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## SIXTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The 82nd Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic convened in the city of Grand Rapids, Mich., Sept. 28. Much of the convention pomp and inspiration of former Encampments was not in evidence and the lack of Flags displayed, and the usual Encampment decorations was noticed with sadness by many who had attended former Encampments.

Six grand old men comprised the G. A. R. delegation this year. They were:

Theodore A. Pentland, Portland, Oregon, 99 years; John Grate, Atwater, Ohio, 103 years; Albert Woolson, Duluth, Minn., 102 years; Wm. H. Osborne, Joplin, Mo., 105 years; Comrade Chapple, Long Beach, Calif., 102 years; James A. Hard, Rochester, N. Y., 107 years [who came to the Encampment by plane as a guest of civic organization in his home city].

At their business session they decided to hold one more Encampment, at Indianapolis, Indiana, in August, 1949. Unless plans are changed at that Encampment that will be their last meeting.

For the Sons this was the sixty-seventh annual meeting, and for the Auxiliary their sixty-first. There were good delegations present from each of these organizations, as was also the case for the other affiliated organizations belonging to the Grand Army Family.

The usual exercises incident to Encampment began with divine services in the churches Sunday morning. That afternoon occurred the Memorial Service for the departed Grand Army members, participated in by officers of the affiliated bodies. The annual meeting of the Federated Societies was held at 4:00 o'clock, followed by their banquet. There were held as well various meetings, receptions and dinners by Past Officers and groups of the affiliated organizations during the afternoon and evening.

At 8:00 o'clock in the Civic Auditorium, was given the annual concert by the United States Ma-

Grand Rapids, Mich., Host to Encampment for Fifth Time — Six G. A. R. Comrades Present, Aged 99 to 107 Years

### OFFICERS FOR 1948-49

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### APPOINTEES

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR — FRANKLIN S. HUBBARD, 18th Ave., Kenosha, Wis.

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COUNSELOR — CECIL J. RANDALL, 1989 W. Broad St., Columbus 4, Ohio.

PERSONAL AIDE — P. C.-IN-C. URION W. MACKAY, 417 Ardmore, S. E., Grand Rapids 7, Michigan.

rine Band, under the direction of their popular leader, Wm. T. Santleman. This popular band organization, attendant at National Encampments for several years past, are one of the Encampment features, always drawing a large and enthusiastic attendance, who show their appreciation for the fine music rendered by sincere applause. Their selections include popular as well as classical renditions used to bring out the delightful harmony. An unusual feature during one of the old Civil War songs being played occurred when G. A. R. Comrade Grate arose to his feet, faced the audience and sang the words of the song. The band entered into

the spirit of the occasion and the audience gave vociferous applause.

Following this concert, in another room in the Auditorium building the Sons and Auxiliary held their memorial service for departed members, in charge of the National Chaplains of both organizations. Eulogies were given in behalf of deceased members of the Grand Army of the Republic by P. C.-in-C. Ralph R. Barrett; to the late National Chaplain, Rev. U. G. Lacey, and deceased members of the Sons by P. C.-in-C. Allan S. Holbrook; to the deceased members of the Auxiliary by Past Nat. Pres. Maude E. Warren. Floral tributes were placed

by the Dept. Presidents and Dept. Commanders.

The usual preliminary meetings held previous to business sessions, Credential Committees, Auditing officials, etc., started Monday morning, along with breakfasts and lunches for past officials and present officers and continued through the three days. On Monday evening occurred the banquet and reception to the Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R.; the dinner of the Past Com.-in-Chief and Past National Presidents of the Sons and Auxiliary; and the exemplification of the Ritual for the Sons by Michigan Dept. officers.

On Tuesday evening occurred the banquet and reception honoring Com.-in-Chief Moran and Nat. Pres. Joyce; the semi-official meeting in the Civic Auditorium, where all visiting delegations are welcomed and where the heads of all organizations spoke.

On Wednesday evening occurred the annual parade, participated in this year only by a small number of our organization, partly in uniform, the remainder in civil dress. The weather was inclement, but the Grand Army Comrades were not to be denied and appeared in cars. Several units of the National Guard were in the line. The annual G. A. R. Camp Fire was held at 8:00 o'clock in the Civic Auditorium, addressed by state and local officials.

### SONS FIRST SESSION

The first business session of the Sons was opened in the Wolverine Room of the Rowe Hotel, at 1:45 o'clock. The regular opening routine was followed. All officers were present except Nat'l Secretary Hammer, who was confined to his home because of sickness. After declaring the Encampment open for business Com.-in-Chief Moran read a letter from Nat'l Sec.-Treas. Hammer, offering his resignation from office to take effect Sept. 30.

Past Com.-in-Chief Locke offered the following resolution, which was accepted:

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To the Auxiliary staff and members: Our year is just beginning—our responsibility is great, but with each Department co-operating we are sure to have a grand outstanding year.

Thank you all for honoring the California & Pacific Department with great honors. We officers living in the West will know the officers in the East better than ever and are just as near as the telephone, telegraph or air mail can make us.

Let us work with a fervent wish, and faith like that of our Fathers, full of Patriotism and a will that will not let us falter as we see our duty to country and home, as they did.

We are not forgetting that we are the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and we are only too willing to co-operate and assist in their patriotic duties.

Our best wishes are extended to all members of the Grand Army of the Republic. May you have health and strength to continue the good work you started eighty odd years ago.

To the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G. A. R., and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, our continued interest and good wishes go with you. May you all have a very successful and happy year.—Sincerely yours, Lena G. Barrett, National President, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

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#### KANSAS DEPARTMENT

The 58th annual Encamp. of Kansas Dept. was held in Eldorado May 2-4. Dept. Pres. Violet Grimes presided graciously and a profitable and enjoyable time was had by all. Sunday evening members of the Allied Orders attended a memorial Service for the Grand Army.

Monday's sessions were devoted to reading of reports of the Dept. Pres., Officers and Aux. Presidents. Greetings Committees were received and a beautiful Memorial Service was held jointly with the Sons, under the direction of Dept. Chaplain Kate Fairchild.

Preceding the Camp Fire the Sons were guests of the Aux. at a banquet. Clever paper caps and bibs made by Eva McGee and Irene Smither of Salina, added a festive touch and created merriment. A Love Gift of \$35.00 was presented to the Sons.

Tuesday, final reports were read, Convention Committees gave an account of their work and election of officers was followed by a joint installation with the Sons. P. D. C. Tracy Perry was installing officer.

Elective officers installed were: Pres., Sadie Dix, Newton; V. P., Kate Fairchild, Kansas City, Kan.; Council: Violet Grimes, Emporia; Iva Perry, Eldorado; Rosa Reese, Gypsum; Treas., Amy Miller, Wichita; Pat. Inst., Alice Johnson, Salina; Chap., Edith M. Trax, Salina; Insp., Myra Briley, Kansas City; I. & I. Officer, Irene Smither, Salina; Press Cor., Lncy Hearne, Eldorado.

Kansas mourns the death of one of her dearly beloved Past Presidents, Emma Jo La Paz, of Wichita, on July 31, 1948, aged 86 years. She was a charter member of Aux. 46 and a member of the Order for 55 years. She served three terms as Dept. Pres., during the years 1896, 1912, 1913; two years as Dept. Sec. and two years as Dept. Treas. A sincerely patriotic person her first interest was for the Aux. which she loved dearly. She was the author of several patriotic songs and many poems, a number of them with Kansas as the theme.

Her gracious and kindly manner endeared her to many and the depth of her patriotism inspired all who knew her. She leaves, besides her aged husband, an only son born on Feb. 12 whom she named Lincoln, a nationally known scientist with the Atomic Energy Commission. She will be sadly missed by those who knew her and our Order has lost a loyal member.

On June 27 Dept. Pres. Sadie Dix and Aux. 30 at Newton sponsored a Dept. picnic for Sons and Aux. Despite excessive rains and high waters, about 40 attended. Plans and projects for the winter months were discussed. It is hoped that this picnic will be made an annual affair.—Eula M. Brannen, Dept. Sec.

#### NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT

Paterson—Aux. 3 celebrated their 60th anniversary with a dinner on Oct. 2. That being the day a very tired delegation arrived home from the Nat. Encamp. in Grand Rapids, some of the sisters who usually attend these affairs were missing.

Our Chief-of-Staff Jean Kandrae, of Trenton Aux. 5 is very busy with her fund and has several affairs planned. Her first affair was a covered dish supper and doggie roast, which was held at the home of P. N. P. Edna Lambert with Bro. Al Lambert as "chief cook," roasting the doggies. Sister Anna and Bro. Roy Stoudt, came all the way from Reading, Pa., to attend. Aux. 5 were happy to initiate and welcome into their Aux. Joan E. Lambert, daughter of Edna and Al Lambert.

Our Dept. Pat. Inst. Genevieve Orme, of Orange Aux. 9 is working very hard raising money for her fund, whereby the veterans in the various hospitals will get a great deal of happiness and pleasure from her efforts and the generosity of the Sisters. Sister Orme held a card party and game night on Oct. 7, which was well attended and a huge success.

The members of the Rehabilitation Committee who work in conjunction with our Dept. Pat. Inst., have plans completed for a Hallowe'en Party, to be given to a group of Veterans at Halloran Hospital on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 31. The Trenton Scotch Group will entertain with songs and dances. The refreshments will be doughnuts and coffee. Candy, cigarettes and Hallowe'en favors will be distributed to the boys. P. D. P. Rose Volker and Sister Lena Williams are Co-Chairladies of this Committee.

On Saturday evening, Nov. 6, Trenton Aux. 18 will tender a reception and dance to our Dept. Pres. Ella G. Reeger and Lambertville Camp No. 10 will also tender a reception and dance to our Dept. Com. Daniel H. Oblinger at the Contemporary in Trenton. The Committee have plans completed for a very enjoyable evening and are looking forward to greeting a great many visitors from various Departments as well as the Brothers, Sisters and friends of our own Dept.

A delegation of 16 members from N. J. attended the Nat. Encamp. P. N. P. Katharine Joyce presided beautifully and we offer our heartiest congratulations to you, Katharine, for a grand job well done.

To our Nat. Pres. Lena Barrett and her staff, we offer our sincere good wishes for a very successful and happy year.

To our Comrades of the G. A. R. we wish good health and strength to meet again in Indianapolis next year. We are deeply sorry that it will be your last Encamp. May God be with you all to meet again.

To the newly elected Nat. Sec. and Treas. of the Sons, Bro. Albert Lambert, congratulations and best wishes in your new office.

P. D. P. Katherine Bolan will celebrate her golden wedding anniversary on Nov. 23 and P. D. P. Amy Bell will celebrate her 56th wedding anniversary on the same date. Congratulations and best wishes to these sisters and we wish them good luck and good health to celebrate many more.—Ruth Daly, Dept. Press Cor., 1039 Anna So., Elizabeth, N. J.

#### NEW YORK DEPARTMENT

Many activities are planned for this Nov. month to honor Dept. Pres. Adeline Schleit and staff, also Dept. Com. Chas. L. Messer

and staff Saturday, Nov. 6, Aux. 30, Albany, will honor our Dept. Officers and will also celebrate their 50th anniversary as an Aux. On Sat., Nov. 13, Aux. 57 of Troy will hold a dinner and reception for our Dept. Officers.

The Past Dept. Presidents' Club of Greater New York held their semi-annual luncheon Monday, Oct. 18, at the Hotel Bradford, New York City. Pres. Mary Kryger presided and introduced our honored guests, Nat. Pres. Lena Barrett and Nat. Vice Pres. Edith Paulding, also Past Dept. Pres. Myrtle Phillips, of Schenectady. Business meeting followed and gifts were presented to members from their 1947-48 "Victory Friends." Election of officers was held and the following were unanimously elected: Pres., Edith M. Paulding; Vice Pres., Marian Werner; Sec. Treas., Ruth Delinger; Chap., Maude Halpin.

Syracuse—Aux. 25. A dinner and reception was tendered to Dept. Pres. Adeline L. Schleit and her official staff by her own Aux. 25, Syracuse, on Saturday, Aug. 21, P. D. P. Winnie Durst was in charge and reported 110 in attendance. In the receiving line, besides Sister Schleit and her staff were the Dept. Com. Charles Messer and members of his staff. Other guests were Dept. heads of various patriotic orders of the state, the Nat. Chap., Mary Mandeville, Past Nat. and Past Dept. Officers and visitors from many parts of the State. Sister Schleit received many gifts and well wishes for a happy and successful year as Dept. Pres. A fine entertainment followed the reception.

Yonkers—Aux. 71 held a memorial service and draped the charter in memory of Sister Florence C. Barger, a Past Pres. and active member of our Aux., who passed to her heavenly rest on Aug. 8, 1948. Sister Barger died very suddenly of a heart attack. The service was held at the regular meeting of the Aux. Because the G. A. R. Memorial Room at City Hall is required for official purposes, the Geo. B. McClellan Aux. 71 held its last meeting there. The Aux. was notified of the required change through their Camp 74, which with other patriotic organizations connected with the Civil War have met there since City Hall was built. The City of Yonkers has given the Aux. permission to use a room at the Health Center for their meetings. A house warming is being planned for the near future. The Aux. Color Guard will take part in the 19th annual military ceremony of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

New York City—Aux. 24 Gen. U. S. Grant. One of the most successful events of the season, both financially and socially, was the Military Bridge given by Aux. 24 of New York on Thursday, Sept. 16. Sister Mary Lowenstein was chairlady and is to be congratulated on the success of the affair. The Aux. entertained Nat. Pres. Sister Barrett and her husband, Past C-in-C. Dr. Barrett, from Los Angeles, Cal., at their regular meeting. Sister Barrett commented on the fine floor work done in this Aux. A corsage of money was given to Sister Barrett. A reception followed and was attended by many Dept. officers and guests.

Schenectady—Aux. 45. On Sept. 9 Aux. 45 had as their guest of honor, Edwin Van Vorst, Dept. Pat. Inst. of the S. U. V.. On this occasion, Dept. Com. Charles Messer, of Albany, presented Bro. Van Vorst with a 50 year badge as a member of King Camp 42, Troy, and also of Long Beach, S. U. V. This honor of love and appreciation was bestowed on Bro. Ed for the loyal support and encouragement he has given the N. Y. Dept., especially the Capitol District. Guests from Troy, Albany, Amsterdam, Camp 61, and Aux. 32, Schenectady, were present. A reception followed the presentation.—Florence R. Parsons, Dept. Press Cor., 91 Ravine Ave., Yonkers 2, N. Y.