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Gettysburg--Battle and Address

The Battle of Gettysburg came to a close on the eve of Independence Day, 1863. The famous Gettysburg Address of Abraham Lincoln was delivered on Nov 19, 1863 when the very field where men had fought was consecrated as The Gettysburg National Cemetery.

Chief Executive Invited to Speak

The Gettysburg program was arranged by the Nat'l Soldiers Cemetery Committee and they selected Edward Everett as the orator for the occasion. Officially Lincoln had no voice in the plans as the celebration was not under the jurisdiction of the United States Government. Out of courtesy to him however he was invited by the committee to make a few appropriate remarks.

Writing the Immortal Words.

On November 2, seventeen days before the address, the invitation reached Lincoln. There is difference of opinion as to when he wrote out his address, but all authorities agree that he wrote the first draft before he left the Capitol for Gettysburg. That some corrections were made after arriving at Gettysburg, and that the last part of it especially was rewritten is an assured fact. What is known as the battlefield revision copy is transcribed on two pieces of paper, the first part written in ink and the concluding part written in pencil.

The First Gettysburg Speech

Lincoln made two addresses at Gettysburg; one is forgotten, the other will always be remembered. The evening on which the President arrived at Gettysburg, in response to urgent demands from the crowd, Lincoln

appeared at the door of the home of Mr. Wills and made his first Gettysburg speech.

An Unlovely Setting

Gettysburg was an unlovely place on November 19, 1863. The trees, shorn of their limbs, gave evidence of the fearful struggle. The speakers' platform added little to the decorative features of the occasion. The day itself, was beautiful but the brightness of the sun accentuated the ugliness of the place which is now so beautiful and serene.

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A Few Appropriate Remarks

Lincoln's words were few, two hundred and sixty-five, to be exact, taking one hundred and thirty-five seconds to deliver. Without comment on what had been said before, without apology for lack of time, in simple and sympathetic words, he consecrated the burial field as "a final resting place for those who here gave their lives."

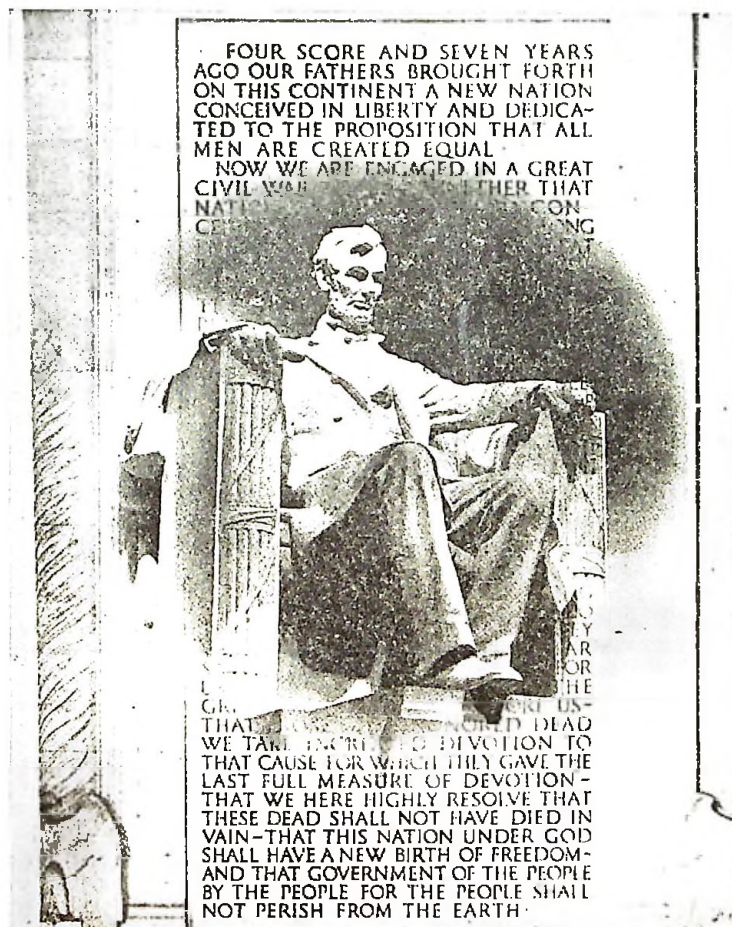
Lincoln's Written and Spoken Versions

Five different versions of the Gettysburg Address can be identified as (1) preliminary writings, (2) spoken words, and (3) revisory copies. After the dedication, copies of the Lincoln Address were requested by Edward Everett, George Bancroft,

and probably others. The writing which he prepared for Everett and the two copies he wrote for Bancroft have been preserved. It is the version in the final Bancroft copy that is most widely used, and has become known as the authentic Gettysburg Address of Abraham Lincoln.

A Masterpiece of Modern English Eloquence

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Gettysburg Address-continued

The more closely the Address is analyzed, the more one must confess astonishment at its choice of words, the precision of its thought, its simplicity, directness, and effectiveness.

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Three-year Plan adopted by Council of Administration, Buffalo, N. Y. Aug. 1953

MAIN OBJECTIVES

1. Improve the appreciation and application by members of Camps and Dep'ts of the principles of the Order as defined in Article 2 of the C. & R.
2. Attain greater continuity of action by successive administrations.
3. Study and adopt methods helpful in gaining increased public recognition of favorable character.

FIRST YEAR 1952-1953

1. Start modernizing printed forms and business practices to extent feasible.
2. Submit a variety of suggestions and proposals to Dep'ts for consideration.
3. Print leaflet giving information regarding our Order and indicating our concern to maintain fundamental Americanism.
4. Cooperate to improve appearance and contents of The Banner, obtain suitable pictures for it and obtain subscriptions from more members.
5. Devote thought and study to developing a 3-year plan.
6. Encourage Camps to have open meetings with good planned programs to which guests and eligibles are invited, as often as possible, at least once a year.
7. Recommend formation of new State Camps in Departments that have the personnel and conditions to undertake them. Suggest manner of functioning.
8. Try to analyze wherein our past methods are weak, inadequate, or failing to hold members or attract new ones.
9. Give full study to Ritual revision and submit same for approval.
10. Start study and revision of C. & R., if the need seemed to exist.
11. Start inquiry as to availability of Grand Army programs, S.U.V.C.W. programs, talks or broadcasts by Union Veterans, that have been recorded. This with a view of obtaining duplicates.
12. Launch definite publicity effort on behalf of G. A. R. Highway—publicity with which we are clearly and favorably identified. Solicit cooperation of Nat'l Highway 6 Ass'n with headquarters at Ely, Nevada.

SECOND YEAR 1953-1954

1. Continue modernizing efforts—revise blue leaflets.
2. Continue submitting proposals, if any, to Dep'ts for consideration.
3. Print leaflet along lines of true Civil War information—preferably to correct erroneous use of "War Between the States".
4. Campaign for more subscriptions to The Banner.
5. Continue and increase contacts with Dep'ts to encourage them to study State Camp methods and undertake formation of such Camps.

6. Locate, duplicate, and establish a file of recordings, reproducing talks and broadcasts of Union Veterans, programs by the Grand Army and our Order etc. with the object of creating and maintaining a file of such recordings available to Camps and Dep'ts. Camps and Dep'ts desiring a recording would pay shipping expense and make a refundable deposit to cover replacement cost if recording should be damaged.

7. Complete revision of C. & R. for approval.
8. Issue ritual revision in economic form so those receiving same may revise their Rituals.
9. Publish the 3-year plan as adopted.
10. Start effort to prepare one or two picture slide programs of historical nature suitable for screen projection and accompanied by appropriate commentary. For use by Camps as well as Civic Groups and schools.
11. With aid of Dep'ts draw upon the cooperative offer of Nat'l Highway 6 Ass'n and seek the cooperation of individual Chambers of Commerce in States through which the Route passes. Try to use their influence as well as that of the Order to obtain further State improvement of the Highway and placement and maintenance of official markers in adequate numbers.
12. Initiate a definite Americanism program (Americanism Committee) to study national issues of patriotic significance and report to the Order from time to time, with the object of promoting appreciation of our historical heritage and to alert members and the public to dangers that imperil that heritage.
13. Encourage projects interesting to younger people—drill teams, fife and drum corps, degree teams, and uniforms.

THIRD YEAR 1954-1955

1. Print leaflet on true Civil War information—possibly dealing with the issue of "sovereign States."
2. Continue campaign to increase The Banner subscription list.
3. Encourage Camps to have occasional open meetings with informative programs.
4. Continue the study and experiment with State Camp methods. Start a definite effort to help with the programs by providing ideas, lists of speakers, any practicable aids.
5. Issue C. & R. revision material so the booklets can be made to conform; i.e., the possessor of a booklet can correct it.
6. Complete and make available one or more screen programs of historical nature, same to be subject to rental by Camps or Dep'ts.
7. Further develop, perfect, and publicize the Americanism program started the previous year.
8. Continue Highway publicity. Encourage Dep'ts to locate historical sites for markers. Use influence to get States to develop picnic areas along the Highway, naming same for prominent Union people of the Civil War.
9. Survey progress that may have been made in carrying out the objectives of the Three-Year Plan.

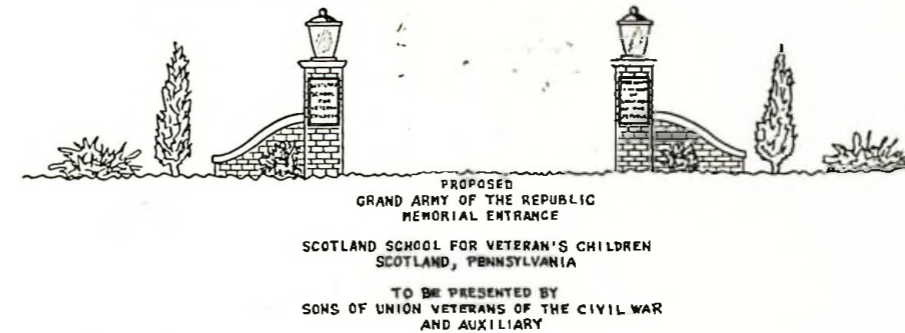


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Memorial Planned by Pennsylvania Department and Auxiliary



The above pictured "Memorial Entrance" to the Scotland School for Veterans' Children will be dedicated in 1955 during the 75th Encampment of the Dep't, and the 60th anniversary of the founding of the school by the G. A. R. This is a joint project of the S.U.V.C.W. and Aux. of the Penna. Dep't. Bricks are being sold at \$5.00 each. Printed forms containing the name of the purchaser and the name of the veteran in whose memory the brick was purchased will be enclosed in a copper box and sealed in one of the columns. Committee members are C. Leroy Stouidt, Chairman; Ivan E. Frantz, Secretary; John H. Runkle; John A. Ruggles; Clarence Riddell; Mary E. Liddick, Treasurer; Anna I. Stouidt; Elizabeth Ritter; Katharine Joyce, and Anna B. Meyers.

Highway 6 Meeting



Among those present at the meeting of Highway 6 Ass'n at Hastings, Nebr., Sept. 25-26, at Hotel Clarke were the following: Looking over advertising and publicity media to promote travel on the highway are, (l to r) seated, W. E. Phillips, Port Jervis, N. Y.; C. E. Geraghty, Ely, Nev., president of the ass'n; Darwin Lambert, Ely, Nev., Sec'y. Standing, in same order, H. L. Barbour, Frisco, Colo., A. S. Holbrook, Dwight, Ill.; R. L. Johnson, Dillon, Colo.; D. W. Campbell, Long Beach, Calif.; M. F. Bell, Holdrege, Nebr.; J. E. Skipton, Hastings, Nebr., head of the association's central division. Business was completed Saturday noon, after passing suitable resolutions, adopting a constitution and by-laws, fixing suitable membership fees, as well as re-electing the same president and secretary and electing Mr. Holbrook as first vice-president.

Representatives were present from Nev.; Colo.; Ill.; Nebr.; N. Y.; Calif. A sound and color film, "Scenic Six", illustrating attractions along the Route from Denver to Long Beach was shown and similar films are planned in the central and eastern parts of the route. The ass'n proposes issuing maps, brochures or guide books, newspaper and magazine publicity to encourage making Route 6 (Grand Army of the Republic Highway) the most traveled and most popular cross-country Route in the U. S. The ass'n proposes to promote highway safety; uniformity of highway marking; reduction of highway hazards; a tunnel through the Continental Divide in Colo.; and an alternate route for those wishing to bypass Omaha and Council Bluffs.

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Cathedral of the Pines Presentation



"This stone from the famous 'Devil's Den' at the Battlefield in Gettysburg, Penna., is presented to the Cathedral of the Pines in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic by the New England Regional Ass'n, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary". So spoke P. C. in C. Cleon E. Heald on August 12th in making the presentation to Mr. Douglas Sloan, the founder of the Cathedral of the Pines, near Keene, New Hampshire.

Appreciation

"I am very proud of having my Past Dep't Commanders rank restored by the 72nd Nat'l Encampment. I thank P. C. in C. Davis, Dep't Sec'y-Treas. Cheney, and Bro. Earl Riggs, as well as all of the Brothers thru whose efforts this was attained."

Signed: Charles C. Stull

With taxes as they are—a dollar saved is two dollars earned.

We need education in the obvious more than investigation of the obscure. —Justice Holmes

Central Regional Conference

The 18th Central Regional Conference was held in Aurora, Ill. October 10-11 with representatives present from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisc. Sr. Vice C. in C. Dewey Mead brought a message from C. in C. Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd.

The 1952 message given to the Region by then C. in C. Davis was ordered printed in pamphlet form. The next annual meeting will be held in Lafayette, Ind.



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Headquarters
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War

1135 21st Street, N. W.,
Washington 6, D. C.

November 1, 1953

1. Greetings and Best Wishes from the Sons of Union Veterans to our **Auxiliary and Affiliated Orders**, especially we offer our congratulations and heartfelt wishes for a successful year to their new Nat'l Presidents and officers, to

Mrs. Mildred Webster, Nat'l President, Auxiliary
Mrs. Gertrude McLean, Nat'l President, Woman's
Relief Corps

Mrs. Bertha Williamson, Nat'l President, Ladies of
the G. A. R.

Mrs. Emma Cadieux, Nat'l President, Daughters of
Union Veterans

2. Department Commanders, through whose Departments the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, U.S. Route No. 6, runs, will promptly appoint a G. A. R. Highway Committee to examine and report upon the condition of the highway as to pavement, appropriate marking, and general condition. Such reports will be transmitted directly, together with the Dep't Comdr.'s recommendations as to measures to be taken to rectify any faults noted, to Bro. Allan B. Holbrook, Dwight, Ill. The Chairmen of Dep't Committees will constitute the Nat'l Committee on the G.A.R. Highway under the chairmanship of Bro Holbrook, to whom their names and addresses should be reported without delay.

3. Membership, or more accurately slow lessening of our membership by death and afflictions of age without enough new members to fill our ranks, continues to be an urgent problem, to the remedying of which all are enjoined to give their best thought and effort. I am convinced that, if our Camps and Dep'ts and even individual Members will take seriously the purposes of our Order, as enunciated in the Constitution Article 2, and make a place for themselves in their communities by well informed and wise activities, *then many eligibles will want to join*. Members so obtained will be much more useful to the Order and to our Country than those persuaded somewhat against their will perhaps to join a "far niente" Camp.

4. Any member who brings in five or more members will be promptly reported to the Nat'l Secy-Treas., so that his services may be recognized by appointment and announcement as Nat'l Aide. It is proposed to give a trophy (character and design not yet adopted) at the next annual Encampment to the Camp making the *greatest percentage gain* in new members during the year.

5. We welcome heartily to our Order the new George W. Howe Camp in Port Huron, Mich., and thank Dep't Comdr Donald Peacock and all others responsible for their successful efforts in organizing it.

6. Attention is invited to NOVEMBER 19th, the anniversary of President Lincoln's famous address at

Gettysburg, and the appropriateness of commemorating the occasion by some suitable ceremony in each Camp and community.

7. Preliminary arrangements have been completed for the 1954 Annual Encampment at Duluth, Aug. 9-12, 1954. Put these dates on your calendar now and begin planning to attend. Our Secy-Treas. has returned from a personal reconnaissance, and reports the available facilities excellent and offers of cooperation locally as most cordial. A fine program has already been outlined. The following convention committee has been appointed: Dewey B. Mead, Chairman; David Phelps, Chester Charter, John Ruffcorn, Irving Best, Geo. Bailey.

U. S. Grant 3rd

Attest:

Albert C. Lambert

Nat'l Secy-Treas.

Commander-in-Chief

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Your Attention, Please!

Attack on the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act.

The American people are not a nation of one race, but have their sources in many nations and races, held together as a nation by their belief in certain principles of government, in the rights and dignity of the individual, in the obligation of government and its functionaries to obey the established laws, in equality of opportunity, in loyal self-government as far as is consistent with the national interests, and finally in the effectiveness of our Constitution and our corollary institutions to provide such a government and protect the rights of the individual. The soundness of these beliefs is adequately confirmed by our present happy state, by the greatness to which our Nation has grown under the said institutions, by the patriotism and self-sacrifice heretofore devoted to their preservation, for all of which the "Star Spangled Banner" is the beautiful and appropriate symbol.

Our population received a tremendous influx of immigrants of racial extraction different from that of the original settlers during the half-century 1860-1910. They have on many occasions, in many political campaigns and on many a battlefield proven their worth as good Americans. They and their children have contributed greatly to our growth, industrial and intellectual and economic. The cohesion of our population in the two recent world wars has been a surprise to the rest of the world.

However, the various racial elements in our population had hardly had time to fuse, to develop sound national characteristics. In the early 1920s the situation was studied. It was decided to be for the good of the country to stabilize immigration by not only limiting the total allowed to enter annually, but also to limit those entering from each foreign nation to the same proportion as that nation's sons and daughters already here had to our total population. Hence, the quota system was established. In addition, to protect our labor market against the importation of indefinite numbers of pauper laborers and our population against the introduction of diseased and mental defectives, certain educational proficiency *(continued next page)*

Your Attention, Please! continued

and evidence of ability to be self supporting were required.

Through the years shortcomings in the law, mostly as to procedures and methods, were discovered and remedies attempted by amendments to the basic law. The Second World War brought to light a need for further changes and recognition of the Communist drive for world dominion introduced an entirely new problem. Senator McCarran and Congressman Walter, therefore after exhaustive study, drafted a bill codifying and coordinating the mass of amendments and superimposed decisions and regulations, and attempting to meet the new danger of subversive infiltration. Their bill was passed only after a hard fight in Congress. The same internationally minded and too "liberal" elements who fought it in the first place, are now organized to get the Act rescinded or amended, and they promise a hard fight in the next session of Congress to achieve their purpose.

All the patriotic societies who have studied the subject and, according to our information, organized labor are opposed to any amendment to do away with the quota system or otherwise depart from the present law or lessen its effectiveness. **Are you, too, opposed? If so, what are you going to do about it?**

The Bricker Amendment

Toward the end of the Truman Administration a local court on the West Coast decided that a state law was inoperative because inconsistent with a treaty provision, since the Constitution makes a duly adopted treaty "the supreme law of the land" (Art. 6, Par. 2). The decision was subsequently over-ruled by a superior court, but the country received a shock in realizing that the rights of the states and of the individual, protected by duly enacted legislation, might be negated by some treaty provision "in fine print", the impact of which had been overlooked in making and confirming the treaty. A campaign of education and propaganda was immediately initiated against "legislation by treaty". As there were at the time declarations by various committees and agencies of the United Nations proposing to its member nations the adoption of treaties obviously inconsistent with our Constitution and institutions or contrary to the best interests of the American people, this campaign had weight and carried conviction.

Senator Bricker of Ohio, staunch American and conservative, one of our most dependable fighters against "creeping socialism", proposed to amend the Constitution so as to make any provision of a treaty which is found to be inconsistent with our Constitution or with the prerogatives of the states, reserved to them by the Constitution, ineffective until made effective by appropriate special legislation. No one could or should object to this, and many of our patriotic societies have passed resolutions heartily endorsing his amendment.

However, the matter is not so simple. The treaty making power is reserved by the Constitution (Article 2, Section 2, Par. 2) for the Executive "by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, . . . provided two-thirds of the Senators present concur." In the past it has often been most difficult to obtain the required two-thirds vote in the Senate for treaties needed and most advantageous to our country. Furthermore, before a treaty can be in shape for presentation to the Senate, long, sometimes years of negotiation are nec-

essary. The hands of the President and the Secretary of State may be tied so as to make other countries unwilling to negotiate at all, unless the amendment is very carefully worded. Then, even when adopted a treaty does not enforce itself, legislation and appropriations are usually required to make it effective; and it may be doubted whether the Bricker amendment is really necessary.

Finally, President Eisenhower, in whom we have confidence and who is certainly not inclined to sell the U. S. down the river, has opposed the amendment on the basis that it will hamstring the Executive in his negotiations with foreign countries, and he is probably right. Worst of all, learned lawyers have questioned the effectiveness of the Bricker amendment, as now worded, to accomplish its avowed purpose. While endorsing the said purpose, we feel it wise and patriotic to withhold our endorsement of the Bricker amendment "as is", until its final terms are settled and its impact on the machinery of government is clarified.

U. S. Grant 3rd.

Comrade Woolson Honored



Shown above is Sr. Vice C. in C. Dewey B. Mead presenting to Comrade Albert Woolson an engraved copy of the resolution passed at the Buffalo Encampment making him an honorary Past Commander-in-Chief of our Order. The entire ceremony was tape-recorded including Comrade Woolson's renewed invitation to come to Duluth next year.

Nat'l Patriotic Instructor's Message

The United States of America is the most wonderful country in the world. It must be kept so. In no other country do men of all races and religions have so free a chance to make themselves whatever they wish to be. The Communist would change all this—he would deceive the workers into the belief that we are slaves to capital, and that Russia is a better place to live. Do you realize that over a million of these Reds are on the inside working in our schools, churches, colleges, factories, and institutions of justice? Do you realize the extent that the principles of Communism are today threatening America? It is because these radical principles are the very opposite of the ideals of the Grand Army of the Republic that we must be on our guard to teach Patriotism wherever and whenever the opportunity presents itself.

Do Something--Help Keep America American

Each Dep't and Camp should make a special effort to sponsor some event for Dedication Day, Nov. 19th.

Harold E. Arnold, Nat'l Patriotic Instructor

S. U. V. C. W.



News Notes

California-Louis Story of Compton was the special guest of Santa Ana Camp and Aux. following his appointment as Nat'l Chaplain. Bro. Story delivered a talk on "Glimpses from the Nat'l Convention of 1953". Fresno Camp 17 and Aux. 17 were hosts during Oct. to the mid-winter meeting of the Calif. Dep't. plans were discussed for beautifying G.A.R. Highway and establishing roadside rests for tourists along the route.

Colorado-Camp 5 of Colo. Springs reports an outstanding picnic in July and are now planning for their annual Supper Oct. 26th at which time they will hold election of officers. State Camp 1 of Denver reports good meetings with Bingo and Card Parties. On the evening of Sept. 24 the Camp and Aux. presented an American Flag to Cub Scout Pack 141. they frequently visit at Fitzsimmons Hospital to entertain patients.

Illinois-The Decatur Camp and Aux. along with Ladies of the G.A.R., Daughters of Union Veterans and Woman's Relief Corps cooperated last month in a farewell program for the "Gen. Grant Tree". The great elm tree, beneath which Gen. U.S. Grant spoke Oct. 7, 1880 died this summer and was cut down on the 73rd anniversary of the Civil War general's Decatur speech. Gavels and other mementos will be made from the historic tree. A white birch will be planted on the spot next May 17, the 17th anniversary of the dedication of a plaque at the site placed by the Sons of Union Veterans during a State Encampment of the G. A. R.

Indiana-Splendid receptions to Dep't Officers have been held recently by Camps and Aux. in Muncie, Lafayette, Frankfort, and Connersville. an outstanding event was the presentation, dedication, and raising of a large American Flag in beautiful Heekin Memorial City Park by Camp 20 at Muncie. Hugh Snider and Alva Reef were in charge of the arrangements which included a concert by the Collins Military Band. The principal address was by Chaplain Adolph Starr of the Indiana Soldiers Home at Lafayette. Following the presentation a colorful exemplification of the ritual was presented in the hall of Camp 20 by the degree team of Camp 28, Richmond, with P.D.C. Argus Ogborn in charge. The mid-winter conference of the Indiana Dep't Sons and Aux. will be held at the Hotel Riley in Indianapolis Dec. 12-13.

Iowa-The annual picnic held recently at Cedar Rapids was well attended and enjoyable. Dep't Comdr. and Mrs. Witman of Humbolt, and Mrs. Leland Webb, Dep't President Aux. attended a reception for officers of the Allied Orders of the G. A. R. in Des Moines by D.U.V. Tent 6. Following the Buffalo Encampment, P.C. in C. Roy Bennett and his wife, Sue, who is now Nat'l Chaplain of the Aux. visited Comrade Woolson in Duluth. his daughter informed Roy and Sue that he rises early, washes, shaves, and dresses himself and eats heartily. Comrade Woolson is looking forward to our Encampment in Duluth.

Massachusetts-North Met. District Ass'n held its 27th annual banquet in Chelsea with Geo. W. Kimball as chairman. a 20-page souvenir program was issued, one page being devoted to Comrade Woolson. All the Dep't Presidents allied with the G. A. R. family were present. Camp 6 Beverly, Camp 9 Boston, Camp 30

Dorchester, and Camp 109 Newburyport have recently affiliated with the North Met. Ass'n. The N. E. Regional Ass'n held their quarterly meeting at The Weirs on Lake Winnepesaukee. delegates from 6 New England states elected P.C. in C. Chas. Moran as Comdr. for the coming year. The Old Timers Ass'n held its annual banquet at G.A.R. Hall, Rockland on Sept. 26 with Roy C. Call as President. Geo. W. Kimball was tendered a testimonial by Post 1538 V. F. W. recently in recognition of 50 years service to the veterans. The Mass. Dep't Encampment will be held in Boston, Apr. 9-10 with headquarters at the Sheraton Plaza Hotel.

Michigan-is happy to announce the formation of a new Camp at Port Huron. Geo. W. Howe Camp was instituted on Oct. 24th with 22 Charter Members. the Sons, Aux. and Daughters held a reception in Jackson recently to Dep't officers with representatives present from Detroit, Grand Rapids, and other Camps and Aux's. Congratulations to Merle and Florence Brown of Grand Rapids on their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 12th.

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Minnesota-Change of address: David A. Phelps, Dept Comdr., 656 Mineral Springs Av., Owatonna, Minn

Maine-Dep't Comdr. C. Lloyd Hooker was installed by his father, P.D.C. Lloyd Lee Hooker who held that office 40 years ago. The annual clambake was held at Dep't Comdr. Hooker's home at Sabino. the bake consisted of lobsters, clams, corn, frankfurters, pickles, eggs, doughnuts, coffee, and hardbreads.

New Jersey-The semi-annual dinner meeting of the State Camp of N. J. was held at Military Park Hotel, Newark on Nov. 14 with Dr. Morando DeFronzo of Millburn as speaker. His topic was "Civil War and World War Tactics". Skip Clark of Camp 5 Trenton has returned from active duty with the U. S. Signal Corps in Germany, and Albert W. Lambert of Camp 5 has just been assigned to Germany. Dick Pratt of Camp 4 Trenton is serving with the Radar Division of the U.S. Army at El Paso, Tex. Dep't Comdr. Fred Combs Jr. has announced that the Dep't Mid-winter meeting will be held in G.A.R. Hall, Trenton on Saturday evening, Dec. 5, and that the Dep't Encampment will be held in Asbury Park on June 18-19, with headquarters at the Kingsley Arms Hotel.

New York-Pictured are three generations in Dupont-Eiseman Camp 2 of Brooklyn. Left to right, Howard E. Bunker, 86; Wm. H. Bunker, 23. Korean War Veteran; and Howard W. Bunker, 55. At a recent meeting of the Camp Cpl. Wm. H. Bunker was presented with a War Service Medal.



(New York news continued on next page)

New York, continued-The annual meeting and picnic of the Southern Tier Ass'n S.U.V.C.W. and Auxiliary was held at Stewart Park, Ithaca July 19. Mrs. Isabelle Patterson of Ovid was elected President. The 1954 meeting will be held at Ovid. Camp 88 and Aux 7 of Waverly enjoyed a dinner and joint meeting on Sept. 9. Lafayette Camp 140 met at Old Guard Headquarters in N. Y. C. on Sept. 25. Aux. 45 entertained Dep't Comdr. John Kernan and staff and Dep't President Florence Parsons and staff at a dinner and reception in Schenectady Oct. 10. P. C. in C. Cranmer will be principal speaker at a banquet Oct. 20 honoring Dep't Officers of the D.U.V.C.W. by Diven Tent of Elmira. Aux. 49 Elmira will honor Dep't President Patterson and Dep't Comdr. Kernan with a dinner on Oct. 27. Dep't Comdr. Kernan has appointed the following Dist. Deputies: Capitol Dist.; Chas. VanHoesen and Gaeton Barbagallo; Southern Tier, Thos. Lynch; Metropolitan Dist., Norman Dellinger and Cecil M. Baer; Syracuse Dist., Alonzo Kennedy; Rochester Dist., John H. Waste; Buffalo Dist., Orion L. Murrell; Utica Dist., DeVene F. Williamson; Central Hudson Dist., Jonathan Huston. The Dep't Encampment will be held in Albany, June 13-16 with headquarters at Ten Eyck Hotel.

Ohio-At the Fifth Dist. picnic held July 12, members of Henry B. Banning Camp 207 of Mt. Vernon Fife and Drum Corps rendered several numbers which were appreciated. This group was awarded a trophy for the best float entry in the Mt. Vernon sesquicentennial parade Aug. 4th. P. D. C. Dorsey is manager of this group which now numbers 14. Dep't Secy-Treas. R. J. Williams, whose grandson Pvt. Russell S. Forgrave Jr. was reported "missing in action" since Nov. 1950, has just been informed by the Marine Corps that he has been reported dead in Korea. Our deepest sympathy is extended to this entire family.

Penna.—Editor Received Good Citizen Award



Herbert C. Kohler, editor of the Reading, Pa. "Times" received the annual Good Citizen Award of Gen. Geo. G. Meade Camp 16 S.U.V.C.W. from P.C. in C. Leroy Stouidt. The presentation took place Aug. 22 at the Camp's annual benefit dance in the ballroom of the Abraham Lincoln Hotel. The trophy cites Kohler for his "outstanding editorials".

Rhode Island-Chapman Camp of Westerley is developing a plot in the First Hopkinton Cemetery as a memorial to the G. A. R. They plan to erect a Dahlgren Boat Howitzer, which was used in 1863, on a per-

manent base with suitable inscription on or about Memorial Day 1954 with appropriate ceremonies.

Wisconsin-A number of S.U.V.C.W. and Aux. recently helped Bro. Henry Goldsmith celebrate his 86th birthday. Henry has been a member for 69 years, having joined when 16 years old. He and his wife Belle will soon celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary. Henry was Dep't Comdr. in 1929 and Belle was Dep't President in 1916.

Vermont-regrets to announce the death of—

FRED F. CYRS

Dep't Sec'y-Treas. on September 18, 1953

Edward H. Bosworth, P. O. Box 183, Bellows Falls, Vermont, has been appointed as Dep't Sec'y-Treas.

NEWS for the JANUARY ISSUE must reach THE BANNER by DECEMBER 20th.

Auxiliary

National President
Mrs. Mildred Webster



News Notes

7 John Street,
Springvale, Maine

Greetings: For the Duluth Convention Committee, I appoint the following: Dep't Pres. Alice Payne, Chairman; Lily Stake; Blanche Charter; Addie Greising; Christine Bugby; Agnes Ruffcorn; Myrtle Bearman; Agnes Upell Boyce; Mamie O'Neal; Mildred Kilstrom; Millie Young; and Muriel Merritt.

As vacation days are over, and we start our year's activities, let us try to build up our membership. The larger our membership, the stronger our organization. Do not forget our money officers—they need our support to make their work a success.

As this will be my last message before the holidays, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I wish for each Dep't President a happy and successful year.

We have one remaining veteran, Comrade Woolson of Duluth, Minn. Let us all give him a shower of cards at Christmas, and show him how happy we are to be living in a land where we can be free, and thank him for his part in helping to make it so.

Mildred R. Webster, Nat'l President

California-Dist. 2 of the S.U.V.C.W. and AUX. held a meeting recently in Los Angeles and decided to sponsor distribution of the new G.A.R. Highway Folders. Sister Irene Kennedy of Pasadena is the newly elected President. Mrs. Hannah Dabel of San Jose is the new President of Dist. 1. Phil Sheridan Aux. stages Gala Reception. Dep't President Mrs. Pearl Freeman, her staff, and John J. Honn, Jr. Vice Comdr. were honored at an elaborate reception staged in the YWCA by Phil Sheridan Camp and Aux. of San Jose recently. the hall was decorated with greenery, bouquets of red blossoms and daisies while lace cloths covered the long table which held the punch service while a smaller table held gifts for the honored guests. On Oct. 12 Molly Sneberg of Pasadena made an official visit as guest of Aux. 30 of Santa Ana Camp 12 as Dep't Inspector. preceding the meeting, the Sons and Aux. and visiting guests enjoyed a covered dish dinner.

Colorado-Aux. to Camp 5 in Colo. Springs reports good attendance, activity, and interest (next page)

*In Memoriam***RALPH M. GRANT**

Died October 27, 1953

Bro Grant was elected as Commander-in-Chief in 1912. The sympathy of the Officers and Members is extended to Mrs. Grant and members of his family as well as to the Connecticut Dep't.

Colorado- continued, in the various projects of the Aux. . . Dep't Pres. May Levin and Dep't Comdr. Herbert Smith recently made their official visits and Dep't Inspector Luella Holmes inspected the Aux.

Iowa-Des Moines Auxs. 8 and 16 with P.N.P. Wilma Combs as Chairman entertained the Dep't Officers of the Sons and Aux. at a dinner Sept. 19 . . Waterloo Aux. 2 entertained the Dep't Officers at dinner Sept. 26, when chairman P. D. P. became ill, which all present regretted very much . . In addition to the Dep't Officers there was a good attendance on both occasions . . Nat'l Chaplain Sue Bennett of Des Moines was also present at both functions.

Maryland-Appomattox Aux 2 was happy to have one of its members as Color Guard at the Nat'l Convention . . She is Sister Jane Tatman who is serving as our Dep't Chaplain for the second term . . P.N.P. Celeste Gentieu is chairman of a dinner meeting in November which will celebrate the 2nd anniversary of the Past Aux. Presidents Club . . We are still doing re-habilitation work in the various hospitals . . We are very happy to report that Sister Jessie Estlow is improving at her home . . At our inspection we were pleased to receive an excellent rating from the Dep't Inspector.

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New Jersey-Aux. 2 of Union City held a testimonial dinner and reception honoring Dep't President Florence Jansson in Jersey City on Saturday eve. Nov. 7th with a large attendance from Camps and Aux's in N. J. and neighboring Dep'ts . . At a recent meeting of the Allied Orders of N. J. Sister Jansson was elected as Chaplain of that group.

New York-The Past Comdr. and Past President of Western New York have a dinner meeting planned for Oct. 24 in Niagara Falls with P.D.C. Fred E. Howe as Chairman . . Dep't Pres. Florence Parsons is completing her official visits in the Southern Tier and finds the Aux's there busy with plans for Inspections.

Vermont-Springfield Aux. 1 is happy to report P.D. P. Nellie Stone recovering from a heart attack . . The sudden passing of Bro. Fred Cyrs saddened the hearts of Sons and Aux. . . members of both organizations attended the funeral . . Rutland Aux. 3 reports that Dep't Pres. Rita Osborne and Dep't Inspector Rose Sears are making their official visits . . Montpelier Aux 7 recently presented an outdoor flag to the Culver Hill School in Middlesex . . Morrisville Aux. 8 and their Camp tendered a reception on Oct. 10 to Dep't Commander Roy Ring . . among the large attendance were Dep't officers of both organizations . . Brattleboro Aux 9 reports 60 members present at a meeting of Dist. 5 on Sept. 19 with guests present from the New Hampshire Dep't . . Windsor Aux. 16 extends deepest sympathy to P. D. P. Inez Robinson on the death of her husband on Sept. 19.

NOTE!! Aux. news for the January issue of The Banner must reach Nat'l Press Correspondent Mrs. Wilhelmina Tagart, 1157 S. Clinton Ave., Rochester, N.Y. by Dec. 20th.

Don't Miss This! 73rd Nat'l Encampment
Duluth, Minn.—Week of August 8, 1954

Comrade Woolson has joined the Mayor, Convention Bureau, and Hotel Ass'n in extending a cordial welcome to Duluth. The Hotel Duluth will be headquarters. This is a large, modern hotel of 400 rooms and beautiful meeting accommodations. Duluth is famed for its excellent climate, being known as "America's Coolest Summer City". It is served by the Chicago Northwestern, the Northern Pacific, and the Soo Line Railroads, as well as the North Central Airlines and Great Lakes Boats.

Because of its refreshing climate and excellent accommodations, Duluth is a popular convention city. Earliest legends of the area are of the Sioux Indians. Then came the Chippewa Indians, followed by the French and British explorers, and finally the Americans. The city was named for Daniel deGreysolon Sieur duLhut, a French voyageur who held a great Indian Council there in 1679.

Situated on Lake Superior, Duluth's climatic conditions favor year round recreation and good health. Its bracing climate, unrivalled scenic and recreation advantages make Duluth and Minnesota Arrowhead Country one of the nation's most popular summer vacation and health areas. The immense tonnage of the Minnesota iron mines going through the Soo Canal and locks is more than the total tonnage of the Suez and Panama Canals combined.



This being the last issue of 1953 we take this opportunity of extending Season's Greetings to one and all.