Patriotic and Veterans and Historical Groups are becoming aware of this proposed project, they are quite concerned over the failure of the University to make them familiar with the matter and obtain their official action on the same.

Surely with the great background of service that Camp Randall has given to Wisconsin Sons and thousands of others from many states in the past wars,

this historical Memorial Park should merit the whole support of the Sons and Daughters of the Civil War in keeping it in its entirety for the purpose that it was purchased for and maintained with public moneys these many years. Younger and more recent veterans and patriotic groups are joining up in opposition as they learn the facts of this matter.

Richard A. Smith, Madison, Wisconsin



Shown above (left to right) P.C. in C. Roy J. Bennett; Lawrence K. Boutin, Comdr. Camp 75; Margaret B. Jones, Pres. Dodge Aux.; and Miss Amy Noll, Pres. of Tent 6, D.U.V., inspecting records and other relics recently transferred from the G. A. R. office in the Capitol to the new State Historical Bldg, Des Moines, Ia.



Duluth Special

All Banner subscribers have recently received travel information for the Duluth Encampment directly from the Burlington Railroad. Due to the reduction in excise taxes the round-trip ticket from Chicago to Duluth and return is \$25.50. This fee includes bus transportation in Duluth from the railroad station to the hotel and return, as well as a bus sightseeing trip in Minneapolis and St. Paul on the return trip.

The Pennsylvania R. R. has arranged for a private car to and from Chicago from the East to connect with the special cars on the Burlington. Reservations and tickets for the entire trip to be made with Mr. F. C. Reisse, Gen. Agt., Burlington Route, Suite 1238, 123 S. Broad St., Phila. 9, Pa.

The program for the public ceremony honoring Comrade Woolson on Monday evening, August 9, will be announced in the next issue of The Banner.

Business sessions will start on Tuesday, Aug. 10th and continue through Thursday, Aug. 12 with several joint social meetings with our Auxiliary scheduled. Headquarters and all meetings will be held in the Hotel Duluth.

We exaggerate misfortune and happiness alike. We are never either so wretched or so happy as we say we are.—Balzac

The time to dig a well is before one gets thirsty.



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Headquarters
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War

1135 21st Street, N. W.,
Washington 6, D. C.

May 1, 1954

1. Brothers Stanley C. Barker, George R. Raub, and John L. Hacker of the Michigan Dep't are appointed as Nat'l Aides for outstanding work in organizing, welfare, and membership. They are authorized to wear the Nat'l gold ribbon during my term of office.
2. Enclosed with this issue you will find a subscription blank for the G.A.R. Memorial Fund. I urge your consideration of this project.
3. The Michigan Dep't is commended for the institution of a new Camp in Detroit on April 24th, the third new Camp during this administration.
4. Since the last issue of The Banner you have received communications from the Duluth Chamber of Commerce and the Burlington Lines R. R. I trust that their attractive messages will result in a large attendance at Duluth.
5. Address change: Earl Wright, Dep't Sec'y-Treas., 1310 W. Cucharras, Colorado Springs, Colo.
6. Attention of Camps and Dep'ts is called to the listing of impressive recordings in the March-April issue. These are worthy of your consideration.
7. Memorial Day was born of an old war, among people who still mourned their youthful and untimely dead. In a sunny Spring, 89 years ago, there came to an end the bloodiest Civil War since the Greeks destroyed themselves in Peloponnesus. On Memorial Day, above all other days, our thoughts go out to them in grateful and loving memory. We do not glory in wars, past or present; but we cannot forget or fail to honor the young who, while thirsty for life, have offered what Abraham Lincoln called "the last full measure of devotion".
8. The Judiciary Sub-Committees of both the Senate and House have favorably reported our Congressional Charter application. We now look forward to approval by the entire committees. Every Camp, Dep't, and Member is requested to petition their Senators and Representatives for favorable consideration.

U. S. Grant 3rd, Commander-in-Chief

Attest: Albert C. Lambert,
Nat'l Sec'y-Treas.

Flag Day



On Monday, June 14th, you are urged to observe the Flag's birthday by flying the flag in front of your home and place of business. It was on June 14, 1777 when the Continental Congress resolved that: "The Flag of the 13 United States be 13 stripes, alternately red and white, that the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

The flag should only be displayed from sunrise until

sunset. When displayed with another flag, our flag to be on the right, and its staff in front of the staff of the other flag. When our flag is carried in a procession with another flag or flags, the Stars and Stripes should be on the marching right, or in front of a line of other flags.

A flag raised on a flag pole should first be unfurled, then quickly hoisted to the top of the pole; it should be lowered slowly and with dignity, however. The flag should never be used as drapery of any sort. When the flag becomes soiled or torn, it should be burned.

\$20 for Permanent Honor Roll

The G. A. R. Permanent Honor Roll Fund received \$20 recently which sent the total to \$865.00.

The contribution came from the Massachusetts Department as follows: \$10 in memory of Massachusetts Dep't G.A.R., and \$10 in memory of Past C. in C. Edwin Earp of Massachusetts.

Michigan Does It Again



Pictured above (left to right) C. in C. Grant; P. D. C. Charles F. Dexter; and Wm. T. Hoffman, first Comdr of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant Camp No. 5 which was instituted in Detroit on April 24th. This is the third new Camp instituted in Michigan during the present administration. More than 150 were present at the Downtown YWCA when the Camp was organized with 26 Charter members. Prior to the institution a Reception and Dinner was given in honor of C. in C. Grant. Bro. Dexter was the organizer of the new Camp and P. C. in C. Orion C. Mackey was toastmaster of the evening.

Those Taxes

YOU and I Have No Right To Object to Taxes until we object to the way taxes are spent. People are always writing their Congressmen demanding a price support or a pension or something else they want in their area.

Every one of these things which may be very pleasant when we GET it, is most unpleasant when we PAY for it—and we always pay for it, usually in hidden taxes, hundreds of them every day of our lives.

The government cannot GIVE you anything because it HAS nothing—it first must take it away from you and then pretend to give it back.

If we have self-respect and American independence—we should write our
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Those Taxes, continued

Congressman to STOP SPENDING MONEY ON US. Thrift, like charity, begins at home, and we had better hurry up and begin to practice it before its too late.



Courtesy Gray Mfg. Co., Hartford 1, Conn.

Slavery--Then and Now

If the right and wrong of slavery had been left to, but confined within, the slave states, our democratic process of compromise would have solved the question without breakdown. Lincoln urged that slavery be quarantined within, but protected within, the domestic area of slave state law, until the *people of those states* saw that it was not only morally, but also economically wise to eliminate it. It was the external influence of abolitionists from free states; the claim of external sovereignty by slavery expansionists who would take slavery into new areas; it was Northern nullification of the Fugitive Slave Laws and Southern threats of secession—all these which created a situation where discussion became useless and compromise impossible.

Our generation must say to national socialism and communism alike; "We despise and detest the internal slavery implicit in your systems, yet we shall not interfere in your internal affairs. We shall, however, sterilize your systems of revolutionary expansionism on unwilling peoples". The result of confining such systems to the area where the people have voluntarily accepted them or allowed themselves to be victimized by them, will be ultimate abolition of the systems from within, because only during their expanding phase do they survive. No slave economy can fairly compete with free enterprise. Free peoples need not fear a genuine test between a free way of life and initiative, and a slave way of life and regimentation. Slavery is not voluntarily chosen by people who have known genuine freedom.

IT WAS A CIVIL WAR: It was NOT a War Between the States

Published 1946 by Michael G. Heintz, Dep't Historian, Ohio

1. The States never had and do not now have the power to make war upon one another. Constitution of the U. S., Art. 1, Sec. 10.
2. The Supreme Court of the U. S. has held in a number of cases that the war was a Civil War. Texas v. White, 7 Wall. 700; White v. Hart, 13 Wall. 646; Keith v. Clark, 97 U. S. 454; Daniels v. Tearney, 102 U. S. 415; and others.
3. Congress has published the record of the war in 130 volumes entitled "War of the Rebellion, Official Record of the Union and Confederate Armies."
4. In the second sentence of the Gettysburg Address Pres. Lincoln said: "Now we are engaged in a great civil war" etc.
5. Many Confederate Generals, including Beauregard, Law, Jos. E. Johnston, Hood, Kirby Smith, Cheatam, Imboden, Early, Wade Hampton, Basil W. Duke, and others, wrote articles for the Century Magazine under the title, "Battles and Leaders of the Civil War." and not one of them used the term "War Between the States."
6. A war between states as sovereignties is usually suspended by an armistice, terminated by a treaty, and followed by a proclamation by the executive authorities of the states involved, announcing to neutrals that the war is over. No such steps followed the end of the Civil War.
7. Andrew Johnson of Tennessee was elected Vice-President of the U. S. in 1864, and became President in 1865. If the war then in progress was a War Between the States, Andrew Johnson was not a citizen of the U. S. But his citizenship was never doubted.
8. If the war was a War Between the States, all the states at war should have paid their war debts. The 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the U. S. forbids a state "to assume or pay any debt or obligation incurred in aid of insurrection or rebellion against the United States." Under this amendment all the so-called Confederate States defaulted in the payment of their war debts.
9. During the war there were thirty-four stars in the flag of the United States, which at all times contained a star for each state of the Union.



Department
News



Iowa-Dep't Comdr. Wittman and Dep't Pres. Leland Webb arranged a banquet and reception at Ft. Dodge Feb. 22 honoring our Nat'l President but thru a misunderstanding the Nat'l Pres. did not arrive. National Chaplain Sue Bennett of Des Moines and other officers responded to the fifty people present from six Camps and Aux's. . . Mar. 27 Waterloo Camp and Aux. sponsored a pot luck dinner honoring Sr. Vice C. in C. Dewey Meade of Minn. and Nat'l Chaplain Sue Bennett. Two candidates were initiated and Bro. Meade brought news that Comrade Woolson (next page)

Iowa News, continued

received over 2,000 birthday cards from the City of Duluth and untold numbers from all parts of the U. S. He is feeling fine and looking forward to the Encampment. Improvement of the G. A. R. Highway was also discussed.

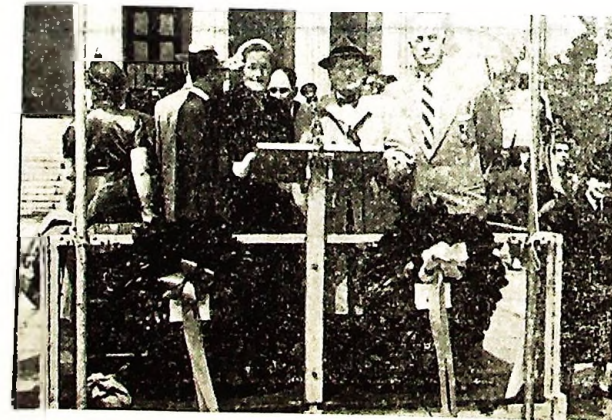
Connecticut-Miss Carolina G. Clark, the 30th Dep't President Connecticut Aux. passed away Mar. 27 after a long illness. She was elected Dep't Pres. in 1945 after serving in many Aux. and Dep't offices. Her sunny disposition, helpful hand, wise council, and sweet singing will be missed in Aux. 3 and Connecticut Dep't.

Maryland-Appomattox Aux. will celebrate their 54th anniversary in May, honoring 4 charter members-Miss Celeste Gentieu, Mrs. Margaret Hahn, Mrs. Meta Kellogg, and Mrs. Maude Mortimer.

Massachusetts-Our 72nd Encampment held in Boston was one of the largest in recent years. C. in C. Grant and Nat'l Pres. Mrs. Webster headed a large group of Nat'l and Dep't Officers at a luncheon given by Gov. Herter and the breakfast given by Mayor Hynes. Chas. W. Hooper of Quincy was unanimously elected Dep't Comdr. while Mrs. Marguerite Micheson of Chelsea was unanimously elected Dep't Pres. of the Aux. . . . Those desiring to attend the Nat'l Enc. at Duluth are urged to contact Louis E. Winchell, 11 Fairmont Pl., Malden, Mass. He is arranging to have Greyhound Buses go direct to Duluth at a great saving . . . Emerson Whitman, Comdr. of Camp 62 was unanimously elected Jr. Vice Dep't Comdr. . . P. D. C. Geo. Hunt who recently passed through a severe illness was again chosen to handle the funds of the Dep't for another year . . . The 28th annual banquet of the No. Met. Dist. Ass'n went off with a bang. Chairman Geo. W. Kimball had a small balance for the treasury after all bills were paid. His 30 page program booklet dedicated to the sole survivor of the G. A. R., Albert Woolson, won favorable comment . . . Camp 56 Cambridge, known for years as the blind Camp is doing much to instill patriotism in the schools through its Comdr. Frank F. Johnson who was recently installed for his 8th term . Nat'l Council member Geo. W. Kimball was recently chosen Chief Air Raid Warden by the Civil Defense authorities of Chelsea . . . Past Comdr. Arthur J. Wilson Sr. of Camp 81 Chelsea died after a few hours illness. He was one of the organizers of the Camp's drum corps which captured many 1st prizes in Mass. and N. Y. . . . The new paper, The No. Met. News, published by the Pres. of the No. Met. Ass'n, Ralph P. Bickmore, has a circulation now of over 500 . . . One of the live wires in New Bedford, Millard F. Brown, was chosen Sr. Vice Dep't Comdr. He is a go-getter and before his term is out will secure many new members for the Order . Retiring Dep't Comdr. Shepardon had one of the most successful terms. He gave his entire services to the Dep't, taking no expense money. We know that he will soon be recognized by the Nat'l, for his efforts in behalf of our Order will bear fruit . . . Camp 9 Boston, is stepping up its pace and will soon be the largest Camp in the Dep't. Its members are awake to the times . . . John L. Day, Pres. of the Past Comdrs. Ass'n captured one of the places on the Dep't Council John is a credit to his Camp and Dep't and will give a good account of his stewardship. The Dep't committee on the Grand Army Highway (U. S. No. 6) has succeeded in having the State Highway Dep't place new markers along the entire route in Massachusetts.

New Jersey-Four new members were admitted at the semi-annual dinner meeting of the N.J. State Camp on Apr. 17 . . . a well attended testimonial dinner and reception was tendered May 1 to Dep't Comdr. Fred H. Combs Jr. by Garfield Camp 4 of Trenton . . . Our Dep't is cooperating with the Allied Orders of the G. A. R. of N. J. in placing a bronze plaque at the grave of our last Civil War Veteran, Comrade William Perrine, in Hillside Cemetery, Plainfield, N. J. on the evening of May 30th.

New York-Charles Lynch, who joined Waverly Camp 88 on his 16th birthday was installed as Comdr. in December. At 17 he could easily be the youngest Commander. His father, P. C. Harry Lynch, was advised in January that he is the Dist. Deputy for the Southern Tier . . . Diven Camp 77 of Elmira will observe its 60th anniversary May 8 with a dinner. Jr. Vice C. in C. Brockway will speak on Appomattox and P. C. in C. Cranmer will give the history of the Camp. Dep't Patriotic Instr. Truman Vincent is chairman of the committee. The Camp mourns the death of its Chaplain, Clarence Smith . . . Sniper Camp of Syracuse reports the passing of Brothers Raymond Simon and Nick Martin . . . Oliver Tilden Camp 26 will hold services at Tilden Post 96 G. A. R. Plot and at the grave of Capt. Tilden in Woodlawn Cemetery (Bronx) on Memorial Sunday, May 30, at 2:30 P. M. Members of the Camp will carry old Civil War flags in the big Memorial Day Parade on May 31 up Riverside Drive. The Camp will flag graves in 10 cemeteries . . . The annual Grant's Birthday Observance at Mt. McGregor will be held on Sunday, May 2. The Northern New York Club sponsors the event with P. D. C. Chas. Messer as chairman . . . Dupont-Eiseman Camp 2, has elected and installed officers for 1954. We are saddened by the loss of our oldest member, Bro. Jos. Knierien, age 91 . . . Dep't Pres. Florence Parsons instituted a new Aux. at Green Island on Mar. 20 with 14 members. Public installation of the new Aux., to be known as Andrew Clark Aux. 73, will be held May 1 by Dep't Pres. and the P. D.P.s of that District . . . Gen. Chairman Edith Snyder reports that a Joint Memorial Service to the G. A. R. will be held Sunday, June 13 preceding the Dep't Encampment. A degree team from Rochester will do the work according to the new ritual.



The 132nd commemoration of the birth of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant was held at Grant's Tomb in N. Y. C. on April 25 under auspices of the Camps and Aux.s of Greater New York. Shown above are Edna S. Lambert who represented the Nat'l President, Hermon L. Brockway who represented (continued on next page)

New York News, continued

the Commander-in-Chief, and Clarence A. Maples, the Chairman. During the outstanding ceremony, P.N.P. Mayme E. Dwyer presented a check for \$700.00 to the Edward M. Morgan Foundation which is attached to the New York City Post Office, as a living memorial to the memory of Julius Isaacs.

Ohio-The 1954 project of the S.U.V.C.W. and Aux. is a bronze marker on stone to be placed on the G. A. R. Highway where it enters Ohio from the East, at an estimated cost of \$400.00 . . . The Fife and Drum Corps of Banning Camp 207, Mt. Vernon is meeting with success in all of its public appearances.

Pennsylvania-The unofficial opening of the Department Encampment will take place on June 27 in the Rose Gardens in Bethlehem following a parade which will start at 1 P. M. In case of rain these services and the Memorial Service will be held in the ballroom of the Hotel Bethlehem. On the tour through the Steel Plant Monday 9:30 A. M. men are asked to wear hats and ladies to wear hats and low heel shoes . . . The Allegheny County Ass'n of Orders of the G. A. R. held their Lincoln Dinner in Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial Hall in Pittsburgh on Feb. 12 with P.D.C. Wm. J. Blakeley as toastmaster. The speaker was David B. Roberts, the Prothonotary of the Courts of Common Pleas of Allegheny County and a member of Davis Camp who delivered a splendid address on Lincoln. Representatives were present from the United Spanish War Veterans, Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G.A.R., and Ladies of the G.A.R. Home. Ann Clevenghaus, representing the Daughters of Union Veterans, was General Dinner Chairman.



Shown above at the Appomattox Dinner held in Reading on April 3 are (left to right) Hon. John F. Davis, former Mayor of Reading; Hon. John U. Shroyer, the Commander-in-Chief of Spanish American War Veterans; Howard Dissinger, Dep't Comdr.; and C. Leroy Stoult, P. C. in C.

Davis Star Aux. was reorganized on April 8th with 51 charter members. Due to illness of the Dep't I. and I. Officer the Aux. was instituted and installed by Mrs. Beulah Cummins, P. D. P., of Indiana, Pa. The new Pres. is Mrs. Anna Clevenghaus . . . The annual Appomattox Dinner was sponsored by the Allegheny Ass'n of Orders recognized by the G.A.R. in Memorial Hall, Pittsburgh on April 9. Dinner was served by the reorganized Aux. to Davis Star Camp. Frances M. Kuhns brought greetings from the Ladies G. A. R. Home and the Ladies of the G. A. R. Clara E. Lewis represented the W. R. C. John E. Jones, editor of Pittsburgh Post Gazette was guest speaker. Anna Clevenghaus, Pres. of Davis Star Aux. was General Chairman and William J. Blakeley, P.D.C. was toastmaster.

Rhode Island-Our 66th Encampment convened Apr. 16 and 17 and elected the following: Comdr. Geo. A. Strait, Sr. Vice Comdr. A. Waller Lewis Jr., Jr. Vice Comdr. Wm. E. Perry. Joseph G. Randall is the new Press Corres. Nat'l Patriotic Instr. Arnold presided at the banquet where visitors included Nat'l President Mrs. Mildred Webster and many visiting Nat'l and Dep't Officers . . . The entire Dep't is looking forward to the visit of C. in C. Grant to Westerly on May 22 and 23. He will tour the Quonset Point Naval Air Station on the afternoon of the 22nd. That night at the Westerly State Armory a banquet and ball will be held in his honor. Sunday morning, memorial services will be held at the Ashaway Seventh Day Baptist Church. Gov. Roberts, Gen. Grant, and Rev. Lester J. Osborn will lead the service. A parade and rededication ceremony at the cemetery will complete the two-day affair. A Dahlgren boat howitzer that was on the U. S. Revenue Cutter "Washington" during the Civil War has been mounted on a new stone base and will be permanently placed in the First Hopkinton Cemetery under auspices of Amos P. Chapman Camp. There to remind posterity will be this inscription: "In Memory Soldiers and Sailors 1861-1865—Dedicated 1954 by Maj-Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War".

Vermont-Past Pres. Margaret Boyte of Montpelier Aux. 7 recently presented a flag to the newly organized group of Girl Scouts . . . District 5 met in Chester March 27 . . . Winooski Valley District met in Barre on March 20 . . . Morrisville Aux. 8 is holding a "Red and Blue" contest . . . Vermont Aux.s have observed Washington, Lincoln, and Grant birthdays, Dr. Milton Czatt speaking at Brattleboro and Mayor Healy at Rutland . . . Green Mountain State Camp met in Montpelier on Feb. 13 and enough Aux. candidates met to warrant application for a charter. A draft of by-laws was discussed.

Wisconsin-Dep't Pres. Bernice A. Powers was recently honored by her own Aux. 2 at a banquet which was attended by many Nat'l and Dep't Officers, and friends from the Allied groups . . . The annual Mid-winter meeting of Camps and Auxiliaries was held in Madison with serious discussions on membership and publicity.

S.U.V.C.W. Dep't Press Correspondents:

News for the July-August issue must reach The Banner by June 20th.

AUX. Dep't Press Correspondents: News must reach Nat'l Press Correspondent Wilhelmina Tagart, 1157 S. Clinton Ave., Rochester, N. Y. by June 20th.

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If what you did yesterday seems important to you, you haven't done much to-day.

Your Attention, Please!

The fall of Dien Bien Phu has certainly upset the international situation and most unfortunately just as a peaceful solution of the Indo-China problem was to be attempted. Evidently much wisdom and resourcefulness will be needed on the part of our administration to secure a settlement in accord with the best interests of the civilized world, which will yet not lead us into a full scale war in Asia.

This victory will inevitably make the communist countries over-confident, unreasonable in their demands, and generally hard to deal with. Much will depend upon how the French people take it. For that once great and intellectually leading nation, it must be a sad humiliation. It means a loss of much of the prestige so painfully acquired since its liberation. If it stings the now apparently chaotic French people to a united effort, to the selection of a government of some stability, to a serious and effective campaign in Indo-China, to putting heart and more Frenchmen into winning a victory, together with a generous promise of independence to the indigenous population on conclusion of the war; it may prove a blessing in its ultimate results.

As to the wisest course for our policy to take, you and I are hardly sufficiently informed to prescribe. This is a time for greatness in the American people too, a time when we must have faith in the wisdom of our President and Secretary of State, whom we have selected to lead in just such an emergency. Their fuller knowledge of all the facts, resources and dangers, should make them more competent than any of us to find the best solution to the problem. We must be prepared to find that there is no perfect solution, that whatever they do will have its obvious disadvantages, that some lesser evils must be accepted in order to achieve the most good for our country.

We can be confident that the present administration will not approach the problem of the negotiations at Geneva with any strong personal prejudices or partisan interest other than what it thinks is the best interests of the United States. This is a time when our leaders must, and I believe they will, approach their difficult and complicated task on the basis enunciated by Lord Palmerston for the British in 1848, when he said, "We British have no eternal allies and we have no perpetual enemies. Our interests are eternal and perpetual and those interests it is our duty to follow."

May President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles be inspired by the God of our Fathers in the emergency they face.

U. S. Grant 3rd.

"Pro-Deo Pro-Patria"

Meaning "For God and For Country". What good is our American Freedom if we do not believe in God.

As a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, an organization formed to preserve the principles and objects of our forefathers, I strongly urge our membership to write their Congressmen and Senators to give every thought and consideration to the passing of the resolution introduced by Sen Homer Ferguson, (S. J. Resolution 126), which would add the words "Under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States to read "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, One Nation, UNDER

GOD, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

William Randolph Cohen Jr.

Jr. Vice Comdr. Camp 9, Massachusetts

Attend Massachusetts Encampment



Shown above while attending the Mayor's breakfast at the Massachusetts Encampment in Boston are (left to right) Hon. John D. Brown, a member of the Mass. Legislature and City Greeter representing Mayor John B. Hines; Commander-in-Chief U. S. Grant 3rd; and Nat'l President Mrs. Mildred B. Webster.

July 4th



July 4th will mark not only the Declaration of Independence, but also the anniversary of Gettysburg, where the decisive battle of the Civil War was fought just 91 years ago. Here, the solid line of blue stopped Pickett's charge and turned the proud forces of the Confederacy back toward Appomattox. Today the battlefield at Gettysburg is a national park whose 2,400 acres contain more than 2,000 monuments.

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National Park Service, Historical Handbooks

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There will be a revolution in Russia before a third World War.

Character is the product of discipline.

Words without actions are the assassins of idealism.

—Herbert Hoover