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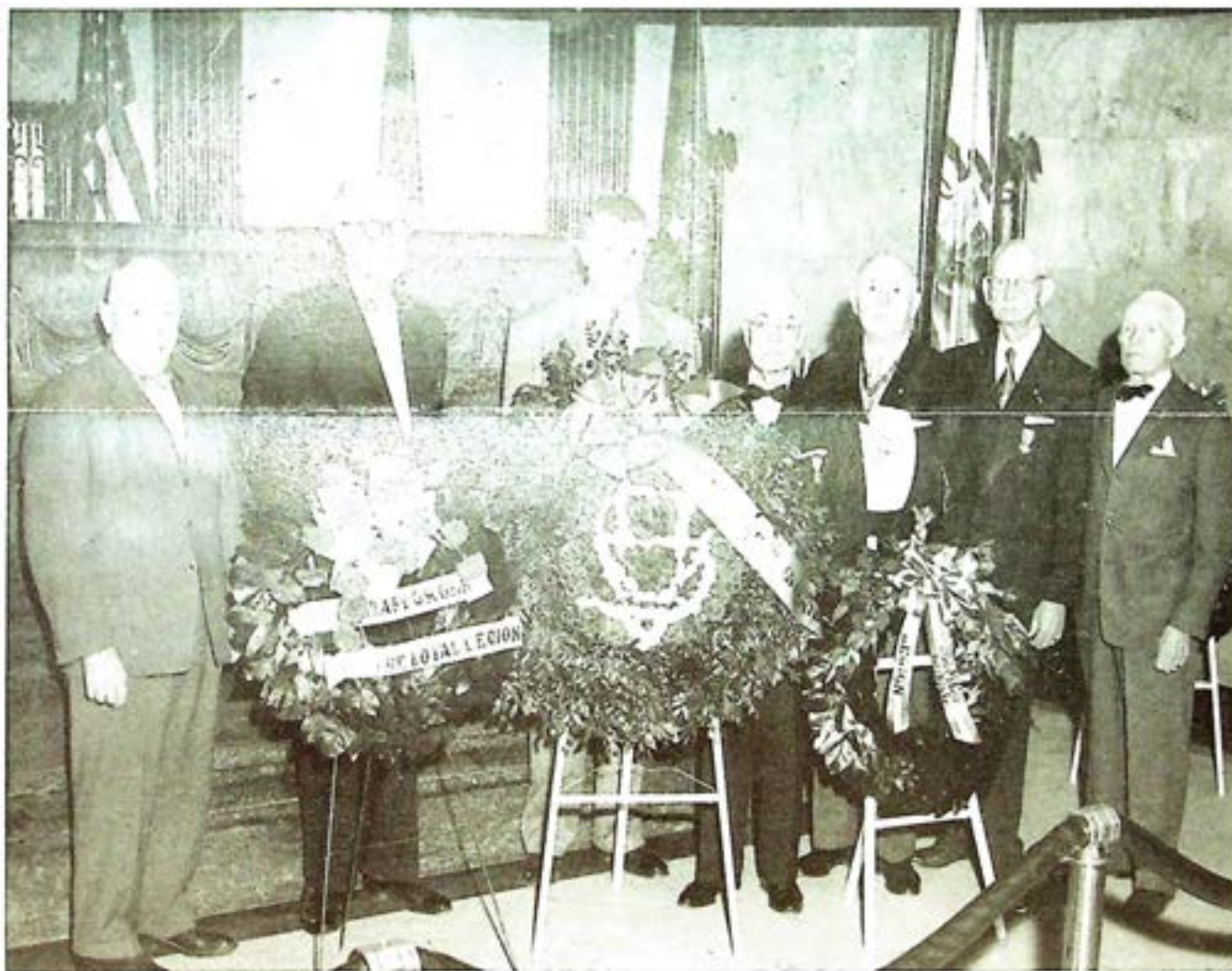
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THE BIRTH OF A TRADITION



Pictured left to right: Howell Taylor, Editor-in-Chief Loyal Legion Bulletin; P. C. in C. Richard L. Locke; James L. High, Illinois Commander Loyal Legion; Fred E. Howe, Commander-in-Chief; Wm. C. Duval, Commander-in-Chief Loyal Legion; Wm. M. Coffin, Past Commander-in-Chief; and Frank Huntington, Registrar-in-Chief Loyal Legion.

In a history-making occasion on Monday, April 15, 1957, the 92nd anniversary of the death of Abraham Lincoln was observed in a simple ceremony at the cenotaph within his tomb at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois.

This was in accordance with a resolution adopted at our 75th National Encampment at Harrisburg,

Pa., to the effect that our Order, at the national level, initiate and sponsor annually such a ceremony at Lincoln's Tomb in Springfield, Illinois, on or near the anniversary date of his death; and that we invite the Military Order of the Loyal Legion to participate therein, even as we have, in previous years, been invited to participate with the Loyal

TESTIMONIAL TO NATIONAL PRESIDENT



A testimonial dinner was given in honor of Natl. Pres. Mrs. Margaret McKinney on March 30 in the Hotel John Bartram in Phila. by her Auxiliary. Pictured left to right are seated: Clarence J. Riddell, Asst. Dept. Secy.; Mrs. Caroline Riddell, Dept. Pres.; Mr. Vernon McKinney; Natl. Pres. Margaret McKinney; Jack Yocum, toastmaster; C. in C. Fred Howe; Mrs. Fred Howe, and Chester S. Shriver, Dept. Commdr. Standing: Myrtle Beavens, Chaplain Aux. 14; Madge Fullerton, Chairlady Reception Comm.; Mrs. Ella Ruggles, Natl. Personal Aide; Mrs. Bertha Brown, Dept. Pres. W.R.C.; Mrs. Frances Kuhns, P.N.P. Ladies G. A. R.; Miss Ella G. Reeger, Natl. Patr. Instr.; and P.N.P. Mrs. Edna S. Lambert.

Legion in a similar wreath-laying ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C., on the birth-date anniversary.

Thus begun, though late in time, an observance which should be perpetuated through the generations to become a tradition of our Order.

After the formal ceremony, Mr. George L. Cashman, Custodian of the Lincoln Tomb, gave the group assembled within the crypt, or burial chamber of the tomb, a most interesting informal talk on the history of the interment and the present tomb. Incidentally, Mr. Cashman is an eligible Son and will be a member of a new camp being formed in Springfield. On the spot, he was given an honorary membership in the Loyal Legion by the Illinois Commander.

At the invitation of Commander-in-Chief Howe, a luncheon at the St. Nicholas Hotel followed, for those who participated in the pilgrimage to the tomb. Asked to preside at the business session following the luncheon, Commander-in-Chief Duval reminded those present that the Military Order of the Loyal Legion was originally formed on the day of Lincoln's death by those officers who constituted the funeral guard of the martyred President. At this session the principal speaker was William A. Steiger, Sr., a retired postmaster of Springfield, a student of Lincolniana, collector of autographs and finger marks. He exhibited two photos of thumb prints of Lincoln, made long before the idea of finger printing was developed into a science, and he entertained with many local Lincoln stories.

Those present in Springfield for the ceremony were: For the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Howe, and Mrs. Howe of Niagara Falls, N. Y.; P. C. in C. and National Counselor Richard F. Locke, Glen Ellyn, Ill.; P. C. in C. William M. Coffin, Cincinnati, Ohio; Illinois Department Commander Mattis Schesley, III, of Champaign, Ill.; and J. Colby Beekman, Past Dept. Commander, Petersburg, Ill. For the Military Order of the Loyal Legion: William C. Duval,

Commander-in-Chief, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Frank Huntington, Registrar-in-Chief, Milwaukee, Wis.; Howell Taylor, Editor-in-Chief, National Bulletin, Ann Arbor, Mich., and James L. High, Commander, Illinois Commandery, Evanston, Ill.

Permanent Fund

The following additions to the Permanent Fund have been received:

Honor Roll	
NIXON THOMAS	\$10.00
Company D, 2nd Indiana Cavalry	
Company K, 12th Indiana Infantry	
(Courtesy Frank L. Thomas—Indiana)	
GEORGE E. BROWN	\$10.00
Quartermaster, United States Navy	
North Atlantic Squadron	
(Courtesy Leo A. Brown—Illinois)	
WILLIAM H. HERSHEY	\$10.00
Company F, 4th Ohio Infantry	
Two enlistments—wounded at Morton's	
Ford and Spottsylvania	
(Courtesy Harmon Hershey—New York)	
JOSEPH HERSHEY	\$10.00
Company E, 104th Ohio Infantry	
(Courtesy Harmon Hershey—New York)	
GEORGE M. HERSHEY	\$10.00
1st Lieut., Company A and Company E	
115th Ohio Infantry	
(Courtesy Harmon Hershey—New York)	

To—Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer, P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J.

Kindly enter the following Civil War record on the HONOR ROLL FUND.

Name of Veteran _____

Company & Regiment _____

Enclosed find (\$10.00 or more) donation to the HONOR ROLL FUND from _____

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Address _____

(Donations, legacies, and bequests to this fund are welcome and will be preserved.)

(Contributions are deductible for Income Tax purposes—Section 170 of the Code of 1954)

On This Memorial Day, Pray For Peace

It was 89 years ago that the first Memorial Day was celebrated. It owed its inception to an order issued by the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, General John A. Logan.

On June 22, 1868, Congress followed General Logan's lead and established May 30 as a national Memorial Day.

Since then this Nation has fought in four additional wars, and the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country lie as far apart as Manila and Picardy, North Africa and Korea, and the great seas in between.

We pause to honor each of these: the heroic dead of all of America's wars, including the grim interlude known as "cold wars."

There may be, somewhere, a near-accurate estimate of the number of the slain. It would be an impressive, and a saddening, total.

But it would not, even if it were compiled, come anywhere close to tabulating the human cost of our wars.

For war does more than merely kill. It cripples, it lays waste, it ravages body and mind and soul.

While we are reminding ourselves of the dread casualties of war, we must recall not only the dead, but the wounded and the impaired, and those left at home to pay the price in loneliness and heart-break.

In the backwash of every war there are homes beyond number made desolate by the loss of well-loved sons and fathers and husbands; there is the endless agony of the bereft.

Chaplain's Corner

P. D. C. Fred E. Colwell, National Chaplain

The glorious season of Easter with its fragrant promise of springtime and an abundant harvest to follow afforded each one of you, I trust, the full measure of hope it brought to me. By the same token it brought home the necessity of each one doing his part if he is to share in the good things Easter foretells for him who realizes his share and does it. I would therefore repeat the request of March-April "Banner" that you write YOUR OWN CONGRESSMAN asking him to co-operate and work with Representative Kenneth B. Keating's H. J. Res. 49: "To establish November 19 of each year as Dedication Day." To this may I add a second request that you address another letter to Chairman Cellers of the House Committee on the Judiciary, Washington, D. C., requesting Representative Keating's bill be brought before his committee for favorable action? Do this to-day and let's make it known to our chosen representatives in Washington that we really want this piece of 'desired legislation' for the opportunity it will afford us for bigger and better activities to really accomplish something for young and older patriots alike.

There is the heavy cost, too, in the loss to our communities—and to the world—of all the men, most of them in their youthful years, who went off to war and never returned alive. They were cut off before their natural time, their missions on earth left uncompleted. Their missions may have been to cure the sick, to write great literature, to produce something that would make the world a better place to live. We shall never know.

So in taking part in Memorial Day exercises or even in staying a moment from holiday-making to remember the day, we should pay our respects to our war dead in no casual fashion. The price they paid was a high one—and we are the ones who have reaped the benefits.

If they had not died as they did, at Antietam or Guadalcanal, the implacable hands of fate—and of our enemies—may have molded what is now the free United States of America into something vastly different, and not free at all.

That we owe them so much that we cannot begin repaying them is evident. One thing we can do, and that is what President Eisenhower has asked all Americans to do on this Memorial Day: pray. Pray for our valiant dead, and pray for enduring peace.

On no Memorial Day since it was established in 1868 are such prayers more urgently needed than today.

Consider the postage stamp—its usefulness depends upon its ability to stick to one thing until it gets there.

Scout Troop Receives Flag



Aux. Nat'l. Patr. Instr. Miss Ella G. Reeger presented a new American flag to Boy Scout Troop 15 of the Ewing Presbyterian Church, Trenton, N. J., recently. Pictured at the front left to right are Scouts David Power, David Rowe and James Hance. Standing rear are Mrs. Edna S. Lambert, P.N.P.; Mrs. Lena Williams, Aux. 18 Patr. Instr.; Miss Ella G. Reeger, who made the presentation; Frank Daubert, New Jersey Dept. Commdr.; Miss Dorothy Klunck, New Jersey Dept. Pres.; Scout Master William Schultz; Chester Pearce and Arthur Schwager, scout committeemen.

Walter C. Mabie

Feb. 22, 1882—Mar. 26, 1957

"It seemeth such a little way to me
Across to that strange country—the Beyond
And yet not strange, for it has grown to be
The home of those of whom I was so fond."

These words come with compelling force at this time. Another, most dear, has been added to the already large and ever increasing number of friends and brothers who have played such an important part in the history of our beloved Order, called to the beyond.

Walter C. Mabie has crossed over. What a life of service he had given to our Order. Words are futile in attempting to express the loss thus sustained by our Order, and those who had been associated with him in the work that was so close to his heart. The writer was privileged to be one of those for more than fifty years.

An interested worker in his Camp from the time he became a member, this interest soon embraced the Department of Pennsylvania, for, after serving in lesser offices, he was elected Department Commander in 1918. This but increased his desire to continue an active member, for he served the Department as Department Secretary for many years, holding that office at the time of his death.

For years before he served as Department Commander, he enlarged his interest by attendance at sessions of the Commandery-in-Chief. His interest in and work for our Order was recognized by his election as Commander-in-Chief in 1927. This interest never ceased, as was evidenced by his attendance at every Department encampment after completing his term as Department Commander, and as many of our members know, at all encampments of the Commandery-in-Chief after serving as Commander-in-Chief.

Surely it can be said of him that he "crossed over" as he would have desired, devoting his time to the end to the Order he loved so well, and had given so many years of active, earnest service.

Nor was his interest confined only to our Order. The last member of the Grand Army of the Republic, our beloved Albert Woolson, has not long since joined his comrades on the other shore. But while the Comrades of his father were still with us, Walt Mabie was ever ready to render to them any needed service. Time, money, energy was ever at their command and was given cheerfully and efficiently.

And he is also mourned by our Auxiliary for his continued loyalty to them for their devoted services to our Order. Little wonder that all who knew him loved him. He was a companion and friend whom one loved to associate with. Time spent with him was profitable. He always saw the "sunny side" of life, always an optimist, always able to make the passing moments one of mirth to the hearers yet never forgetting the serious part of life.

Our Order has been fortunate in having many devoted members, who believed sincerely in its purpose, and who have labored earnestly and faithfully in its behalf, but none have given of this devotion and service more cheerfully, willingly, and

with a true spirit of genuine love and faith than Walt Mabie.

I was glad to call him a friend and brother all these years. His passing adds still another link that draws one closer to the "Hereafter."

"They never quite leave us, the friends who have passed,
To the shadow of death, to the sunlight above,
A thousand sweet memories are holding them fast
To the places they blessed with their presence and love."
John E. Sautter.

To Please the Court



President Judge H. Robert Mays of Common Pleas Court, second from right, and President Judge Frederick A. Marx of Orphans Court, extreme right, are shown receiving the "Good Citizen Awards" of Gen. George C. Meade Camp No. 16 of Reading, Penna. Presenting the awards were, from the left, Arthur L. Yucom, commander; W. Howard Still, Sr., secretary-treasurer, and C. Leroy Stoudt, chairman of the awards committee.

Judges Marx and Mays received the 1957 "Good Citizen Awards" of Meade Camp 16 of Reading during ceremonies held on April 13 in the Abraham Lincoln Hotel. The presentation was made in conjunction with the 25th annual Appomattox Dinner-Dance sponsored by the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic.

More than 200 persons heard the Rev. Elmer H. Finger of North Brunswick, N. J. declare that "the end of the Civil War proved to us and to our enemies that America had come of age." The event commemorated the surrender of Gen. Robert E. Lee to Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House, Va. on April 9, 1865.

Representatives of all G. A. R. organizations were present. Besides Meade Camp, groups participating were the Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Woman's Relief Corps. Toastmaster was the Rev. Charles M. Fitz, Jr., pastor of Pennside Presbyterian Church.

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May 1, 1957

1. In this May-June Issue of the Banner, I have an addition to my HONOR ROLL:

H. Dwight Bromley Rhode Is. Dep't 10 members
John M. Caylor Indiana Dep't 5 members

Brother Caylor is Commander of Ben Harrison Camp No. 356 Indianapolis.

Brother Bromley is practically a new member himself, having joined our order about two years ago. He shows that it can be done.

2. Come on Brothers, the termination of my administration is fast drawing to a close and I just love to present National Ribbons to loyal membership getters along with their appointments as National Aides, and follow up with Certificates of Merit. Who will be next?

3. The exercises held in Springfield, Illinois, Monday, April 15th at Lincoln's Tomb by the Sons with members of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion as our guests were colorful and impressive. Exercises were held at 10:30 A. M. after which we had a delightful noon luncheon at the St. Nicholas

Hotel. Three wreaths were placed. One by the Sons of Veterans, one by the Loyal Legion and one for the Dames of the Loyal Legion.

4. Commander-in-Chief Wm. C. Duval of the Loyal Legion acted as the Chairman at the exercises and the luncheon. Brother Duval is a member of the Sons as well as the Loyal Legion. Brother Duval made a fine welcoming speech at the luncheon and other speakers were Illinois Commander of the Loyal Legion, James High, Department Commander Mattis Schesley, Illinois Department of the Sons, and your Commander-in-Chief.

5. I now draw your attention to one of the very important days which the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are admonished to observe, May 30th, Memorial Day. We should all figure in having a part in observance of this day, in parades and in exercises which follow the parade. In Niagara Falls, we will attend church on Memorial Sunday, May 26th, Morning Service with our Allied Orders, and in the afternoon the Sons will place flags at the graves of deceased Grand Army Men.

6. Also coming up is Flag Day, June 14th and Independence Day, July 4th. Let us all proudly display the Flag of our Country on these two days and endeavor to get others to do likewise. We should all have the Stars and Stripes floating on Memorial Day, Flag Day and Independence Day.

7. Again, our National Encampment in Detroit, Michigan at Hotel Sheraton-Cadillac, August 18-22 inc. Our Detroit Committee is working hard and will probably have some surprises for us. Have

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We are honored to be your host for the

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Department News



CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

Geo. M. Burlingame Camp 14 and Aux. entertained C. in C. Fred Howe and Natl. Pres. Mrs. Margaret McKinney on March 1 with a large attendance of members and friends. This was followed by a regular District 2 meeting with Pres. Edw. Carmichael presiding. Many of the Southland Department Officers were present.

Rosecrans Camp and Aux. also gave an outstanding reception for the National Officers, and also honored them with many sight seeing tours of Southern California before they left for Northern California.

Wm. Randolph Cohen reports that he has returned to San Francisco after staying for quite a while in Massachusetts, and that he is receiving excellent cooperation from the San Francisco Examiner. Through the help of Jack McDonald, a reporter on the paper, he is receiving excellent publicity which is resulting in new applications for membership.

National Chief of Staff, Beatrice Riggs' address has been changed to Upland Cal. instead of Ontario, Cal. The street address remains the same.

Santa Ana Camp 72 and Aux. 30 entertained Natl. Pres. Sister McKinney and C. in C. Howe in March. Dept. Pres. W. Hansen and Dept. Comm. Storey were present as well as other distinguished guests.

COLORADO & WYOMING

Elijah Barret Aux. of Denver entertained Natl. Pres. Sister McKinney and C. in C. Fred Howe with a banquet and reception on March 16. They were initiated into the Rocky Mountain Canary Club. Dept. Comm. Roy Rodgers was present, as well as members from the Colorado Springs and Pueblo Camps and Aux.

Sister Louella Holmes, P.D.P., fell and fractured her leg. She is now with her sister in Pueblo. She was 74 years old on March 16.

CONNECTICUT

Dept. Vice Pres. Margaret Gillette is now residing in Los Angeles, Cal. Rockville Aux. 5 entertained Dept. Pres. Alice Clark and Dept. Officers with a salad supper and entertainment during April.

ILLINOIS

It happened in Illinois. On April 15 the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their guests, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion were welcomed into the minds and hearts of the people of Springfield as the true observers of the Lincoln legend. That these organizations are not only chanters of the greatness of the 16th President, but truly in themselves of the Lincoln family was evidenced by their formal appearance at the Tomb on the anniversary of the very day of Lincoln's death, minglers and mourners—family style. A projector and record-player were kept available at SUV headquarters throughout the day for use of visitors who wished to reminisce on SUV past events by the audio-visual route. It can expectantly be predicted that Sons of Union Veterans and men of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion will return to Springfield on April 15, 1958 for a day that will again be thoroughly inspiring.

With the U. S. Grant home in Galena restored, a week of celebration started April 27 when Gov. William G. Stratton dedicated the restored Grant Home State Memorial. This was the 135th anniversary of the birth of Grant in Point Pleasant, Ohio. The Illinois Parks and Memorials Division of the Illinois Department of Conservation has been working more than a year to restore the Galena home of Grant.

KANSAS

Salina Auxiliary held their installation recently with Sarah Stewart installed as President, Mary Green as Secretary and Irene Smither as Treasurer. Newton and Eldorado Auxiliaries held a joint inspection with Eva McKee, Dept. Pres, doing the inspecting.

MASSACHUSETTS

On March 15 the Massachusetts Department moved its Headquarters to the Armory of the First Corps of Cadets, 105 Arlington St., Boston 16. This armory is not owned by the Commonwealth but by the Veteran Assoc. of the Corps. This organization, formed in 1741, is the second oldest military organization in Massachusetts and the oldest one still in the active National Guard. One of its Commanders was John Hancock. In the Civil War it raised the 45th Mass. Infantry, all the field officers and most of the line officers being members of the Corps. The regiment served for nine months in 1862-63 in North Carolina, commanded by Col. Charles R. Codman, a member of a well-known Boston family, and took part in the Goldsboro expedition. In World War 1 it became the 101st Engineers, and is now a Heavy Tank Battalion of the Mass. National Guard. This move not only provides larger and better quarters for the Department and Auxiliary, but puts them under the same roof with the Mass. Commandery Military Order of the Loyal Legion, and the Military Historical Society of Massachusetts, both organized by Civil War officers. Included in the furnishings of the room is Admiral Farragut's chair in his cabin on the "Hartford" at the Battle of New Orleans, beside valuable relics of the first Napoleon. The transition, effected smoothly and efficiently through the efforts of Dept. Commander John L. Day, Sr., and P. C. in C. Col. Frederic G. Bauer will provide an exhibit of Civil War memorabilia. A feature of the Department Encampment will be the Governor's Luncheon on May 3 and the Mayor's Breakfast on May 4th. The annual banquet and ball will be held on the evening of May 4th.

The Ancient Order of Buttons held its annual election of officers in Rockland on May 16 with P.D.C. Wm. W. Haskell elected as presiding officer. The next meeting will be held in September when plans will be started to secure a class of candidates for the National Encampment to be held in Boston in 1958.

Lowell Camp 9 of Roxbury is preparing for Memorial Day with John L. Day, Jr., as Chairman of the Memorial Day Committee; Ernest G. Wells as Chairman of the Memorial Sunday Committee and John L. Day, Sr., as Chairman of the Special Memorial Committee.

Camp 60, Holyoke, celebrated its 71st anniversary meeting on March 20 with 25 of its 32 members answering the roll. P. D. C. Harold P. Shepardson of Springfield and Giles M. Haggerty of the American Legion were speakers. P. C. in C. Charlie Moran reviewed the history of the Camp, following which refreshments were served by members of Aux. 20 of Holyoke.

P. D. C. William Rule of Holyoke was the narrator during showing of color slides of the Encampment Trip to Gettysburg during the 1956 National Encampment which was shown to the Woman's Relief Corps in Worcester on March 9. City Councillor George A. Wells was the principal speaker.

Finishing a successful and eventful year as Department Commander, John L. Day, Sr., of Roxbury will preside over the legislative activities of our 75th Encampment and Mrs. Kate L. Heiman as Department President will do the same for the Auxiliary. The meeting will be in Boston, May 3-5 at which time plans will be made to cooperate in the coming nation-wide Observances of the Civil War Centennial in 1961 to 1965.

At the recent regular meeting of the Massachusetts Past Commanders Association, the project adopted for 1957 was the Reclamation and Preservation of Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Building. As repositories of objects of historical value, these buildings are to be developed for use in the coming Centennial of the Civil War and this project is part of many preparations under way for the great celebration to come. Information is requested relative to such Memorial Buildings, as well as objects worthy of display within them.

MICHIGAN

The spring Bulletin of Camp 4, Detroit, requests members cooperation with the National Encampment Committee as well as attendance at the Michigan Department Encampment. Commander Barker also requests his members to subscribe to The Banner, and urges support of S.J. 34, 85th Congress to restore full posthumous citizenship to Gen. Robert E. Lee.



The Grand Ballroom will be the scene of the Grand Army of the Republic Campfire, Sunday, Aug. 18. Included on the program will be a band concert by a U. S. military band. Among the distinguished speakers will be Dr. Avard Fairbanks, nationally known sculptor, from the University of Utah. Warm and rich tones highlight the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, Michigan. In true Napoleonic tradition, the Ballroom features red satin draperies and a smooth parquet floor for dancing. Renovation of the Grand Ballroom was part of the eighteen-month rehabilitation program recently completed by the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Distinguished guests at our Dept. Encampment in Concord on April 13 included Natl. Pres. Margaret McKinney, Commander-in-Chief Howe and Mrs. Howe and Natl. Historian Allen Spink. Alice Fisher of Hillsboro was elected Dept. President. Others elected included: Vice-Pres. Gladys Rollins of Keene; Secretary Eva Wyman of Keene; Treasurer Emma Wheeler of Milford and Budget Chairman Hattie Edmunds of Henniker.

NEW JERSEY

A committee composed of all living Past Dept. Commanders have planned an outstanding banquet to celebrate our 75th anniversary. It will be held in conjunction with our encampment at the Hotel Jefferson, Atlantic City on June 22nd. Past Commander-in-Chief Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd will preside as toastmaster and the speaker of the evening will be Mr. Fred VanDeventer, radio and newspaper columnist. Presiding officers and their National Representatives of each of the Allied Orders have been invited, and we look for a large attendance both from New Jersey and neighboring Departments.

NEW YORK

Officers of McClellan Camp 74 of Yonkers were installed April 7 by Bert Sack, assisted by Cecil Baer. John LaViness is the new Commander. The camp initiated two new members at this meeting and promises an active and progressive program.

The outstanding and impressive ceremonies at Grant's Tomb were held again this year on April 28 by the Grant Birthday Committee with Clarence A. Maples as chairman and Mayme E. Dwyer, honorary chairlady. This was followed by a dinner at Rosoff's Restaurant.

FALL INJURES NEIL CRANMER. Neil D. Cranmer, Past Commander-in-Chief received a left hip fracture on April 16 when he fell at the Masonic Temple in Elmira. He is reported in fair condition at St. Joseph's Hospital. Brother Cranmer who has had to use crutches, slipped when he attempted to sit down for a lunch following the meeting.

Waverly Camp 88 reports the passing of 80 year old Past Commander Smeaton. Diven Camp 77 will hold Memorial Sunday services May 26 at Riverside Methodist Church along with members of the Allied Orders of the G. A. R. The Camp will also take part in the Memorial Day parade.

OHIO

The 135th anniversary of the birth of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant was observed at its regular meeting on April 17 by U. S. Grant Camp 100 of Cincinnati, attended by representatives of all the Allied Orders of the G. A. R. Judge Louis J. Schneider gave a most interesting talk on the life of the General, who was born at Point Pleasant, Ohio, twenty-five miles up the river from Cincinnati. Camp Commander Fred Pfeister exhibited color slides of the Vicksburg National Military Park, also some of Gettysburg and of Lincoln's Tomb at Springfield. P. C. C. Wm. M. Coffin gave a commentary on the Vicksburg Campaign, described by General Sherman as "one of the greatest campaigns in history."

A meeting of the Third District, Ohio Dept. Sons and Aux. will be held at 10 A. M., Monday, May 13 at Memorial Hall, Cincinnati, Ohio.

OREGON & WASHINGTON

Preview of plans for a Civil War Centennial celebration was given by C. in C. Howe when he spoke to the Eugene Camp and Aux. in Veterans Memorial Building on March 11. Natl. Pres. Mrs. Margaret McKinney brought greetings and discussed the principles of the order: Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. Toastmaster for the dinner event was Dr. L. L. Baker. Gifts were presented to the honored guests from the Camp and Aux. John H. Starr, on behalf of the Octogenarian Quartet, gave the national president a myrtlewood pin. Dinner arrangements were in charge of Mrs. C. A. Wetterstrom, Eugene Aux. Pres. Mrs. R. Roy Booth and Mrs. Frederick K. Davis decorated the tables, using red carnations and rose geranium foliage with miniature flags in silver bowls set in a froth of red tulle. The next day several members accompanied them to Salem where a luncheon and style show was enjoyed. They then went to Portland where they were guests of Dept. Comm. and Mrs. Leonard at a dinner and reception. The next day was spent at Seattle where they were tendered a dinner and reception by the Hiram Gale Camp and Auxiliary.

PENNSYLVANIA

P. C. in C. Walter C. Mabie died at his home on March 26 at the age of 75. Bro. Mabie who operated his own printing business in a shop adjoining his home was at the time of his death, Secretary-Treasurer of the Pennsylvania Department, and also secretary of the Death Benefit Association. He was also a 32nd degree Mason and a Shriner. Surviving are his wife, the former Mae Renner; a son, Walter W. Mabie; three daughters, Mrs. Edna Waldron, Mrs. Bessie MacKerell and Mrs. Mae Johnson, and seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held March 30 with the following acting as pallbearers: John H. Runkle, C. Leroy Stoult, Chester S. Shriver, Carl Gutekunst, Frank Heacock, and Jake Steiger. Commander-in-Chief Howe and National President Mrs. McKinney headed a large attendance of officers and members from this and other Departments. To enumerate the many services of Brother Mabie to our Order would require the writing of much of our history. His wise guidance will be sadly missed at future Department and National Encampments.

RHODE ISLAND

George A. Strait was elected Department Commander at our 69th Department Encampment held recently in Providence. An impressive list of distinguished visitors included Commander-in-Chief Fred Howe; Sr. Vice C. in C. Albert DeHaven; Natl. Patr. Instr. Ernest G. Wells; National Historian Allen Spink; P. C. in C. Charles E. Moran; Past Dept. Commanders Harold O. Shepardson, Thos. Crawford, Roy Call, Melard Brown and John L. Day; Natl. Pres. Mrs. Margaret McKinney; and Natl. Treas. Nellie DeHaven.

Word from A. Walter Lewis, Jr., indicates that Chapman Camp have taken part in several community observances recently. At a flag presentation at the Ashaway High School the Camp and Auxiliary took part in an appropriate tableau. The flag was dedicated in memory of David J. Naylor, Ashaway veteran of the Civil War. They also took part in the 200th anniversary year of the town of Hopkinton where Bro. Lewis had charge of the second floor which was devoted to the Civil War. Senator Francis Greene will be the Memorial Day speaker. Since Lincoln's birthday Bro. Lewis has lectured on six different occasions on "The Sunset of the Civil War." The historical society plan to have the talk printed.

VERMONT

The New England Regional was held in Bellows Falls March 16-17. Among those present were Sr. Vice C. in C. DeHaven of Maine; Natl. Patr. Instr. Ernest Wells of Mass.; and National Historian Allen Spink of Conn. Bro. Spink is Commander of the Association.

The 1957 Encampment of the Vermont Department has been postponed from June 20-22 to June 27-29. This change was due to conflicting meetings in Bellows Falls. Nothing will be changed except the dates.

We mourn the death of Brothers Ned Lawrence and Harry Stickney of Camp 34, Springfield and Rev. Harry Farrar of Camp 91 of Bellows Falls. Bro. Farrar, an ordained minister was Vermont's first associate member.

Green Mountain State Camp 1 will hold its second quarterly meeting in Branton May 11. Our aim is to organize a new Camp in that area.

District 5 will hold its May meeting May 23 in Chester. Mrs. Florence Scovell and Bro. Leonard Eddy are in charge of the program.

SO NEAR

The Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was founded for (and has ever been dedicated to) the perpetuation of the name, the ideals, and the work of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is comprised, for the most part, of our wives, our daughters, our mothers, etc., and—bless them—we know we couldn't get along without them.

Yet, I submit, for your most serious consideration, that the most effective and enduring way for the Sons of Union Veterans to keep alive before our fellow-citizens the name of the Grand Army of the Republic—is for us to assist and encourage, in every way possible that select society of gracious ladies (and blood kin) the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. All of their activities and all of their accomplishments proclaim directly to the World the name that is a brilliant and integral part of our American history.

The Military Order of the Loyal Legion

is, as most of us know, a society founded by Union Officers of the Civil War. It has perpetuated itself by admitting into membership its direct and collateral descendants.

This, then, is the closest male organization to us in the world. With this close intimacy in relationship, should be an equal intimacy in function and endeavour.

This irresistible urge of like to like was given official recognition at the last National Encampments of both Bodies. Resolutions were approved recommending closer cooperation between our Orders, wherever and whenever feasible.

On January 9th last, a most instructive, productive, and entertaining Joint Meeting was held at the First Corps Cadet Armory in Boston, Mass., between the Greater Boston Camps of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Massachusetts Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

After an exposition of our Order and suggestions of methods for closer cooperation by your National Patriotic Instructor, Companion Richard F. Lufkin of the Loyal Legion gave an illustrated lecture (with lantern slides) of "Abraham Lincoln's First Visit To Boston."

What Will Attract Our Young?

In order to find this out, we must first understand our young people.

It is not enough to say that rebellion against established authority is, as so many believe, the motivating force behind the seemingly contrary actions of our adolescents. Rather, in the transition period between boyhood and manhood, it is the vital search for themselves—for their real personalities—for their own particular individualities. They naturally resent what sometimes seem to them to be efforts to turn them into carbon copies of their fathers—or their teachers—or anyone in a position of power over them.

It is fitting and proper—and, indeed, encouraging for them to seek to be people in their own rights.

Our successes and our failures in our efforts to guide

NEW RITUAL

A revised printing of the Ritual containing various changes authorized has been printed and is now in stock.

Every Camp will want a supply to furnish their officers. Copies may be had from Natl. Secy. A. C. Lambert, P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J., at 75¢ each.

them are usually predicated upon our understanding and our implementation of these facts—or lack thereof.

How may we use this understanding to bring our young people into the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War?

It would not be necessary to offer them Elvis Presley, or Rock and Roll, or any particular appeal to their senses.

But a definite and sustained campaign to offer them openly and convincingly the opportunities to develop themselves, within the framework of our Order, would seem to be the only method possible of success.

It is too easy to find countless reasons why our young people don't want to join, but that is a negative attitude leading to frustration, defeat—and extinction.

Rather should we form commissions and devote a portion of our every meeting to discussions and to studies of this subject—as being of the FIRST importance to the LIFE or DEATH of our Order.

Those of us, brought up in close contact with the Grand Army of the Republic, are rapidly joining our Fathers in Eternity. The field of eligibles, from whom our Order must gain members to survive, has little or no background in the Civil War to attract them.

Your National Patriotic Instructor believes that, in the rank and file of our present membership, lies the answer to these and kindred questions.

Therefore, he invites all comments and suggestions from you. In this column, in every issue, will be published those constructive remarks that will lead us to a solution of this essential problem.

THINK—DEBATE (remember Francis Bacon's dictum: "There is more to be gained by an hour's discourse, than by a day's meditation.")

—then, WRITE to

Ernest G. Wells
National Patriotic Instructor

General Order No. 4

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you made your reservations yet? Come on Brothers, I wish to have the pleasure of personally greeting each and every one of you to YOUR National Encampment. Please don't let me down.

8. I recently received word that P. C. in C. Neil D. Cranmer has had a bad fall and fractured his left hip. Brother Neil has had to go on crutches for quite a while now, and this additional trouble will make it still harder for him. He is in St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira, N. Y. Let's all send Brother Neil a card to help cheer him up during his convalescence.

9. I had the sad duty of attending the funeral of Past Commander-in-Chief Walter C. Mabie of Philadelphia. To his wife and family we extend heartfelt sympathy in their great loss. Camps are ordered to drape charters for a period of thirty days in his memory.

By order of
Fred E. Howe,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

Albert C. Lambert,
National Secretary-Treasurer.