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KEEPING AMERICA AMERICAN.

Prominent in my thinking for two decades has been the need for every true American to quicken his effort to help "Keep America American". During those 20 years I have used that phrase many times in many places. When writing for *The Banner* in the 1930's it was used repeatedly. I thought I originated it.

Now one finds that phrase being used where I have no contact. So its origin as an expression may be in doubt--or its use has simply spread. In any case it represents my highest conception of the over-all aim and purpose of our organization in the future. Whatever else may properly be included in our objectives, surely no task can be more important than for us to do our part to "Keep America American".

My mind goes back in retrospect to the pronouncements, slogans, and appeals of some of my more recent predecessors as Commander-in-Chief. Those declarations were sparked with fire and spirit.

There was Stoudt's encouraging-"Have Faith". Have faith in the objects of S. U. V. C. W. "Begin again to build!" Build anew and better for today and tomorrow.

Hale's urge to members, repeated over and over with drum-like precision was - "Retrieve, retrieve!" Stand fast like soldiers and then recover what has been lost. "Regain lost ground!"

Cranmer's approach was strong with confidence -"It can be done, and you can do it." Yes, YOU can do it, each one of you. He asked you personally to work to recoup losses-to strengthen your Camps in membership and activity.

Moran saw a vital point. His exhortation was-"Action, not words!" Words perhaps, but they are not enough. Let's not be content with talking; it is time for some energetic doing.

Fouch gave a martial ring to his appeal- "Come on, boys! Fall in! Let's fight!" It was a brave summons; a stirring call to arms. America needs to know we will not fail

Runkle poured his energy into the bold assurance-"It can be done! It must be done! It will be done!" The line must and would be held. Renewed vitality must and would flow through the ranks. Where there's a will there's a way.

Heald gave us the more scholarly, analytic angle. Time had come for "straight thinking". If we were lagging and not advancing, let's see if we really know where we're going now-whether we're on the right road to the future. The world has changed the last 50 years. "Straight thinking" can no longer be delayed.

Bennett's appeal was well reasoned- "Who will fill our ranks when we are gone? They are thinning now! Only the young can do that." And he called for action with Junior Camps.

Those slogans and declarations were dynamic, purposeful. I give them all to you again. I wish the impact might be deep and enduring. But what is left for me to add to them and their inclusiveness?

Certainly it will not avail for me to go into the field of black-type exhortations. You have already been bombarded plentifully with them. I simply offer you my long-held ambition for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War- let's do our part to keep America American.

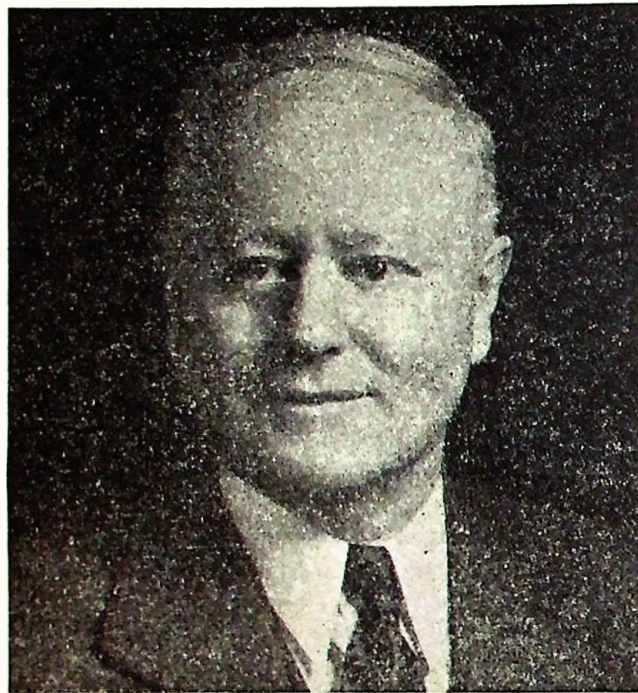
That can be a mighty big job. It can demand brains, money, courage, publicity-every resource genuine Americans can put into the work. But America is under attack from without and from within. Real Americans have a great task ahead. And we are real Americans.

Frederick K. Davis, Commander-in-Chief

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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF



FREDERICK K. DAVIS
Eugene, Oregon

For over quarter of a century he has resided in Eugene, Oregon, associated with others who have done much to advance Oregon's lumbering industry. During the past two years he had the opportunity to study Economics, Finance, and Psychology as presently taught at the University of Oregon. The variety of his interests was indicated by his playing program pieces on the piano for the banquets of the last two National Encampments.

National Patriotic Instructor Column

Our Nation, when this is being read, will have made its choice as to who shall lead us in the difficult years ahead. We have a duty that should always be in our mind. Regardless of whether the men elected were our choice or not they are our leaders chosen in our American way of government. We may be partisan in political beliefs but just as our beliefs in religion differ, our ultimate goal is the same.

The goal of all our members and every American should be, as in the words of our Commander-in-Chief Frederick K. Davis, "Keep America American". He believes, as we all do, to further the work and ideals of our fathers, we should strive to Keep America American.

Some may think we are too small in numbers to accomplish much. That is wrong. We may think that what we do is too little to be noticed, but that little added to thousands of other little acts by others can accomplish much.

There are some organizations who would throw out our form of government or sell it to a world federation. There are many men of high learning, I am sorry to say, who honestly believe in some of these actions. We have altogether too many entangling connections with other countries now. There are bills now in Congress which appear harmless on the surface but could be vicious in their accomplishments. Let us be vigilant and Keep America American. Do not be afraid if you are called isolationist or other names. That is the common

Elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 71st Nat'l Encampment, Atlantic City, N. J., August 24-27, 1952.

He is the son of Captain William W. Davis, Co. K, 79th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Captain Davis participated in the great battle of Chickamauga, and, late in 1863, under command of Gen. U. S. Grant, took part in the battles of Chattanooga and Missionary Ridge in one of the most remarkable feats of arms and spectacular victories ever credited to the Union armies.

Commander-in-Chief Davis has served much of the time since 1931 as Secretary or Treasurer, or both, of his local Camp. He has also been Dep't Secretary-Treasurer and Dep't Commander of Oregon. He gave much aid to his city's Grand Army Post and its members during its final years. He has served on many of the Commandery-in-Chief committees and his last preceding offices were those of Nat'l Patriotic Instructor and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

During his teenhood he lived in Springfield, Illinois, near the home of Abraham Lincoln, knew a number of elderly people who had been neighbors of Lincoln, and acquired an enduring interest in the early life of the martyred President and the problems of the Civil War.

The first part of his life included a variety of undertakings-owning a theatre; joining in organizing a bank and, later, a boat company; pioneering work in the field of vocational placement by schools and corporations; personnel management with a then prominent industrialist, Charles M. Schwab.

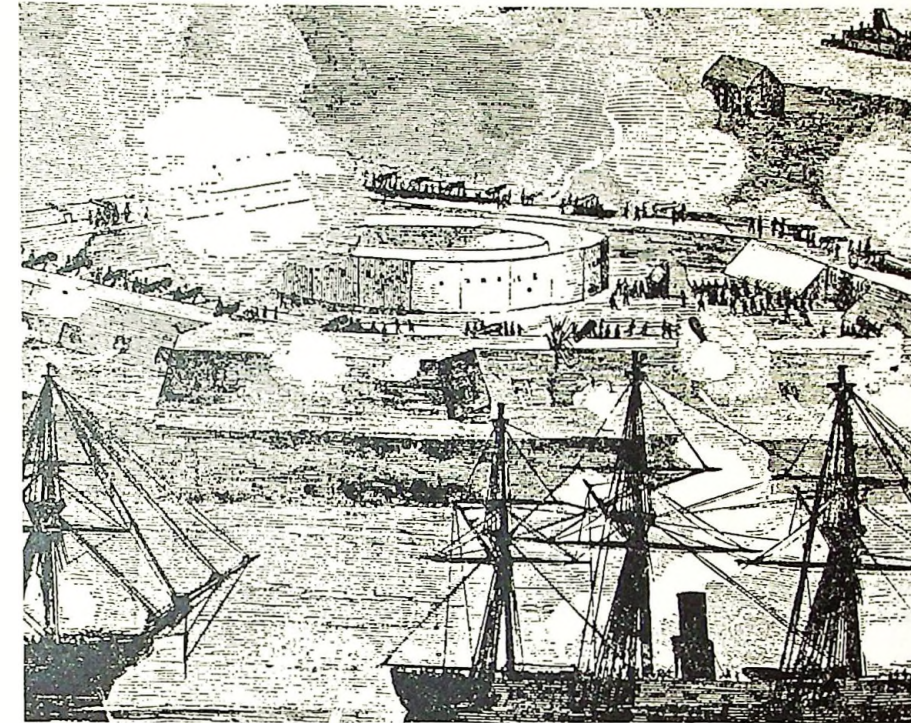
cry by a number of prominent men today who, because you do not believe as they do, like to deride you by calling names.

Plan some special public gathering on Dedication Day, November 19. Years ago we, on Memorial Day, paid tribute to our Veterans who had passed on and on Veterans Night, now Dedication Day, gathered our living veterans together and paid tribute to the living heroes. Now, on this anniversary of Lincoln's Address, we should meet and rededicate ourselves to the task that the men who fought for our country did not fight in vain.

Watch this column in the January Banner. There is in the making a drive for donations to the G. A. R. Memorial Fund, the proceeds of which are used by our National on projects in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. After fifteen years of hard work we have persuaded states from the Atlantic to the Pacific oceans to designate a continuous highway as a Grand Army of the Republic Highway. Our work must continue for we must persuade state highway commissions to make this one to be proud of, and to have markers to designate it, and to get map makers to show it on their maps. This and other projects cost money.

Albert B. DeHaven,
National Patriotic Instructor

If you wish to be big, start by being small.



Bombardment of Forts Jackson and St. Philip

The United States Squadron, under Farragut, engaging the Confederate forts and fleet on its way to New Orleans, April 24th, 1862. From a sketch taken from the foretop of the U.S.S. Mississippi by special artist Wm. Waud.

Confederate losses: In addition to the loss of their forts-Jackson, St. Philip, Pike, and Chalmette, etc.-eighteen of their gunboats were destroyed, three iron rams, several floating batteries, booms, torpedoes, etc. The famous Hollins's ram "Manassas" was riddled, and, floating down a disabled wreck, it was destroyed by Porter's mortar fleet.

Lincoln Returns To Gettysburg



On Saturday, October 18th the Western Maryland Railway Company sponsored an authentic reenactment of Lincoln's rail journey to Gettysburg and his immortal Gettysburg Address. The role of President Lincoln was played by Mr. Ray Middleton, distinguished star of stage and screen. The cabinet members and other eminent persons who were there that day were also portrayed professionally. Through the magic of electronics, narrators were heard over the town, at the station, at the public square, along the route of the procession, and at the cemetery, providing through a vast amplifying system the especially prepared description of the proceedings while in progress. The narration was written by Marc Connelly, Pulitzer Prize winning playwright. The pageant was under the direction of Adele Gurman Nathan of New York.

The Sons of Veterans Reserve under the command of Major John Ruggles of Harrisburg, participated and received recognition on the program. Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Andrew Richardson represented the Commandery-in-Chief.

Heald Receives Double Honor

Past Commander-in-Chief Cleon E. Heald has been elected by the citizens of Keene, N. H. to represent them in the State Legislature for a period of two years. Cleon has also recently been elected as president of Stewart of Boston Inc., which is an organization of business brokers. He well deserves the congratulations and best wishes of his many friends.

Gen. Grant 3rd to be Speaker at Dedication Day Exercises

Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd will be the principal speaker at Dedication Day exercises to be held in New Brunswick, N. J., on Sunday, November 16th. This annual observance is sponsored by Camp 20, with Camp Commander Dr. Karl Rothschild presiding at the services at the Civil War monument. Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Andrew Richardson will conduct the indoor services. Services start at 2.30 P. M. at the Civil War monument at the corner of Livingston and George Sts. Wreath laying ceremonies will be conducted and a firing squad from Camp Kilmer, N. J. will fire a salute. Others on the program include Brig. Gen. Charles F. Craig, the Commanding General of Camp Kilmer, Major Costello, and Captain Keith who will recite the Gettysburg Address. Music will be furnished by the Camp Kilmer band. All Camps Auxiliaries, and Allied Orders in the area are cordially invited to participate.

Success-- a good idea supplemented by a lot of hard work.

If we mean to support the liberty and independence which have cost us so much, we must drive far away the demon of party spirit and local reproach.
Geo. Washington

As soon as any man says of the affairs of the State, "What does it matter to me?" that State may be given up for lost.



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November 1, 1952

Brothers:

My fraternal greeting and best wishes to all members, Camps, and Departments. May you gather from these brisk fall days a renewal of spirit and enterprise!

Your last National Encampment (Atlantic City, Aug. 24-27) unanimously offered its highest office to the Northwest. No loyal member, reluctant though he felt to meet that responsibility and the accompanying problems, could be so ungracious as not to accept with a hopeful heart such evidence of goodwill. An account of that Encampment, its activities and legislation, has been previously reported.

Here, in the far west, is the new part of the Union. Here, nothing is sure but change. Change, however, may be for better or worse. It does give opportunity for adjustment and growth, but discrimination should be applied.

HAIL to the AUXILIARY

Congratulations, and my most cordial hope for a rewarding year, are extended to the Auxiliary National President, Mrs. Lila A. Macey. Sincere appreciation goes to the Auxiliary for its invaluable efforts locally, departmentally, and nationally "To assist the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in all their principles and objects".

Looking over the splendid record of accomplishment by the Auxiliary, I could wish that we had achieved, at times, closer unity of projects. In unity of action there is added strength.

KEEPING POSTED

Now a year old, THE BANNER in which this is printed is the notable achievement of Nat'l Secretary Albert C. Lambert. We cannot be too appreciative of him and this fine accomplishment, launched by him when we found that our former type of paper could no longer be sent free to members. Pictures and sharpened comment are a dramatic addition in the present paper to previous policy. Keep a file of the issues as future aids for information and programs.

All subscriptions expire with this issue. Camps are directed to solicit and send in renewals-many new subscriptions, also. Direct attention to this not only on the part of Camp members but of the Auxiliary, too. I give you this as a November-December project.

Camp Secretaries, take note of this. Doesn't this activity come well within your scope and contacts? The subscription rate is \$1 for six issues in 1953, published bi-monthly and beginning with January.

SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Churches, clubs, organizations of many kinds, find social activity essential to success. Nearly everyone

likes to eat, nearly everyone likes some measure of entertainment.

Today the bidding for everyone's time and attention is highly competitive. Necessarily, therefore, a vigorous Camp can remain so only by combining dining and entertainment with patriotic purpose and programs. A weak Camp can gain growth and strength by this method. How well does your Camp acquit itself in these respects?

THREE HOLD the LIGHT

The name and memory of the Grand Army of the Republic is embodied in three living men. To them go our high esteem and good wishes. May heaven decree them many blessings.

As listed elsewhere, a Staff Representative has been appointed to be helpful to each of these comrades, who are:

- Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Albert Woolson, 215 E. 5th St., Duluth, Minn. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, William A. Magee, 1431 1/2 Victory Rd., Van Nuys, California James A. Hard, 31 Portsmouth Terrace, Rochester, New York

INCREASED DEVOTION

A national Dedication Day, November 19, has been a goal of our organization. As yet, insufficient sentiment for it has developed in Congress to accomplish this by law. Not a holiday, but a general recognition of the day has been desired.

It is the anniversary date of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, delivered in 1863, at the dedication of the Gettysburg National Cemetery.

At a meeting of your Camp nearest to November 19, try to utilize this opportunity for a patriotic observance. Camps with adequate personnel and suitable halls could invite the public or preferred guests.

NEW CAMP OFFICERS

At this season, Camps are electing and installing officers. Whatever success your Camp may have is largely determined by them. Anything less than the wisest choice you can make is that much of a handicap.

If installation and a Dedication Day observance conflict, try to combine the two by some limitation of each.

INITIATION and INSTALLATION

A surprisingly large number of people are bored by ritual ceremonies. And what is more painful to onlookers than to sit through a stumbling, bumbling initiation or installation ceremony? It is embarrassing to the Camp, too.

Therefore, if experience convinces you that full ceremonial procedures cannot be creditably done--don't! Shorten the form.

Page 14 of the ritual gives guidance for shortening initiation. For installations, the Installing Officer can begin in page 35 with--"(Three raps ***). Guide, you will place the officers in position at the altar."

An Installing Officer makes sure the per capita payment and other indebtedness to the Dep't have been met and that the business affairs of the Camp are in order.

SPECIAL AIDES WANTED

Ten members (would that (continued on page five)

General Order, continued

it was ten times that number) received appointments as Special Aides last year for obtaining five or more candidates. Along with publishing their names, they were awarded the Commandery-in-Chief Ribbon to wear for the year. This offer is continued. You who read this-can you get five or more new members? What is important-will you get them? Do so, and this honorary appointment awaits you.

But if your Camp is merely marking time, and not doing anything worth while, those new members will not be with you long.

COMMITTEES and other APPOINTMENTS

These appointments are listed in another column of this issue of The Banner.

CHANGE of ADDRESS

Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd Maj. Gen. U. S. A. Ret., 1135 21st St., N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

AFFILIATED ORDERS

Very cordial good wishes are extended to the Nat'l Presidents of the other organizations allied with the Grand Army of the Republic. May their highest hopes be realized. They are:

- Woman's Relief Corps-Miss Grace L. Johnson, 646 Oakwood Ave., Toledo 2, Ohio. Ladies of the G.A.R.-Mrs. Wilma Hankins, 4500 Sheridan Road, Chicago, Ill. Daughters of Union Veterans-Mrs. Georgia M. Bone, 15 Adelaide St., Hartford, Conn.

ADAPTATION CAN OPEN the ROAD AHEAD

A stern law of life, enforced by nature since living things appeared on our planet, is this-adapt or die! No species of animal or plant has ever been able to elude this rule. In fact, the study of natural history, in a broad sense, may be said to be the study of how living things have adapted themselves for survival in their environment.

In this law of nature there is a pertinent lesson, it seems to me, for an old organization such as ours, which is confronted by many changed and changing conditions. Join me in examining the subject, and let us see if there is not an application.

In the study of biology there is perhaps nothing more striking than the fitness of living things for their environment. This fitness is not absolute, but the more nearly absolute it is, the more fit that creature is for its environment--the better it lives; the faster it multiplies.

The animals and plants that are extinct today had certain types of organization; they were structured in certain ways. Those ways had been satisfactory in the past but were not suitable for an altering habitat. And those living things were not able to make the structural or other adjustments necessary to meet the requirements of differing surroundings.

In my opinion- and I think you can see the application -our organization is involved in this same law of changing conditions and "capacity for adaptation", as it is called in biology.

The conditions in which our organization came into existence, the surroundings in which it thrived, the ways of action that were highly rewarding, the features by which it was sustained and nourished - have

been passing away or are less effective. A changing era confronts us. That which sufficed yesterday, does not suffice today.

It is, indeed, a little startling, isn't it? -even shocking? But in the life and affairs of nations, as well as in the lower kingdoms, nature's laws are far-reaching and inexorable. It is the living things, the living organisms, that must do the changing.

Do you see what I mean?

The capacity for adaptation of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will determine its future place in our national and community life.

Frederick K. Davis, Commander-in-Chief

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

General Hartsuff Camp No. 50 of Rockland, Mass., has contributed \$10.00 to this fund in memory of Maj-Gen. George L. Hartsuff who graduated from West Point in 1852, served during the Civil War, and retired in 1871.

This is a splendid example for other Camps and for individual members to follow. In donating to this fund you will permanently register the name and military record of a Civil War Veteran and at the same time build up a fund for the perpetuation of the principles and objects of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.



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BY THIS TELEGRAM WHICH I HOPE YOU WILL PHOTOGRAPHICALLY REPRODUCE IN NOVEMBER BANNER I WANT TO CONVEY PROFOUND THANKS AND DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR THE SCORES OF GOODWILL LETTERS AND THE CORDIAL TELEGRAMS RECEIVED HERE IN CONNECTION WITH DINNER AND RECEPTION FOR ME AND FOR THE MANY EXPRESSIONS OF REGARD AND COOPERATION STOP IT IS BEYOND POSSIBILITY FOR ME TO MAKE INDIVIDUAL REPLY SO I HOPE THIS MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION WILL BE SEEN BY ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO IN THEIR COMMUNICATION EVIDENCED SO MUCH KINDNESS AND FRIENDLY SENTIMENT IN THEIR HEARTS STOP IT WAS QUITE AN AFFAIR FOR THIS COMMUNITY AND WAS ATTENDED BY THE MAYOR AND MANY HEADS OF ORGANIZATIONS FREDERICK K DAVIS COMMANDER IN CHIEF

S. U. V. C. W.



News Notes

Indiana-The mid-winter meeting of the Dep't along with the Aux. will be held at Frankfort on Dec. 6-7 . . . a fine program is being arranged . . . room reservations should be made to Hotel Coulter . . . a Tea and Bazaar will be held in G.A.R. rooms in the Court House from 3 to 4:30 on Dec. 6th to be followed by a banquet at 6:30 P.M. in Tabernacle Methodist Church . . . reservations with \$1.75 charge, to be sent to Hannah Kreisler, R.R. 5, Frankfort, Ind.

Kansas-regrets to report the death of Bro. Charles B. Martin . . . he lived for the S.U.V.C.W. having served many times as Dep't Officer as well as a National Vice Commander . . . The Aux. to Shiloh Camp 30 sponsored a picnic recently for the Dep't.

Michigan-Camp 14 and Aux. 46 conducted a well attended meeting together with a supper on Oct. 8th . . . following the meeting a motion picture was shown . . . a new member was initiated with P.C. in C. Mackey delivering the Flag Charge . . . several subscriptions to The Banner were received.

A regional meeting was held on Oct. 25 at the Pantlind Hotel in Grand Rapids at which time a reception was given to the new Dep't Officers . . . our Dep't Encampment will be held June 3-5 at The Book Building Detroit.

Massachusetts-The reception to Dep't Comdr. Perkins held Sept. 13 in Dorchester was well attended by officers and members from all of the New England Departments . . . The G. A. R. Family and other patriotic organizations were also well represented . . . At the meeting of the Old Timers held Sept. 27th in G.A.R. Hall, Somerville, Roy C. Call was elected Pres. and Geo. W. Kimball as Secy-Treas. . . the next meeting will be in G.A.R. Hall, Rockland . . . The North Met. Ass'n held their last meeting with the Beverly Camp with our Dep't Comdr. and Dep't Jr. Vice Comdr. as guests . . . the business session was presided over by Pres. Kimball . . . another CARE package was voted and the election of officers resulted as follows: Clarence W. Howard Pres., and Henry S. Bowen, Jr., Vice Pres. . . the Secy. and Treas. were both reelected . . . Bro. John B. Davis of Camp 81 is Camp Musician, North Met. Musician, Mass. Dep't Musician, and Nat'l Musician . . . quite a record . . . At the next meeting of Camp 34 Wakefield, they will entertain the North Met. and there will be a class initiation by the North Met. Degree Staff.

New York-TenEyck Camp of Albany will observe Dedication Day with a dinner and reception honoring Dep't Comdr. Robt. McMahon and Dep't President Edith Ostrander on Nov. 15 at McCaffrey's Restaurant . . . Oliver Tilden Camp 26 will hold Dedication Day and Armistice services at the Municipal Building, New York City on Wednesday evening, Nov. 12th . . . Five of the Camps of the Metropolitan District have been invited to participate . . . Sniper Camp 66 of Syracuse mourns the death of P. C. Charles H. Peters . . . Gen. Diven Camp of Elmira recently mustered two candidates . . . a dance was held Oct. 3 at Carpenters Hay Loft . . . Aux.'s 30, 48, 57, and 6 of the Capitol District tendered a dinner and reception Oct. 18th to

Dep't Comdr. McMahon and staff and Dep't Pres. Ostrander and staff . . . Lafayette Camp 140 of New York City will install officers at a dinner meeting at Rosoff's Restaurant Nov. 20 . . . DuPont-Eiseman Camp 2 reconvened on Sept. 19 after summer vacation . . . a communication was read from Bro. Bill Bunker who is serving in the 204th F. A. in Korea . . . Sec'y Bunker suggests that each Camp subscribe for The Banner for members in the armed forces.

New England Regional Ass'n held its annual meeting at the Weirs, N. H. with 150 S.U.V.C.W. and Aux in attendance . . . Harold E. Arnold is the new Comdr., Chas. H. E. Moran, Sr. Vice; Louis Winchell Sec'y-Treas.; Thos. Chadwick of Vt. Radio Director; Herbert Bogue of Mass. Publicity Director; Exec. Comm. includes Robt. C. Hunt, Maine; Lawrence J. Parker, N. H.; Archie Aldrich, Vt.; Geo. W. Kimball, Mass.; James Ledwith, Conn.; and Geo. E. Burrows, R. I. . . Cleon Heald was appointed to secure a marker and to make plans for placing a memorial to the G.A.R. in the Altar of the Cathedral of the Pines, in New Hampshire

New Jersey-A testimonial dinner was held on Oct. 25 for Dep't Comdr. Geo. Kilmer and Dep't Pres. Sister Satterthwaite . . . The 1953 Dep't Enc. will be held on June 19-20 in Atlantic City, with headquarters at the Hotel Jefferson . . . the annual mid-winter meeting of the N. J. Dep't S.U.V.C.W. will be held Sat. eve, Nov. 15 in Odd Fellows Bldg, Lambertville . . . previous to the meeting an officers dinner meeting will be held in the same building . . . Garfield Camp 4, Trenton will hold its annual Lincoln Banquet in Trenton, Friday evening, Feb. 13th.

Pennsylvania-Camp 112 of Gettysburg had 20 members in the "Lincoln Pageant" presented on Oct. 18 . . . along with representatives from Lititz, New Oxford, Carlisle, Harrisburg, York, Reading, and Middletown, they were dressed in Civil War uniforms and under the command of Col. Howard Dissinger and his staff . . . the annual Dedication Day Banquet of the So. Central Past Comdrs. and Past Presidents Ass'n will be held at the Hotel Gettysburg on Nov. 19 . . . This is the 22nd annual observance by this group . . . Members of Meade Camp of Reading recently presented checks for \$250. each to Scotland School for Veterans' children and the Veterans Administration Hospital at Lebanon . . . Funds for this were realized from a benefit dance held in the Abraham Lincoln ballroom . . . Members of Camp 9C were saddened recently by the death of Andrew Burns, Senior.



Season's Greetings

Best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Prosperous New Year

NATIONAL PRESIDENT



MRS. LILA A. MACEY
Schenectady, New York

Mrs. Lila A. Macey of Schenectady, N. Y. was elected National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 66th Nat'l Encampment held at Atlantic City, N. J., the week of Aug. 23.

Mrs. Macey was born in Troy, N. Y., and has always resided in the State of New York. She is a member of Col. A. D. McConihe Auxiliary of Troy, having been initiated on November, 30, 1927. Having held practically every office in the Auxiliary, she was elected as President in 1933. After holding minor offices in the Dep't of New York, she was appointed Chief Aide to the S.U.V.C.W. in 1931, and was elected Dep't President in 1936. Under her able leadership the Dep't had a very successful year, and she retired with the respect and affection of its entire membership.

In 1943 she was appointed as Chairman of the Blood Bank of the Nat'l Organization, where she gave a year of faithful and devoted service to raise a splendid fund, that blood might be converted to Plasma for the use of boys injured in the service of our country.

Mrs. Macey is the grand niece of Joseph Mace deSincere, through whom she derives her eligibility. He served during the Civil War with a Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment, and was discharged on account of disability.

Friendship-Fidelity-Forward

Your Nat'l President wishes to appeal to her Sisters for members. We must increase our membership if we are to go forward. Our heritage is a priceless one. Let us remember to speak of our Civil War Comrades to our friends, interest them in our work, and many times we find someone eligible who does not know of our order. Invite them to activities of a social nature.

Our fathers fought to preserve our Union and our Flag. Let us preserve our faith in them by always looking ahead to find a worthy and eligible member to help us in our work, to carry on the principles of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

This must be done to stop our losses, enlarge our membership, and to assist us in raising our funds to carry us Forward.

Lila A. Macey, National President

Auxiliary

National President
Mrs. Lila A. Macey



News Notes

725 State St.,
Schenectady, N. Y.

Maine-Staples Aux. 18 exemplified the ritual at our Encampment . . . In August several picnics and beans were held, one at the home of the Aux. 18 President, another at the home of P.D.P. Patten at Hollowell . . . Sept. 11 we held a picnic supper at the home of Dep't Vice Pres. Sister Florence Arnold and Sept. 18 Sister Smith held a baked bean supper . . . there was a birthday cake and gifts for P. P. Maude Keene . . . Warren Aux. reports a new candidate since Encampment . . .

Sept. 20 a delightful reception was tendered to Dep't President Susie Renell in Portland.

Massachusetts-The Dep't is getting into its winter stride now that formal receptions for Dep't President Blanche Foster are completed . . . Inspections are nearly completed and elections are taking place . . . Soon the Installing Team will be on the march under direction of P.N.P. Phyllis Dean . . . Plans for earning money are being made by the Survey and Planning Board . . . The New England Regional meeting took place at Worcester on Oct. 24-25 . . . there was much of business, entertainment and fun.

New Jersey-At a recent meeting of the N. J. Allied Orders of the G.A.R. our Dep't Pres. Sister Satterthwaite was elected as Pres. . . this group voted \$150 to purchase a gift to be presented to the new V. A. Hospital in Orange, N. J. . . the N. J. Dep't Aux. also presented an American Flag to the same hospital which has been recently dedicated . . . Our Dep't Rehabilitation Comm. recently held a Halloween Party at Bonnie Burn Sanatorium in Scotch Plains for the 44 male veterans and 1 female veteran hospitalized there.

Pennsylvania-Aux. 1 observed its 63rd anniversary with a dinner with many attending from other Auxiliaries . . . Two 50 year members attended . . . They were Clara Gallagher and Ann Shaffer . . . Aux. 14 held a card party to benefit the Lincoln Social . . . Aux 14 will be inspected on Oct. 31 by Dep't Patriotic Instructor Helen Hall.

Vermont-Springfield Aux. 1 and Camp tendered a reception to Dep't Comdr. Edwin Barnard Oct. 4 . . . The annual picnic of the Winooski Valley District was held Aug. 10 in Peacham with a good attendance . . . It was voted to send boxes to the (continued on page eight)

Auxiliary News, continued

Veterans Hospital at White River Jct., and the Soldiers Home in Bennington . . . Dep't Press Correspondents attention! Dec. 20th is dead-line for Jan. Banner news

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Its Buffalo For '53



Buffalo, in the heart of the world-famous Niagara Region and at the gateway to Canada will be the scene of our 1953 Nat'l Encampment. The dates are Aug. 23-27, with headquarters at the beautiful Hotel Lafayette.

Reservation cards will be distributed with a future issue of The Banner. There is much to see and do, in and near Buffalo. It is suggested that those planning to attend should allow a few days prior to, or following the Encampment for sight-seeing. Being the second largest city in N. Y. State, Greater Buffalo has a population of about one million. Included in the interesting things to see or do are; A trip to Niagara Falls; Boat trips on Lake Erie; Visit to historic old Fort Niagara; Watkins Glen; Our Lady of Victory Basilica; Univ. of Buffalo; Peace Bridge; Kellogg Observatory; Spitz Planetarium; Buffalo Historical Society, Art Gallery, Zoo, and Museum of Science. The beautiful Civil War Monument, dedicated on July 4, 1882, is located in a large square directly in front of Hotel Lafayette. Plan your vacation now-this will be an Encampment you will not want to miss.



GRAND ARMY of the REPUBLIC HIGHWAY
U. S. Route No. 6, Coast to Coast

Radio Committee Message

Bro. Earl Riggs of Calif. and myself have been appointed to sustain efforts of the late H. Harding Hale on radio activities, and for one, I'm only substituting, no one can take his place. Many times I was on his broadcasts and knew his problems. His stirring Civil War stories, research, and contacts for recognition were worthwhile.

We have the G.A.R. Highway to promulgate - a big project and millions know nothing of it. Why not use the radio to tell our future plans. This project is by no means ended - we can tell of memorials planned along its course, also of the contemplated postage stamp to commemorate the highway. Nov. 19, and Feb. 12 and like occasions are opportune to tell the Lincoln story.

In Rochester, N. Y. we have an 111 year old G.A.R. Veteran. His whereabouts are always sought, and Bro. Fred Colwell has the "know how" to procure air transmission. Others of our members are capable of attaining our goal. I appeal to all with persuasion in their respective areas to take advantage of the opportunit-

ies that stand waiting for us. Think this over and we can put it over.
Harold M. Drown

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