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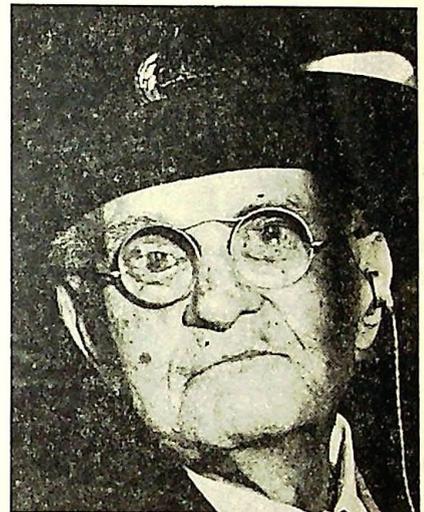
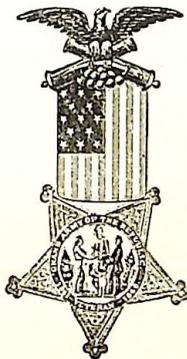
All Camps and members are urged to take an active part in this, the 84th observance of May 30th as Memorial Day. The first observance was held in 1868 by the Grand Army of the Republic, and we their Sons through our heritage, represent them in this work as their request.



ISRAEL BROADWORDS
 Samuels, Idaho
 Age 105 December 23

These four Comrades are all that remain alive in the thin blue line of the Grand Army of the Republic. The G. A. R. was founded by Dr. Benjamin F. Stevenson at Decatur, Illinois, April 6, 1866. The first Commander-in-Chief was Stephen A. Hurlbut of Illinois, and the last was Theodore A. Penland of Oregon.

Their first Nat'l Encampment was held November 20, 1866, and their last was held on August 28, 1949—both meetings being held in Indianapolis, Indiana.



JAMES A. HARD
 31 Portsmouth Terrace, Rochester, N. Y.
 Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief
 Age 110 July 15



WM. A. MAGEE
 14313 1/2 Victory Rd., Van Nuys, Cal.
 Age 105 August 19

Peak membership of the G. A. R. was reached in 1890 when there were 409,489 members and 7339 Posts.

In the reconstruction days following the Civil War, this first of all great Veteran Organizations built a nation they fought to preserve.



ALBERT WOOLSON
 215 E. 5th St., Duluth, Minn.
 Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief
 Age 105 February 11



**General Orders No. 3
Series 1952**

HEADQUARTERS
Commandery-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Office of the Commander-in-Chief
924 Loomis Ave.,
Des Moines, Iowa

May 1, 1952

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF ENCAMPMENT

The 71st Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will convene in Atlantic City, N. J., August 24-28, 1952 inclusive. Headquarters will be established at the Hotel Jefferson where business sessions and social functions of the Encampment will be held. Our Auxiliary will hold their 66th Annual National Encampment at the same time and place.

Hotel rates have been published in the March "Banner". All Dept. Headquarters have been furnished with reservation blanks. The management has guaranteed sufficient rooms in their three hotels, which are adjoining. Make your reservation early with Mr. Charles H. Fetter, Jefferson Hotel, Atlantic City, N. J. **REPORTS and PER CAPITA TAX.**

Dept. Secretaries and Treasurers Reports on Forms 37 and 38 are now past due for the March quarter.

Form 49, Certificate of Dept. Elections must be completed and forwarded to the Nat'l Secretary with the names and addresses of officers **PRINTED or TYPE-WRITTEN** with Delegates **NAMES and ADDRESSES**. This should be done immediately after each Dept. Encampment-in no event later than June 30th.

Form 61-Dep't Patriotic Instructor's Report must be completed and forwarded to the Nat'l Patriotic Inst'r, John W. Emery, 227 East St., Easthampton, Mass., no later than June 30th.

Premium Fee of \$2.50 on Position Bond of Department Commanders for term 1952-53 must be forwarded to the Nat'l Secretary where bonds expire annually.

To prepare consolidated reports for the National Encampment, all reports and returns must be received in Nat'l Headquarters no later than June 30th.

GRAND ARMY of the REPUBLIC FUND.

Nat'l Patriotic Instructor John W. Emery has sent letters to all Camps and to all Departments explaining the need for and use of this fund. Prompt response and cooperation of Camps and Departments is earnestly requested. Due credit will be given to each Department contributing to this fund.

TENTATIVE ENCAMPMENT PROGRAM.

All Sons meetings will be held in Auditorium A, and all Auxiliary meetings will be held in Auditorium B of the Jefferson Hotel. All combined affairs will be held in the combined Auditoriums.

Sunday, August 24 (Eastern Daylight Saving Time)

- A. M. Services in all churches.
- 2:00 P. M. Credential and Council meetings--both Sons and Aux.-Auditorium the Jefferson
- 8:00 P. M. Joint Memorial Service, Sons and Aux. Concert by the Trenton Glee Club.

Monday, August 25

- 8:00 A. M. Courtesy Breakfast--main dining room-Hotel Jefferson. (For Nat'l Officers of Sons and Aux., P. C. in C.s, & P. N. P.s.)
- 9:00 A. M. Credential Committee--Sons and Auxiliary, Auditorium.
- 10:00 A. M. Joint opening, Sons and Aux. convention
- 1:30 P. M. Business sessions.
- 5:00 P. M. Past Nat'l President's and Past Commander-in-Chief's Banquet.
- 7:30 P. M. Exemplification of initiation work--Sons and Auxiliary.
- 9:00 P. M. Aux. Courtesy Hour--Roof Garden, the Hotel Jefferson. Chief of Staff Lenore Glass in charge.

Tuesday, August 26

- 7:30 A. M. Aux. Club Breakfasts-main dining room Hotel Jefferson.
- 9:00 A. M. Business sessions.
- 12 Noon Aux. Past Dep't Presidents luncheon in main dining room, Hotel Jefferson.
- 1:30 P. M. Business sessions.
- 6:00 P. M. Banquet honoring Commander-in-Chief and National President.
- 9:00 P. M. Reception and dance honoring National President and Commander-in-Chief. Chief of Staff Lenore Glass in charge.

Wednesday, August 27

- 9:00 A. M. Business sessions.
- 1:30 P. M. Business sessions.
- 7:30 P. M. Parade on boardwalk--details will be announced by Col. C. Leroy Stoudt at the Encampment--U. S. Grant 3rd, Major-General U. S. A. Ret., will review the parade.
- 8:30 P. M. Music and fancy drill by Atlantic City String Band, Hotel Jefferson Auditorium Parade of Flags by Boy Scout Troop 3 of Trenton.
- 9:00 P. M. Military Ball-dancing and entertainment under direction of Chief of Staff Col. C. Leroy Stoudt.

Thursday, August 28

Business sessions if necessary.

THE BANNER

The quality of the paper, the press work, and the matter contained in the new Banner are worthy of a high grade national organization. I urge cooperation of the membership in subscribing. After you have read your copy, show it to another member and take it to your Camp, so that others may become interested in receiving the paper. Camps are urged to subscribe for non-attending members and eligibles. Also, for your State and Federal Congressmen.

CAMPS ATTENTION

The password is no longer in use-in its place we now use the "Official Membership Card"--these are sold in units of 100 for 60¢ from your Dep't Secretary.

To help get members, you will find those four page folders (Form 100) just right. These are sold \$1.00 per 100.

25 year membership bars and 50 year badges are also available. Why not have an "Old-Timers" night and present badges or bars to (continued on page three)

General Orders, continued

those who are eligible?

RADIO COMMITTEE

The new Chairman of the Radio Committee is P. D. C. Dr. James O. Smith of Madison, Wisconsin for the balance of this term. He has had fine experience in this field.

SPECIAL AIDES

The following Brothers are hereby appointed Special Aides to the Commander-in-Chief. You have made yourself worthy of the obligation you took when you became a member. Wear your ribbon proudly.

Truman A. Vincent, Camp 77 Elmira, N. Y. 5 members
Eden C. Glover, Standish Camp 115, Duxbury, Mass., for outstanding service.

Why can't each Dep't have at least one Gold Ribbon--surely it is not asking too much.

DATES TO OBSERVE

June 14-Flag Day--read resolution in Proceedings at Columbus, Ohio-page 26.

July 4-Independence Day. Be on guard-watch legislation-never allow any Flag to fly above or equal to "Old Glory".

VISITATIONS

In April included several in Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri. In May the West Coast, and in June the Middle West and Eastern Encampments.

ATTENTION

Your National Chief-of-Staff, C. Leroy Stoudt, has made a request for funds to meet the expense of the Nat'l Encampment. Each Camp is asked to contribute. The time has passed when entertainers and programs can be had without charge-give generously and as soon as possible.

Roy J. Bennett, Commander-in-Chief

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

Will You Help?

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War--from the North, South, East and West. Reports from our Camps are not satisfactory - they do not show the gain they should at this time. Members are not making the proper effort to gain recruits-let us all work hard and persistently, keeping unceasingly at it. We need a good baptism of enthusiasm. Congratulations to those who are working - they have demonstrated their belief and loyalty in the principles of our Order. Be not satisfied with just being a member - solicit eligibles so that we can grow.

We dedicate ourselves to the eternal principles of Liberty and Justice-which have been handed down to us from 1861-1865. The American Ideal from the first has been that every man shall have a fair chance to live a full life and develop the talents that God has given to him. This is what the men of the Civil War thought worth fighting and dying for. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. So long as we keep that spirit alive there is no danger of altering our form of government. I am not one of those who see a Communist behind every tree, but it is our duty to be alert.

The American people still believe in our system of self-government, self-reliance, and independence of thought. The Grand Army of the Republic has always been a symbol of law and order, and we all need to remember their example.

We must turn our attention to the children of our Order - knowing full well that he who has the training of children controls the thinking of the future. We must recognize the importance of carefully inculcating our patriotic principles in the minds of the young.

The time for Department Encampments is at hand. Brothers, realize the importance of selecting your officers upon worth and executive ability, not personal preference. Delegates to an Encampment represent their entire Camps, and are responsible for the wisdom of their selection. Select your best man-whether he has already filled the office or not.

On Memorial Day place flags and flowers on the graves of our soldier dead. All of our loving tributes are for them-this is their Day. To us they have passed the Torch, and it is for us to keep it burning.

Roy J. Bennett, Commander-in-Chief

IN MEMORIAM



Douglas T. Story

Who died April 23rd at the age of 107 in Los Angeles, Cal. Comrade Story enlisted at the age of 16 in Company I, 136th Illinois Vol. The sympathy of the Commandery-in-Chief is extended to his family. His passing leaves but four living members of the G. A. R.

To-Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer,
2772 S. Broad St., Trenton 10, N. J.

Kindly enter the following Civil War record on the **PERMANENT HONOR ROLL.**

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.)

Radio Committee Active

We are living in stirring times—a time that tries men's souls. We are at the cross roads of destiny. Which way are we headed. It is high time that we as Sons of Noble Sires stand up so all that come our way can see and feel our influence. Are we doing our duty? I believe that there are many things that we could and must do if we are to carry our objectives to a successful conclusion. Among these the radio stands out challenging and inviting us to use it to help put our message across so that all Americans, both high and low, can inhale the true spirit of Americanism and profit thereby.

On May 28th I will take to the air through Station W. I. B. A. My subject will be a Memorial Day message for Americans from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This will be heard only through Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois. This will only scratch the surface. I am asking that every Department in our Order do likewise. Let us make this the dawn of a New Day for our beloved Order.

Radio programs in each Dep't. at least quarterly, will increase our influence, good-will and membership, carrying on the example of the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Dr. J. O. Smith, Chairman
Nat'l Radio Committee

U. S. Constitutional Amendment Proposed.

Due to a loophole in the Constitution of the United States, treaties become the supreme law of all of the states and of the nation as an entirety. Our entanglement with the United Nations is such that at least one court has held that the U. N. supersedes our own laws because we are in it by what amounts to a treaty.

Further than that, there is the claim in some quarters that personal agreements made by the President with the heads of other nations become the law of our land. Thus there is a real peril that the sovereignty and independence of the United States, and the Bill of Rights, can be surrendered without the people realizing what is happening. By this technique it is within possibility that persons could gain their goal who would drag us, if they could, into some form of World Government, which would inevitably be controlled by non-Christian nations and races that have no conception of the principles of our Constitution.

At my recommendation, our last national Encampment approved the plan of correcting this present danger by a Constitutional amendment. It is a pleasure now to report that Senator John W. Bricker of Ohio recently advised me that he has offered such an amendment to the Senate for consideration and has been joined by 58 other Senators as co-signers of the resolution. If adopted by the Senate, the proposed amendment will be submitted to the states for approval. An amendment must receive the endorsement of 36 states.

The proposed addition to the Constitution states in part: "No treaty or executive agreement shall vest in any international organization or in any foreign power any of the legislative, executive, or judicial powers vested by this Constitution in the Congress, the President, and in the courts of the United States. No treaty or executive agreement shall be made respecting the rights of citizens of the United States protected by this Constitution, or abridging or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

Every member of the S. U. V. places high value on his rights and freedom as a citizen of the United States and should give his active support to this proposed amendment to the Constitution.

Frederick K. Davis,
Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief

PRICE LIST OF SUPPLIES
(All previous price lists are void)

Camps must purchase all official supplies from Dept. Headquarters on Form No. 1. Supplies from Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters will always be shipped to Dept. Headquarters and NOT to Camps or individuals, and only on Form No. 1 1/2 from Dept. Headquarters.

No.	COST of CAMP SUPPLIES	To Depts.	To Camps
1	Requisition for Supplies	per 100	\$1.25 \$1.60
3	Application for Membership	per	1.25 1.60
4	Transfers	per	1.25 1.60
6	Honorable Discharge	per	1.25 1.60
7	Past Officers Credentials, Dept. Enc.	per	1.25 1.60
8	Delegates Credentials, Dept. Enc.	per	1.25 1.60
8 1/2	Alt. Dele. Credentials, Dept. Enc.	per	1.25 1.60
11	Constitution and Regulations	each	.15 .20
12	Statements of Account	per 100	1.00 1.30
13	Camp Council Quarterly Report	per	1.00 1.30
14	Notices to Delinquent Member	per	1.00 1.30
A	Descriptive Book	each	1.75 2.25
B	Membership - Identification Cards	per 100	.50 .60
C	Camp Secy. Requisition Book	each	.75 1.00
D	Minute Book	each	1.50 2.00
E	Ledger	each	1.50 2.00
F	Cash Book	each	1.50 2.00
H	Book-new members to sign	each	1.50 2.00
21	Rituals	each	.75 1.00
27D	Dup. Book-Camp Secy. quar. reports	each	.50 .65
28D	Dup. Book-Camp Treas. quar. reports	each	.35 .50
100	Descriptive folder and appl. blank	per 100	1.50 2.00

BADGES and DECORATIONS			
	Membership Badges	each	1.00 1.25
	Past Camp Commanders Badges	each	1.00 1.25
	Past Dept. Commanders Badges	each	10.00
	War Medals	each	2.25 2.50
	Fifty Year Badges	each	2.00 2.25
	25 Year Bars	each	.40 .50
	Bronze Recognition Button	each	.50 .60
	Membership Ribbons (Blue)	each	.15
	Department Ribbons (Red)	each	.15
	Camp Seal Presses	Prices quoted on request	
	Electros of Badge	each	1.00 1.30
	Electros of Coat of Arms	each	1.00 1.30

COST of DEPARTMENT SUPPLIES			
1 1/2	Dept. Requisition for Supplies	per 100	1.50
2 1/2	P. D. C. Credentials to Natl. Enc.	per	1.25
2 3/4	Deleg. Credentials to Natl. Enc.	per	1.25
3 1/2	Alt. Deleg. Credentials to Natl. Enc.	per	1.25
4 1/2	Department Transfer Cards	per	1.00
22	Installing Officers Reports	per	2.00
23	Organizers Reports-New Camps	per	1.00
26	Camp Charter Applications	per	2.50
27	Camp Secy. Quarterly Reports	per	2.50
28	Camp Treas. Quarterly Reports	per	1.25
35	Dept. Secy. Report Camps dropped		Free
37	Dept. Secy. Consolidated Reports		Free
37D	Dup. Book of Form 37 for record	each	1.00
38	Dept. Treas. Consolidated Reports		Free
38D	Dup. Book of Form 38 for record	each	.80
49	Certificate of Election-Dept.	each	.20
60	Camp Patriotic Instructors reports	per 100	1.25
61	Dept. Patriotic Instructors reports	per 100	1.25
	Dept. Secy. Cash Book	each	6.00
	Dept. Secy. Requisition Book	each	6.00
	Dept. Treas. Receipts Book	each	8.00

CORRECTION !! The New York Dep't Encampment will be held June 8-11 in Albany.

Inflation equals Communism as America's enemy.

Freedom is placed in jeopardy more by those who will not exercise it than by those who will not permit it. Indifference opens more gates to the enemy than does tyranny.

California

On March 29, Nat'l Pres. Phyllis Dean was tendered a reception and banquet by the Sons and Auxiliary of San Jose. On the following day she attended the district meeting there. Sister Dean was warmly welcomed by the large attendance from District No. 1, as well as some from Southern California. Her talk was inspiring and will be remembered for a long time.

Indiana

The lives of the 28 widows of Union Civil War Veterans were greatly brightened at the Indiana Soldiers Home near Lafayette on Easter Sunday when several members of the Sons and Aux. visited them with gifts and cheerful greetings.

On April 20 a reception in honor of our Dep't Commander Argus E. Ogborn was held in Richmond. Forty-eight members, representing six Camps were present to enjoy a delightful program arranged by the Richmond Aux. Bro. Ogborn received many gifts and words of praise for his outstanding work.

The Dep't has been saddened by the recent passing of two long-time and stalwart members. They were Bro. Charles Ellis of Martinsville, and Bro. Parker E. Thornburg of Muncie. Bro. Thornburg had served in many Dep't offices as well as Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Maine

T. W. Hyde Camp held an interesting meeting recently. Commander Eugene Hawkes presided, P. D. C. Maurice Warner and P. D. C. Vernon Miller reported progress on the District Rally, as well as the Memorial Day parade plans. The assistant basketball coaches held a meeting with Charles Osborne, coach of Oakhurst and John Osborne coach of Freemans team of the Junior League. The Aux. joined in refreshments following the meeting.

Massachusetts

Capt. Leonard Camp, Bridgewater, has passed its 60th milestone. Southeastern Mass. attended festivities in force, with large delegations from New Bedford, Taunton, and Plymouth. Trinity Episcopal Church proffered their parish house and women of the church served the banquet. Past Commdrs Wendell H. Simpson and Edw. B. Hooper were presented 50 yr badges by Dep't Commdr Smith. The Bridgewater High School Band, with principal W. H. Keck playing one of the instruments, added highlights to the program. A number of present and past Nat'l - State officers attended, with "Mother" Ada B. Ewell cutting the huge anniversary cake - fifteenth for the Auxiliary.

The largest attendance of members in ten years was present in recently renovated G. A. R. Memorial Hall, Norwell, April 15th when Curtis Camp 143 was host to Plymouth County Ass'n. The District degree staff initiated two members for the local unit and four for Grover Camp 17, Brockton. Charles Howe of Pembroke, Pres. of Ass'n presided. Guests included Dep't Commdr Smith and P. D. C.s Crawford, Howland and Drown.

Asst. Atty. Gen. James G. Wolff has received duplex honors from veterans groups for meritorious achievement in carrying out traditions of Washburn Post, G. A. R. He is an honorary member in "Cooties" of V. F. W. and national citation is a general one from D. A. V.

"Camp News"-a breezy four page sheet has been published quarterly for Mass. by Dep't Commdr Smith. It contains official orders, with varied other features.

The 26th annual banquet and festivities of the No. Metr. Dist. Ass'n was held April 26 in Wakefield. Excellent entertainment arranged by P. D. C. John B. Davis of N. H. was followed by guest speaker Reverend Royal Bisbee, a new member of Gen. Martin Camp, Everett. He has had 41 years service in India as a missionary. President Geo. W. Kimball presided and "Addie" Quinn was "M. C." Many Nat'l and Dep't officers were present.

New York

Ten Eyck Camp 154, of Albany will present John G. Kernan as a candidate for Sr. Vice Dep't Commander at the Dep't Encampment in Albany June 8-11.

Burdick Camp 40 held a joint Lincoln-Washington celebration on Feb. 22 in G. A. R. Hall, Ithaca. The speakers included P. C. in C. Cranmer, Dep't Deputy Trumen Vincent and Dist. Deputy Jack Owen. Fifty year badges were presented to Wm. Thompson and Clark Van Buren.

Dep't Deputy Vincent extended greetings in the absence of Dep't Commdr Armstrong at the annual Lincoln Dinner of Aux. 49 at PRR YMCA in Elmira.

Cook Camp 223 enjoyed a Lincoln Dinner Feb. 11, in Buffalo. Commdr Gibbons was toastmaster. Honored guests included C. in C. Roy Bennett and National Pres. Phyllis Dean, as well as Dep't Commdr Milton Armstrong, Dep't Pres. Ethel Ferris of the Aux., and Dep't Pres. Estella Brown of the Daughters.

At the Allied Orders dinner at Oneida Feb 19, a 50 year badge was presented to P. D. C. Arthur J. Abbott. Rev. P. A. Springsted was the speaker.

P. D. C. Walter Barnard of Granville passed away Feb. 27th. He served as Dep't Commdr in 1940. Waverly Camp 88 mourns the death of P. C. Frank Cole who was Camp Treasurer.

P. C. in C. Cranmer was principal speaker at Appomattox Dinner in Elmira. Diven Camp has voted to invite the 1953 Encampment to Elmira.

Dist. Deputy Grover Scott has secured eight more new members for Glidden-Pierce Camp. Four of these were initiated April 14. Tributes were paid Abraham Lincoln, the date being the anniversary of his assassination. Greetings were received from Congressman Jas. S. Wadsworth who is a member of Camp 6. P. C. Scott was honored by Radio Station W. H. E. C. program on April 18 as Rochester's "Citizen of the Day".

Diven Camp 77 will participate in Memorial Sunday services May 25 at Trinity Lutheran Church. The Camp sponsored a dance April 23 at Carpenters Hay Loft, Pine City.

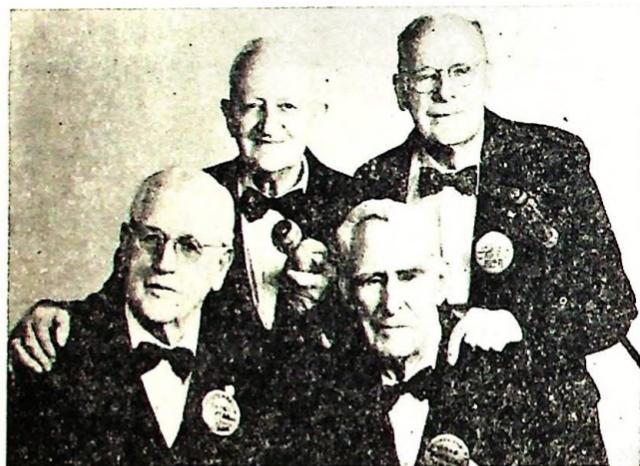
Oliver Tilden Camp 26 of N. Y. C. will hold its annual services on Memorial Sunday, May 25 at 3 P. M. in Tilden Post G. A. R. Plot and Capt. Tilden's grave in Woodlawn Cemetery, the Bronx. The camp members will also flag graves in six other cemeteries.

Camps of the Metropolitan New York District will form the Guard of Honor to the G. A. R. wreath and flower coach in the annual Memorial Day parade up Riverside Drive. The Sons will carry the old Civil War battle flags, and will place them with the wreaths on the Soldiers and Sailors monument during the noon-day services. (continued on page six)

New York, continued

The 130th birthday of Gen. U. S. Grant was observed at Grant's Tomb, New York City on April 27. Addresses were made by Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd. Ret.; Paul Rao, U. S. Customs Court Justice; Joseph Foley; Nat'l Pres. Phyllis Dean, and P.C. in C. Neil Cranmer representing Commander-in-Chief Bennett. Introduction was by P. N. P. Mayme Swyer and Capt. Julius Isaacs presided. Mrs. Rose Isaacs, Nat'l Patriotic Instructor lead in pledge of allegiance. The music was by the Catholic Sea Cadets Band. Wreaths were presented by Dep't Commr Armstrong and Dep't Pres. Mrs. Ethel Ferris.

Singing Octogenarians



The Octogenarian Quartet of Eugene Camp No. 17, Oregon, has sung in the past year for thirty clubs and societies over an area extending 200 miles, and has been featured in numerous newspaper articles. Left to right are Frank I. Turpin, 83; John H. Starr, P. D. C., 82; Rev. Frank L. Cook, P. D. C., 86; George N. McLean, 82. The Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc., boasts that these gentlemen from Eugene, Oregon make up the oldest quartet in its membership. All are members of Camp No. 17 in Eugene.

New Jersey

Plans are progressing very well for the National Encampment to be held in Atlantic City in August. Outstanding entertainment and novelties will entertain the delegates in between the business sessions. As each delegate registers he or she will receive a reduced price ticket for the Steel Pier, samples of Salt Water Taffy, and other appropriate novelties and gifts. The programs and convention badges will be pleasant reminders of your visit to Atlantic City.

Camp No. 5 of Trenton will again decorate graves and take part in the parade on Memorial Day. P. C. in C. Lambert is Sec'y of the Joint Memorial Committee, and Wm. G. Simpson is Treasurer. Memorial Sunday services will be held in Gethsemane Baptist Church on May 25th. The Camp Color Guard represented the Camp at the Grant's Tomb exercises in N. Y. C. on April 27th.

The Dep't Encampment will be held in Asbury Park on June 13-14 with headquarters at the Hotel Kingsley Arms. Our Dep't Aux. will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a banquet on the evening of the 13th. The Sons will meet in the North Solarium on the boardwalk, and the Aux. in the roof garden of the Hotel.

Camp No. 4 of Trenton has active committees planning for spring activities. The Camp is represented on the Memorial Day committee for the celebration in Trenton. A large attendance was present at our annual inspection on April 3rd, when the Camp received high rating. Members have attended many Camp inspections and are now looking forward to Memorial Day and the Dep't Encampment.

Ohio

Camp No. 2 of Youngstown celebrated Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays with music and speaking. The sympathy of the Camp is extended to the family of Y. Frank Stewart. Brother Stewart was a loyal member and will be greatly missed.

Oregon and Washington

Eugene Camp held a dinner meeting during April featured by a discussion by the Dean of the School of Political Science of the University of Oregon. The question period was instructive and interesting. The Camp is arranging to present a large American Flag to a nearby State Park. A fine pole has been erected in a conspicuous spot in a wooded area on one of the rivers in the park. This park is used by thousands of people for picnics, swimming, and walking.

Pennsylvania

APPOMATTOX DINNER HELD IN READING---The 20th annual Appomattox Dinner-Dance was held in Reading on April 5th sponsored by the Allied Orders of the G. A. R. Mrs. Carrie M. Heabner was chairlady and P. C. in C. John Runkle was toastmaster. Three hundred persons were present to hear fine talks given by Rev. Elmer Finger, Department Commander Charles H. Dern, and the Department Presidents of the Aux. and all of the Allied Orders. P. C. in C. Roy Stoudt presented an outstanding program of entertainment, followed by dancing.

SUBSCRIPTION RATE---for remaining three issues of 1952--30 cents. All subscriptions will expire with the November issue, and are renewable the first of each year.

NEWS--for the Banner must be received by the 25th of the month previous to issue and must be forwarded thru Dep't Press Correspondents.

THE BANNER-c-o A. C. Lambert,
P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J.

In a Republic like ours, society must recognize that the individual has rights which are guaranteed, and the individual must recognize that he has responsibilities which are not to be evaded. This is also true of our membership in this Order.

The man who waits for things to turn up has his eyes fixed on his toes.

Only One Lincoln



In a poll taken a few years ago among 55 leading American historians asking them to rank all U. S. Presidents in ability and achievement, six Presidents were classed as "great" and four as "near great". Abraham Lincoln's name headed the list, ahead of the Father of Our Country, George Washington.

It isn't hard to understand the reason for this selection. He met the greatest crisis a young and growing nation ever could face—a nation divided, brother against brother; a rebellion within a nation. For this achievement, Lincoln has the unqualified admiration of the professionals. He brought our country through its hour of trial, and he did it with the consummate mastery of the statesman he was.

He had the sympathy and support of ordinary folks because he was sympathetic to them and understood their problems and wants. Lincoln's greatness has a double foundation: He was a genius at statecraft, and he was a great leader of men in the fullest and most human sense.

Today we face an external foe, whose followers have infiltrated into high places in our country, more dangerous than any we have ever beaten on the battle field. Our country cries out for Lincoln-like leadership! What qualifications would Mr. Lincoln ask of the next man to occupy the highest office in our land? It is certain he wouldn't want a man bent on leading America down the road to socialism, and certainly not a man who would destroy private enterprise with out-of-reason taxation.

HE'D WANT a man who would believe in and carry out to the letter his recommendations you'll find in his world famous Gettysburg Address! Read it and write down on a piece of paper the names of all the candidates who have been mentioned for the Presidency of the United States. If any come close to the qualifications prescribed by Mr. Lincoln he's your man!

When Mr. Lincoln penned his immortal "of the people, by the people and for the people" he was thinking of you—the voter—and your patriotic duty to your country every election day. The very day you stay away from the polls for some personal reason is the day you turn thumbs down on a government "of the people, by the people and for the people" because of your failure to participate in the selection of your leaders.

Let us promise ourselves that we will be the kind of Americans he loved and admired.

Condensed from the Ft. Lauderdale Daily News of
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In Retrospect

Generations have passed away since the last battle of the Civil War was fought, and since the victorious armies of the Union passed in review, on the 22nd and 23rd of May 1865, before the President of the United States in the City of Washington. The President called them "The Grand Army of the Republic".

Upward of one million of men were on the rolls of the army when the work of mustering out officers and men began on the 1st of June 1865, and by the middle of November upward of 800,000 of the vast host had returned to the pursuits of peace.

Altogether the whole number of men who had answered to their country's call during the war was 2,656,000. Out of this number 300,000 had sealed their patriotism with their blood.

As long as this nation lasts, the memory of these defenders of the Union will be one of its holiest treasures. "Your marches", said General Grant in his farewell address, "your sieges and battles, in distance, duration, resolution and brilliancy of results, dim the lustre of the world's past military achievements, and will be the patriot's precedents in defense of liberty and right in all time to come."

Most of those to whom these words were addressed have already passed away, but the new generation still recalls with pride some relative to whose stories of battle and of march it has oftener listened. But as these veterans become fewer the tales of their deeds become less vivid; and it is to impress on the new age and fix on posterity the memory of these heroes that our work is designed.

Ye Editor



After the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, an influential English periodical paid him great tribute in an article published. It contained parts such as, "...his faithfulness to his sworn duty has cost him his life...he was simple, unaffected, true, transparent,...he was never known to be wrong, in a season of many mistakes,...he will live in the hearts and minds of the entire Anglo-Saxon race, as a noble example, and...there stands before the world a man the like of whom we shall not soon look upon again.

One Flag Only, Please

Quite some time ago the Rebel Yell ceased to have any important significance except as a unique form of making noises. Principal feature of the Lost Cause is that it really was lost and we doubt that any serious minded person below the Mason and Dixon Line wants to find it.

But apparently there are some from the South whose minds are not too serious. They have adult stature and appearance but manifest themselves in juvenile way, for instance in the recent flaunting of Confederate flags. However, it has been assumed that gentlemen from Dixie holding responsible commissions in the Navy are as adult, and American, as those commissions imply.

Hence it is, let us say, irritating to learn that a destroyer division whose skippers are all Southerners sailed away from Hong Kong recently with Confederate flags flapping from the signal balyards of two of the ships.

Official action has been of the don't-do-it-again character, with the solemn information that "each destroyer, of course, flew the National Ensign at the gaff". That's something. We hope our compatriots from Dixie will stick to the National emblem and leave the one of the Confederacy in the limbo of happily forgettable relics. These are the UNITED STATES, with one flag only.

-from The Philadelphia Inquirer of April 5, 1952

V. A. Threatened

The Veterans Administration, efficiently reorganized by General Bradley to serve our nations servicemen, especially the wounded and disabled, night and day, is again the target of a revived socialistic effort to dismember the one governmental agency created for our Country's defenders. The pending bill in Congress, which would sabotage the V. A., in fact tear its heart out, is Senate No. 1140. Under this measure our fine V. A. hospitals and the medical out-patient service centers that continuously administer to ailing and recuperating veterans, would be ripped from the Veterans Administration and made part of a new U. S. Department of Health with cabinet rank.

This is the latest subtle step to force socialized medicine upon the American people. If this bill becomes a law, we will be further on our way to freedom-stifling Socialism, the first cousin of Communism, for according to Marx and Lenin, socialized medicine is the first step to the Communist State.

National Commander Donald R. Wilson of the American Legion with its 4,000,000 members calls it the king-pin of all anti-veteran legislation in the present session, and he is exhorting every veteran and every

American interested in our war wounded--and that includes every patriotic American -- to protest to their Senators and the Senate Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Department, to which this bill has been referred.

The head of the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Department is Senator John McLellan of Arkansas. Won't you, as you see the list of battle casualties continue to grow day after day in far off Korea, join in Commander Wilson's timely protest with a letter addressed to your Senators in the Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C. Surely this is the least we can do to protect the present hard won rights of our disabled and ailing veterans!

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Pointed Paragraphs

Strong Camps make a strong Department.

National Patriotic Instructor John Emery will appreciate your support of the G. A. R. Fund.

Every Camp should have a uniformed color guard.

Personal security is better than social security.

Take intelligent interest in politics, both local and national.

It is better to light one candle than to curse the dark--just think if everyone lit one little candle of patriotism--what a bright world it would be.

Self-government, self-discipline, self-responsibility are the triple safeguards of the independence of man.

Mothers' Day--May 11th

A day that's just for Mother--a lovely day in spring,
When flowers are bursting into bloom and birds
begin to sing;

A day for mothers old and young in north, south,
east and west,

A day we set apart to praise the one we love the best.
So whether skies be grey or blue and life be sad or gay,
From Oregon to far-off Maine, we honor her today.

Motto of a Great Man

I do the very best I know how, the very best I can and I mean to keep doing so till the end; if the end brings me out all right, what is said against me won't amount to anything.

--Abraham Lincoln