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JOHN E. SAUTTER

It is with great sorrow and heavy hearts that we record the death of Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter. Brother Sautter died in Florida on March 30th and was buried in St. Petersburg on April 2nd. He joined the Order in 1890 and after having served the Pennsylvania Department in many capacities, including Department Commander, he was elected as Commander-in-Chief at the Chattanooga Encampment in 1913.

Only a man who had complete faith in the future of the Order would have dedicated himself so wholeheartedly to its interests. John was an optimist and a believer in the triumph of the American Way of Life. He retained his faith and optimism to the very end.

A former chief clerk to the superintendent of the Pennsylvania Railroad, he retired in 1943 after 50 years of service. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Zarathatha Lodge, F. & A. M., and the Pennsylvania Railroad Retired Veterans Association. To his loving wife Gertrude, who is a Past National President of our Auxiliary, and to his sons, John and George and to his daughters Thelma and Jane, we extend profound sympathy in their great loss.

John Sautter leaves behind him a deeply grateful organization, who are devoted to the perpetuation of the principles he has so long advocated. What he did to make this a better Order will always be remembered in the annals of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Perhaps he exemplified to a greater degree than any of those who held the high office of Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans, the undying principles of the Order; Fraternity, Charity and loyalty, and under his leadership reached the peak membership of over 50,000 members. His attendance at the National Encampments and his participation in the selection of its officers was perfect until failing health for the past few years made it impossible to attend. He attained membership in other fraternal organizations but to none of them was he more devoted than the Sons of Union Veterans. His passing leaves a void that is not likely to be filled, but his record of unselfish service to the Order has been an inspiration to many of his associates and will serve as a stimulus to those who survive his active career.

CHARLES F. SHERMAN, Past Commander-in-Chief.

To have known John Sautter was a pleasure, and to have him as a friend, a privilege. His vast knowledge of the organization, gained through a lifetime of membership, plus his good judgment and common sense, made him of inestimable value to the Order. His keen understanding of human nature, and his ever present desire to be of service to mankind, has endeared him to everyone with whom he came in contact. John Sautter will be greatly missed, and never replaced in the hearts of those who loved him.

C. LEROY STOUTD, Past Commander-in-Chief.

The saddest thing about growing old is that we survive so many of our friends. And now our Senior Past Commander-in-Chief and good friend John E. Sautter has answered the last roll call and is with us no more! May his soul rest in peace. We shall always remember him, not only as an outstanding and exemplary member of



our Order, as a great American, but also as a valued and beloved brother and "guide, philosopher and friend." Few men can meet their God with as clear a conscience and as fine a record of a life well worthwhile, all duties well performed. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his widow and family. We shall share their grief and sense of bereavement for the years that are left to us, and never forget the benefits of his wise advice and the affection we have felt for him, one and all of us.

U. S. GRANT 3rd, Past Commander-in-Chief.

John E. Sautter, familiar figure at National Encampments for half a century, and more recently dean of all the Past Commanders-in-Chief, has gone to his fathers.

My personal and more intimate acquaintance with him goes back forty-five years to the time when, as the newly elected Commander-in-Chief, he asked that I serve a second term as the National Counselor on his staff.

He lived for the Sons of Veterans and his devotion to the Grand Army of the Republic was phenomenal. He perhaps attained the zenith of his ambitions when, in 1925, he conducted his fellow Pennsylvanian, Dr. Louis F. Arensburg, then Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., to the rostrum of our National Encampment in Grand Rapids; made response in our behalf to the Commander's greetings; and immediately thereafter, as Chairman of a Special Committee of Past Commanders-in-Chief who had been working long with a similar Committee of the G. A. R., presented their resolution which resulted in changing our name to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This was at the suggestion of the Grand Army of the Republic, and with their approval; and John hoped and believed that it might bring about an even closer relationship between the Grand Army and the Sons.

It seems symbolic of his life, perhaps prophetic—that John's last Encampment should have been the Diamond Jubilee of the Order, when, in 1956, at Gettysburg Battlefield, he assisted in dedication of a memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic, in the form of a statue of Albert Woolson, its last survivor.

To know John Sautter was to love him; his enthusiasm was contagious. We shall sorely miss his physical presence; but his Spirit and works still live. We shall cherish his memory and example always.

WM. M. COFFIN, Past Commander-in-Chief.

In Memory of Our Honored Defenders

In many homes of this wide land there is personal reason for the living to honor the dead on Decoration Day. For three generations the Thirtieth of May has been appointed for national remembrance, and these years have seen Americans fighting and dying in many wars. Their tale may be told again, their deeds honored with flags and flowers, as the least tribute the living can pay to those who gave their own lives that their country might live.

The sadness of personal loss is partly healed by time, but there long remains a question which has no easy answer. Why should a young life be sacrificed to the indifferent cruelty of war, ending its hopes of happiness and usefulness on earth? Robert Louis Stevenson gave part of the answer in a poem which brings comfort to many who have lost a man in their country's service.

O stricken heart, remember, O remember
How of human days he lived the better part.

And Horace, of ancient Rome, found some of the answer in his famous epitaph: "Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori." These thoughts are for us, the living, on the day dedicated to memories of those who have died in war or while standing guard in peace.

Some will always be above others. Destroy the inequality today, and it will appear again tomorrow.



LEST WE FORGET

THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

"The Grand Army of the Republic was a unique organization. No child could be born into it. No proclamation of president, edict of king or czar could command admission. No university or institution of learning could issue a diploma authorizing its holder to entrance. No act of Parliament or Congress secured recognition. The wealth of a Vanderbilt could not purchase the position. Its door opened only on the presentation of a bit of parchment, worn, torn, and begrimed as it may be, which certifies to an honorable discharge from the armies or navies of the nation during the war against the rebellion, and, unlike any other organization, no new blood could come in."

The Grand Army of the Republic was also unique in this: It had no predecessor; it can have no successor. When the last Comrade entitled to wear the little bronze button passed on, the Grand Army passed out forever, but the work and the spirit of service to which it was dedicated will go on indefinitely through recognized and authorized allies—Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, The Woman's Relief Corps, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to whose loyalty and devotion the Grand Army of the Republic implicitly entrusted its future.

The first G.A.R. Charter was issued to an Illinois Post, at Decatur, Ill., and was dated April 6, 1866. The maximum G.A.R. membership was attained in 1890, with a total enrollment of 409,489. The entire membership at the close of the year 1929 was 21,080. The last survivor, Albert Woolson, of Duluth, Minn., passed away on August 2, 1956.

Reduce Those "Back Door" Losses

Let's take another look at this "back door problem." Many of us are prone to blame the delinquent member for failing to renew his membership for the following year, but I wonder if it is his fault entirely.

Let's say that you sign up a man. Do you take the trouble to call him the day before the next meeting and offer to bring him down to the meeting with you or some other member of the Camp? Or do you just assume he will be there, and if he isn't, then promptly forget him.

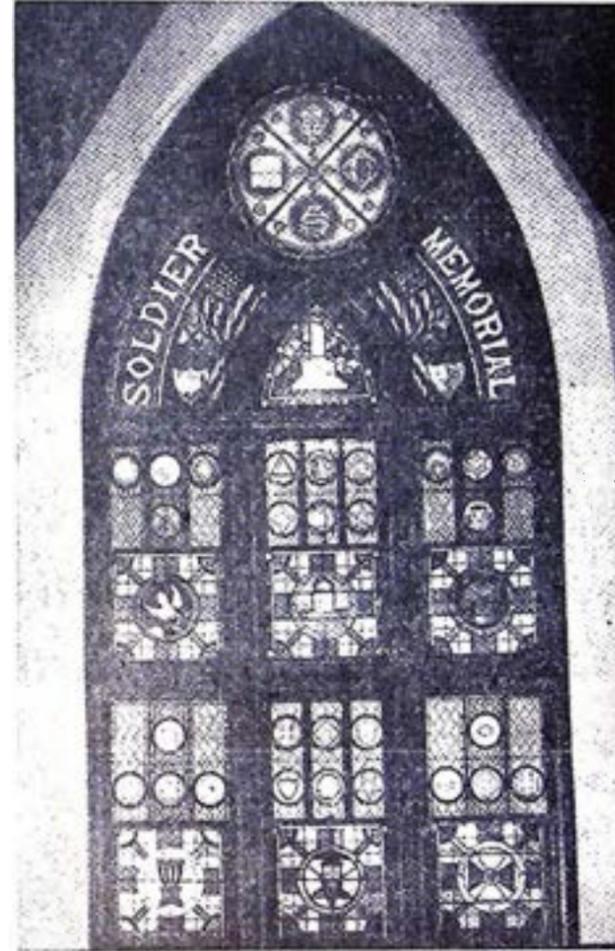
Let's suppose he does show up, a total stranger to everyone but you. What next? Do you and your own special friends join a little group to discuss Camp politics, complain about the weather, or tell a few jokes until the Commander raps the gavel to start the meeting. All this time, has your recruit been sitting over there wondering what this is all about, and why he's there, and why he ever joined in the first place.

Well, even at this point it still wouldn't be too late to start demonstrating some "fraternity." Why not make him feel welcome? But let's not stop there. Seat him next to you during the meetings, and after the business session is over, take him by the arm and show him around. Introduce him to the other Camp members. Brag just a little about the past achievements of the Camp. Explain the various projects you're now working on and find out what he's particularly interested in, and urge him to become a voluntary member of that committee.

Does any or all of this strike home: make you wince just a little; give you a guilty feeling when you look back on that last member you signed up? If so—it was intended to do just that. And again let's not stop here, but do something about it. Let's welcome our new members as they should be, make them a part of our organization immediately upon becoming a member. When you have them doing something their continued membership will be automatic, and the oft repeated phrases "What will I get out of it" and "What will it do for me" will no longer be heard.

HAROLD E. ARNOLD,
Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Soldier Memorial Window, Probably Only One Of Its Kind



Perhaps the only church memorial in the nation dedicated to the brave soldiers of the Grand Army of the Republic is a large Gothic-shaped stained glass window in the Topeka, Kansas First Evangelical Lutheran Church. It is called simply the Soldier Memorial. Dedicated in January, 1885, to the memory of the Union Soldier, the window measures 25 feet high and 12 feet wide.

Six panels in the many colored window bear the insignia of various Union Army corps which took part in the Civil War.

The G. A. R. panel shows "the badge of honor," worn on the breast of the honorably discharged soldier, while the Sons of Veterans panel portrays that organization "ready to receive and guard the noble heritage committed to them by their fathers."

What Does the Coming Civil War Centennial Mean to You?

We might just as well ask you what your membership in our Order means to you.

During the years 1961 to 1965 you will, as never before or ever again, have the opportunity to be a militant and effective Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War.

Because of our heritage, our widespread numbers, and our

presence in every walk of life, we will be expected to be the present-day representatives of the Civil War period.

We now have the National Civil War Centennial Commission, organized by Act of Congress, and under the able aegis of our own General Grant. A number of Departments have already formed their own Civil War Centennial Committees, as well as certain individual Camps within these Departments.

However, unless the rank and file of our membership recognize and realize their great destiny (and golden opportunity for the "Good of the Order"), all of this organizing from the top down will be but "window dressing" and will have but little real effect upon our country and our fellow-citizens.

Through these "centennial" activities, I will mention but one (in the interest of brevity) of many valuable contributions that can be made to the eventual betterment of our nation—with particular reference to the recently discovered critical need for better educational processes for our young people.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are well aware that, to build a good, functioning, well-equipped citizen, the young man or woman must be taught what our country is (in all its manifestations) and how and why it came to be that way. In other words, a thorough study of the History of the United States—a subject that is all too frequently neglected or hurriedly or carelessly scanned.

We must, then, use these "centennial" years to promote a more adequate and comprehensive teaching of American History.

Here is a direct message to each Brother, whether he has been a member for less than a year or for over sixty years.

This is why you joined! This is what you have been waiting for! This is the "labor of love" that is in and of your blood! Everything that you have ever imagined for yourself as a Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War is possible to you during this 100th Anniversary.

What will be expected of you?

First of all, brush up on the Union Veteran to whom you owe your eligibility—know his service both in and out of the military.

This research will lead to knowledge and understanding about our G. A. R. veterans and historic Civil War events in and from your own community.

Then you are ready for service in your local Civil War Centennial Committee.

General Grant and Earl Riggs, our National Patriotic Instructor, are members of our Order's National Committee and the ones to look to for advice and assistance by all Departments.

Massachusetts will be happy to be of service to all Camps within their Department and is also prepared to share, with anyone in the Order, their discoveries along these lines to date.

Ernest G. Wells.

OMNIBUS

THE BOSTON CONVENTION COMMITTEE advises that there will be no hotel reservation cards distributed this year for the 77th Annual Encampment to be held August 17-21. Headquarters will be at the Sheraton-Plaza Hotel where the rates are \$10.00 for a single room, and \$15.00 for a double room. The Hotel Lenox, which is one block away has rates of \$8.00 for single and \$13.00 for double. The hotels are prepared to accept reservations now.

A MOONLIGHT SAIL ON BOSTON HARBOR has been arranged for all attending the Encampment at no charge. The Wilson Liner "Boston Belle" will be for our exclusive use, and there will be an orchestra aboard for dancing.

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF U. S. GRANT 3rd was highly honored on April 8th when he was presented with the Washington Civil War Round Table GOLD MEDAL for 1958. This high honor was richly deserved by our distinguished member.

BEGINNERS' GUIDE TO THE CIVIL WAR is a special 14 page article by Bruce Catton that will be published in the June issue of PAGEANT, which will be on sale May 8th. We highly recommend it for your reading pleasure.



General Order No. 4 Series 1957-1958

Headquarters
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War
P. O. Box 550
Sanford, Maine

May 1, 1958

1. Your Commander-in-Chief had a most successful trip to the Western Departments during which he was royally entertained at thirteen official receptions. He also visited the Central Department where he feels that his official visits were beneficial.

2. On April 15th, the anniversary of Lincoln's death, your Commander with members of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion participating, held a very impressive service in the Lincoln Tomb at Springfield, Illinois. Past Commander-in-Chief William N. Coffin gave a very impressive address with the Lincoln Farewell as the theme.

3. The convention committees are progressing on plans for our 77th Annual National Encampment to be held in Boston, Mass., August 17-21, with headquarters at the Sheraton-Plaza Hotel in Copley Square.

The hotel will have a flat rate of \$10.00 single and \$15.00 double. Hotel Lenox, one block away, has rates of \$8.00 single and \$13.00 double. Make reservations direct to hotel. There will be no reservation cards.

A boat holding 3,000 has been chartered for a moonlight harbor trip of three hours on Wednesday night of the convention, with possibly a stop at the famous Nantasket Beach. The ride will not be limited to members. You can bring eligibles and members of your family and they will be welcome. There will be an orchestra and we will have exclusive possession of the ship, all without charge.

4. I find that in many places I visited, they do not have the new Constitution and Regulations and the new Ritual. These can be ordered direct from the National Secretary-Treasurer. Rituals sell for 75c and C. & R. for 40c.

5. We have, in the passing away of P. C. in C. John E. Sautter, sustained a very great loss. His place in our Order can never be replaced.

New Hampshire Department has sustained a loss in the sudden passing away of their Department Commander, Andrew J. Crocker two weeks before their Encampment.

6. Before this is printed, your Commander-in-Chief will have attended ceremonies on April 27th at Grant's Tomb, Riverside Drive, New York.

ALBERT B. DeHAVEN,
Commander-in-Chief.

LINCOLN, MAN OF PEACE

No anniversary is more welcome—none comes to the American people, whatever their mind or feeling at the moment may be, with a more healing and reviving touch—than the birthday of Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln was, as Lord Charnwood said of him, "a citizen of that far country where there is neither aristocrat nor democrat." Lincoln's country, Lincoln's world, it can be surely believed, was one where all men, of every race and color, can walk as free men in the freedom that only peace knows.



Photo by Abbie Rowe—Courtesy National Park Service

Pictured at left is Past Commander-in-Chief, Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd, and Commander-in-Chief DeHaven at the oldest Lincoln Statue in Washington, located in front of the old District of Columbia Court House, where the Ladies of the G. A. R. held a ceremony on February 12th. These exercises immediately followed those held at the Lincoln Memorial

by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. On April 14th our Order again sponsored a celebration at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Illinois, commemorating the death of the martyred President. Commander-in-Chief DeHaven acted as master of ceremonies, and the prayer was given by Frank Huntington, Commander of the Illinois Commandery of the Loyal Legion. Wreaths were placed by C. in C. DeHaven, Wm. C. Duval representing the Loyal Legion, and James L. High representing the Illinois Commandery of the Loyal Legion. Past Commander-in-Chief William Coffin, Ohio, delivered the principal address which was based on "Lincoln's Farewell." Benediction was delivered by Frank Huntington.

Permanent Fund

Our Permanent Fund was authorized to unite us and to assure a permanent association. No member is obligated to contribute, nor may he be assessed. All funds in the Permanent Fund must be voluntary to fulfill its intent and purpose. Any member may contribute in memory of his family or Civil War ancestor to honor and perpetuate the memory of their name.

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.)
(Contributions are deductible for Income Tax purposes—Section 170 of the Code of 1951)

The following contribution, which has been received since the last issue of THE BANNER, represents his seventh major contribution.
Maj-Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd \$500.00

RELATIVE LOSSES, CIVIL WAR

From "Grant and Lee" by Maj-Gen. J. F. C. Fuller,* pages 273-4.

GRANT			
		Federal	Confederate
Fort Donelson	: Feb. 12-16, 1862	: 9.6%	: 9.5%
Shiloh	: April 6-7, 1862	: 16.2%	: 24.1%
Corinth	: Oct. 3-4, 1862	: 10.4%	: 11.2%
Champion's Hill	: May 16, 1863	: 7.6%	: 10.9%
Vicksburg	: May 22, 1863	: 6.7%	: —
Chattanooga	: Nov. 23-5, 1863	: 9.7%	: 5.5%
LEE			
Mechanicsville	: June 25, 1862	: 1.6%	: 9.1%
Gaines Mill	: June 27, 1862	: 11.7%	: 15.3%
Peach Orchard & Malvern Hill	: June 29-July 1, 1862	: 6.0%	: 9.9%
Seven Days Battle	: June 25-July 1, 1862	: 10.7%	: 20.7%
Manassas & Chantilly	: Aug. 27-Sept. 2, 1862	: 13.2%	: 18.7%
South Mountain	: Sept. 14, 1862	: 6.8%	: 10.5%
Antietam	: Sept. 16-17, 1862	: 15.5%	: 22.6%
Fredericksburg	: Dec. 13, 1862	: 10.3%	: 6.4%
Chancellorsville	: May 1-4, 1863	: 11.4%	: 18.7%
Gettysburg	: July 1-3, 1863	: 20.0%	: 30.1%

From these two tables we learn the following: in Grant's six battles, the average percentage of men hit, that is killed and wounded, was 10.03 per cent, and in Lee's ten the average was 16.20 per cent.

I will now turn to the battles fought between Grant and Lee in 1864-'65:

GRANT-LEE, 1864-65			
		Grant	Lee
Wilderness and Spottsylvania	: May 5-12, 1864	: 29.6%	: ?
Cold Harbor	: June 1-3, 1864	: 11.1%	: ?
The Mine	: July 30, 1864	: 13.8%	: ?
Deep Bottom	: Aug. 14-19, 1864	: 7.8%	: ?
Weldon Railroad	: Aug. 18-21, 1864	: 6.4%	: 8.1%
Boydton Plank Rd.	: Oct. 27-28, 1864	: 2.8%	: ?
Hatcher's Run	: Feb. 5-7, 1865	: 3.9%	: ?
Appomattox Cam.	: March 29-April 5, 1865	: 8.0%	: ?

As no accurate figures exist for Lee's losses they cannot be given, which in itself shows the indifferent staff work in his army, but as regards Grant's, his average loss in these eight battles was 10.42 per cent which compares closely with his average during 1862-63, and is still considerably lower than Lee's during the same period. Of forty-six battles, great and small, tabulated by Livermore . . . the Federal losses work out at 11.07 per cent, and the Confederate at 12.25 per cent; both of which figures are higher than Grant's total average of 10.225 per cent, and decidedly below Lee's average of 16.20 per cent, for the years 1862-63, in spite of the fact that they include his losses. That Grant's casualties were abnormally high and that he was reckless of his losses is thus proved a myth—one of the most persistent myths in the history of the war.

* Gen. Fuller is a British Major-General, and one of the persistent proponents for development and use of tanks in World War I.

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Albert C. Lambert, P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J.

A Word From Your Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

When your Father or Grand Father enlisted in the Civil War he did so to uphold the Union cause, to make this a better place to live and keep the country united. In so doing he made it possible for you to join the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War being a National organization extended to you a loan of Membership and like all other loans, it carries an interest charge.

Interest is payable in regular attendance at all meetings and in service to fellow members, to your community, to your vocation and in the promotion of National good will and understanding.

Interest is compounded annually and is paid in tokens of fellowship, work and play, in thought and deed, in your business, social and religious life, and in the development of respect by others for the service we give.

Penalty for default in interest is the loss of benefits and the recall of the loan of membership.

As your Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief I would appreciate hearing from the Department Commanders in regard to Grand Army property they were able to locate. We can pay our interest on our membership by recovering our property. Also by promoting peace and harmony among the Camps in our Departments. May we all put aside our petty jealousy and work for the good of the organization remembering that "He who serves best profits most."

Only one Department has replied to my circular, I hope to hear from the others soon.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

LOUIS T. STORY,
Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief.



Time Is Getting Short

Your National Patriotic Instructor would again like to invite you to join those whose names will be read in Boston as having contributed to the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund.

Many of our Brothers have already received their "I REMEMBERED" card. Hurry, send in your donation.

BE PROUD BE GRATEFUL BE WISE

PROUD of the organization of which you are a member. GRATEFUL that you have the right and eligibility to belong.

WISE in helping to carry on our work, for only from funds raised by the National Patriotic Instructor do we derive money for our patriotic work.

Memorial Day is one of the most sacred days to a Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War. One day of the year when we pay our respects to those who have gone before. Do your part to keep it a sacred day. Take part in local activities.

Greetings and good wishes to each Department for a happy and successful encampment. Don't forget your National Patriotic Instructor's Fund.

EARL F. RIGGS,
National Patriotic Instructor.

Power always establishes itself through service and perishes through abuse.

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.

He who establishes his argument by noise and command, shows that his reason is weak.

If we are to keep our democracy, there must be one commandment; "Thou shalt not ration justice."

100 YEARS AGO

*A house divided against itself cannot stand.
I believe this government cannot endure permanently half slave and half free.*

ABRAHAM LINCOLN, 1858

When Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe was introduced to President Lincoln in 1862, he remarked with twinkling eye, "So you're the little woman who wrote the book that made this great war." The truth is that Uncle Tom's Cabin helped start the Civil War—and win it. The story left a profound impression on the North. Uncounted thousands of readers swore that henceforth they would have nothing to do with the enforcement of the Fugitive Slave Law. The tale was devoured by millions of impressionable youths in the 1850's—the later Boys in Blue who volunteered to fight the Civil War through to its grim finale.

The novel was immensely popular abroad, especially in England and France. Countless readers wept over the kindly Tom and the angelic Eva, while deploring the brutal Simon Legree. When the guns in America finally began to boom, the common people of England sensed that the triumph of the North would spell the end of the black curse. The governments in London and Paris seriously considered intervening in behalf of the South, but they were sobered by the realization that their own people, aroused by the "Tom-mania," might not support them.

The Illinois senatorial election of 1858 claimed the national spotlight. The term of Senator Douglas was about to expire, and the Republicans decided to run against him a rustic Springfield lawyer by the name of Abraham Lincoln.

Lincoln, as the Republican nominee for Senator, boldly challenged Douglas to a series of joint debates. This was a rash act, because the "Little Giant" was probably the nation's most devastating debater. The Senator promptly accepted the challenge, and seven meetings were arranged.

At first glance, the two contestants seemed ill-matched. The well-groomed and polished Douglas, with stumpy figure and bullish voice, presented a striking contrast to the lanky Lincoln, with his baggy clothes and unshined shoes. Moreover, "Old Abe," as he was called in both affection and derision, had a piercing, high-pitched voice, and was often ill at ease when he began to speak. But as he threw himself into an argument, he seemed to grow in height, while his glowing eyes lighted up a rugged face. He relied on logic rather than on table-thumping.

The upshot was that Douglas defeated Lincoln for the Senate seat, whether as a result of, or in spite of, the debates. United States Senators were then chosen by state legislatures; and in the general election that followed the debates, more pro-Douglas members were elected than pro-Lincoln members. Yet, the districts carried by the Douglas men represented a smaller population than those carried by the Lincoln men. In these circumstances, "Honest Abe" won a clear moral victory.

Although defeated, Lincoln began to emerge as a potential nominee of the Republicans for President. Newspapers in the West published detailed accounts of the debate. Douglas, in winning Illinois, ruined his own chances of winning the Presidency, and at the same time split his party, as the Southern Democrats were determined to break up the party and the Union before they would accept him and his Freeport doctrine. The Lincoln-Douglas debate platform thus proved to be one of the preliminary battlefields of the Civil War.

As a free people, we talk freely of our weaknesses as well as our strengths, our troubles as well as our triumphs. The Communists tell the outside world only what they want us to hear.

Lack of something to feel important about is almost the greatest tragedy a man may have.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Report No. 1182

COMMUNIST POLITICAL SUBVERSION

August 16, 1957—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Introduction

A prodigious campaign of political subversion, clandestinely directed by a nationwide apparatus of Communist agents, menaces the entire security system of the United States. The essence of this campaign is the perversion of our democratic processes of government. If it continues unabated it promises the Kremlin a degree of success that never could have been achieved by the classic means of force and violence.

These facts were established beyond any contra-vention in a series of hearings conducted by the Committee on Un-American Activities, in principal cities throughout the United States, to inquire into Communist political subversion. The principal subject of the committee's investigation was the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, which has become the chief instrument of the Communist Party in its current efforts to destroy the Walter-McCarran Immigration and Nationality Act, the Internal Security Act, the Smith Act, and all other legislative and executive action aimed against the Kremlin's conspiratorial organization in the United States.

An Ominous Quote

"As Soviet power grows, there will be a greater aversion to Communist parties everywhere. So we must practice the techniques of withdrawal. Never appear in the foreground: let our friends do the work. We must always remember that one sympathizer is generally worth more than a dozen militant Communists. A university professor, who without being a party member lends himself to the interests of the Soviet Union, is worth more than a hundred men with party cards. A writer of reputation, or a retired general, are worth more than 500 poor devils who don't know any better than to get themselves beaten up by the police. Every man has his value, his merit. The writer who, without being a party member, defends the Soviet Union, the union leader who is outside our ranks but defends Soviet international policy, is worth more than a thousand party members.

"Those who are not party members or marked as Communists enjoy greater freedom of action. This dissimulated activity which awakes no resistance is much more effective than a frontal attack by the Communists. Our friends must confuse the adversary for us, carry out our main directives, mobilize in favor of our campaigns people who do not think as we do, and whom we could never reach. In this tactic we must use everyone who comes near us; and the number grows every day."—Georgi Dimitrov, secretary general of the Communist International.



Department News



CALIFORNIA

BURLINGAME CAMP 14 was honored by official visit of Dept. Sr. Vice Wilcox representing Comm. Snow on February 12. Many Department and National Officers were present, as well as Dept. Pres. Mrs. Mary Story . . . some forty guests and members were present . . . refreshments were served by James and Jane Riggs, Eunice Freeland and committees.

HOOKER Aux. 9 of Pomona presented an American Flag to Upland Woman's Club, Mrs. Beatrice Riggs, President, accepting with thanks. On April 26 the Aux. will present another flag to the Townsend Club.

SHERIDAN CAMP 4 and AUX. 12, assisted by other Camps and Aux's. in Northern California entertained the Commander-in-Chief and his wife, Mrs. DeHaven on their visitation to San Jose with a lovely dinner and program in the Hotel DeAnza. At the District Meeting held in Oakland, Edith Griffith was elected District President.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF DeHaven and his lovely wife were given a reception in Pasadena on March 12 with more than 100 present at an Old Fashioned Pot-Luck dinner, followed by a lovely musical program. Burlingame Camp was honored by having the reception on their night and having a short business meeting conducted by James R. Riggs, Commander. Santa Ana Camp and Aux. served a lovely ham dinner at the regular meeting of District No. 2. President Beatrice Riggs welcomed some 85 or 90 members of the Order. A lovely program and an interesting meeting was enjoyed. Many beautiful gifts and favors were presented to the honored guests.

THE CALIFORNIA ENCAMPMENT will be in progress when this issue goes to press with Commander L. F. Snow and President Mary Story presiding. We are looking forward to the visit of National President Sister Anne O. Clayton of Trenton, N. J. at that time.

COLORADO & WYOMING



Shown above back row: W. C. Jacobs, Commander-in-Chief DeHaven, Dept. Comm. Carl Fischer, A. G. Myers and Earl Wright. Front row: W. R. Coffey, Roy Rodgers, George Hanes, Jos. Hawkins, Ben Adamson and George Lee.

This picture was taken March 8 at a banquet honoring Commander-in-Chief DeHaven and Mrs. DeHaven. Also present were Natl. Patr. Instr. Mae Levine, Dept. Pres. Augusta Sullivan and Dept. Pres. Barbara Rodgers of the Ladies of the G. A. R.

ILLINOIS

DECATUR—On April 8 the members of Camp 14 were hosts to the 92nd Grand Army of the Republic Anniversary. A dinner was served to 79 persons. This annual affair commemorating the founding of the G. A. R. are sponsored by

the organizations of the Grand Army Family. Mr. Otto Kyle of the Decatur Herald Review spoke on the Lincoln-Douglas debates. Mr. Kyle is author of a new book "Abraham Lincoln in Decatur." National and Department Officers of the various allied orders were present. Other patriotic organizations in Decatur also attended.

BEST WISHES are extended to P. C. in C. Dick Locke who is recovering from a slight stroke suffered early in April.

INDIANA

The Department held a reception for Commander-in-Chief Albert B. DeHaven on April 19 in the Rainbow Room of the Severin Hotel in Indianapolis. All Departments of the G. A. R. Family were well represented. John M. Caylor, Dept. Comm. called on the Commanders of each Camp to give a report to the Commander-in-Chief. Dept. Pres. of the Aux. presented the Commander-in-Chief with gifts as a token of their esteem. He also visited Emma Finch, P.N.P., and examined the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in the City of Indianapolis.

MAINE

GARFIELD CAMP had their 70th anniversary and the Auxiliary their 50th anniversary on March 17 with Maurice Warner as Guest Speaker. Other speakers were Mayor Albert Bernier, Justice F. Harold Dubord and Albert Larsen. Brother Larsen gave the history of Garfield Camp and Sister Junah Oliver gave the history of the Auxiliary. Members were present from Farmington, Bath, Pittsfield, Portland, Canaan, Oakland, Augusta and Camden.

HYDE CAMP of Bath went to Togus Veterans Hospital on March 22 with gifts for the veterans.

NAT'L PRES. Anne O. Clayton made her visitation to Maine at Portland on April 10 with dinner at the Falmouth Hotel. A reception was held at the Bosworth Memorial Hall at which time master of ceremonies was Clarence P. Renell. Distinguished guests included C. in C. and Mrs. Albert DeHaven; Natl. Chaplain and Mrs. Charles C. Webster; Maurice J. Warner, personal aide to the Commander-in-Chief; Golda Hall, Dept. Pres., and David E. Grindle, Dept. Commander.

MICHIGAN

DEPT. PRES. MARIE PETERS announces that the Department will entertain Natl. Pres. Sister Anne O. Clayton of Trenton, N. J. on May 22 in Detroit. Sister Peters also requests a good attendance at the Aux. Dept. Encampment to be held in Grand Rapids June 11-12. Thomas Davey Aux. will be hostess to the National President and her aide at their meeting place, 1942 Grand River, with dinner at Victor Tim's at 6:30.

ELIZA BARKER LEWARK, age 97, and the last surviving daughter of Thomas Barker, after whom the Thomas Barker Camp was named, died on March 13. As late as 1956 she had appeared before the Department of Michigan with Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd.

MINNESOTA

MINNEAPOLIS Camp and Aux. 8 entertained Commander-in-Chief DeHaven on April 16 in G. A. R. Hall. Dept. Pres. Amelia Anderson and Aux. 8 prepared a fine supper. Then the two groups had open house for the Commander-in-Chief and listened to his inspiring message. Former Sr. Vice C. in C. Dewey Mead made a fine response as did former Natl. Patr. Instr. Bertha Longfield of St. Paul. We are now making plans for our Encampment on May 31 and the pilgrimage to Duluth for the dedication on June 1 of the plaque to Comrade Woolson being erected at his graveside by the National Auxiliary. Natl. Pres. Anne O. Clayton and P.N.P. Ellinore Konrad are in charge of this project. We plan a bus load for that trip.

MISSOURI

We regret to report the death of P.D.P. Mrs. Mae Culley of Kansas City. Sister Culley served as Department President on two occasions. She was a member for many years and always could be depended upon to help in any capacity when called upon.

NEW JERSEY

SYMPATHY is extended to the Camps and families of Brothers Edwin Peak of Atlantic City, Benjamin Hook of

Paterson and Christian Audersirk of Trenton. All three loyal members died since the last issue of The Banner.

VANDERHOOF HONORED—Wm. Vanderhoof, Jr., of Plainfield, county supervisor of veterans' interment and Sr. Vice Commander of Lincoln Camp 100 has received a plaque from the Daughters of Confederacy for assistance in marking graves of Confederate Veterans in the North.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION No. 14 has been introduced in the New Jersey Legislature by Assemblyman Raymond J. Stewart of Trenton to provide for a New Jersey Civil War Centennial Commission.

NEW JERSEY STATE CAMP semi-annual dinner meeting was held April 19 at Washington Crossing Inn with Commander Edward Bolan presiding. Leroy Davenport, Jr., and Henry Bender, Jr., were admitted to membership. The speaker of the evening was Mr. Boyd F. Bedlyon, Jr., who is a member at large of our Order. Mr. Bedlyon is director of education at Penn-Manor Junior High School at Millersville, Pa., where he is also the sponsor of the Junior Civil War Round Table Club. At the conclusion of his talk "effects on the civilian population of the Confederate invasion of Pennsylvania" he presented an honorary membership in the Civil War Round Table of Penn-Manor Jr. High School to Nat'l Secy.-Treas. Albert C. Lambert.

NEW YORK

THE GRANT BIRTHDAY COMMITTEE held its annual commemoration of the birth of General Ulysses S. Grant at his Tomb on Riverside Drive on Sunday, April 27th, at which time Commander-in-Chief DeHaven was one of the principal speakers. The committee in charge included Clarence A. Maples, Bertram Isaacs, Norman Dellinger, Cecil M. Baer, Mayme E. Dwyer, Edith M. Paulding, Caroline Kaiser and Mae M. Maples.

BEST WISHES are extended to Fred Colwell who suffered a heart attack on March 19th and was hospitalized in Genesee Hospital, Rochester.

MT. MCGREGOR services will be held on May 4th honoring General Grant at Mt. McGregor, N. Y. under auspices of the Northern New York association.

OLIVER TILDEN Camp 26 has arranged to have the New York Unit of the Sons of Confederate Veterans march with them on Memorial Day as escort to the G. A. R. Colors. They will also have a Military Cadet Corps carry about 25 G. A. R. Post Colors in the parade. The Camp will decorate Woodlawn Cemetery as well as other cemeteries in the Bronx. Bert Sack has recently been reelected as Camp Commander. Oliver Tilden Aux. 31 recently presented a 50 year badge to Mrs. Bertha Koch, the mother of Pres. Rose Freibly. The Auxiliary will participate with the Camp in Memorial Sunday and Memorial Day activities.

DU PONT-EISEMAN Camp 2 recently reelected its entire staff of officers for another term. The Camp recently gained a new member, and is now actively planning for Memorial Day.

OREGON & WASHINGTON

Commander-in-Chief Albert DeHaven and his gracious wife, Natl. Treas. Nellie DeHaven visited all four Auxiliaries in the Oregon-Washington Department and were royally welcomed. In Eugene a Pot-Luck lunch was held after which a reception was given. Portland Aux. entertained with a lovely lunch as did Seattle, Wash. We are now busy planning for our Encampment to be held in Portland June 1-3 at the Heathman Hotel.

PENNSYLVANIA

Judge Albert S. Readinger of the Berks County Court of Common Pleas discussed Americanism at the 26th annual dinner-dance sponsored by Reading's Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic held at the Hotel Lincoln on April 12 in commemoration of Appomattox Day. Following the dinner the Good Citizen Award was presented.

Father Huesman has contributed notably in the field of social welfare and in the local TB campaign. He is an outstanding member of the community and interested in every movement for civic betterment. He is active in many welfare and civic groups and has made an outstanding record in the field of charitable endeavors.

MEADE CAMP PRESENTS AWARD TO PRIEST



In the picture Rev. Father Henry J. Huesman, seated, rector of St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, is presented with Meade Camp's 1958 Good Citizen Award by, standing left to right, Carl P. Gutekunst of Philadelphia, Dept. Comm.; W. Howard Still Sr., Secy.-Treas. of Meade Camp, and C. Leroy Stoudt, Past Commander-in-Chief. (Eagle Staff Photo)

RHODE ISLAND

At the 70th Department Encampment held in the Arsenal at Providence recently we were pleased to welcome Commander-in-Chief Albert DeHaven of Maine and Natl. Pres. Anne O. Clayton of New Jersey.

Among new officers elected and installed were: Commander H. Dwight Bromley of Westerly and Harold E. Arnold of Scituate as Secretary-Treasurer.

VERMONT

At the March meeting of District No. 5 held in Rutland on March 8 a project was adopted to present a flag each year to a rural school in memory of P.D.C. George A. DeWitt. A. C. Aldrich of Brattleboro was elected chairman of this project to serve for a period of five years. At the same meeting a quiz contest between Brattleboro and Bellows Falls was won by Bellows Falls. Springfield has challenged Bellows Falls to a similar contest in Brattleboro May 17.

P.D.C. A. C. Aldrich and P.D.C. A. G. Nichols represented the Department at the New England Regional meeting in Providence, R. I., March 15-16.

Most of the Allied Orders have appointed Centennial Committees. Chairman Thomas Chadwick will call a meeting of the joint committees during the Department Encampment.

Dept. Organizer A. C. Aldrich who already has eight new members to his credit, has four more candidates to be initiated on May 1. Green Mountain State Camp which meets quarterly, will meet in Brandon on May 10.

Imagination is given to a man to compensate for what he is not—A sense of humor is given him as a consolation for what he is.

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There are no warlike peoples—just warlike leaders.

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The mind that is anxious about the future is miserable.

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He has a right to criticize who has a heart to help.

—Abraham Lincoln.

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Too many people itch for what they want without scratching for it.

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Originality is simply a pair of fresh eyes.