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The Revised Pledge to The Flag

This revision gives to the pledge a Lincolnesque tone. One will recall that the Gettysburg Address reaches its climax in the expression “that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom”. The amended pledge to the flag states, “One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”



President Lincoln at Gettysburg, November 19, 1863



On other occasions Lincoln used the expression noted in the Gettysburg Address and now featured in the pledge to the flag. On March 9, 1864 when Grant was given his commission the formal written presentation by the President contained this phrase: “As the country herein trust you, so, under God, it will sustain you.” Back at Philadelphia to address the great Central Fair, two days after the June 14, 1864 anniversary, it is interesting to note that Lincoln used again the words now incorporated in the pledge to the flag. He said, “We accepted this war for an object, a worthy object, and the war will end when that object is attained, under God, I hope it never will until that time.”

Americanism Committee

From the proposed All Year Americanism Program, as adopted at the 1954 Encampment, we would call attention to the events listed for Camp and Membership guidance for the months of Nov. and Dec.

Nov. 2, Election Day—Members should assist in getting voters to the polls in States having elections this year.

Nov. 11, Armistice Day—The Camps and members should join in all community observances sacred to the memory of our Honored Dead.

Nov. 19, Veterans Night—I would especially call attention to the special observance of this night. Commemoration of that bleak November day in 1863 when Pres. Lincoln dedicated a portion of the battlefield at Gettysburg, is an event well worthy of our earnest devotions.

Nat'l Education Week—Keep in close contact with your local school problems, and assist worthy endeavors of local educational groups. Present need of having correct Civil War history taught.

Thanksgiving Day—Give thanks to Almighty God for this great country of our own individual heritage.

Dec. 15, Bill of Rights Day—Camps to assist in any celebration or have discussion in camp meetings.

Christmas Seal Sale—Camps to assist in any way it is possible.

Christmas—Have Christmas parties with Allied Orders and the children. Attend Church on Christmas.

If your Dep't does not have an active committee on Americanism will you please see that one is appointed without delay, and forward the names of members of the committee to the Chairman of Nat'l Committee.

Each Dep't Comdr. is requested to communicate with his Camps and see that similar action is taken by Camp Comdrs. throughout his Dep't. This will give us an Americanism network reaching into every Camp.

These Camp Committees should meet immediately and analyze local conditions, study its problems, and make special note of what is being done in the field of Americanism. Prepare a careful report of your findings and make recommendations which would better the conditions. Keep this report on file and compare with a similar report prepared at the time your term of office closes.

We ask that you start now to revive the Camp and membership activity and interest in your locality, and so make our organization the instrument for the preservation of all things which are American, which we all so surely want it to be.

A. Waller Lewis Jr.—Chairman

"BANNER" Management Changes

In 1951 we were faced with an emergency regarding the continuance of The Banner or some similar method of communicating with Dep'ts, Camps, Members. Purely on a temporary basis, Nat'l Sec'y-Treas. Lambert agreed to edit The Banner. However, it was never intended that the Nat'l Sec'y-Treas. be charged permanently with this responsibility, and he has asked to be relieved.

At Duluth the Council of Administration contracted with P. D. C. Leslie W. More to edit and publish The Banner for the year 1955. All SUBSCRIPTIONS

will continue to be sent to Nat'l Sec'y-Treas. Lambert as in previous years, but ALL NEWS and ITEMS for PUBLICATION are to be sent to Leslie W. More, 265 Erie St., Owego, N. Y. All news for the Jan.-Feb. 1955 issue must reach Bro. More not later than Dec. 24th.

Don't forget to renew your Banner for '55

Permanent Honor Roll Fund

The Permanent Fund recently received the following additions:

Department of New Hampshire	\$10.00
(In memory of New Hampshire G.A.R.)	
Richard Locke	\$20.00
(In memory of 2 uncles enlisted in Maine regiments)	
U. S. Grant 3rd	\$800.00
(In memory of President U. S. Grant)	

(Donations, legacies, and bequests to this fund are welcome and will be preserved. 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 permanent fund for the perpetuation of the principles and objects of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War)

The Congressional Record of Aug. 12th shows that on that day Mr. Frazier Reams of Ohio, introduced in the house—H. R. 10229 "A bill to provide for the incorporation of the Nat'l Woman's Relief Corps" which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Additional Recordings for the Library

Through the courtesy of TV Station KDAL of Duluth, Minn., we have added to our Library of Recordings a transcription of the ceremony honoring Comrade Woolson that took place at our recent encampment. This program has been edited.

L-4. Playing time 35 minutes. Features Comrade Woolson, General Grant, Mayor Johnson, Governor Anderson, and Dr. Kenneth Williams. Price: Record \$9.00 Tape \$5.00

Another recent addition:

L-3. Playing time 13 minutes. Features Comrade Robinson of Massachusetts and P.C. in C. George Gay of the G. A. R. Price: Record \$6.00 Tape \$4.00

Changes of Address

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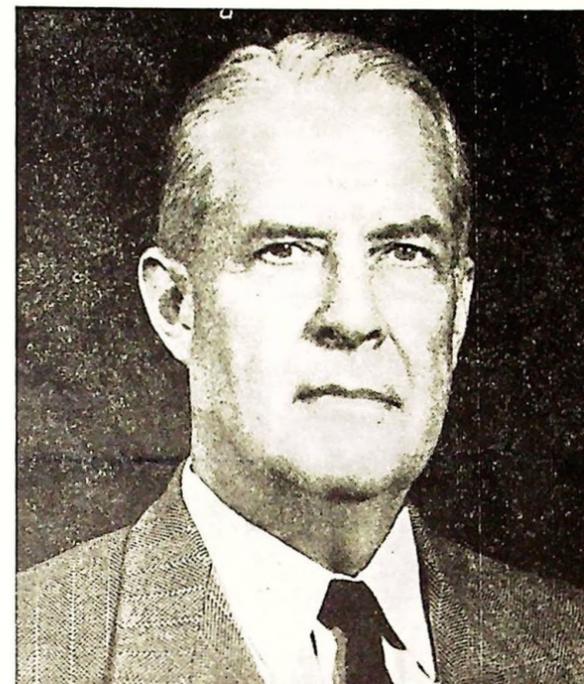
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Don't Put It Off—You May Forget—Do It Now

Commander-in-Chief



Maj-Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd, U.S.A. Ret. Washington, D. C.

Re-elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 73rd Nat'l Encampment, Duluth, Minn., August 12, 1954.

C. in C. Grant is a member of Cushing Camp 30 of Dep't of Maryland, located in Washington, D. C. He served as Dep't Commander in 1930. He is the grandson of President U. S. Grant; was educated at Theresianum, Vienna; Cutler School of N. Y.; Columbia University; U. S. Military Academy; U. S. Engineering School and the Army War College.

He served in Mindanao, Phillipine Islands; Cuban Pacification; Vera Cruz Expedition; and with the Pershing Expedition in Mexico. He was a member of the Supreme War Council in Versailles, France; was U. S. Assistant Commissioner for treaty with Germany on treatment of prisoners; was with the American Commission to negotiate peace in Paris in 1919, and has been decorated with the Distinguished Service Medal, The Legion of Merit, and also with decorations from six foreign countries.

Gen. Grant is active in the Loyal Legion; President of the American Peace Society; President of the American Planning and Civic Ass'n, and President of the Columbia Historic Society.

Library of Congress buys our Recordings

Through the efforts of Commander-in-Chief Grant, the Library of Congress has purchased copies of eleven recordings from our library of recordings. These recordings feature interviews with Comrades Woolson, Penland, Dumser, Round, Hard, Grate, and Osborn on various occasions. The recordings are completely described in the March-April 1954 issue of The Banner. Nine of the recordings were edited by P. C. in C. Davis and two by Nat'l Sec'y-Treas. Lambert.

National President



Mrs. Ellinore Konrad Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Mrs. Ellinore Konrad of Milwaukee, Wisconsin was unanimously elected National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 68th National Encampment held in Duluth, Minn. the week of August 8th.

She is the granddaughter of Philip Bretz who served during the Civil War with the 1st Brigade of the 1st Division, 7th Army Corps, and was discharged at the close of the war.

Mrs. Konrad is a member of Aux. 4, of Milwaukee. In 1946 she was elected Department President, serving two years well and faithfully in that capacity. Her loyalty to her Auxiliary, Department, and National can be attested to by all who know her. In 1950 the National Organization elected her to the office of National Chaplain and in 1952 she held the office of National Patriotic Instructor, raising the largest sum of money to date.

Currently Mrs. Konrad is serving as Secretary to the Central Region Conference, an office which she has held for the past five years. She is a graduate of State Business College and the Dale Carnegie Institute.

These historical recordings will now be available throughout the ages in the Congressional Library as a part of "Americana" to be treasured.

At some time in the near future, Commander-in-Chief Grant will also present to the Library of Congress a copy of the recording made at Duluth honoring Comrade Woolson. This, too, will be preserved for posterity.



General Order No. 1 Series 1954-1955

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

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

October 19, 1954

1. It is with gratitude for the confidence shown by my re-election and with continued appreciation of the honor and high responsibilities of the position that I have again assumed the duties of Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I can only hope that the experience gained during the past year will help me to be more useful to our Order during the year ahead of us.
2. In order that the interests of our Order and of our Country may be best served, I again ask the continued support of our Dep'ts and Camps and of our very efficient Auxiliary in carrying out the program adopted by the Council of Administration, which is printed elsewhere in this issue of The Banner. I repeat and emphasize that our primary problem, MEMBERSHIP, can be solved only by each Camp and Dep't actively adopting and carrying out intelligently a program of useful work to the Country, work which in each community will be recognized as effective and will inspire the young men who are eligible to want to join and to have a part in it.
3. We are now a Federal Organization, the true heirs of the Grand Army of the Republic, and as such the obligation rests upon us to be actuated by the same patriotism as our Fathers and to prove ourselves worthy of our great heritage.
4. Certificates of Merit have been issued, under authority of Chapter 5, Article 2 of the Constitution and Regulations, to P.D.C. Dewey B. Mead for his services last year while he was Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief in arranging for the outstanding Encampment held in Duluth and for his close liaison with Comrade Woolson; and to P. D. C. Chester L. Charter for the outstanding program which he arranged in Minneapolis on August 14th.
5. The sudden death of Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Bro. John W. Emery of Easthampton, Mass. is a very great loss to our Order. We will all sadly miss his helpful and friendly guidance and our heartfelt sympathy goes to his family. To fill the vacancy so sadly created the Council of Administration has wisely elected Col. Frederic Gilbert Bauer, also of Mass., whose loyal patriotism, intellectual gifts, and recognized professional achievements fit him pre-eminently for this position.
6. The G.A.R. Highway Committee will again be composed of a member from each state through which Highway No. 6 passes, appointed by the Dep't Commander thereof. The Dep't Comdrs. concerned will promptly notify the chairman of the committee, P. C. in C. Allan B. Holbrook, of the member appointed.
7. The Americanism Committee will consist of A. Waller Lewis Jr. of Ashaway, Rhode Island, Chairman; William J. Moore of Decatur, Ill.; William J. Fuller of

New Bedford, Mass.; Bertram Isaacs of New York City; James R. Riggs of Pasadena, Calif.; and William E. Corbin of Akron, Ohio.

8. On behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War I extend congratulations and best wishes for a successful year to our own Auxiliary and to the other organizations affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic, especially to their Nat'l Presidents, Mrs. Ellinore Konrad of our Auxiliary; Mrs. Ruth Johnson of the Woman's Relief Corps; Mrs. Nellie Howe of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; and Mrs. Bessie Smith of the Daughters of Union Veterans

U. S. Grant 3rd, Commander-in-Chief

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

Your Attention Please

All those interested in Keeping America American should inform themselves about "THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN the PARTIES to the NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY REGARDING the STATUS of THEIR FORCES." This agreement, negotiated by Dean Acheson, was approved by the Senate July 15, 1953, in spite of the protests of Senators Bricker, Dirksen, Jenner, McCarthy, and ten others. As Sen. Bricker says, "for the first time in American history, American soldiers abroad are subject to trial under foreign law and denied the constitutional protections to which they are entitled." In the countries where jury trial is not provided, they are denied this right, they may be given "cruel and unusual punishments", they may not be considered "not guilty" until proven "guilty", etc. In the opinion of many competent authorities they are thus deprived of their right under the Bill of Rights just because they have been conscripted into the country's service and sent without their consent to serve in a foreign country for the better protection of you and me!

More than 400 service men and women are reported to have thus been tried under these conditions. In the notorious case of Pvt. Richard Keefe, given five years by a French Court in solitary confinement for a crime that would have been much more lightly punished here, his wife has sought a writ of habeas corpus for his release, but the U. S. District Court in the Dist. of Columbia and later the U.S. Court of Appeals have held that his constitutional rights have not been violated. It is proposed to carry the case to the Supreme Court. The expenses of the case are being paid by an organization, the Defenders of the American Constitution, to test the legality of this agreement by due process of law. If the attempt fails there will be good reason, in the opinion of many, to attempt to secure the abrogation of the so-called Forces Agreement by the Senate.

This is the subject recommended to our Camps and Dep'ts for special consideration and discussion. Full information can be obtained from the American Coalition, 1025 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Washington 6, D. C. There must be a lawyer in every Camp who could enlighten his brothers on the subject, and doubtless it could be made the subject of a community meeting which would be interesting. It is to avoid such exceptions to the provisions of the Constitution by treaties and agreements that Sen. Bricker continues to urge passage of his amendment. Something of the sort does seem to be needed. (continued next page)

Your Attention Please, continued

It seems certain that another effort will be made in the next Congress to weaken and emasculate the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act on the urging, as seems well established, of subversive elements and of those who are their dupes. This is another matter about which good Americans should inform themselves and, after making up their minds, give their fullest support to those who are fighting the fight for the preservation of our institutions.

I am not suggesting that the Sons of Union Veterans should become a partisan political organization. But defense of our institutions and form of government is one of the purposes laid down in Article II of our Constitution, and it behooves us all to be informed on any efforts to change them and then to do our share as good citizens in our communities to prevent their subversion.

U. S. Grant 3rd.

Report on Three-Year Plan by Council of Administration

Discussion by the Council of Administration of the Third year, 1954-1955, of the adopted Three-year Plan resulted in the following:

1. C. in C. Grant was authorized to prepare and have printed a folder which might answer questions of prospective members. When an inquiry is received from a prospective member, a copy of this folder could then be mailed to him, and possibly many of his questions would be answered in this folder, resulting in increased membership in the Order.
2. Camps are urged to include \$1.00 in their yearly dues for a subscription to The Banner for each of the members. In other organizations where this is done, approximately 75% of the membership paid the additional \$1.00 without any question.
3. Encourage Camps to have occasional open meetings with informative programs, including discussion of current national problems with a competent discussion leader or speaker on the subject.
4. Continue the study and experiment with State Camp methods. Start a definite effort to help with programs by providing ideas, lists of speakers, and any practicable ideas.
5. Recommend revision of the C. & R. with thought of having a new printing made in loose-leaf form. This was adopted by the 73rd Encampment and a committee appointed to report to the Cincinnati Encampment.
6. Continue to make available recordings and if possible one or more screen programs of historical nature, same to be subject to purchase or 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 leaders of the Civil War.
9. C. in C. Grant was authorized to prepare a projected program, in line with what has already been started, covering the next three years; to be submitted to the Council of Administration, acted upon before next Encampment and published in the Banner after adoption.

Cincinnati Date Chosen

The 74th Annual Encampment of the S.U.V.C.W. and the 69th Annual Encampment of the Aux. will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio the week of August 21, 1955 with headquarters at the Netherland Plaza Hotel. This hotel is located in the heart of downtown Cincinnati, and is completely equipped to serve all our needs all under one roof. It's 800 modern guest rooms offer the utmost in comfort and convenience. All the rooms have bath and shower, circulating ice water, and radio and most of the rooms are air-conditioned. All public rooms, restaurants, and the lobby are air-conditioned. The Aux. will meet in the beautiful Hall of Mirrors while we will meet in the equally beautiful Pavilion Caprice.

P.C. in C. William M. Coffin has been named Chairman of the Convention Committee, and P.N.P. Edith B. Nile is Chairlady of the Aux. Committee. These outstanding leaders, along with the committee which will be announced later can be counted upon to arrange a fine program.

Twenty-five miles east of Cincinnati is Pt. Pleasant, the birthplace of Pres. U. S. Grant. Here in a charming setting, the small white clapboard cottage has been intelligently restored and preserved, the large trees around it providing a lovely frame.

The Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War have decided to meet in Cincinnati on the same dates and are at present making their convention arrangements.



Department

News



California & Pacific Twenty-six of the Sons and Aux attended the Duluth Encampment and report a safe, interesting and happy journey with praise and good wishes to those responsible for an outstanding convention. We are pleased with the election of Wallace W. Scott as a member of the Council of Administration and the appointment of Bro. Vernon Cheney to the Highway Committee as well as Bro. James Riggs to the Americanism Committee. New Camps are in prospect at Santa Rosa and Vallejo. The Dist. meeting in Los Angeles had an attendance of over 90, and Joint Dist. meeting in Fresno counted 66. Dep't Order No. 2 issued recently reflects creditably on Dep't Comdr. Scott and Dep't Sec'y-Treas. Cheney. Podrasnik Camp and Aux. journeyed to Santa Ana for a joint installation of the Camp and Aux. officers. The degree team of the Ontario Camp initiated five new members using the long form initiation, while the Aux. initiated two new members. At this joint initiation members were present from Los Angeles, Ontario, Pomona, Pasadena.

Indiana. The annual Dep't of Indiana picnic was held at Tippecanoe Battleground recently with five Camps represented. Plans were made for the mid-winter meeting to be held in Muncie Dec. 4-5. The Central Regional Conference was held at Lafayette, Ind. Oct. 16-17. Membership of this Conference includes 12 Dep'ts. Mrs. Thomas M. Horn was in charge of the banquet and program. Favors were miniature Civil War caps. The principal (continued next page)

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speaker was Col. Stanley Sawicki, professor of military science and tactics at Purdue Univ. He is a graduate of West Point and has served with the Army in the Pacific and in Berlin, Germany. Honored guests included Nat'l Pres. Mrs. Ellinore Konrad of Wis. and Nat'l Counselor Richard F. Locke of Ill. Election of officers resulted as follows: Comdr. Charles Cowden of Detroit, Mich.; Sr. Vice Comdr. Hugh Snider of Muncie, Ind.; Jr. Vice Comdr. Leroy Reynolds of Decatur, Ill.; Sec'y Mrs. Pauline Harron of Des Moines, Iowa; Treas. Mrs. Gladys Sallman of Chicago, Ill.; Patriotic Instructor Louis Blair of Cincinnati, Ohio; Chaplain Mrs. Ethel Jones of Des Moines, Iowa.

Presentation at Des Moines



Pictured l. to r.—P. C. in C. Roy Bennett; P. D. C. Homer Young (now Jr. Vice C. in C.); Arthur Christ; Color Bearer Chas. Walker; Outgoing Dep't Comdr. E. C. Wittman; Newly elected Dep't Comdr. L. K. Boutin; P.D.C. H. H. LeGrand; and Sam Gynn, new Sr. Vice Dep't Comdr.

During the 71st Encampment of the Iowa Dep't this delegation placed a wreath on the Civil War Soldiers and Sailors monument on the grounds of the State Capitol.

Jr. Vice C. in C. Homer Young has recently been elected Pres. of the Waterloo Veterans Ass'n. Plans were made for a Veterans Day program on Nov. 11. A project of the Ass'n for this year is the care of an abandoned cemetery containing 34 Civil War Veterans graves and arrange for future perpetual care.

To the Patriotic Citizens of Iowa in 2054—At the Centennial Iowa State Fair a Centurion Spire was erected over a vault which contains papers, records, rosters, and data that might be of interest when it is opened in 2054. Included in the papers were G. A. R. and SUVCW papers including official programs from the 1954 Iowa Encampment as well as the 1954 Duluth Nat'l Encampment and copies of The Banner.

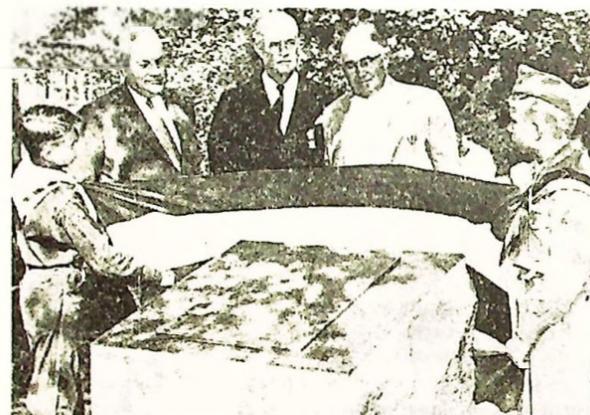
Iowa was happy to have 32 members of the Sons and Aux. present at Duluth.

Massachusetts. The Pioneer Valley Ass'n of Western Mass. will hold Dedication Day exercises in Holyoke War Memorial Bldg Nov. 20. Worcester County Ass'n, Plymouth County Ass'n, the No. Metropolitan Ass'n, the Past Comdrs. Ass'n, and the Past Presidents Ass'n all voted to cooperate. All members of the Grand Army Family and friends have been invited.

Herbert W. Bogue, Comdr. of the Ass'n has appointed Chas. H. E. Moran of Holyoke as chairman. Wm. C. Rule of Holyoke will have charge of tickets and reservations for the dinner. When Robert Allen Wells (a fifth generation eligible) joined Lowell Camp 9 recently his father, Ernest Wells, presided as initiating officer, while his grandfather, Everett Cheney, delivered the Flag Charge. His mother, Jessie Wells, is the President of Aux. 78. Bob, who is only 21 years of age has recently been discharged from the U. S. Navy.

Michigan. Camp 1 Detroit reports having five new applications for membership. Camp 4 Detroit installed officers on Nov. 1 with George R. Raub Sr. as the Comdr. Camp 5 Detroit is organizing their new Aux. under direction of Alice P. Cowdin and Leah B. Dexter. Nat'l Pres. Sister Konrad will institute the new Aux. on Jan. 15. Camp 9 Port Huron was visited by Nat'l and Dep't officers on Oct. 2. Camp 10 Ann Arbor is planning an active reactivation campaign. Six persons represented Michigan at the Central Region Conference at Lafayette, Ind. They were Mr. & Mrs. Chas. R. Cowdin, Mr. & Mrs. Chas. F. Dexter, Dep't Comdr. Thos. L. Wilson, and Dep't Sr. Vice Comdr. Milo C. Newer, Sr.

Minneapolis Ceremony



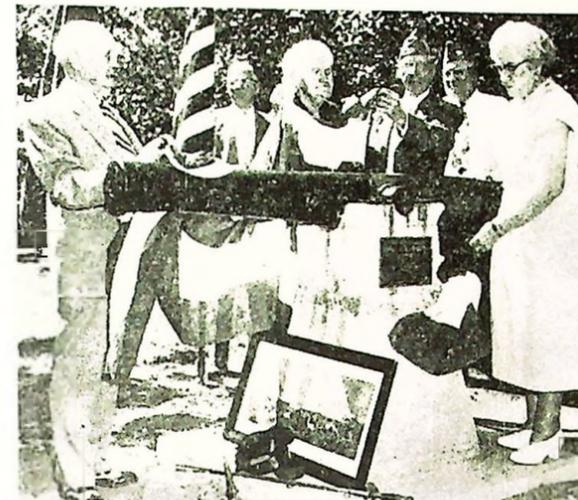
A plaque honoring Union Veterans of the Civil War was unveiled Saturday, Aug. 14 in Beltrami Park Minneapolis by members of Camp 8 S.U.V.C.W. Assisting at the unveiling were, l to r, W. E. Revier, commissioner of Veterans Affairs for Minn.; C. in C. Grant; and Chester Charter, P. D. C. The cub scout at left is Richard Charter, and the boy scout at right is Charles Charter, grandsons of Chester. Bro. Charter was the chairman of the program at the dedication.

New Hampshire. Dep't Pres. Mrs. Bertha Goodnow of Troy and Dep't Comdr. Robert Hicks of Danville were given a reception by A. Lincoln Camp and Aux. and State Camp No. 5 recently in Troy High School. About 250 attended from Manchester, Hillsborough, Milford, Penacook, Concord, Rochester, Keene, Fitzwilliam, and Troy, also representatives from Vermont, Massachusetts, and Connecticut Dep'ts. All officers of the New Hampshire Dep't were present and enjoyed the entertainment and dancing that followed. Both of the honored guests received numerous beautiful gifts.

New Jersey. November activities in addition to Aux. and Camp installations include a Testimonial Dinner to Dep't Pres. Miss Gertrude Murphy on Nov. 6th, a meeting of the State Camp on Nov. 13th, and a mid-winter meeting of the Dep't on Nov. 21 at which time Dedication Day exercises to be held. (next page)

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Gettysburg Cannon Rededicated



Uncovering Civil War cannon and plaque commemorating it on July 4th in Seneca Park, Rochester, N.Y., from left, P.D.C. Fred Colwell; P.D.P. Mrs. Walter Beilby; P.D.C. Walter S. Beilby; and Past Pres. Mrs. Fred E. Colwell. The cannon was first fired at Antietam and later at Gettysburg.

New York. The annual meeting of the Southern Tier Ass'n S.U.V.C.W. and Aux. was held at Cayuga Lake State Park July 17. The principal speaker was a Chaplain from the Sampson Air Force Base. Truman Vincent of Elmira was elected President and the '55 meeting is scheduled for Halsey Valley. Col. A. D. McConchie Aux. 57 entertained the Dep't officers of the Sons and Aux. Oct. 16th at a dinner and reception at the Hendrick Hudson Hotel, Troy. Ten Eyck Camp 154 Albany will hold its annual reception to Dep't Comdr. and Dep't Pres. and Staffs Nov. 20th at the Catalina Restaurant. Aux. 45, Schenectady sponsored a dinner and reception for the Dep't officers Oct. 23 at the Van Curler Hotel. Bertha Jalet of Tibbits Aux. 48 of Troy was elected Dep't Press Correspondent at the Albany encampment. This Aux. plans to entertain Dept. Pres. Mrs. Myrtle More of Owego in the near future. Grant Aux. 24 N. Y. C. recently entertained Dep't Comdr. Bruckel and an impressive list of guests including P. N.P. Mayme Dwyer and Ida B. Lange. Mid-winter meeting of Camps and Auxs. will be held at the Mark Twain Hotel in Elmira on Jan. 16 starting with noon luncheon. Tilden Camp 26 acted as escort to Dep't Comdr. Bruckel in the "Americans All" parade up 5th Ave. on Columbus Day and also in the parade and the massing of colors at St. Thomas Church on Oct. 17.

Ohio. Nat'l Pres. Ellinore Konrad visited Cincinnati recently for pre-convention arrangements. While in Ohio she visited P. N. P. Edith Nile who has been appointed Chairman for the Encampment along with P. C. in C. Coffin. While in Alliance the Nat'l Pres. along with Dep't Pres. Anita Selby of Mansfield and Wilda Battey, Pres. of the Alliance Aux. broadcast over WFAH radio. The Ohio Dep't Aux. is engaged in a project of making pads for the Cancer Clinic. At a recent Dist. Meeting in Silver Park an American Flag was presented by the Sons and Aux. The gift was accepted by Richard Pierson in behalf of the commission.

Oregon & Washington. By request of C. in C. Grant, he and the Nat'l Organization were represented by P. C. in C. Davis at the Nat'l Encampment of the W. R. C., D. U. V., and Ladies of the G.A.R. in Portland. He was cordially received and gave verbally the invitation to join in a Nat'l Encampment at Cincinnati in 1955. Beside Bro. Davis the visiting committee consisted of Dep't Comdr. Stanley Olin, Camp Comdr. Spencer Leonard, Dep't Pres. Mae Washburne, and several ladies from Wisconsin who represented Nat'l Pres. Ellinore Konrad. In Oct. Eugene Camp and Aux. joined to entertain with a dinner and a program all Dep't officers. One program feature was the singing of the Camp's widely known Octogenarian Quartet which includes two Past Dep't Comdrs. Being planned were dinner and reception dates for Nov. 1st Portland, and Nov. 8, Seattle. Seattle Aux. has an outstanding hospitalization record, some members reporting over 1 000 hours of service. Cliff Kern, Vancouver, Wash., is Pres. Owen Summers Camp 4 of Portland, recently initiated Wm. Riley Baugh who was sixteen years old recently. We feel that he is the youngest grandson in our organization—note, he is not a great grand-son, but a grand-son.

Rhode Island. Amos Chapman recently journeyed to another neglected cemetery in the town of North Stonington. This burial lot has been neglected for years. They repaired fences, cleared the ground and straightened stones and did what they could to restore it to its former dignity. Following the day's work supper was served on the lawn of P.D.P. Mary E. Lewis.

Lincoln and Thanksgiving Day



The observance of Thanksgiving Day offers appropriate environment for meditation on the origin and subsequent history of this harvest anniversary.

Gov. Bradford's proclamation to the Massachusetts Bay Colony has set the pattern for subsequent proclamations.

On Oct. 3, 1789, Pres. Washington issued a proclamation setting aside "Thursday the 26th day of Nov. next" as the national Thanksgiving Day. Except for a proclamation by Washington in 1795, there was a lapse of presidential proclamations until the end of the War of 1812 when Madison set aside Thursday, April 3, 1815 as a day to thank God "for restoring to them the blessings of peace."

For nearly fifty years there were no more national Thanksgiving proclamations in America, but various states in the Union issued proclamations. Abraham Lincoln issued what has become known as the first annual "Thanksgiving Proclamation". He issued the document on Oct. 3, the same day utilized by Washington, and also set apart the last Thursday in November as the date.

As early as the sixth century the first Sunday in Advent was established as the first Sunday following the "last Thursday in November". Inasmuch as the Friday and Saturday preceding Advent become days of fast and penance the preceding Thursday was the last day available for feasting. Hence the festal idea which was associated with the last Thursday in November.

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN W. EMERY

On September 12th, just a month after his election as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, John W. Emery died suddenly of a heart attack at his home in Easthampton, Mass.

He was a member of Capt. J. A. Loomis Camp 57, having joined on May 31, 1926. He served his Camp faithfully in various offices, and in 1931 was elected as Camp Commander. In the Department he served as District Commander, as a member of the Department Council, as Chaplain, as Sr. Vice Department Commander, and in 1941 was elected as Department Commander.

His faithful attendance at National Encampments and the talent he displayed while serving on committees led to his election in Duluth to the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Bro. Emery served his town in many capacities. He has been Town Moderator; Chairman of the Town Finance Committee; and a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. He was a prominent member of St. Philips Episcopal Church, where he served as Clerk of the Vestry. He was a delegate to several diocesan conventions, and was a deputy to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Cincinnati, Ohio.

He was a Past Master of the Ionic Lodge of Masons, and Past High Priest of the James Rogerson Chapter, Royal Arch Masons.

He is survived by his wife Edith; his mother Mrs. Fannie Emery; and one sister and one brother. The Organization and our Auxiliary were represented at the funeral by a large delegation from Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut, and Rhode Island.

Chas. H. E. Moran
Past Commander-in-Chief

In response to the telegram sent former Pres. Hoover from our Duluth Encampment, he replied as follows:
My dear General:

It afforded me great pleasure to receive that friendly message from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, on my birthday. I hope you will convey to them my deep appreciation.

With kind regards,
Yours faithfully,
Herbert Hoover

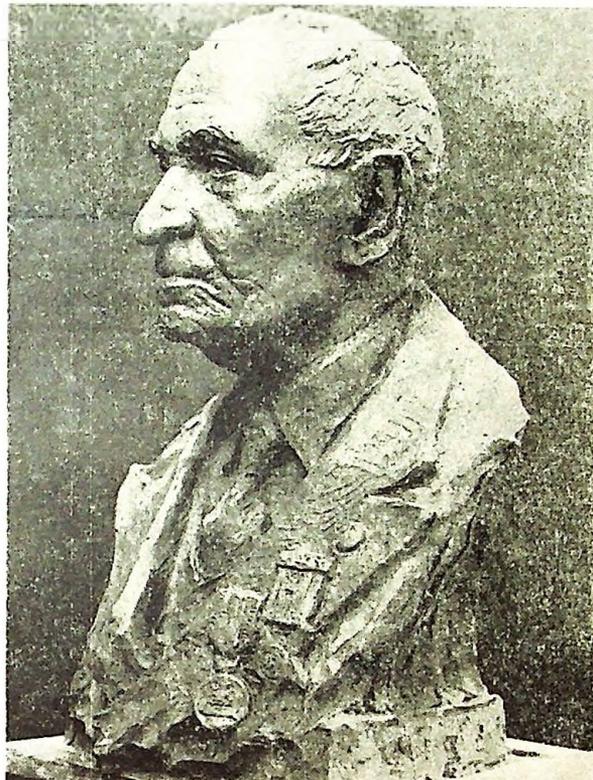
One of the pleasant features of the effort to secure a Federal Charter for our order was the friendly and effective assistance volunteered and cordially given to our bill by Congressman W. J. B. Dorn of South Carolina. He was elected to Honorary Membership in grateful appreciation of this help at the Duluth Encampment, but the fact was not reported in the last issue of The Banner, pending receipt of his acceptance.

Don't forget to renew your Banner for '55

Always turn your face to the sun, and the shadows will be behind you.

Woolson Statue to be placed in Gettysburg

A life-size statue of Comrade Albert Woolson, 107, sole survivor of the Union Army of 1861-1865 will be placed in the Gettysburg National Park by the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Dr. Avard Fairbanks, Salt Lake City, Utah, was commissioned to sculpture Comrade Woolson in a sitting position, cane in hand. The cost of the statue will exceed \$15,000 00.



Dr. Fairbanks earlier created the bust shown above of Comrade Woolson, which was unveiled at the Duluth Encampment and has gone on display in the Duluth City Hall.

The new statue will be taken to Gettysburg as soon as it is completed, and will be formally dedicated in the near future. This will be the only statue or memorial to the G. A. R. in the historic National Park at Gettysburg.

WITH BEST WISHES

for CHRISTMAS

AND THE NEW YEAR

