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An Attack Upon Memorial Day

To we "Brothers" in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, May 30th is one day in the year with a very deep significance and evocative of nostalgic and sacred memories.

In these days of depreciating ethical standards, lessening of the moral fibers, and "Rock and Roll," must we also submit to the indignity that brutally and cynically seeks to cheapen for us the "Day" that our Fathers established in the reverence of this nation?

Yes, a certain type of merchant and shopkeeper will save money if the holiday falls on Monday, instead of the middle of the week—and the party-goers will have a high old time with the longer weekends—but "we" believe that there are much greater values to be considered.

If you want Memorial Day to be observed on May 30th, Independence Day on the Fourth of July, Washington's Birthday on February 22nd, and Veterans' Day on November 11th, then you will immediately write to your newspaper, instruct your Congressman, and talk the matter over with your friends—you will demand that the joint resolution (by a Mr. Latham) H. J. Res. 558, be overwhelmingly defeated and that this pandering to the greedy appetites of the mercenary-minded and the pleasure-mad be stopped once and for all.

ERNEST G. WELLS,
National Patriotic Instructor.

Stoudt Appointed Chairman

I hereby appoint Past Commander-in-Chief C. LeRoy Stoudt Chairman of the Dedication Committee for the Grand Army Memorial Dedication to be held September 12, 1956, at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

CELESTE D. GENTIEU,
Past National President.
Chairman G.A.R. Memorial Fund
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War.

Memorial Highway Committee

Brothers:

Spring is here—so let us dress up our Highway and prepare to have a fine report for our Diamond Anniversary. Those who have not sent in your questionnaire, please do so. I would like to know what you have accomplished and what you intend to do.

As I did not attend the last day of the Encampment, I did not know until I received the proceedings that a resolution had been presented at the National Encampment in Cincinnati, O., by Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Locke, that as the Illinois Department had succeeded in the naming of Route No. 20, across Illinois, as General U. S. Grant Memorial Highway and that the supervision of this highway was under the chairmanship of the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Highway Committee, to complete the naming of No. 20 from coast to coast. Motion was made by Richard Locke and seconded by Fred Colwell of New York.—Carried.

So Brothers, there is plenty of work to do. Contact the members of your legislature so when the time comes and they convene we can work to get No. 20 Highway renamed from coast to coast. It means work and plenty of it.

Please do not forget to send me snapshots and clippings for the National Memorial Highway book. The age of the snapshots or clippings do not matter as most of the previous property of the Highway Committee has been lost. Very few records are available.

Some Departments have not responded or named a Committee at my request. Have they no incentive regarding their patriotic duty or are they just content to remain dormant? I wonder.

ROY J. BENNETT,
Past Commander-in-Chief.
National Chairman of the Grand Army of the
Republic Memorial Highway Committee.

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Omnibus

NEW CAMPS

As this is written, the Department of Michigan is planning to institute a new Camp at Detroit on April 21st, and the Department of Oregon and Washington plans to institute a new Camp at Seattle, Wash., on May 21st. Congratulations to them and to the Illinois Department on the reinstatement of Camp 243 at Rock Island, and to the Indiana Department on the reinstatement of Camps at Frankfort and Valparaiso.

ROSTER CORRECTIONS

Charles H. Langlet, Dept. Sec.-Treas.
P.O. Box 65, Baltimore 2, Maryland

John and Gertrude Sautter, 1012 Mark Drive,
Clearwater, Fla.

Past Commander-in-Chief, J. Kirkwood Craig,
P.O. Box 1074, Manchester, N.H.

COMMUNISM

Now that Stalin is dead, why has Communism's most revered leader, with the exception of Lenin, become overnight a deep-eyed villain. The answer is simple. He is no longer to be feared. Motivation of this violet repudiation of Stalin remains obscure, but it may reasonably be assumed to be sinister.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

Quarterly reports from Camps (Form 27-28) are due at Department Headquarters immediately following the last meeting of each quarter. Quarterly reports from Departments (Form 37-38) are due at National Headquarters within 30 days following the close of each quarter.

TOWARD MORAL CHAOS

Senator Harry F. Byrd's call for "massive resistance" to the Supreme Court anti-segregation ruling is reminiscent of another tragic era in the history of the South. The denouement was a nation divided, the slaughter of young men on both sides and misery and hatred have continued through the years.

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The South, or at least certain of the southern states, is now doing its best to discredit the teachings of the Christian faith and the principles of democratic government. In doing so, it is preparing the way for moral chaos.

ADDITIONS TO HONOR ROLL

Since the last edition of the Banner, donations were made to the Permanent Fund and the following names were added to the Permanent Honor Roll:

James B. Craig, Co. E 16th Iowa Infantry Volunteers
(Courtesy Dr. J. Kirkwood Craig, P. C. in C.)

William Juelg, 11th Illinois Cavalry
(Courtesy Paul E. Herschel, Jr.)

Henry Klein, Co. E, 40th New York Infantry who received the Congressional Medal of Honor for saving the flag at Cold Harbor.

(Courtesy Ivy M. Lyman)

Charles A. Webster, Sgt. Co. K, 29th Iowa Infantry
(Courtesy William A. Webster)

Appeal is made for further contributions to the Permanent Fund. It will never grow to the needed size unless given more support.

During April, Past Commander-in-Chief U. S. Grant 3rd, made another \$500.00 contribution to the Permanent Fund.

Donations, legacies, and bequests to this fund are welcome and will be preserved. The principal remains intact, and the interest only is used in furthering our patriotic work.

WAVE A FLAG

When the band strikes up the Star Spangled Banner, everyone within earshot should feel a quick flush of pride and oneness with his country. Maybe it would be a good thing for this country if people would start waving a flag, not just sit and watch it flutter by itself.

The "sacred fire of liberty" is in our hands—not as an experiment in form of government, but in a war for survival which is nonetheless deadly because it is ideological, a war being fought for the minds of men.

Not matter how much money you have, you are as rich as a millionaire, if it will buy what you want.

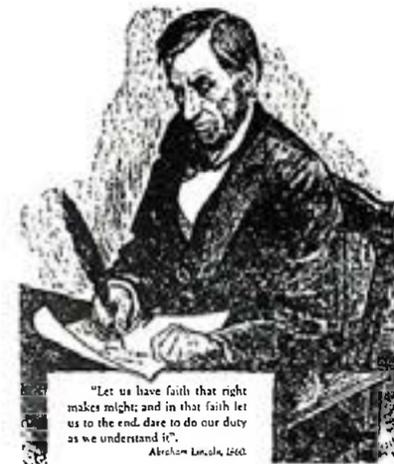
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DON'T MISS IT— MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS

EARLY

WHAT MAKES LINCOLN GREAT?



PROFOUND STATESMANSHIP

"The memory of Lincoln will live and endure among you, gathering reverence from age to age, the memory of one who saved the republic by his wisdom."—James Bryce.

HUMANITARIAN MEASURES

"I doubt whether any statesman who ever lived sank so deeply into the hearts of the peoples of many lands as Abraham Lincoln did."—Lloyd George.

MILITARY STRATEGY

"The responsibility lay entirely with Lincoln: he struck the keynote: and this establishes him as the strategist of the North. He must take the credit or bear the blame."—Colin R. Ballard.

LITERARY GENIUS

"The three supreme masterpieces of English eloquence—the toast of William Pitt after the victory at Trafalgar, and two of Lincoln's speeches: The Gettysburg Address and the Second Inaugural."—Lord Curzon.

EXEMPLARY CHARACTERISTICS

"I feel free to speak of him as I might speak of Plato or St. Paul or any other of that little group of men but for whose lives and thoughts we should all be different from what we are." Lord Halifax.
—A. C. LAMBERT.

Deadline For Next Issue Is June 25

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A Message from North of the Border

Port Rowan, Ontario, Canada

While looking over my letters, I found yours of December 5, 1953, and going to answer your fine letter. I am going to let you know that Canada has a fine history of the Civil War and played a big part. When Lincoln called for volunteers, 50,000 Canadians answered, left their homes and enlisted in the Northern Armies. London, Ontario, was the recruiting center, seven regiments were formed and left London, to Sarnia, Ont., crossed the border to Port Huron, Michigan.

The first Prime Minister of Canada, John A. MacDonald ordered a police force along the borders to keep the Southern spies out to spy on the North. He said it made him mad to see them spy on our good neighbor, America. Many were arrested and jailed until the war was over. I read all this in the government booklets. There were several G. A. R. posts in Canada, the two in Ontario was the W. W. Cook Post, Hamilton, the largest, was the Jas. S. Knowlston Post No. 532, they were under the N. Y. Dept. New York sent me the roster.

There was also Sons and Daughters organizations known as the Sons of the G. A. R. and Daughters of the G. A. R.

Hugh Warner, C. W. veteran, Co. C, 4th Ill. Cav., has a fine record under General Grant. His daughter wrote me this. He was captured by Grant's army as a confederate soldier, he was taken before General Grant, he pleaded with him if he would let him go he promised to fight for the North. Grant said, "I will give you a chance." He had a mustang that he rode and went with the army until the end. Grant told him, if you try and escape, it will be bad for you, he stayed.

He said the mustang knew every bugle call. His first pension was granted in 1911. Saw Lincoln shot, he was in the theatre. His daughter, Mrs. Janet Charters, S. Marys, Ont., sent me this information. She was a member of the Daughters of the G. A. R.

Well, brother, perhaps you have noticed in The Banner of my bit on every May 30 placing flags on the C. W. veterans graves, sent to me by the Michigan Dept. There are two buried here in Pt. Rowan, one in the next village, and five at Simcoe, 17 miles from here. In the past three years I looked them up.

I am now 73, and have worked hard for the interests of our organizations, and if all would abide by our obligation, it would be grand. Hoping to hear from you again, I remain,

Yours faithfully,

A. C. MARVIN.
F. C. & L.

"The Soldier's Grave"

Written for Decoration Day Services in Old Theatre Hall Mission, Third Ave., corner 159th Street, Bronx, N. Y., May 30, 1894.

Respectfully dedicated to Oliver Tilden Post No. 96, G.A.R.

"It is not where the crowned head all uncrowned now is sleeping
It is not where the tyrant's dust in death is keeping
It is not where the immortal bard surrenders his mortality
It is not where the moralist quits dreaming of morality
But it is where the patriot's dust lies on the hillside lonely
Where soldiers' ashes consecrate and waken memories holy
'Tis here we come with floral wreaths their memories to perpetuate
Seeking the inspiration that their lives should surely actuate
Oh, what a scene of bloody strife amid roar of cannons thunder,
When those who should be brothers still are torn and rent asunder
When, hand to hand in the thickest fight, the brother fought brother with brother
And, thou, relentless war, opposes the sons who owned one mother.
The sword is sheathed, the dove of peace is brooding o'er the nation,
We reap the fruits of those who sowed in the former generation
We thank the Lord, who keeps us one, a nation still united,
And makes our starry banner float over a great wrong righted.
For Africa's sons are free men now, no more in bondage languish,
The foul blot on our shield that lay, its brightness tarnish
Three million kneel, though sable sons are telling of Freedom's story,
While sounds the circling world today will shout the glory glory.
We gather 'round the graves today, tears in our eyes are stealing,
We honor our immortal dead, our gratitude revealing,
To God above the praise we give, who our good course defended
And made our traitor foemen feel, on whom we still depended.
—(John Robinson, 1131 Fulton Ave., New York City) (May 1894)

Illinois Department Sponsors Grant Birthday Program

Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's birthday was observed April 28 with a celebration in Galena, Ill.

The high point of the celebration this year was the dedication of Route 20 as the General U. S. Grant Highway, when the department commander of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Charles S. Bournstine, of Chicago, unveiled a plaque on Route 20 in Galena.

Richard F. Locke, of Glen Ellyn, Ill., a past commander-in-chief of the SOUV, emceed the first part of the program and introduced Warren L. Wood,



speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, who gave the main address at this program. City Manager Orville Meyer, of Galena, gave the address of welcome in Turner Hall.

The U. S. Grant Boy Scout pilgrimage program also participated and E. G. McCulloch, president of Grant Council, Boys Scouts of America, presented an embroidered pocket patch to those Scouts who qualified. All Boy Scouts units who participated received a ribbon. The Scouts toured historic spots of Galena in groups guided by members of Galena's troop.

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PERMANENT FUND

Attention is again called to the Permanent Honor Roll, which is part of the Permanent Fund. Members are urged to make use of this means of honoring their ancestor and at the same time helping to add to the permanent fund of the Order.

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

Name

Address

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

Notes from Our Commander-in-Chief

On April 20, U.S. Senator Homer E. Capehart of Indiana was received into our Order as a member of Benjamin Harrison Camp of Indianapolis. The simple ceremony took place in the Senate Office Building at Washington and was conducted by Commander-in-Chief Bauer. Photographs were taken by the Senate official photographer, one of which will be a treasured keepsake of Benjamin Harrison Camp.

GRAND ARMY HIGHWAY

Although the highway is technically completed, there is yet much that our Order can do to insure that it is maintained in a manner worthy of the Civil War heroes who it commemorates. Attention is invited to the article by Past Commander-in-Chief Bennett in the last issue of THE BANNER on what is being done in Iowa. His suggestion of calling attention to historic landmarks along or adjacent to the highway should evoke a ready response from all those interested in American History. A descriptive pamphlet listing and describing these historic landmarks would be a worthwhile project for some Camp or member to undertake.

OUR DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY

Not all organizations live to celebrate seventy-five years of patriotic service. Our Encampment at Harrisburg should be outstanding in both size and in-

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terest. It is conveniently near Gettysburg, where our Auxiliary is to dedicate a monument to Comrade Woolson, last survivor of the "Boys in Blue." It will take place in the historic capital of Pennsylvania which has much to interest our members and the program being prepared by the joint committee will of itself, well repay the visit. The fact that the three organizations can all be under one roof will of itself promote socialbility and friendship. So let each Camp and Department copy the slogan of the Western pioneers—"Harrisburg or Bust!"

A Guide to Reporting News to the Banner

Correspondents should bear in mind the following basic rules:

1. The Banner is published bi-monthly, starting with the January-February issue. The deadline for copy is the 25th day of the month preceding publication.
2. It is desirable that all copy be typewritten, double-spaced, on one side of the paper only. If copy cannot be typewritten, please have it written legibly.
3. Only complete names will be considered for use. Please use first name with proper name.
4. Communications for publication should be addressed to Leslie W. More, 265 Erie St., Owego, N. Y.
5. Glossy photographs, 8"x10", of sufficient contrast, reproduce best. Snapshots will not generally be acceptable.
6. News of coming events is infinitely more important than news of past events.
7. All photographs must be accompanied by full identification. If return of photographs is desired, this must be indicated and accompanied by return address.
8. The Banner is not interested in the fact that refreshments were served; that meetings opened and closed with prayer; the fact that reports were read; that members are welcome; the fact that the Commander or the President presided.
9. Photographs and news items of Camps, Auxiliaries, and members doing something are the best news.
10. The Banner is the official paper of the National Organization. Its first purpose is to publicize the purposes and objectives of the order through General Orders and articles of interest that are historical or of current interest. Its second purpose is to aid correspondents in doing their work efficiently, easily and economically. It must never be petty, or mean, or concerned primarily with trivia; there is neither time nor excuse for anything in The Banner which does not correspond to its mission.

Message of the National President

"OUR FLAG, OUR GRAND ARMY OF THE
REPUBLIC, OUR SONS"

By now the Department Encampments are over. Congratulations to the new Department Presidents and their staffs of officers. I sincerely trust that you will have a happy and successful year.

Plans are progressing for our 70th National Encampment to be held in Harrisburg, Pa., September 9th to the 13th. Past National President Katherine Joyce, General Chairman and her Committee, report that plans are coming along nicely. We will have a day's trip to Gettysburg, and the dedication of the monument of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Albert Woolson, will be in charge of Past National President Celeste Gentieu. She has worked faithfully on this committee for many, many years and at last her dream has come true. Let us each plan upon attending our National Encampment.

Past National President Gertrude Sautter and John have changed their address from St. Petersburg, Fla., to 1012 Mark Drive, Clearwater, Fla.

Past National President Lena Barrett has moved to 1401 North Garnsey, Santa Ana, Calif.

May we strive to touch and to know the great human heart of us all, and Oh, Lord God, let us not forget to be kind.

LENORE D. GLASS,
National President.

Confederate Masons Bury U. S. Naval Officer

We are indebted to "The Royal Arch Mason," published in Trenton, Mo., by the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States, for gracious permission to reprint the following account:

Lieut. Com. John E. Hart in 1863 was in command of the U. S. gunboat Albatross which, lashed to Admiral Farragut's flagship Hartford, ran past the Confederate batteries at Port Hudson and arrived opposite St. Francisville, La., where Lieut. Com. Hart, delirious from fever contracted in the line of duty, committed suicide. He had previously requested Masonic burial on land rather than naval burial in the Mississippi. Accordingly a boat with a flag of truce put in at St. Francisville and the officer in command asked if there were any Masons in the town. As the Master of Feliciana Lodge No. 31 of St. Francisville was absent in the Confederate service, he was put in touch with the Senior Warden, Capt. W. W. Leake, C.S.A., who was home on leave. He replied "As a Mason it is my duty to accord Masonic burial to a brother Mason without taking into account the nature of our relations in the world outside Masonry. Go tell the Union officer to bring his captain's body ashore. There are few Masons left in town, most of us are at the front. I shall find all I can. You, too, are Masons. I shall expect you at the funeral services."

The body was brought ashore where it was met by six Masons, some of them wearing Masonic regalia over their Confederate uniforms, and escorted by both Union and Confederate Masons, was conducted to the lodge room of Feliciana Lodge, where the usual Masonic services were held, and was then buried in

the churchyard of Grace Episcopal Church, whose walls were pitted by shells from the dead officer's own guns, in a grave which Confederate Masons had caused to be dug.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy had a government stone placed at the grave and Captain Leake started placing flowers on it each year, a custom which his family still continue.



Department News



NEW JERSEY—Camp and Auxiliary Inspections have been completed with a good attendance welcoming the Department Officers on most occasions. The New Jersey State Camp held its semi-annual dinner meeting at the Hotel Hildebrecht in Trenton on April 28th. Craig Fabian, an officer of the United States Navy spoke on "Communism and the American Dream," and Rev. Elmer Finger spoke on General Grant's Birthday. All Camps report active committees preparing for Memorial Day work.

The New Jersey Department Auxiliary will entertain National President, Sister Lenore Glass at a called meeting in Trenton on Sunday, May 6th. Department President, Sister Louisa Daubert has appointed a committee on arrangements consisting of all Past Department Presidents in Trenton.

The annual encampment of the Sons, Auxiliary, and Allied Orders will be held in Atlantic City, June 22-23. The Sons and Auxiliary headquarters will be at the Hotel Jefferson.

MICHIGAN—Albert Woolson State Camp No. 1 — Camp No. 1 adopted a resolution in February requesting their name be changed to Albert Woolson State Camp No. 1. This was approved by our Department Commander and our Commander-in-Chief. Camp 1 feels highly honored with the name of the "last Union Army man" as the name of Michigan's oldest Camp. It was chartered April 9, 1910, and we celebrated our 46th Anniversary with a party at the Veterans Memorial Building. Several members of Gen. U. S. Grant Camp No. 5 and their Auxiliary No. 16, attended.

We regret to announce the passing away of the oldest member of the Order in Michigan, Charles R. Cowdin, age 93, who joined the Sons over 70 years ago. Brother Cowdin was Department Commander of Michigan in 1913-1914, and organized several Camps during his term.

Gen. Carl Schurz Camp No. 2.

This Camp was instituted at Detroit Veterans Memorial Building, Saturday, April 21st, by Major-General U. S. Grant, 3rd, Past Commander-in-Chief, with 17 charter members. The name of this new Camp honors the man who organized nine regiments of Union men in Missouri and caused the turning point in the Civil War. The first Commander of this Camp is the Hon. Carl M. Weideman, Judge of the Circuit Court. The Department has extended the time Parker, Bennington, N. H.; Chaplain, William Johns,



General Carl Schurz Camp No. 2 is instituted. Another new Camp for Michigan. Left to right: Edward N. Barnard, Treasurer of new Camp; Major General U. S. Grant, 3rd, who instituted the Camp; Milo C. Newer, Sr., Department Commander; Carl M. Weideman, Judge of Circuit Court, new Camp Commander; Charles F. Dexter, Personal Aide to the Commander-in-Chief.

for closing the Charter to the last of June, about the 22nd, and expect to sign up 20 or more additional members. The new camp was organized by Charles Frederick Dexter, personal aide to the Commander-in-Chief, and George S. Raub, Sr., Department Senior Vice-Commander.

Gen. U. S. Grant Camp No. 5

Camp No. 5 celebrated their second Anniversary with a combined party with Camp No. 1 and Camp No. 5 Auxiliary, at the Veterans Memorial Building, April 16th, at which the Auxiliary turned over \$25 to Milo Newer, Jr., custodian of the fund for the G.A.R. Memorial Room plaque.

Department:

The "Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Room" was formally dedicated by Major General U. S. Grant, 3rd, at the Veterans Memorial Building, April 21st, at 2:00 P. M. This Memorial Room was named by the City of Detroit Memorial Hall Commission. The request was made by Charles Frederick Dexter, personal aide to the Commander-in-Chief; Milo C. Newer, Sr., Department Commander; and George R. Raub, Sr., Department Senior Vice-Commander, to honor the memory of Detroit Soldiers, Sailors and Marines, who served in the Union Army of the United States during the War of the Rebellion of 1861-1865.

The plaque over the Memorial Room door was erected by the Detroit Camps: Albert Woolson State Camp No. 1, Gen. Carl Schurz Camp No. 2, Thomas Barker Camp No. 4, Gen. U. S. Grant Camp No. 5, Auxiliary No. 16, to Gen. U. S. Grant Camp No. 5, rendered very outstanding service in helping make the Memorial plaque possible. Members of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R., United Spanish War Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Gold

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Star Mothers, and other friends participated. An Honor Roll of those who assisted was erected.

For the fourth year, Brother Charles F. Dexter has been named by the Grand Marshal of the Detroit Joint Memorial Day Committee to command the First Division, better known as the Grand Army Division.

RHODE ISLAND—April 13, 1955, opening of Encampment of Sons and Auxiliary with joint memorial services; Sons Services conducted by Department Chaplain Harry J. Geer, P.D.C., followed by presentation of flags by Sons and Auxiliary conducted by Patriotic Instructors George A. Strait and Mable Skinner.

April 14, 1956 business session opened at 10:00 A. M. by Department Commander A. Waller Lewis, Jr., following routine business the new officers were elected and installed by Past Commander-in-Chief Charles H. E. Moram as follows:

Dept. Commander, William A. Perry; Senior Vice, George A. Strait; Junior Vice, Robert G. E. Fowler; Dept. Council, George E. Burrows, A. Waller Lewis, Jr., and Wallace J. Macomber; Dept. Sec.-Treas., Harold E. Arnold.

In the evening a joint banquet was held at the Arsenal with P.D.C. Harold E. Arnold acting as toastmaster. Several national officers were present and several of the New England Department Commanders and Presidents were present. Also Presidents of local and affiliated organizations.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—State Camp No. 5 held a Lincoln Day Dinner meeting at the Maplehurst Inn on Sunday, February 12, 1956, at Antrim, N. H. Guest speaker was Col. Black (retired) of Bennington, N. H., who gave a short history of little known facts about Lincoln and his times.

The New Hampshire Department 74th Annual Encampment was held at Concord Highway Hotel, Concord, N. H. Commander Clarence Edmunds presiding. Guests were present from the following departments: Maine, Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Friday evening the annual Campfire was held in the State House and was well attended. A number of flags were presented to various schools and churches and the greetings of the national bodies were given. Brother Clarence Parker was master of ceremonies and as he has done in the past, came up with a marvelous job.

The election of officers was held with the following result: Commander, Richard Wyman, Keene, N. H.; S.V.C., Andrew Crooker, Hillsboro, N. H.; J.V.C., Fletcher Griffin, Penacook, N. H.; Sec.-Treas, Jackson Carr, Hillsboro, N. H., Patriotic Instructor, Laurence Manchester, N. H.; Organizer, Alexander D. Bugler, Keene, N. H.; Installing Officer, Robert Lawrence, Penacook, N. H.; Councillor, C. H. Parker, Keene, N. H.; Council Member, 3 Years, Clarence Edmunds, Bennington, N. H.

PENNSYLVANIA—We regret to inform the organization of the death of P.D.C. Dr. Henry A. Stewart (1920-1921), Descriptive No. 52 Camp. He was mustered into this Camp on July 28, 1887 and has maintained practically continuous membership therefrom. His services to our Order were so many

and so varied that we cannot begin to enumerate them.

NEW YORK—District Deputy Alfred Burchard of Elmira paid an official visit to Camp 88 at Waverly on March 4. Members of Camp 77 were guests of Mrs. A. S. Diven Tent, D.O.U.V., at an Appomattox Day dinner. The annual Memorial Sunday services of Diven camp will be held on Sunday, May 27.

The annual picnic of the Southern Tier Association will be held on the third Sunday in July at Hoffman Park, Elmira.

Du-Pont Eiseman Camp has reelected its officers. We welcome a new member, Edward S. Weigand. Plans for Memorial Day are in the making. The "Monitor" exhibit at a local bank was a great success.

MAINE—Hyde Camp No. 4 honored two of their members at their 60th anniversary, April 16, 1956. Past Division Commander Lloyd L. Hooker, mustered July 1, 1896, and Past Department Commander Vernon W. Miller, mustered April 5, 1899.

The Department mourns the passing of Senior Vice Department Commander Lynwood V. Miller of Camp 46, at Bath, Maine.

AUXILIARY NOTES

CALIFORNIA—Mrs. L. D. Glass of San Jose, National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, was honored at a banquet and reception in Hotel Anza, San Jose, Calif. Sponsors were General Phil Sheridan Camp and Auxiliary of San Jose. J. Manning Green, Commander of the Camp, introduced the speakers and Mrs. Green was general chairman.

MAINE—The installation of T. W. Hyde Auxiliary No. 11 was held in the G.A.R. Hall in Bath, Maine, in January, with Miss Phyllis Warner being installed President. Miss Warner is 17 years old and is believed to be one of the youngest Presidents in the Auxiliary. She was installed by her mother, Mrs. Frances L. Warner, the present Secretary-Treasurer of the Maine Department. Miss Warner is the third generation of her family to be President of Hyde Auxiliary, the largest Auxiliary in Maine.

MARYLAND—Appomattox Auxiliary No. 2 of Camp No. 2. On January 11, Department President Sister Alice B. Lucas installed the officers. Sister Dorothy Green succeeded her mother, Sister Nellie Harbart, as President. Sister Celeste Gentieu, who has been Council Member for many years, was again installed.

Plans are being made for the Department Encampment May 18 and 19 in Wilmington, Del., in the Y.M.C.A. Building.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—We are all happy to receive the good news from Marion and Cleon Heald from Florida. Cleon's heart condition is much better and we are all hoping they make the National Convention.

A life membership was recently presented to Past Department President Lilla Demond. The Department Convention is to be held at the New Hampshire Highway Hotel in Concord, April 20 and 21.

RHODE ISLAND—The Rhode Island Department Auxiliary entertained the Northeast Regional Sons and Auxiliary on March 17 and 18 in the Arsenal on Benefit Street for a two-day session.

On Sunday, February 12, we took part with the Grand Army Family Association in a celebration of Lincoln's Birthday. Each organization put on a tableau in keeping with the occasion. The Department members have been very active in the March of Dimes, Cancer and Heart drives.

VERMONT—The winter meeting of the Winooski Valley District was held in Barre, February 11, with an attendance of 32. A business meeting was conducted by Vice-President Amy Fancher. The spring meeting will be held in Montpelier in May. The N.E. Regional Meeting was held in Providence in March.

Springfield No. 1 has the distinction of having one very active member, Mrs. Eugenia Frazier, who celebrated her 90th birthday on March 10 by taking a trip to her birthplace, Bowmansville, Ontario.

Chelsea No. 15 has voted contributions to the Red Cross and the Childrens' Aid.

OREGON-WASHINGTON—National Pres. Leonore Glass will attend the Department Encampment at Seattle, May 20-22. Dept. Pres. Leilia Reynolds expects to have a new Camp ready for Sons to install at the Encampment. Dept. Commander Leonard has made great progress acquiring G.A.R. records and has made a card file record of most of its members who ever lived in Oregon. Eugene Auxiliary has had a series of teas exhibiting hobby collections, proceeds being for flag presentations. Loss of the help of many prominent members due to their illness or death has been severe.

NEW YORK—Auxiliary No. 45 presented a patriotic program at their February meeting to celebrate the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln. The program was conducted by Sister Susie Smith, Patriotic Instructor.

The Northern New York Club held their regular meeting on March 31 at Schenectady. Auxiliary No. 45 was host. Robert Wagoner was reelected President.

MASSACHUSETTS—Auxiliary No. 26, Sons of Union Veterans met in Grange Hall, Plymouth, with President Ida Bates presiding. Plans were made for the forthcoming 46th Anniversary of the Auxiliary and the 50th of Camp No. 4. Members of the Hanson Auxiliary will be special guests.

Mrs. Bertha Simpson and Mrs. Louise Gardner were delegates to the 66th Department Convention held April 27, 28 and 29 at the Sheraton Plaza Hotel in Boston. Mrs. Eva Sloan of the local Auxiliary attended as Department Treasurer.

In observance of the 53rd anniversary of Hanson Auxiliary No. 2, Sons of Union Veterans, a dinner was held at the Kingston Inn on March 3rd. Seated at the head table were President Ruth DeMullis and Charles DeMullis, and charter members: Mrs. Mary Simmons, Mrs. Blanche Crocker, Mrs. Kate Burgess, Mrs. Mabel Thurston and Frank Thurston.