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Tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic

At the Campfire . . .

by CHARLES M. THOMPSON

Springfield, Illinois
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When I accepted your invitation to pay tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic, I did so with misgivings. Back of my feeling was the knowledge, gained over years of experience, that, by giving sustained thought to the Civil War, I might let my emotions get the best of me, thereby lessening, if not destroying, my ability to do what you have a right to expect of me. But I did accept, inspired by the fact that on two occasions my father marched away, leaving three small children behind him. I could do no less and be honest with myself.

To me it is eminently fitting that we should meet here as we approach the centennial of the beginning of the Civil War. Here, we are in the shadow of the tomb where the mortal remains of the Commander-in-Chief have rested in glory for well-nigh a full century. Here, too, we are assembled on the same spot where, in the home of a relative, Lincoln courted Mary Todd and where they were married.

All of us—even the youngest—can recall the old soldier, and I use that term reverently, as a tottering old man with dimmed vision and defective hearing. Many of us knew him as a middle-aged man already well along toward the highest leadership. A few of us go back in memory to the time when, in his thirties, he was beginning to climb as a leader of good works.

My earliest acquaintance with the old soldier goes back eighty years, when, as a small lad, I sat on my father's knee listening to tales of heroism that stirred my childish imagination. That night I was awakened by the cry these lusty veterans used without cessation: Joe, O Joe.

On this occasion my interest goes back to the day when, with others, he answered the call of the President for volunteers. He and his fellows came from farm and hamlet and city, but they had much in common. All of them were of a hardy race, and not one of them had been reared far from the frontier. They were resourceful in mind and strong in body, and knew much about nature in the raw. No training program was required to teach them how to climb a ladder, jump a fence, or swim a river. Such accomplishments were behind.

Our old soldier knew exactly why he had been called and why he responded so eagerly. In most wars the issues are complicated, so much so in fact that even the leaders are confused. It was not so here. There was but one issue and it was crystal clear. It was **Union**. He knew little about many of the steps leading to war, but he did know that the government set up by the founding fathers was being threatened by formidable forces. That was enough for him.

Events proved that our old soldier was cast in a heroic mold. Otherwise, he could never have overcome a foe no less resourceful and no less dedicated to a cause, however false it may have been. He knew better than anyone else that it was brother against brother. Measured by any standard, he was brave and tireless and filled to overflowing with determination.

The effects of his victory were felt around the Earth. Everywhere men took new courage. Here, they could see, were men who were willing to give their all, even their lives, in order to prove that free people can govern themselves. Here was an old concept in government given new life. It is

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INVITATION

To Be Present At

GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Saturday, November 19, 1960

12:00 NOON:

The Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania annual Dinner-Program commemorating Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and the Dedication of the National Cemetery by President Abraham Lincoln.

Dinner and program will be held in the Hotel Gettysburg. The address will be given by Lieutenant-Governor John Morgan Davis. Special music and tributes conclude the program.

Reservations at \$2.50 to Mrs. Bess Kapp, Times Apts., Gettysburg, Penna. EVERYONE IS INVITED.

2:00 P. M.:

Military parade from Western Maryland Railroad parking lot on North Stratton Street, to Lincoln Square and then to the National Cemetery. Units participating will include Bands, Drum Corps, U. S. Army National Guard, Gettysburg College Army and Air Force ROTC, Veteran's Post, Sons of Veterans Reserve, and guests in automobiles.

2:30 P. M.:

Annual Dedication Day Service in Gettysburg National Cemetery. Planned jointly by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania. Address will be given by a most distinguished American.

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address will be recited on the exact spot where President Lincoln stood the day of the Dedication of the Cemetery. A wreath will be placed by each Order sponsoring the service.

3:00 P. M.:

All parade units and guests proceed to Ziegler's Grove just south of the National Cemetery.

3:30 P. M.:

4th Annual Grand Army of the Republic Remembrance Day. All National Heads and Department Heads of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R. will extend their greetings. The tribute to the memory of the Grand Army will be given by Lieutenant-General Edward J. Stackpole, AUS, (retired), author and publisher of many Civil War books. Music of the Civil War era will be played. A pageant honoring the Battle of Gettysburg will be given with the Officers of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R. placing wreaths in tribute. Atty. Richard F. Locke, Past Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, will be Master of Ceremonies.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN CHRIST CHAPEL ON THE CAMPUS OF GETTYSBURG COLLEGE.

6:30 P. M.:

39th Annual Dedication Day Dinner at the Hotel Gettysburg, sponsored by the Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association of the Sons of Union Veterans. This is an important and colorful program. Hear the Honorable Karl S. Betts, Executive Director of the National Civil War Centennial Commission, one of the personal friends of President Eisenhower tell of Centennial plans. National and Department Heads of Allied Orders of G.A.R. will bring greetings. Dancing to George Olinger's Orchestra following the program. RESERVATIONS at \$4.00 to John H. Runkle, 814 North Second Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

THE BANNER

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Albert C. Lambert, P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF



Thomas A. Chadwick, Vermont

Elected Commander-in-Chief at the 79th National Encampment, held August 21-25 at Springfield, Illinois. He was initiated into Camp 91 at Saxtons River, Vermont, October 8, 1938, and was elected Camp Commander the same evening. He was Camp Commander for two years, during which time the Camp membership increased from 11 to 54.

Tom was elected Commander of District No. 5 in 1943, Department Commander in 1945, New England Regional Commander in 1949, and was appointed National Patriotic Instructor in 1958. He served as Dept. Sec.-Treas. from 1956 to 1960. He belongs to no other fraternal organizations, but devotes all his time and energy to the Sons. He was, however, appointed to the Vermont Civil War Centennial Commission by Gov. Jos. B. Johnson in 1958, a position he still holds.

His great-grandfather, David Nickerson of Barnstable, Mass. enlisted at Newburyport in Company C, 1st New York Marine Artillery on December 4, 1861 and was mustered out January 25, 1863; re-enlisted in Massachusetts as a seaman on January 26, 1864 and was discharged June 15, 1865.

AT THE CAMPFIRE

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no wonder, then, that our old soldier was the toast everywhere.

The old soldier played his part. It is now ours to play. He left us a rich heritage, which, if we are true to our better instincts, we will preserve against enemies without and traitors within. We stand charged with heavy obligations. Shall we meet them as our fathers met theirs a century ago? We can and we will. Never let it be said that the scions of our old soldier and his comrades failed in their duty to their government.

One of the things we have to be thankful for is that we don't get as much government as we pay for.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT



Miss Edith M. Paulding, New York

Elected National President at the 74th National Encampment, held at Springfield, Illinois, August 23, 1960. Sister Paulding joined Wm. G. Mitchell Aux. 34 of New York City in May 1911, serving as President from 1920 to 1922.

She has missed only six Department Encampments since 1914, and served as Department Secretary in 1921, Department Treasurer in 1939-40 and Department President in 1941.

Her first National Encampment was 1930, and only three Encampments have been missed. In 1949 she was elected National Vice-President.

Sister Paulding was born in New York City, attended Public and High School in the Bronx, and is an active Church Member, and has held high offices in Sister Fraternal Organizations. By profession she is a bookkeeper and junior auditor.

In 1945 seven Auxiliaries in New York City, Bronx and Brooklyn consolidated to form one big Auxiliary. Sister Paulding's suggestion that it be named Gen. Ulysses S. Grant Auxiliary was enthusiastically adopted.

Her grandfather, Captain Samuel H. Paulding enlisted in the 150th Infantry of Dutchess County. He was an active member of E. A. Kimball Post 100 of New York City.

There is no dependence that can be sure but a dependence upon one's self.

No man can deliver the goods if his heart is heavier than the load.

Nothing so needs reforming as other people's habits.

ALL 1960 SUBSCRIPTIONS EXPIRE WITH THIS ISSUE

So that you will not miss a single issue, why not send in your 1961 subscription NOW. Camps are urged to subscribe for all of their members. Send your name and address together with \$1.00 to THE BANNER, c/o Albert C. Lambert, P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J.

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

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.

Name of Veteran

Company & Regiment

Enclosed find (\$10.00 or more) donation to the HONOR ROLL FUND from

Name

Address

(Donations, legacies, and bequests to this fund are welcome and will be preserved.)

(Contributions are deductible for Income Tax purposes—Section 170 of the Code of 1954)

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

Milton Chenoweth, Company M, 1st Missouri Regiment (Courtesy Twanette Paul, P.N.P. Ladies G.A.R.) \$15.00

Capt. William Dougall, Company I, 15th Indiana Volunteers (Courtesy Wm. H. Dougall, Joliet, Ill.) 10.00

Dennis E. Arnold, 4th Rhode Island, Heavy Artillery (Courtesy Harold E. Arnold, Providence, R. I.) 10.00

Chester L. Charter, P.D.C. Minnesota (Courtesy Minnesota Department SUVCW) 10.00

John Murphy, Company K, 12th Connecticut Volunteers (Courtesy Charles J. Murphy, New York City) 10.00

Lt. Silas Oscar Dwinell, Company E & K, 6th Vermont Vol. (Courtesy Bertrand O. DeForest, Sr., Bertrand O. DeForest, Jr., and Robert W. DeForest) 10.00

Henry Yant, Company B, 115th Ohio Volunteer Infantry (Courtesy Harmon Hershey, Rochester, N. Y.) 10.00

John Kitzmiller, Company E, 115th Ohio Volunteer Inf. (Courtesy Harmon Hershey, Rochester, N. Y.) 10.00

Lewis K. Hurford, Company I, 19th Ohio Vol. and Company G 162nd Ohio Vol. Infantry (Courtesy Harmon Hershey, Rochester, N. Y.) 10.00

Mrs. Irene Mangel, P.N.P. Ladies of the G.A.R. (donation) 10.00

John R. Hardy, Camp 100, New Jersey (Courtesy R. Harvey Hulse, Jr., Trenton, N. J.) 10.00

M.D. Preparing Civil War List

A list of physicians who are descendants of veterans of the Civil War is being prepared by Dr. Karl Rothschild, Plainfield, N. J. He is making the list in preparation for the observance in 1961 of the war's 100th anniversary.

MDs (male and female) who are descendants of Civil War veterans of the Union and Confederate armies, in the paternal or maternal line of heredity, are asked to write to Dr. Rothschild, 747 W. Seventh St., Plainfield, N. J. He asks that names of ancestors be included. Dr. Rothschild attended the recent AMA Annual Meeting at Miami Beach, Fla., where he spoke to several interested MDs.



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Headquarters
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War
R.F.D. No. 1, Box 81,
Chester, Vermont

November 1, 1960

1. I want to express my appreciation to the Officers and Delegates of the 79th Annual Encampment for their confidence as shown by my election to the responsible position of Commander-in-Chief. We are entering a period of time which will be of great significance to our Order; a great opportunity for the growth of our organization and for patriotic service is opening up before us with the coming of the Centennial Years of the great American Civil War. We have a powerful organization. If the power is aroused and wisely used, the true greatness which should be ours shall be achieved.

2. During my administration as Commander-in-Chief, I intend to establish a pattern of growth. To accomplish this, there are certain fundamental policies which we must follow, all of them within the framework of our present constitution and regulations.

3. CENTENNIAL OBSERVANCES—To take advantage of the opportunities afforded by coming Civil War Centennial observances, it is not enough that we take part in these observances when invited to do so. Wherever and whenever possible, we must take the lead in setting them up and carrying them out. Where we cannot take the lead and are ignored by those who do, we must offer our services and do everything possible to assume our rightful place in the observance. In short, the SUVCW should be identified as prominently as possible with every Civil War Centennial observance. We have a strong and able National Centennial Committee, but we must look to them only for guidance and encouragement; every member must be ready and willing to do his part.

4. SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE—There is a growing interest, especially among our younger members, in the uniformed branch of our Order, the Sons of Veterans Reserve. A new committee, called the National Military Affairs Committee, has been appointed to standardize the uniform and equipment, and to otherwise augment and develop the movement toward more and more uniformed groups in our Departments and Camps. These uniformed and trained groups will be in tremendous demand through the next five years. The activities of the Military Affairs Committee should contribute greatly to the upward swing of our Order, through the attraction of young members, which we need so badly. These uniformed groups are sure to generate favorable and wide publicity.

5. MEMBERSHIP—We must have a growing membership if we are to survive as a National



Shown above following election of officers at the Springfield, Ill. Encampment (left to right) Commander-in-Chief Thos. A. Chadwick, Vermont; Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles L. Messer, New York; Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Cecil McConahay, Indiana; Member of Council of Administration, P. C. in C. John H. Runkle, Pennsylvania; and National Secretary-Treasurer, P. C. in C. Albert C. Lambert, New Jersey.

Organization. To that end, I have appointed a special National Membership Committee with an organizational plan which will reach into every Camp of the Order. A real drive for new members is shaping up. Here again, we must not leave all the work to our able committee. For a few men to sign up 1,000 new members would be a monumental task; whereas if every member would determine to sign up one candidate, we could easily double our membership. There is no member who could not do this, if he would.

6. These are three of the things which I am convinced that we must and can do to stop the downward trend in our membership. Take advantage of the favorable conditions produced by the Centennial Years, and start us into an upward surge of strength, prestige and service.

7. Chester S. Shriver, Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee has signed up four new members since National Encampment. Have you signed up YOUR new member yet?

8. No patriots in history every struggled more heroically or for a greater cause than did the Union soldiers, sailors and marines of the American Civil War; no veteran organization in history ever left such a noble record of unselfish service and profound wisdom in the guidance of a people as did the Grand Army of the Republic, our parent organization. Let us be worthy of our heritage.

9. I want to extend the good wishes of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to the Officers and Members of our Allied Orders of the G.A.R. May the Joy and Peace of the Christmas Season bless each and everyone in the Grand Army Family.

THOMAS A. CHADWICK,
Commander-in-Chief.

Judging from the main portions of the history of the world, so far, justice is always in jeopardy.

Facts do not cease to exist because they are ignored.

EXCERPTS FROM AN ADDRESS OF MAJOR GENERAL U. S. GRANT, 3rd, U.S.A., Ret.

To

THE NEW YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Oswego, New York, September 7, 1960

The Centennial of the Civil War

With the coming of 1961, ALL GOOD AMERICANS are becoming increasingly aware that nearly a century has passed since our country passed successfully through the greatest crisis to which it and our democratic form of government have been subjected. The Civil War was a desperately fought fratricidal contest between Americans, in which there were families divided and necessarily much suffering and destruction of property as well as life. But both sides were inspired to heroic patriotism to principles each thought right and important enough to merit "the last full measure of devotion," and those who fought so valiantly on both sides were Americans.

Certainly today we, citizens of the great reunited country that grew out of that tragic conflict, as Americans owe a high measure of homage to the memory of those who set this great example of patriotism and self-sacrifice for the emulation of future generations, and to a better knowledge and understanding of the glorious pages they wrote in American history. The Civil War Centennial obviously offers the great opportunity for us to join in such homage to the great Americans on both sides, and to commemorate the events in which they participated so nobly.

On rare occasions I am asked if the reminder of the story of 1861-65 will not be harmful, reopen old wounds and sectional feeling; whether the Civil War is not rather something in our past "to forgive and forget." Manifestly it has not been forgotten and the descendants on neither side feel they want to be forgiven. Indeed, the observance of the Centennial could not have been avoided, as many preparations had already been initiated in many localities to observe the Centennial, when Congress passed the bill establishing a national Civil War Centennial Commission and the President approved it on September 7, 1957, to become Public Law 85-305 (71

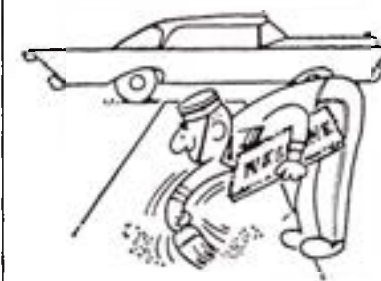
Stat. 626). In so far as it is practicable, the Commission will lead and guide the observance of the Centennial so as to give it inspirational and educational value, and keep it on a level of dignity and historic accuracy worthy of the occasion. However, except for a few features like the nation-wide religious services on January 8, 1961, and the simultaneous ceremonies at the Academies of the Armed Forces, to open the program, the national Commission will only be able to cooperate and assist; special commemorative exercises and functions commemorating state and local events will be initiated by the State Commissions or local Committees.

To commemorate the Centennial of this war, we do not want simply to string together a series of holidays, reviving here the exultation of victory and there the sadness of defeat. We look upon it as in no way the occasion for celebration, but rather it must give us a new understanding of the way in which Americans built from suffering and sacrifice an enduring Nation and a lasting peace. Our forefathers fought to the limit of endurance for four years; when the fighting ended they closed ranks, saw in the unity of their land something that overshadowed the bitterness of the fight, and ever since have stood firmly together, fighting side by side, when occasion has demanded, to defend the values which both sections had stood for while the Civil War lasted. Human history contains few lessons more inspiring than this.

Indeed, we may well honor the volunteers of 1861-65 not only for the great example they gave of how to fight a war, but also for their example of how to end a war. We shall surely agree with Sir Winston Churchill's summing up, when he wrote: "Thus ended the great American Civil War, which must upon the whole be considered the noblest and least avoidable of all the great Mass-conflicts of which till then there was record." Of you historians I ask your help in filling the gaps in our Civil War history and in fulfilling my Grandfather's wish: "I would like to see truthful history written. Such history will do full credit to the courage, endurance, and ability of the American citizen soldier, no matter what section he hailed from, or in what rank."

If your life has no clouds, it will have no rainbow.

The greatest remedy for anger is delay.



Everyone Will Be There

80th NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA (Claypool Hotel)

AUGUST 20-24, 1961

The 1962 National Encampment will be held in Washington, D. C., August 19-23, with headquarters at the Mayflower Hotel

National Committee Appointments

Civil War Centennial

Chairman, Ernest G. Wells, 11 Tufts St., Cambridge, Mass.
John Gately, 1256 West 2nd St., Pomona, Calif.
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G.A.R. Highway

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Fred E. Howe, 1345 Michigan Ave., Niagara Falls, N. Y.
Roscoe C. Mathis, 202 Locust St., Prophetstown, Ill.

Membership Committee

The following District Chairmen have been appointed: New England District, John Day; Central District, Chas. H. Bournstine; Western District, Earl F. Riggs; Eastern District, Cecil Baer.

The fast approaching Civil War Centennial demands special attention and special preparation on the part of our entire membership.

In order to be effective in carrying out our patriotic purposes, and in shouldering our rightful responsibilities for the welfare of the community, the State and the Nation, we must have a strong, militant and alert membership, possessed of an understanding, well informed and enlightened. Display our Flag, honor our Heroic Dead, teach and preach Patriotism, because a large portion of our present generation will be the leaders of tomorrow.

Two and one half million men answered the call of Father Abraham. While they muster in the parade ground of Heaven, their third generation covers the length and breadth of America. They are legion, in every village, hamlet and cross road. Waiting, yes waiting to be asked to affiliate with the SUVCW, one of the grandest patriotic orders in America, dedicated to keep America American, and emulate the precepts of the man who belongs to the ages—Abraham Lincoln. This is not a time for procrastination. Our program merits the highest praise, our goals are lucid and encouraging, securing the ideals of democracy and responsible citizenship.

Many of our ancestors, having a desire to improve their lot, left their place of birth. The migration of families often revolved around the female relationship. As generations pass, children are not always given a complete military record of a grandparent. If data is incomplete or unknown, our national organization is ready at all times to assist in obtaining required eligibility. Give us your problem. We will secure a record.

SPENCER LEONARD, National Chairman,
3353 S.E. 13th Ave., Portland 2, Oregon.

Message from the National President

To serve as your National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is a privilege, and brings honor to the Department of New York.

I am happy to extend Fraternal Greetings to all, and ask that every member strive to Perpetuate the Memory of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, as the last surviving Veterans requested.

We have been bequeathed a wonderful heritage, and this is the golden opportunity to increase our membership. The Civil War Centennial Celebrations being planned all over our Country, recounting the valiant services of our Ancestors, will bring forth many clues of people who recall having some relative take part. Our alert members can then obtain names and addresses, and follow up with applications. If there is no Auxiliary nearby, under our new Resolution adopted at Encampment, we can have MEMBERS-AT-LARGE, so do not hesitate to secure applications.

Any member able to organize an Auxiliary of new members will receive a Gift of \$25.00 from our National Organization. Who will win?

EACH MEMBER get a Member—for Auxiliary, Sons or Junior Auxiliary.

EDITH M. PAULDING,
National President.

Appreciation

The 79th Encampment held in Springfield directed that a \$300.00 scholarship be given to a worthy student at Lincoln Memorial University at Harrogate, Tennessee.

Dr. Robert Calhoun Provine, President, in his acknowledgment writes "it is your help, along with that of other kind friends of the University, that makes it possible for us to provide a very unusual group of young people with college work—we try to make scholarship aid go as far as possible by combining it with a place on our work program and a loan."

New England Regional Association

The last conference of 1960 for New England Regional Association, SUVCW and Auxiliary, was held at Worcester, Mass., October 15-16, in the Bancroft Hotel. Flora D. Bates, P. Nat. C. of S. and Clark W. Mellor, P.D.C., both of Worcester headed the committee on arrangements, with Dept. Comdr. Bowen and Dept. Pres. Nathalie Brown, both of Beverly, as hosts. It was the 25th anniversary for the Sons Unit and an appropriate cash gift was presented them by Bessie C. Persons, Pres. Assoc. Aux. Maurice J. Warner, P.D.C., Dept. of Maine, presided as Regional Commander; elected last July in Weirs, New Hampshire.

Comdr.-in-Chief Thomas A. Chadwick was the high rating guest present and Mrs. M. Gertrude Peterson, Nat. Chief of Staff, represented the National Auxiliary. The other National Officers present were: Arthur L. Ballou of Vermont, P.C.-in-C Arnold, R. I.; Allen B. Howland and Harold M. Drown of Mass. Past Nat. Presidents from Mass. were Mrs. Maude B. Warren and Mrs. Ursula W. Shepardson; from the W.R.C. were Past Nat. Presidents Mrs. Laura I. Smith and Mrs. Bessie K. Coughlin, Rhode Island; Mrs. Lucille Rand of Mass. Next Meeting of Associations will be at Providence, R. I., the third week-end of March, 1961.



Department News



CONNECTICUT

The members of Griffin A. Stedman Camp 6 adopted a resolution at their October meeting that all members are to receive The Banner, to be paid for by the Camp. We are still very active and meet regularly for an evening of real pleasure.

ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT is now engaged in "Operation Bugle Call," an intensified membership drive. P.D.C. Charles Bournstine has been named Membership Chairman for the Central Region by National Membership Chairman Spencer Leonard of Portland, Ore., and he is appointing membership chairmen for each of the departments in the region. P.D.C. James Blackman has been chosen Membership Chairman for the Illinois Department. Camp commanders are requested to name a membership chairman for their camp to work with Brother Blackman.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER Charles Brady headed the Illinois delegation attending the Central Region Conference in Milwaukee, Wis., October 15-16. Past and present national officers from Illinois attending this conference were P.C.C. Richard Locke, P.N.P. Eva Blackman, P.N.P. Gladys Sallman, and Natl. Press Correspondent Capitola Rehrmann. Comdr. Brady has now made his official visitation to Major C. B. Loop Camp No. 60 at Belvidere and J. D. Beardslee Camp No. 48 at Prophetstown. All other camps are asked to arrange a visitation date with the department commander as soon as possible.

MIDWINTER MEETING of the Illinois Department of both SUVCW and Auxiliary will be held Saturday, November 26, at the Graemere Hotel in Chicago.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT Elsie Evans installed the new staff of officers for the Auxiliary's District No. 1. Heading the district as president is Letha Wickliffe of Auxiliary No. 30.

MAINE

On September 17th the Department Commanders reception was held at Waterville, and on September 24th a reception was held for the Department President at Bath. The Department Fair was held at Bath on October 1st. All three affairs were well attended.

MASSACHUSETTS

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles Moran is a patient in the Elms Manor Nursing Home, Chicapee, Mass. We wish him well, and pray for a speedy recovery.

On September 24 the Old Timers Association held their annual banquet and meeting at the Everett City Hall Annex. The average length of service for each member was over fifty years. Fred Atwood of Abington, 70 years of service (and 93 years old) was elected Honorary President. President Charles W. Hooper of Quincy was succeeded in office by John L. Day of Boston. An illustrated lecture on startling and little known facts about geological and geographical subjects was given by Emerson Whitman of Everett.

John Low Camp 6 and Aux. 25 of Beverly tendered a joint testimonial to Dept. Comdr. Henry S. Bowen and Dept. Pres. Nathalie E. Brown on September 17. Miss Lillian Hall was General Chairman of arrangements and Addison A. Quinn served as master of ceremonies. Staff Officers and families of both honored guests were well represented. Chief entertainers were a choral group of 50 from "Senior Citizens" of Beverly. Dept. Comdr. Bowen has been the promoter of their activities, starting with a membership of 40 a few years ago, with a present enrollment of 700. They were paying Henry a tribute justly due him. National Officers present included Commander-in-Chief Thomas A. Chadwick; P. C. in C. Arnold; Patr. Instr. Howland; Historian Spink; and Publicity Drown. Also M. Gertrude Peterson, Aux. Natl. Chief of Staff; Natl. Chaplain Hilda York; as well as head of affiliates in Massachusetts.

Dept. Comdr. Bowen was in a large measure responsible for the fine showing of the Massachusetts delegates at

Springfield, Ill. His personal conducting of a travel by train party enabled many additional members to attend the Encampment. The group included many from other Atlantic Seaboard states.

With an accent on youth, Camp 9, Boston, recently installed George L. Nichols (18) as Commander while Aux. 78 installed Miss Elaine M. Wells (17) as President. The Camp is planning active participation in the Centennial. P.D.C. Addison A. Quinn, Chelsea, installed the Camp Officers.

The Friendly Relations Committee, organized 1921, will hold its annual banquet and entertainment on December 3 in Odd Fellows Hall, Malden Square. SUVCW banquet chairman is Ernest G. Wells, and Mrs. Wells is chairman of the Auxiliary committee.

MICHIGAN

In accordance with the directive of the 79th National Encampment, a Special Department Encampment was held at the Hotel Jack Tar in Lansing on October 30th, at which time the Department was reorganized and Department Officers were elected and installed.

There were thirty-one members present from six Camps at the meeting which was harmonious and constructive.

Commander-in-Chief Thomas A. Chadwick, Vermont, presided and installed the following Department Officers: Commander M. K. Brown; Sr. Vice Comdr. J. Johnson; Jr. Vice Comdr. Charles Walton; Council John Dalzell, Fred Hammond Sr. and Wesley Suave; Secy.-Treas. Urion C. Mackey; Patr. Instr. James Davies; Chaplain Charles Dexter; and Counselor Cloy Smith.

The 1961 Michigan Department Encampment will be held in Bay City along with the Allied Orders.

Appreciation is extended to Commander-in-Chief Chadwick, Nat'l. Secy. Treas. Lambert and National Counselor Locke for their attendance and helpful cooperation.

NEW JERSEY

Garfield Auxiliary No. 18, Trenton, celebrated their 50th anniversary with a dinner at Washington Crossing Inn on October 1st with a large attendance present including National President Sister Edith Paulding, New York; Roy and Anna Stoudt, Reading, Pa.; and an impressive group of members from New Jersey Camps and Auxiliaries. Sister Lida Doherty, Paterson, who was Department President when the Auxiliary was instituted was the honored guest. Charter Members present included Anna Williams, Lena Williams, and Anna Clayton. Grace Kale, another charter member was unable to attend. P.N.P. Anne O. Clayton was chairlady of the affair, and Eleanor Ely acted as toastmistress.

Dept. Pres. Miss Marguerite Bonnell was honored on October 23rd with a dinner and reception given by Orange Auxiliary No. 9 which was very well attended by Department Officers, members and friends. Marguerite was the recipient of beautiful tributes and gifts. P.D.P. Agnes Holland was toastmistress, and the entire Auxiliary served on the committee.

NEW YORK

On September 24-25, a two day Camp-Out and Military Skirmish and Review was sponsored by the 108th N. Y. Vol. Inf. Reg. at Fishers, N. Y. Over 1,000 visitors were registered; among them 250 Historical Society members from the 11 Counties near Rochester. Exec. Sec'y Grover C. Scott addressed the group on the forthcoming Centennial.

Ovid Aux. 72 recently held a dinner honoring Pres. Elsie Woodington. Guests included Dept. Commander Bradshaw, P.D.C. Joseph Rippey and many other present and past officers.

The Albany Aux. recently held a dinner honoring the Dept. Pres. and Dept. Comdr. and their staffs. Ten Eycke Camp, Albany will hold a similar affair in November.

The official Organ of the New York State Masonry has just issued a most comprehensive history of Masons in the Civil War, to which Dept. Press Correspondent Scott furnished some material. A few copies are available.

The New York State Centennial Commission has finally been established, but the appointees have not been announced. Rochester's Centennial Committee is fully organized with representatives from the five Allied Orders.

The Western New York Camp Commanders Association held their quarterly dinner meeting at Niagara Falls on October 22nd with Berry Camp as hosts.

OREGON & WASHINGTON

Wedding bells will ring on Thanksgiving Day for Mrs. Hester M. Cook, P.D.P. of the Auxiliary and Walter H. Quist, Dept. Secy.-Treas. of the SUVCW. The ceremony will take place in the First Christian Church of Vancouver, Washington. We wish for them a long and happy life together.

Oregon's Civil War Centennial will start officially with a TV program on October 28th in Portland. There will also be a banquet in the Benson Hotel at which time the principal speaker will be the renowned Civil War historian and author, Professor T. Harry Williams from Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

PENNSYLVANIA

The 50th wedding anniversary of Dept. Commander and Mrs. O. G. MacPherson was observed recently at a reception held for the couple by their children at the Altland Hotel, Abbotstown. They were married September 28, 1910. Active in SUVCW for a half century, Commander MacPherson has served in various posts including head of the Pennsylvania Brigade of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. The couple have 11 children and 23 grandchildren. Guests, including a number from SUVCW were from Wilkes-Barre, Reading, Harrisburg, York and Staten Island, N. Y.

The 1961 Pennsylvania Department Encampment will be held in Harrisburg and the 1962 Encampment will be held in New Castle.

An outstanding dinner and reception was tendered to Auxiliary Department President Daisy M. Haddock in Ellwood City on October 1st with over 100 present. All Department Allied Orders were present and brought greetings. Dept. Secy.-Treas. Chet Shriver of Gettysburg was the Toastmaster, and the principal speaker was Rev. Loy C. Gobrecht who had an inspiring message.

VERMONT

The Vermont Department will hold a banquet and reception for our own Commander-in-Chief, Thomas A. Chadwick, on Saturday, November 12 at the Brooks Hotel Ballroom, Brattleboro. The New England Regional Association meeting was held in Worcester, Mass., October 15-16. Green Mountain State Camp held their meeting October 29 at Morrisville, with supper served at 6 P. M.

Our mid-year meeting will be held along with the Aux. at Brandon on November 5 in the Grange Hall. The meeting will be in the afternoon to be followed by a dinner and entertainment. District No. 5 held their meeting on October 8 in Rutland at the V.F.W. Hall.

Lincoln Kept 'Em Laughing

The President declared once that the best story he ever read in the newspapers about himself concerned two Quaker women who were traveling by rail and discussing the probable termination of the disastrous Civil War.

"I think," said the first, "that Jefferson Davis will succeed."

"Why does thee think so?" asked the other.

"Because," explained the first, "Jefferson is a praying man."

"But so is Abraham," demurred the other.

"Yes," replied the first conclusively, "but the Lord will think Abraham is joking."

HISTORIAN B. A. BOTKIN has come up with some unfamiliar Lincolniana, for his "Treasury of American Anecdotes" that bears the ring of authenticity.

Lincoln liked to tell about the day a man with a dark and forbidding countenance drew a revolver and thrust it against his ribs. "What have I done to you?" inquired the future President as calmly as he could. "Ten years ago," asserted the stranger, "I swore an oath that if ever I encountered a man uglier than myself, I'd shoot him on the spot."

"Fire away," ordered Lincoln. "If I am an uglier man than you, I don't want to live!"

ALL THE READING in the log schoolhouse he attended, recalled Lincoln, was done from the Scriptures. The lesson assigned his class one day was the story of the faithful Israelites who were thrown into a fiery furnace. It fell to the lad standing beside young Lincoln to read aloud the verse in which occurred, for the first time, the names of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. He mispronounced all three, and was rewarded with a cuff on the ear from the stern schoolmaster.

The other pupils recited in turn, and soon the good book came round to him again. He promptly set up such a wail that the teacher inquired, "What's the matter?" The trembling boy pointed to the verse he had to read, and quavered: "Look here, marster! There come them same damn three fellers again!"

DURING THE THIRD YEAR of the War, Lincoln received word that one of his notoriously negligent brigadier generals had been captured, along with 12 mules, by Confederate forces.

"Confound it," exclaimed Lincoln. "Those mules cost us two hundred dollars apiece!"

QUICK TO ADMIT his occasional failures, Lincoln likened himself to the farmer who once was confronted by a tree stump too big to pull, too wet to burn.

"I'll tell you how I got rid of that stump," volunteered the farmer. "I plowed around it."

LINCOLN'S LAST STRAW. Once there was a king, according to Mr. Lincoln, who hired him a prophet to prophesy the royal weather. One day he decided to go fishing, and since the best place was near where his best girl lived, he aimed to wear him his best clothes. So he asked his prophet, "Is hit comin' on to rain?" And the prophet says, "No, Your Highness, not even a sizzle-sozzle."

So the king put on his best clothes and got his fishing tackle, but on the way to the fishing place he met a farmer with an umbrella over his head and riding a jackass.

"Farmer," said the king, "it hain't a-coming on to rain, 'cause my prophet says so."

But he was wrong, and the farmer was right. It came on to rain, all right, a real clod-buster, and the king's clothes was wetted and shrunk on him, and the king's best girl laughed at him, and the king throwed out his prophet and called for the farmer. "I aim," said the king, "for you to prophesy me my weather from now on."

The farmer protested, "King, I hain't no prophet. All I done this evening was to look at my jackass's ears. For his it's coming on to rain, his ears lop down, and the harder his coming on the lower they lays, and this evening they was a-laying and a-logging."

So the king says, "Go back home then, farmer. I'll hire me the jackass."

"That," concluded Mr. Lincoln slyly, "is how it happened . . . And the jackasses have been holding down a lot of the high-wage government jobs ever since!"

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