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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF HAROLD E. ARNOLD

Elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 78th National Encampment held in Long Beach, Cal. on August 19th. His great grandfather, Dennis H. Arnold served with Company L, 3rd Rhode Island Heavy Artillery. His father, Fred J. Arnold joined the order at Rockland, R. I. and is a Past Department Commander and after 54 years is still active in his Camp.

Harold joined McGregor Camp No. 4 of West Warwick in 1927 and has been active ever since. He has served as Camp Commander; Department Commander; as a member of the Council of Administration in 1951 and 1952; and also that year served as Commander of the New England Regional Association. He served as Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief in 1957, and at present is the Secretary-Treasurer of his Department.

He was educated in Rhode Island and has resided there continuously. He is a charter member of the local Lions Club. Commander Arnold is employed by the State of Rhode Island as a Forest Ranger and has held that position for seventeen years. He is married and has one son.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT MRS. BEATRICE S. RIGGS

Elected National President of the Auxiliary at the 73rd Natl. Encampment, August 20. Sister Riggs is a member of Podrasnik Aux. 15, Ontario, having transferred there in 1947 at the time of her marriage to Earl F. Riggs. She has been a member of the Department since 1938. She has served her Department and the National Organization in many offices, serving as Department President in 1948.



She was graduated from Polytechnic High School, Los Angeles, and completed two years at the University of Southern California. Prior to moving to Upland she was the executive secretary to an insurance counselor in Los Angeles, and is at present operating a real estate brokers office, having her own license.

She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Upland-Ontario Zonta Club, has served as President of the Upland Womans Club and is now Financial Secretary of the Federation of Womans Clubs. She has one son, Harold, and three grandsons. Her Maternal Great-Grandfather, John Harter, enlisted from New York, and was killed in the battle of Laurel Hill.

CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE



Mrs. Margaret Horn, general chairman of arrangements for the Central Regional Conference, which took place in Lafayette, Ind., October 10-11, greets Natl. Pres. Mrs. Beatrice Riggs of Upland, Calif., and James M. Blackman of Chicago, regional commander.

About seventy members attended the Central Regional Conference at which time H. Audley Woosley, executive secretary of the Indiana Sesquicentennial Commission talked about "Lincoln, the Man." In a special display of Civil War mementos and heirlooms, were several pictures and authentic documents, letters and charters of the Grand Army of the Republic, which were the property of the chairman of the display, Argus Ogborn. Also on display were three volumes of the Civil War cemetery records compiled by Mrs. Horn, which were sent from the State Library archives at Indianapolis. Margaret's son, Robert Horn also was a speaker on "Whither Goest Thou."

James Blackman, regional commander, presided at all business meetings. The association voted to present a parting gift of \$10.00 to the Wabash school for Exceptional Children. National Officers honored included Charles Brady, Jr., Chicago; Richard F. Locke, Glen Ellyn, Ill.; Mrs. Eva Blackman, Chicago; P.N.P. Gladys Sallman, Chicago; and P.N.P. Ellinore Konrad, Milwaukee, Wisc. Dept. Commander Cecil McConahay and Dept. Pres. Mrs. Sylvia Moore, also addressed the meeting. Many present and past officers were present from Ohio, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Indiana.

New officers elected include Edw. Biering of Madison, Wisc., Commander; Mrs. Margaret Horn, Sr. Vice Commander; Myron Goodermont of Aurora, Ill., Jr. Vice Commander; Louis Blair of Cincinnati, Ohio, Chaplain, and Mrs. May Levin of Colorado, patriotic instructor. Re-elected were Mrs. Ellinore Konrad as Secretary and Mrs. Gladys Sallman as Treasurer.

National Patriotic Instructor's Message

Seventy-five years ago on October 15th, a group of 500 men gathered three miles from Gettysburg, Pennsylvania to dedicate a 27 foot high granite shaft. The marker was located on the site of one of the greatest victories achieved by those veterans of the Union Cavalry forces. On July 3rd, 1863, when Pickett's Confederate Infantry struck the Union center at Gettysburg, General J. E. B. Stuart was seeking to lead 6,000 Confederate Cavalrymen on an end run to strike the Union rear when the Infantry hit the front. Between Stuart and the Union rear were 5,000 Union Cavalrymen. Three thousand of those men met Stuart's 6,000 Confederates on what is now known as East Cavalry Field at Gettysburg, and decisively defeated the Confederates. It was a great victory for the North, because the Union Cavalry had up until that month been easy prey for the Confederate Cavalry.

The feats of the Union Cavalry at Gettysburg are worth long and detailed study, but that is not my purpose in speaking of it here. The Gettysburg Sons of Union Veterans held a small observance October 15, 1959, at the site which recalled two things. First, that the Union Cavalrymen in putting up a marker 21 years after their greatest victory,

did not mention the word Victory on their memorial. They merely stated that the marker designated the site of the Cavalry engagement between Confederate forces under Stuart and the Union forces under General Gregg, and then listed the units.

Secondly, at the time of the dedication 75 years ago, General Gregg praised Captain W. E. Miller, of the 3rd Pennsylvania Cavalry, a resident of Carlisle, Pennsylvania as the one person who had been most responsible for the erection of the monument.

I want particularly to call your attention to the fact that 3,000 Union Cavalrymen, ancestors of you and I, were involved in this battle, yet it was one man who was responsible that the great victory has been observed.

Had not General Gregg mentioned it at the dedication, Miller's contribution would never have been known. He was not seeking glory for himself, but was seeking honor for all Cavalrymen during the Civil War.

I think we could multiply that incident by thousands. If it were not for the dedicated efforts of one woman in particular, I doubt if the G.A.R. Memorial at Gettysburg would be there today.

It takes but one devoted and dedicated person to accomplish any project. THAT DEDICATED INDIVIDUAL CAN BE EACH OF YOU. If just half of our membership would conscientiously dedicate themselves to accomplishing just one project, think how vast would be the power for good on the part of our organization.

We are rapidly approaching the Centennial of the Civil War, and now, if ever, each of us should resolve to promote some activity to honor the "Men in Blue of 1861-65."

Could it be that we have lacked in our desire to find out exactly how it was with our forefathers? We know that our grandfather or great-grandfather fought there. We may even recall the unit with which he fought, but do we really know much about them? Do we know what Battles they participated in or have we made a study of how it was to live in America during that period? Or even how our progenitors reacted to those times. It is up to each one of us to make our own study of our ancestry and those details of information founded, could be outlined at our meetings.

One of the many outstanding patriotic observances of each year is the annual G.A.R. Remembrance Day program held at the Woolson Statue on the Gettysburg Battlefield. This year a memorable parade and service will be held on Saturday, November 21st, and with each National and each Pennsylvania Head present with many other Department Heads. Wreaths will be placed by each in remembrance of those who gave their lives for us today. Those who will join your Brothers and Sisters, will thrill to the solemn placing of these wreaths and the pageantry of a great American delivering the address.

What more could we do, down deep in our hearts, than to remember the loved one within our families with our contribution to the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund.

We pride that uniform handed down, or maybe a sabre. His Bible or even his discharge. Let's keep his pride even with yours in these Centennial years. Your contribution will help build that Memorial so the entire world will Remember.

CHESTER S. SHRIVER, National Patriotic Instructor.

You're getting along in years when it takes you twice as long to rest, and only half as long to get tired.

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79th NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
AUGUST 21 - 25, 1960



News of the Civil War Centennial

SOUTH CAROLINA AND CHARLESTON again will raise the curtain on the Civil War, this time in 1961. It will kick off Centennial ceremonies with programs recalling the incident when the "Star of the West" was driven out of the harbor there in January, 1861, and the firing on Fort Sumter three months later.

SPECIAL MAPS showing battle sites and other points of interest connected with the Civil War are planned as a part of the nation-wide observances scheduled to start in 1961. These maps will be prepared in cooperation with the National Commission by professional map-making concerns, oil companies, automotive associations, magazines, and other interests. Some of these are on the drawing board, and will be available in ample time to be of service to the millions of persons expected to visit Civil War sites during the four-year Centennial program.

WITH 17 PROGRAMS definitely scheduled and 10 others tentatively planned, the forthcoming Centennial of America's only internal war will be the greatest pageant in the history of the nation. These programs have been planned by 13 states and the District of Columbia. Others are expected to be added shortly. Only nine of the programs are identified as reenactments. The others are dedications and religious and educational ceremonies, most of them scheduled to take place on anniversary dates.

WHAT IS BELIEVED TO BE THE MOST CONVENIENT HANDBOOK of information on the Civil War, a combination of pertinent facts from comparative strength and losses, to types of weapons used, has just been completed by the National Civil War Centennial Commission. It has been carefully checked for accuracy by such government agencies as the Library of Congress, National Archives, and Defense Department, as well as by leading historians and writers.

Plans are under way to furnish a copy of this handbook with each issue of the January-February BANNER.

The Chaplain's Corner

As we near the time of national joy and happiness in celebrating the birth of the Savior of Mankind, and the advent of another year, let us again eulogize "The Grand Army of the Immortals," assembled in the celestial encampment.

Their memory is enshrined in our hearts, and in the living, throbbing heart of America. They have died that we may live, to teach the lessons of Patriotism, Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Man-

kind, National Faith, with undying devotion to our Flag and to our Country.

May this season bring to all, good cheer in abundance, and may the coming year be filled with happiness.

Spencer Leonard, National Chaplain.

Permanent Fund

Our Permanent Fund was authorized to unite us and to assure a permanent association. No member is obligated to contribute, nor may he be assessed. All funds in the Permanent Fund must be voluntary to fulfill its intent and purpose. Any member may contribute in memory of his family or Civil War ancestor to honor and perpetuate the memory of their name.

To—Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer, P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J.

Kindly enter the following Civil War record on the HONOR ROLL FUND.

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Company & Regiment

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The following contributions have been received since the last issue of THE BANNER.

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Life Membership—Stanton Camp 8 of Calif. in trust for Philip K. Conley, Jr., who will become 16 years of age in 1966 ... \$100.00

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When prosperity comes, do not use all of it.

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Headquarters
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
Sons of Union Veterans
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Coventry, R. I.

1. I desire at this time to express my thanks to the members of the Order for their unanimous election of me as Commander-in-Chief, and to say that no loyal member, reluctant though he felt to meet the responsibility and the accompanying problems, could be so ungracious as not to accept with a hopeful heart, such evidence of good will.

2. I have appointed Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles A. Brady, Jr., as Chairman of the 1960 Encampment to be held in Springfield, Illinois.

3. Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles Messer is appointed Chairman of the Membership Committee and is placed in charge of membership work. It is his desire that all Department Junior Vice Commanders serve on that committee with him. Will each Department Junior Vice Commander kindly communicate with Brother Messer at 633 Clinton Ave., Albany 6, N. Y. Brother Messer is offering a prize to the Camp showing the largest increase in membership during this fiscal year. His goal is 1,000 new members. Won't you please help?

4. Each National Committee Chairman is authorized to appoint his own committee members, and to correspond with the Department Commanders and Officers whose duties fall within the scope of his committee work.

5. 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 Allied Organizations. Especially to the National Presidents: Mrs. Beatrice S. Riggs of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Edna S. Lindsey of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Miss Josephine Parkhurst of the Woman's Relief Corps, and Miss Bertha Robbins of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

6. Your Commander-in-Chief wishes for all members of the Order and their families, the Peace and Joy of the Christmas Season in fullest measure as well as a New Year of fullest blessings.

Harold E. Arnold, Commanuder-in-Chief.

From the National President

I deeply appreciate the honor you have bestowed on my Department and myself. With honor comes responsibilities. I ask your love and your cooperation, for only by working together can we accomplish the much needed gain in membership.

My motto will be "Where there is no vision the people perish."

Vision is needed if we are to continue as an organization. Vision with our sights set high, our

More Civil War Medals To Be Provided for Kin

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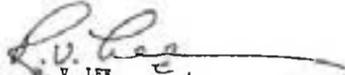
Mr. Albert C. Lambert,
National Secretary - Treasurer
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Post Office Box 457
Trenton 3, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Lambert:

Reference is made to the Resolution adopted by your organization concerning the Civil War Campaign Medal.

It is a pleasure to advise you that action has been initiated to procure an additional supply of this medal. It is not possible at this time to estimate when the medals may be available.

Sincerely yours,


V. LEE
Major General, USA
The Adjutant General

The above letter was received in reply to a Resolution adopted at the 1959 National Encampment. Issuance of the medals stopped early this year when the U. S. Adjutant General's office in Washington, D. C. exhausted its supply. Gov. Dennison Camp No. of Columbus, Ohio adopted a resolution calling upon the Army to obtain more medals and issue them. This is the resolution that received the endorsement of the National Encampment at Long Beach.

Eligible to receive the medals upon application are widows of Civil War veterans, or the first-born son or daughter of a veteran. Other surviving children, grandchildren or relatives are not eligible. No medal will be issued if the Army can prove one was issued previously.

The War Department does not approve of the wearing by next of kin of decorations, medals, miniatures, ribbons, or buttons issued for acts or services performed by former members of the military service..

goals above the clouds. Vision to find new members, new ideas to keep them interested.

Those who attended the National Encampment in Long Beach, I am sure enjoyed our National President, Mrs. Ursula Shepardson's grace and charm. Congratulations to Earl and Early for an outstanding year of service to our organization.

Beatrice S. Riggs,
National President.

Remembrance Day Speaker

The third annual Remembrance Day observance will be held at the Woolson Monument, Gettysburg Battlefield, on Saturday, November 21 under auspices of Camp 112 of Gettysburg. A parade will move through the town, moving at 2:30 p. m. and will proceed to Ziegler's Grove where the ceremonies will be conducted.



Gen. Anthony J. Drexel Biddle

Maj-Gen. A. J. Drexel Biddle, Adjutant General of Penna. and chairman of the Battle of Gettysburg Anniversary will be the principal speaker. Gen. Biddle is a diplomat and soldier. He served as Minister to Norway 1935-37; Ambassador to Poland, 1937. Interim ambassador to France 1940. He was assistant secretary to the Democratic National Convention, Philadelphia, 1936. He served with the U. S. Army in World War I as Captain, and since has advanced in rank, until at present he is the Adjutant General of Pennsylvania with rank of Maj. Gen. U.S.A.R. AUS. He has received numerous awards here at home and from many foreign governments.

On the evening of the same day the Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association will hold their Dedication Day dinner at 6:30 p. m. in the Hotel Gettysburg.

Finn's Point National Cemetery

The heroes of the Civil War are honored on two memorial days in New Jersey. May 30 is dedicated to the soldiers who fought for the Union, and April 26 to the soldiers who fought for the Confederacy.

At Finn's Point National Cemetery, adjoining the Fort Mott reservation, about five miles from Salem, N. J., the Federal Government, in 1912 erected an 85 foot monument. On 12 tablets at the base are inscribed the names of 2,436 soldiers of the Confederacy who died during a cholera epidemic in Fort Delaware, where they were being held as military prisoners.

Every April 26 a group of the Confederate Daughters of America journey to this spot to place wreaths at the monument in tribute to the men who were brought here for burial from the island fort where they had died miserably of neglect and disease, far from their homes.

The cemetery, enclosed by a gray stone wall, with its orderly rows of gravestones, its well-kept lawns and fine trees, is an impressively peaceful spot. A fringe of native brush and scrub oaks is kept as a bird refuge. The songs of birds and the wind in the trees are the only sounds that penetrate the quiet.

At one end of the cemetery a smaller monument honors the 165 Union soldiers, of the Fort Delaware garrison, who died in the same epidemic. Now that the scars of war are healed, the Union soldiers are also honored by a wreath placed there by the descendants of their former enemies. Over the graves of all, the Stars and stripes flutters constantly in the breeze.

Fort Delaware was designed to protect the city of Philadelphia. It was completed in 1859—just in time for the Civil War. Pea Patch Island, on which the fort is situated, lies about midway in the Delaware River between Delaware and New Jersey shores.

Northern "Andersonville"

By 1861, about 1,000 prisoners were interned on the swampy little island with its grim granite fort. Some prominent citizens of New Jersey and Delaware who had given evidence of their sympathy with the Southern cause were among the first to be confined there. In 1862 the place began to fill

with war prisoners, and by the end of 1863, 12,000 prisoners, most of whom were taken at Gettysburg, were crowded together in a place that could accommodate only 4,000 with safety. Rude wooden barracks were constructed to house the wretched men. Barbed wire and alert sentries discouraged them from rash attempts to escape.

Under the physical hardships at Fort Delaware, it is slight wonder that there were recurrent outbreaks of diarrhea and other diseases due to the unsanitary quarters and rations. At first, burials were made on the Island. Then the deaths became so frequent that there was not sufficient island ground to accommodate the bodies. So they were loaded on flat boats, rowed to the wharf at Fort Mott, and hauled from there by wagon to the federal government land on Finn's Point.

Fort Mott State Park

Fort Mott State Park occupies an area of 104 acres at Finn's Point on the east bank of the Delaware River midway between Salem, N. J. and Pennsville, N. J. Finn's Point National Cemetery adjoins the park on the north, and the Kilcohook National Wildlife Refuge occupies 1500 acres north and west of the park.

Gun mounts and underground fortifications are of particular interest. The promenade deck atop the revetments offers a vantage point for viewing the shipping in the river as all of the ships servicing the Delaware River ports pass within a few hundred yards of the park.

In 1896 work was started on the fortifications now standing. In 1897 the Army changed the name from Finn's Point Battery to Fort Mott in honor of General Gershom Mott who commanded the New Jersey Volunteers in the Civil War. The armament consisted of one battery of three 12" disappearing rifles, two batteries of two 5" rifles, two 5" rapid fire guns, and five Gatling guns. All armament had been removed before the State purchased the property in 1947.

Obstacles are those terrible things you see when you take your eyes off your goal.

In Memoriam

DR. FRANK C. HUSTON
Past Commander-in-Chief

Dr. Frank C. Huston, Hoosier composer, evangelist and singer died in Jacksonville, Fla., on October 15th, and was buried in the Knightstown, Indiana cemetery on October 19th. He was 88 years old.

Brother Huston served as Commander-in-Chief in 1931, as well as filling the office of National Chaplain on several occasions. He was a former minister of the Disciples of Christ church and the publisher of a collection of 100 hymns and gospel songs, 84 of which he wrote.

He volunteered his services to the Coast Guard auxiliary during World War 2, and was made a chief boatswain's mate when he was 74 and assigned to duty as a recruiter. He was discharged as an ensign.

Survivors in addition to son, Frank of Lewisville, Ind., are a son Weldon of North Springfield, Va., and five daughters.

He was one of those dynamic individuals, who had but to enter a meeting room and immediately the atmosphere became electrified, and things began to happen. His advanced years prevented his attendance during recent years.



Department News



CALIFORNIA



Pictured is Brother Wm. A. Ashworth who was guest of honor at a garden party on August 29 on his 94th birthday. The party was sponsored by Sheridan Camp 4 and Aux. 12 of San Jose and was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Manning Green.

"Billy" as he is affectionately known, has been a member of the Camp for 49 years and was active until about a year ago. He was Commander in 1914, and up until a short time ago, could recite by memory, the full ritualistic charges.

COLORADO & WYOMING

Camp No. 5 and Aux. held a reception on September 14 honoring Dept. Comdr. Benjamin Adamson and Dept. Pres. Edna Meeker. We regret to report the death of P.D.C. W. R. Coffey on September 26 and the illness of Sisters Mabel Coffey, Kelva Lee, Ethel Myers, and Bro. L. O. Kent.

Camp No. 7, Pueblo, and Aux. met recently at the home of Mrs. Amanda Goodknight. Mrs. Arthur Meeker, Dept. Pres., gave a report from the National Encampment which she attended at Long Beach, Cal.

ILLINOIS

George L. Cashman of Camp 4 (Springfield) has been named by Dept. Commander Roscoe Mathis as chairman of the department's Civil War Centennial Committee. The members of his committee are: James M. Blackman, Charles H. Bournstine, Charles A. Brady, Jr., M. J. Burns, Jr., Phil Byron, Myron E. Goodermont, Paul E. Herschel, Jr., W. C. Lane, Alexander J. Levy, Richard F. Locke, Philip M. McNear, A. Leroy Reynolds, Arthur M. Sherman, and Warren L. Van Dine. Bro. Cashman is custodian of the Abraham Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery, and secretary of the Springfield Civil War Round Table.

P.D.C. J. Colby Beekman of Camp 12-100 (Petersburg) toured a number of Civil War battle sites this past October for a second time. Included on his itinerary were Antietam, Harper's Ferry, Chattanooga, Atlanta and Nashville. Bro. Beekman is chairman of the department's Grant & G.A.R. Highways Committee.

The department regrets to report the passing of Bro. Alva E. Whitley of Camp 1 (formerly of Camp 8), who had been a member of the Order for many years.

The Illinois Department's joint midwinter meeting of the Sons and Auxiliary will be held Saturday, December 5, at the Hotel Leland in Aurora, Ill.

MAINE

The Department Council has accepted with regret the resignation of Department Commander R. Frank Calderwood, due to the fact that his employment has taken him to another part of the country. The Council has officially elected Rexford E. Oliver of Waterville as Commander of the Maine Department.

MASSACHUSETTS

A reception to Dept. Comdr. Clark W. Mellor was well attended at the Sheraton-Plaza Hotel in Worcester, with Natl. Chief of Staff Flora Bates as mistress of ceremonies. Guests included many past and present National and Department Officers, including Dept. Pres. Mrs. Jessie G. Wells. Representatives were also present from the Allied Orders, as well as from neighboring Departments.

The "Old Timers Assoc." held their annual dinner in City Hall Annex, Everett, in September, when Emerson Whitman presided as President. Charles W. Hooper, a "young member with but 32 years service" was chosen as the new President.



Frank F. Johnson, blind patriot, serving as Chairman of the Cambridge Civil War Centennial Commission, felicitates Mayor Thomas M. McNamara on part he has taken to make Cambridge probably the first large city to inaugurate plans for observances from 1961-65 on a full scale. Four members of Couden-Higginson Camp 56, Cambridge, as members of the Massachusetts Civil War Centennial Commission.

Louis E. Winchell, Sr., with two decades of service as Secy.-Treas. of the New England Regional was awarded a Past Commanders badge at The Weirs, by Harold M. Drown.

Death came recently for George W. Hill, a Past Commander of Barry Camp, Melrose. Bro. Hill took the part of Gen. Grant when Lee's surrender was reenacted at a Massachusetts Encampment several years ago. So well did Hill portray the part that it was said "you'd almost swear Grant was there in person."

The annual Banquet of the Allied Order was held November 7th with Senator Charles W. Hedges as the principal speaker. Mrs. Barbara D. Brown was committee chairman, with representatives of all Orders cooperating.

A Regional Conference of New England Civil War Centennial Commissions will be held Saturday, November 14 in Gardner Auditorium, State House, Boston, to which local groups concerned with the 100th anniversary of the Civil War were invited. Senator Charles W. Hedges of Quincy, chairman of the Massachusetts Commission announces several appointments to the Advisory Council, including Maj. Gen. Otis M. Whitney; Malcolm Donahue, Commander of Bay State Camp; Harold M. Drown; Louis E. Winchell; William O. Fuller and Mrs. Pamela S. Elder.

Sympathy of the Department is extended to Past Commander-in-Chief Chas. H. E. Moran, whose wife died on October 25th.

MINNESOTA

Camp 8 received 2 new applications for membership at its last meeting on October 14. The meeting was preceded by a joint banquet with Aux. 8, in honor of the opening of the newly remodeled and redecorated G.A.R. Hall. The hall is divided in two sections by movable curtains so it can be used as two halls or one big one. We use both halls as the both groups meet the same night. Our Department Encampment will be held here. Honored guests at the banquet were Aux. Dept. Pres. Mrs. Amelia Anderson and W. R. C. Dept. Pres. Irene Randolph.

NEW JERSEY

An unusually well attended Testimonial Dinner was tendered to Department Commander Albert W. Lambert and Department President Mrs. Anna Clayton at the Washington Crossing Inn in October. Commander-in-Chief Harold Arnold led a long list of distinguished guests from several Departments.

Dept. Commander Albert W. Lambert appeared before the City of Trenton Commissioners recently urging the appointment of a Trenton Civil War Centennial Commission, and has been assured of their complete and enthusiastic cooperation.

Dayton Camp No. 5, Trenton, adopted a resolution which was sent to the Trenton school superintendent requesting that

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address be read in all of the public schools on Dedication Day, November 19th. Dr. Richard Robinson, the superintendent immediately agreed to do so.

The mid-winter meeting of the New Jersey Department SUVCW will be held in the War Memorial Building, Trenton on Sunday December 6th at 2 p. m. Special features are planned for the meeting, following which supper will be served by the members of Aux. No. 5.

The semi-annual dinner meeting of the New Jersey State Camp will be held November 21st at the King George Inn, Mt. Bethel, with Commander Vanderhoof presiding.

NEW YORK

GLIDDEN-PIERCE-LOMB Camp 6 is now meeting in new quarters in Community War Memorial Building, where they recently entertained guests from both the Civil War Round Table and the 108th N. Y. Vol. Inf. Reg. Sound pictures from the Civil War Centennial Commission were shown and plans made for a reenactment by local figures of the political and military scenes of 1860 and throughout the Centennial. Dept. Commander Rippey and Wm. J. Phillips described their trip to the National Encampment. Two new members were received and three applications were also received.

Western New York Past Camp Commanders Assoc. held their quarterly meeting at Niagara Falls October 24th with Berry Camp as hosts to both the SUVCW and Aux. Dept. Commander Rippey reports visits to Fulton, Friendship and Binghamton.

The 108th N. Y. Vol. Inf. Reg. sent a ten man muzzle loading team to the North-South Skirmish at Fort Meade, Md., on October 3-4 and report more than 600 taking part with 5,000 spectators.

P.D.C. Robt. McMahon of Rochester, Chairman of the 1960 Year Book requests early applications for space, as indications are that space will be at a premium.

New York State is proud of the election and appointments of several of its members to National Office, including: Chas. L. Messer as Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief; Mrs. Florence R. Parsons as National Chaplain; Fred E. Colwell as Chairman of the Legislative Committee and Joseph L. Rippey as Chairman of the Americanism and Education Committee.

August 14, Aux. 30 of Albany gave a surprise welcome party to Dept. Pres. Edith L. Snyder. Aux. 45 and 32 will entertain the Dept. Pres. along with Dept. Comdr Rippey on October 17 in Schenectady.

Aux. 72 and Camp 146 of Ovid held their first joint meeting September 15 to make plans for their chicken barbecue to be held September 19 in the Lake View Grange Hall.

Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles Messer was tendered a Testimonial Dinner by his Capital District friends and family on October 3 in Albany. Dept. Pres. Edith Snyder lead a long list of past and present officers of the SUVCW and Aux. in this tribute. P.D.P. Lillian Messer was Chairman for the affair.

TenEyck Camp 154, Albany, will hold its annual dinner on November 14th at the Larkin Restaurant, to be followed by a reception to Dept. Commander Jos. S. Rippey and Dept. Pres. Edith L. Snyder. John G. Kernan is general chairman of the event.

Oliver Tilden Camp 26, New York City, will commemorate Dedication Day with an observance on November 13 in the G.A.R. Memorial Room, City Hall. P.D.C. Clarence Maples will be the principal speaker. Representatives are expected from all of the Allied Orders, as well as from the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

OHIO

The Third District meeting was held October 25 in Memorial Hall, Cincinnati with the noon luncheon in charge of Fred Pfeister, Jr., Dept. Commander.

On November 19 (Dedication Day) P. C. in C. Wm. M. Coffin will be Chairman of the annual observance to be held at the Statue of Lincoln in Lytle Park. The noon ceremony will be followed by a luncheon.

Dept. Commander Fred Pfeister, Jr., was honored recently by receiving the Meritorious Service Award at the Ohio Council of Deliberation of the Scottish Rite. Fred's many friends rejoice with him in this new honor.

Daniel F. Clancy of Gov. Dennison Camp has been appointed Chief of Staff of the First Ohio Regiment with the

rank of Lt. Col. by order of Dept. Commander Pfeister. Pfeister also announced the Reserve Board as follows: Robt. W. Ballard, Daniel F. Clancy, Wm. M. Coffin, Warfield W. Dorsey, William C. Duval, James A. Shutt and Clarence B. Wood. He also announced the appointment of Col. Warfield W. Dorsey as Military Aide.

Judge Lester Cecil, member of Earnshaw Camp, Dayton, was nominated and approved by the U. S. Senate, as a member of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Louis Schneider, Jr., member of U. S. Grant Camp, Cincinnati, was recently appointed a Hamilton County Commissioner. He is an Attorney and former State Legislator. He is also serving as Department Counselor, Daughters of Union Veterans.

Rep. Wm. E. Hess, 2nd District Ohio and a member of U. S. Grant Camp, Cincinnati, is serving in his 26th year in the U. S. House of Representatives.

Justice Potter Stewart, of the U. S. Supreme Court and a member of U. S. Grant Camp, Cincinnati, has moved to Washington, D. C. He will become a member at large of the Commandery-in-Chief after January 1st.

OREGON & WASHINGTON

For the first time in Portland's history, a woman has been appointed as Grand Marshall of the Veterans Day parade to be held on November 11th. This unusual honor has been extended to Mrs. Benjamin H. Lindsey, National President of the Ladies of the G. A. R., and an Auxiliary member. She will be assisted by the Department Commanders of the V.F.W., American War Veterans, Veterans of World War I, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and Military Order of the Purple Heart. Others on her staff include the Mayor of Portland, the Adjutant General of Oregon, Mrs. Spencer Leonard, Natl. Secy. Ladies of the G. A. R., and Mrs. Earl W. Lawhead, Natl. Council member of the Daughters.

PENNSYLVANIA

The 66th Annual Lincoln Dinner of the Sons of Veterans Club of Phila. will be held Saturday, February 13, jointly with the Lincoln Social. Commander-in-Chief Arnold and Natl. Pres. of the Aux., Sister Riggs, have been invited as have Department Heads of the Allied Orders. Carl P. Gutekunst, as President of the Club will serve as toastmaster. Mrs. Myrtle Beavan of Aux. 14 is President of the Lincoln Social. The joint committee consists of Frank Heacock, Chas. H. Dern, Clarence J. Riddell, Madge Fullerton, Florence Roger and Helen Cheyne.

A meeting was held October 11 at the Hotel Warwick, Phila., at which time all Department Heads met with the executive committee of the 1960 Encampment. The Department Encampment will be held June 19-23 at the Warwick, where all five organizations will be housed and where they will hold their sessions. P.D.C. Frank Heacock is General Chairman, while P.D.P. Caroline E. Riddell is General Secretary and P.D.C. Carl P. Gutekunst is the General Treasurer. A card party is being arranged for January 9 at 4278 Griscom St. by a special committee headed by P.D.C. Jack Yocum. P.D.C. Charles H. Dern, Sr., is Program Chairman.

Don't play for safety. It's the most dangerous thing in the world.

The freedom we will not share, we cannot keep.

Life is quest not arrival.

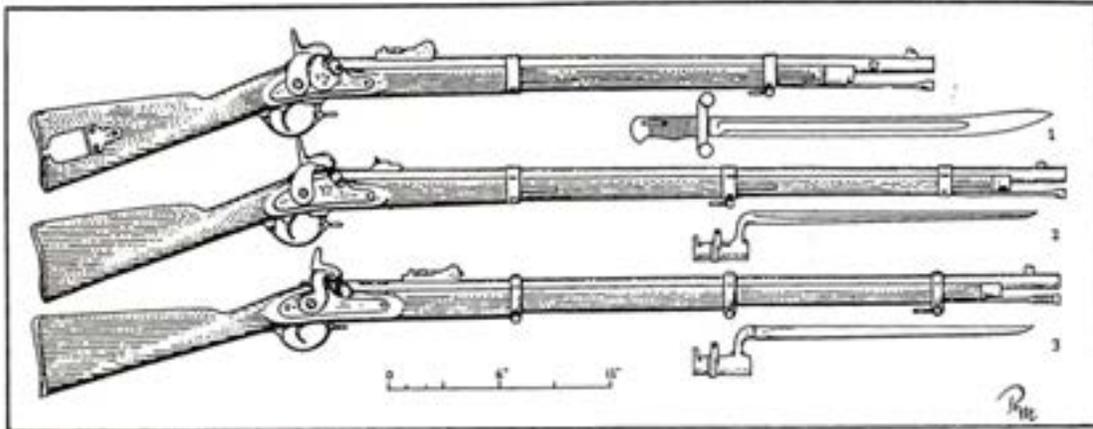
If you want to get the best out of a man, you must look for the best that is in him.

Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me.

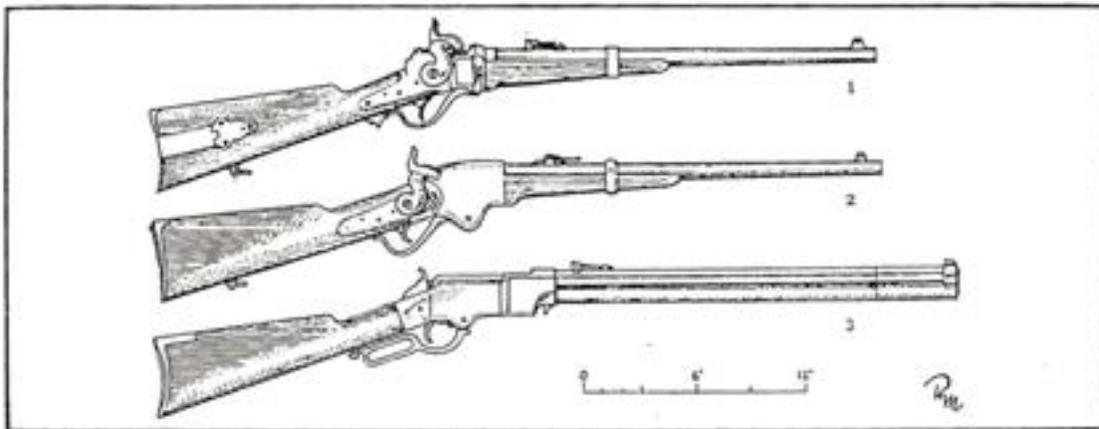
We fall in the direction we lean.

Be wiser than other people if you can but do not tell them so.

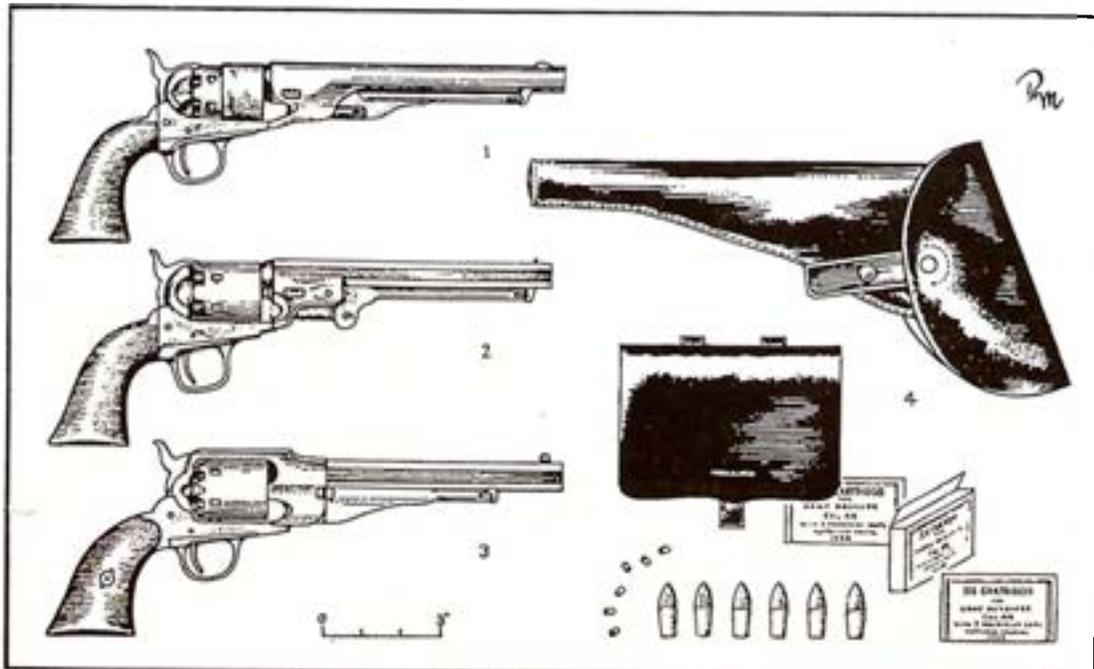
Censure is the tax a man pays to the public for being eminent.



Basic shoulder weapons of the Civil War: (1) U. S. Harpers Ferry rifle, M1855; (2) U. S. Springfield rifle-musket, M1861; (3) English Enfield rifle-musket. The bayonet for each shoulder weapon also is shown.



Breech-loading small arms: (1) Sharps carbine; (2) Spencer carbine; (3) Henry rifle.



Civil War pistols: (1) Colt army revolver; (2) Colt navy revolver; (3) Remington army revolver; (4) revolver holster and cartridge box with packets, caliber .44 cartridges, and percussion caps displayed.