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CAMP FIRE PROGRAM



Banquet Honoring National Officers, Sons and Auxiliary



Annual Service with Auxiliary

87th Annual Meeting . . .

WILMINGTON CONVENTION REPORT

The weather was hot, but the hotel was comfortable and the hospitality was friendly when our members, our Auxiliary and the Ladies of the G. A. R. gathered August 18-22 at the Hotel DuPont in Wilmington, Delaware.

On Sunday, members attended Church Services of their choice, and in the afternoon each organization conducted registration of delegates. The SUVCW registration was 103 — Auxiliary was 197 — Ladies of the G. A. R. was 110. At 3 p.m. on Sunday a beautiful and impressive Memorial Service was conducted by Natl. Chaplain Kenneth Wheeler and Natl. Chaplain Mary Lucas of our Auxiliary, in the Gold Room of the hotel.

On Sunday evening, the annual Camp Fire was held in the Gold Room to a capacity audience from the three organizations. Music was furnished by the 327th Army Band, directed by Warrant Officer Louis C. Wells. Frank M. Heacock Sr. presided and introduced the distinguished guests. The principal address was delivered by United States Senator J. Caleb Boggs. Others on the program, in addition to the three National Presidents were Hon. John E. Babiarz, Mayor of Wilmington, and Hon. Samuel Shipley, representing Gov. Charles L. Terry. Colors were advanced and retired by the Military Department SVR.

Monday saw the Joint Opening of the SUVCW and Auxiliary conventions under direction of the Chiefs of Staff, after which each group proceeded with their business sessions. On Monday evening the annual dinner of the Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents was held in the Hunt Room, with P.N.P. Anna Stoudt presiding. This was followed by the Auxiliary exemplification of the Ritual, and the Auxiliary Courtesy Hour in the Gold Room.

Tuesday was devoted to business sessions during which time greetings were received from our Auxiliary, the Ladies of the G. A. R., the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and from the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. The Lt. Gov. of Delaware, Hon. Sherman W. Tribbett extended greetings and presented Commander-in-Chief Haskell with a citation. Natl. Patr. Instr. Louis Moushey then presented a message from the Mayor of St. Louis along with a citation for our Commander-in-Chief.

On Tuesday evening an impressive banquet and reception honoring Officers of the Sons and Auxiliary was conducted by Aux. Chief of Staff, Mildred Nistico, with Chief of Staff C. Leroy Stoudt as Toastmaster. At the dinner Natl. Pres. Hazel Moushey presented us with a check in the amount of \$500.00.

There were no business sessions on Wednesday. An extremely pleasant complimentary bus trip was provided from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to the Hagley Museum and Longwood Gardens, both places maintained by the DuPont Co. In the evening entertainment was provided in the Gold Room by the committee.

Thursday concluded the business sessions and saw election and installation of new officers, and the closing Council meetings.

BUSINESS SESSIONS

Were held in the Presbyterian Church across the street from the Hotel DuPont. The first session was called to order at 10:30 a.m. Monday.

Following are the convention appointments: Guide John Stark of Penna.; Color Bearer James Ledwith of Conn.; Guard William Phillips of New York; Musician Robert Wood of Mass. The following committee chairmen were appointed: Credentials Devene Williamson of New York; Officers Reports Albert C. Lambert of N. J.; Constitution and Regulations Joseph Rippey of New York; Resolutions Harold Arnold of Rhode Island; Restoration of Rank, James Blackman of Illinois; Ritual C. Leroy Stoudt, of Penna. Our visiting committee to the Auxiliary and to the Ladies of the G. A. R. included all Past Commanders-in-Chief.

Following the opening a beautiful basket of flowers was presented by Dorothy Hilyard and Frank M. Heacock on behalf of the local committee. Two new aluminum flag poles were presented by Harold Arnold and Arthur Glenum. Telegrams and letters of greeting were read from absent members and a telegram was ordered sent to Past Commander-in-Chief, Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd expressing our regret that he could not attend.

RESOLUTION

ADOPTED BY WILMINGTON CONVENTION

WHEREAS, The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are pledged to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, to teach patriotism and the duties of citizenship, the true history of our country, and the love and respect of our flag, and

WHEREAS, We agree that citizens of the United States are privileged to disagree, criticize and/or protest in conformity with law, and in a constructive and meaningful manner concerning affairs of government, improvement of conditions, and other matters related to the welfare of the citizenry and the country, and

WHEREAS, Today we find enemies at home and abroad who boldly propose to do away with our form of government; are upsetting our economy and the rights of individuals guaranteed by the Constitution:

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That we urge the continued appropriation of funds necessary for the National Defense and security.
2. That we have noted with interest the great advances in education, prosperity and civilization made by American Negroes and other minority groups in the past, and we favor their full enjoyment of the rights of citizenship, but not of special privileges that encroach on the rights of their fellow citizens of other races.
3. That we urge the balancing of the National Budget by eliminating as rapidly as possible expenditures for Foreign Aid and other Federal Aid projects which are the means of encroachment by the central government on the prerogatives reserved to the states by the Constitution.
4. With the presence of violence, burnings, riots and murders threatening law abiding citizens, we urge that police not be hampered, and that offenders be punished by the courts to the full extent of the law.
5. We have treated college students like a special class of babies, who could be disciplined by faculty and no one else. They must be made to act like ordinary adults. Ordinary adults don't go into peoples' houses and lock them out of it. They must learn to accept responsibility for their acts, and not expect or receive amnesty when guilty.
6. That we consider the exposure of drug addiction to be a prime danger — undoubtedly being encouraged by our country's enemies in an effort to undermine the health and morals of our people. We ask that the Courts stop being lenient, and that pushers and addicts both be controlled by whatever means is necessary.
7. As a government of law, not of men, we insist upon the complete enforcement of the law.

At subsequent sessions reports of officers as well as reports of committees were read and acted upon.

It was announced that the following locations have been approved for National Conventions:

1969 Convention — St. Louis, Missouri
1970 Convention — Miami Beach, Florida
1971 Convention — Boston, Mass.

The loving cup presented by P. C. in C. Grant for the Department showing the largest percentage increase in membership was won this year by the Department of Oregon and Washington. A resolution expressing our best wishes to General Eisenhower was adopted.

National Patriotic Instructor Louis Moushey reported the outstanding sum of \$1,408.55 raised for patriotic work. From this fund a scholarship will be given a worthy student at Gettysburg College, and the annual Lincoln Monument ceremonies in Washington, D. C., and the annual ceremony at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Illinois, as well as the Remembrance Day ceremony at Gettysburg will be subsidized.

Past Commanders-in-Chief present were: William M. Coffin of Ohio; Albert C. Lambert of New Jersey; C. Leroy Stoudt of Pennsylvania; Cleon E. Heald of New Hampshire; Harold E. Arnold of Rhode Island; Thomas A. Chadwick of Vermont; Chester S. Shriver of Pennsylvania; and Joseph S. Rippey of New York.

On Thursday the newly elected officers were installed by Past Commander-in-Chief William M. Coffin of Ohio. The Past Commander-in-Chief's badge was presented to Bro. Haskell by P. C. in C. Harold Arnold of Rhode Island, and the gold lapel button was presented to him by Natl. Secy-Treas. Shriver.



GEN. U. S. GRANT 3rd

at West Point in 1903, which class boasted among its members the late Gen. Douglas MacArthur. Gen. Grant, who also maintained a home in Washington, served in the early 1960's as head of the National Civil War Centennial Commission. He was the son of another Major General, the late Frederick D. Grant, and the Grandson of the Civil War General and 18th President of the United States.

After 30 years of service in the Army, he received the Distinguished Service Medal and the Legion of Merit, in addition to several foreign decorations. He served as head of the U. S. General Services for some time. In 1904, he married Edith Root, daughter of Elihu Root, who served as Secretary of State under President Theodore Roosevelt.

A widower, he is survived by three daughters, three grandsons and a sister, Princess Julia Cantacuzene of Washington. The daughters are Mrs. Edith Griffiths, Arlington, Va.; Mrs. Clara Ruestow, Malvern, N. Y.; and Mrs. Julia Dietz, Syracuse, N. Y.

After World War I, he served as a member of the Supreme War Council at Versailles and as an assistant U. S. Commissioner for the treaty with Germany on the treatment of war prisoners. From then until World War II he held numerous posts, including U. S. District Engineer for the 2nd San Francisco River and Harbor District; director of public buildings and parks in the nation's capitol and commanding officer of the Delaware Civilian Conservation Corps District. During World War II, he was chief of the protection branch of the Office of Civilian Defense. He was chairman of the National Capital Park and Planning Commission from 1942 to 1949, and Vice President of George Washington University from 1946 to 1951.

He was the principal speaker at our Atlantic City, N. J. Encampment in 1952, at which time he was elected as Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief. In 1953 and again in 1954 he was elected as Commander-in-Chief, and has been a valued guide, philosopher, and friend ever since, contributing greatly from his wide experience, and sound and sympathetic judgment. He had the intellectual gift of understanding that endeared him to all who knew him. He was directly responsible for our securing a Congressional Charter, the Deed of Conveyance from the G. A. R., the Albert Woolson Medal, and was one of the founders of the annual observance at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Illinois.

General Grant leaves behind him a deeply grateful organization that is dedicated to the principles he has so long advocated. What he did to make this a better Order will always be remembered in the annals of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The best tribute that we can pay to his memory will be for each one of us to continue to advance the patriotic work he grew to love.

Funeral services were held September 2nd from the Hamilton College Chapel in Clinton, with Episcopal Minister Rev. Carl A. Aveille presiding, with no public viewing. The flag covered coffin was carried by his six grandsons and nephews.

SPECIAL ORDER

No 1

It is with a sense of loss and with a heavy heart that we record the death of Past Commander-in-Chief Ulysses S. Grant 3rd. Born July 4, 1881 in Chicago, he died August 28, 1968 at his summer home in Clinton, N. Y. He had died during the night of an apparent heart attack. He was a member of Lincoln-Cushing Camp No. 2 of Washington, D. C. and a Past Department Commander of the Maryland Department. He was a graduate of the United States Military Academy

Honorary Pallbearers included P. C. in C. Stoudt and P. C. in C. Shriver; Natl. Council Member Norman R. Furman; Natl. Patr. Instr. Charles A. Doane; Doren Vest, Commander of Camp 2 of Washington; P.D.C. DeVene Williamson and Brother Harry Furman of the New York Department. Also present were Mrs. Irene K. Murphy, Auxiliary National President; P.N.P. Anna I. Stoudt; Mrs. Ruba Shriver and daughter Donna; and several members of the New York Department Sons and Auxiliary.

Following the Church Service, the casket was placed on a four wheel truck and led by Rev. Aveille and Col. Samuel Patten, the official Military Representative from the First Army, the procession strode on foot through beautiful oak trees to the family plot in historic Hamilton College Cemetery, where he was buried beside his wife.

We bid him farewell. May his reunion with those who have passed on be a happy one. He can rest assured that he will always be remembered and that his service to our Order will be an inspiration and constant reminder of the work we still have to do in carrying on the ideals of the Grand Army of the Republic.

In his memory, I hereby order all charters of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, draped for a period of thirty days.

Commander-in-Chief
FRANK M. HEACOCK Sr.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF 1968-1969



Elected Commander-in-Chief at the 87th National Encampment, August 22 in Wilmington, Delaware.

Brother Heacock was initiated into Bradbury Camp 149, Media, Pa. in January, 1926, serving as Camp Commander in 1929. He served as Pennsylvania Department Commander in 1942. He has filled the office of Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief as well as Chairman of Various National Committees. In 1943 he was named as Secretary of the Penna. Dept. G.A.R., which post he filled until the passing of the last Department Commander in 1946.

His Grandfather, Corp. John H. Gifford enlisted as a musician in Company K, 72nd Penna. Regiment (The Fire Zouave Regiment) on March 28, 1862, and transferred to Company A, 183rd Penna. Regiment July 19, 1861. He was discharged March 27, 1865 at the expiration of his term of enlistment.

An accountant by profession, Frank is married to the former Anna Isabelle Buckley. They have one son, Gar Edward Heacock. He has a son by a previous marriage, Frank M. Heacock Jr. who is the father of Frank Daniel Heacock. He is a member of the Ridley Park Baptist Church, having served as Sunday School Superintendent and Church Secretary prior to moving to Wilmington in 1958. He is a member of several fraternal organizations including Scottish Rite branch of Masonry and the Shrine.



General Order No. 1

Series 1968-69

Headquarters
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 Sons of Union Veterans
 of the Civil War
 Frank M. Heacock, Sr.
 7 S. Sycamore Street
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 (Area Code 302) Phone 655-7918

1. Having been elected and installed as Commander-in-Chief at the 87th National Encampment, command is hereby assumed and headquarters established at above address, where all correspondence should be directed. Every possible effort will be made for proper and immediate disposition thereof.

2. All appointments made by the previous administration and not otherwise terminated are hereby relieved of their duties, with the grateful thanks of the organization. Any books, papers and/or properties not already turned over to their successors, should be done so forthwith.

3. The following are National Committee appointments, with the first person named as Chairman. All Committee members and the general membership are urged to give their full support to these Chairmen.

Standing Committee on Constitution

- Joseph S. Rippey, 165 Linden St., Rochester, N. Y. 14620
- Thos. L. W. Johnson, 325 W. Main St., Madison, Wis. 53703
- Cleon E. Heald, 21 High St., Keene, New Hamp. 03431
- William M. Coffin, 3755 Hyde Park Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45209
- Chester S. Shriver, P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325
- Brother Rippey continues for a term of one year; Brothers Johnson and Heald for two years and Brothers Coffin and Shriver for three years.

Legislative

- Thos. L. W. Johnson, 325 W. Main St., Madison, Wis. 53703
- William M. Coffin, 3755 Hyde Park Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45209
- Arthur R. Glenum, 1385 Nicholson St., N. W., Washington, D. C. 20011
- Chas. A. Brady Jr., 9144 S. Bishop Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60620
- Wm. J. Blakeley, 961 Fordham Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15226

Membership

- Roderick Van Trump Sr., 419 Homestead Rd., LaGrange Park, Ill. 60525 and all Junior Vice Department Commanders

Military Affairs

- Harold E. Arhold, P. O. Box 41, Coventry, R. I. 08216
- Thos. A. Chadwick, RD 1, Box 81, Chester, Vermont 05143
- A. M. Bredbenner, Box 207, Millinville, Pa. 18631
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- Geo. W. Long, 222 Lincoln St., Lancaster, Pa. 17603

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- Rev. Richard O. Partington, Germantown Pike, Lafayette Hills, Pa.
- Walter H. Williams, 11 Boxwood Court, Trenton, N. J. 08628
- Richard Greenwalt, 616 W. Summit St., Alliance, Ohio 44601
- Grover Cleveland Scott, 47 Austin St., Richester, N. Y. 14606
- Herbert W. Bogue, P. O. Box 311, Springfield, Mass. 01101

Special Survey (Authorized by Encampment)

- Roderick Van Trump Sr., 419 Homestead Rd., La Grange Park, Ill. 60525
- Robert J. Wolz, Box 189, Route 41, New Waterford, Ohio 44445
- Charles Schumucker, 454 Adams St., S. E. Grand Rapids, Mich. 49505
- Thomas Lock, RD 1 (Battleground) Lafayette, Indiana
- Wilson L. Savage, 1628 East 8th, Pueblo, Colo. 81001

Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

- Thos. L. W. Johnson, Co-Chairman, 325 W. Main St., Madison, Wis. 53703
- Geo. L. Cashman, Co-Chairman, Lincoln Tomb, Springfield, Ill. 62702

Remembrance Day — Gettysburg

- Chester S. Shriver, P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325

Fraternal Relations

- Allen F. Spink, 388 Woodland St., Apt. E-2, Hartford, Conn. 06112
- Richard H. Johnson Sr., 3102 N. Van Buren St., Wilmington, Del. 19802
- Herman T. Black, 1254 N. 43rd St., Milwaukee, Wis. 53208

Encampment Site

- C. Leroy Stoudt, 2540 Fairview Ave., Reading, Pa. 19606
- Albert C. Lambert, P. O. Box 457, Trenton, N. J. 08603
- Chester S. Shriver, P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325

4. Your Commander-in-Chief is mindful of the responsibility that confronts him. Whatever progress there is to be made, MUST be forthcoming from the grassroots of our organization — the rank and file of our members. These are the members I hope to meet during the coming months. Although our membership continues to decline, this can be stemmed. It MUST be stemmed if we hope to continue as an organization. You can lend a helping hand by securing an application blank and taking it to that prospect you were going to ask — this

time make certain you ask him. Let each and every one of us make a special effort to secure a candidate between now and "M" Day, April 6, 1969. This date was selected for "M" Day inasmuch as it was on this date that the first Post of the Grand Army of the Republic was organized in Decatur, Illinois, in 1866. What better way can we observe the anniversary of the founding of our fathers' organization — and no better date in the annals of our organization can be found for such an event as "M" Day.

5. Your Commander-in-Chief desires, if possible, to visit each and every Department. This was discussed with some of the Department Commanders. Other Department Commanders will be contacted and the cooperation of all will be greatly appreciated.

6. Natl. Patr. Instr. Charles A. Doane, and National Special Aide William A. Davis Jr. (Maryland Department, 501 W. 21st St., Wilmington, Del. 19802 (herewith appointed) who are responsible for special projects during the year, are deserving of your wholehearted support. They will appreciate everything that the members, Camps and Departments can do. Support them to the best of your ability and contribute as generously as your condition will permit.

7. Camp Secretaries are alerted to the fact that Department Secretaries MUST have correct addresses so that all members may receive THE BANNER. There has been some negligence, and it is our hope and desire that this will be corrected.

8. To my co-workers who were also elected in Wilmington, Mrs. Irene Murphy, Natl. Pres. of our Auxiliary, and Mrs. Erma Landis, Natl. Pres. of the Ladies of the G. A. R., my hearty congratulations and best wishes for a successful, harmonious and constructive year. This is the first time in the history of our three organizations, that we hail from the Department of Pennsylvania. May we, with the help of God, do our best, as we may see it. To each of you, I pledge my full support and cooperation.

9. To Mrs. Dorothea Meyers, of Canton, Ohio, Natl. Pres. Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Mrs. Hazel C. Willard of East Douglas, Mass., Natl. Pres. of the Woman's Relief Corps, hearty congratulations and to each of you, I pledge my support and cooperation.

10. To Col. Lenahan O'Connell, Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, U.S.A., and Mrs. Sara Binder Moore, Natl. Pres. Dames of the Loyal Legion, we pledge our support for the preservation of American ideals that made America American and that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom — a freedom from the "isms" that are undermining our Republic.

FRANK M. HEACOCK Sr.
 Commander-in-Chief

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REMEMBRANCE DAY 1968

The 11th annual G.A.R. Remembrance Day ceremony will be held on Saturday, November 16. Everyone is invited to one of the finest weekends in many years.

Parade will form at the Gettysburg Recreation Field at 1:30 p.m. and move promptly at 2 p.m. through Gettysburg to the Woolson Statue in Ziegler's Grove on the battlefield, where the program will start at 3 p.m.

National and Department heads will place memorial wreaths. The address will be by Col. William A. Campbell, professor of military science and tactics, ROTC, Gettysburg College. Music will be furnished by the Gettysburg High School Band. The M. C. will be Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert.

Units of S.V.R., Military Units, Gettysburg College ROTC and Veteran Units will participate. All National Officers of the Allied Orders will meet at the Holiday Inn at 12 noon for assigned transportation.

In the evening the 39th annual Past Commanders and Past Presidents Dinner observing Dedication Day will be held in the Holiday Inn Ballroom at 6:30 p.m., at which time our scholarship will be presented to a history major student of Gettysburg College.

National Patriotic Instructor's Message

Having been appointed National Patriotic Instructor, I accept the appointment realizing the importance of the office, and will do everything possible to fulfill its obligations.

I urge all Department and Camp Patriotic Instructors to observe all patriotic holidays, thereby perpetuating the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

I shall need the help of each member, Camp and Department to reach my goal for the G.A.R. Fund. It is with this fund that we finance many patriotic projects in memory of the Union Veterans.

Please send contributions to Charles A. Doane, Natl. Patr. Instr., 19 Wycliffe Road, Waterloo, N. Y. 13165.

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—Chester S. Shriver, National Secretary Treasurer,
 P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325

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:

- Raymond R. Dent, Mansfield, Ohio in memory of John C. Copeland, Company I, 18th Ohio Regiment.

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 RENEW YOURS NOW!

THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

For the benefit of those members who did not attend the National Encampment, a brief review of the legislation which we have been following for the past year appears to be in order. The Uniform Holiday Act was signed by the President on June 28. It affects four patriotic holidays including Memorial Day and applies to all federal installations and the District of Columbia as of January 1, 1971. Under our federal system the individual States must also act if they are to bring their observances of these holidays into line with the new law.

On July 5 President Johnson signed the Flag Desecration Act which declares that the public mutilation or burning of our flag is a federal offense throughout the nation. Designed to supplement rather than replace State legislation on the subject, it will give specific federal protection to our flag for the first time in our country's history.

By enactment of Public Law 90-160 approved November 28, 1967, the month of February 1968 was designated as American History Month throughout the nation.

In this election our membership is urged to scrutinize all candidates running for election to public office from the White House to the courthouse. Study the responses of the candidates to questions of public policy and do not permit sound judgment to be swayed by appeals to emotion unsubstantiated by the rule of reason. Remember that the officials elected this year will have a considerable influence on legislation in the short run and will help to shape the destiny of our country in the long run. Your vote is important. Use it to advance the best interests of our nation.

THOMAS L. W. JOHNSON
 Chairman

PRIZE FLOAT



This float portraying the "Valley of Death" (between Little Round Top and the Wheatfield on July 2, 1863) won second prize of \$75.00 in the 1968 Memorial Day parade in Gettysburg. It was entered by Camp 112 of Gettysburg and many of the participants are children of those who were on the first float entered by the Camp in 1949.

T A P S

Fred E. Howe, N. Y. Dept.
 Commander-in-Chief 1956

Died August 1968

"Rest in Peace"



A post-Memorial Day event, acclaimed by the press of Western Massachusetts, as "a ceremony that brought back the past," culminated an untiring effort of Gen. George B. McClellan Camp 69 and Allied Orders, to replace a corroded metal urn, which was a memorial for Gen. Kilpatrick Post 71, G.A.R. in a Holyoke cemetery, with a granite monument. The original, with ravages of time and defacing by vandalism became so unsightly that a determined group raised funds necessary, largely through efforts of P.D.C. Wm. C. Rule, assisted by a committee consisting of Alfred J. Durocher, Lillian C. Lamarsh, Pearl E. Murphy, Ursula W. Shepardson and Pearl Z. Bowen.

At the dedication exercises, Mayor Wm. S. Taupier was the featured guest and speaker, along with Atty. Wm. F. Stapleton. Department representatives were recognized. The memorial was unveiled by Herbert W. Bogue.

**AUXILIARY NATIONAL PRESIDENT
1968-1969**



Elected National President at the 82nd National Encampment in Wilmington, Delaware, August 22nd.
A member of Auxiliary No. 6 of Reading, Pa., she served as Pennsylvania Department President in 1959. She derives her eligibility from her grandfather Richard Stoudt, who served in Company B, Third Penna. Volunteer Regiment during the Civil War.
An ardent supporter of Scotland School for Veterans Children, she is active in St. Luke's Lutheran Church, and is a past president of Unit 12, American Legion Auxiliary, as well as several other veteran and patriotic organizations.
Her husband, Patrick, is a past commander of Meade Camp No. 16. They are parents of five sons and four daughters. The daughters and a daughter-in-law are members of the Auxiliary, and one son is a member of the Camp.

**AUXILIARY NATIONAL OFFICERS
1968-1969**

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LADIES OF THE G.A.R.**

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- NATIONAL TREASURER**
Edna McCready, 3315 Spruce St., Kansas City, Mo. 64128

**We Seem To Be Turning Our Backs On
Everything That Made America Great**

We pamper criminals and hamper police, when the police are all that save us from anarchy.

We spend billions to pay people not to work — when we need the workers, and haven't got the billions.

Devoted men in uniform spend their lives, underpaid and in jeopardy, fighting to keep our nation safe. Then, for political advantage, we sweep aside their gravest advice.

Companies which provide millions of the best-paying jobs in the world were built out of profits made by ambitious men who plowed those profits back, to make more. Now Government and unions call such men selfish, and tax and destroy the profits vital to tomorrow's jobs.

We spend billions to get to the moon, for some ridiculous "prestige," instead of using those billions to reduce our debt and make us safe and solvent again.

For voters at home we placate our enemies abroad and attack our friends (and how we need those friends!).

We concentrate more and more power in a central government (too often of little people) and so weaken the local governments — which are the very essence of democracy and freedom.

We spend billions for foreign aid and let prosperous foreigners who owe us billions spend our money to deprive us of our dangerously-needed gold.

Common sense used to be the outstanding trait of Americans. In Heaven's name, what has happened to it?

AUXILIARY CONVENTION NEWS

A really delightful five days was enjoyed by all who attended the convention in spite of the hot, humid weather. P.N.P. Hazel Moushey is to be commended for the efficient, as well as delightful, manner in which she presided over the business sessions. One of the great assets of these conventions is the opportunity it affords to many of our members to meet and greet many friends that are kept apart by distance throughout the year.

It seems needless to repeat some of the activities since they are already covered in another part of the Banner but I would like to mention that during the Memorial Service held on Sunday afternoon the three Past National Presidents who passed away during the past year were fittingly eulogized by P.N.P.s Flora Bates, Beatrice S. Riggs and Ursula Shepardson. The Camp Fire on Sunday evening was most impressive, colorful and thoroughly enjoyable.

The official opening of the convention was held on Monday morning with all Past National Presidents, National Officers and National Aides participating. Credit and commendation go to Natl. Chief of Staff Mildred Nistico for the work and plans for this opening. At 9:50 a.m. the gavel was rapped by National President Moushey who announced her committee and convention appointments and conducted the official opening of our Organization. Roll call of all National Officers, Past National Presidents, sitting Department Presidents, immediate Past Department Presidents, escorts, pages, and convention committee was made at this time and all of these Sisters were personally thanked by the National President and presented with a remembrance from her for their year of service.

The National Presidents report was the first order of business and disclosed a year of concentrated and efficient service to our Order. Many miles of travel were necessary to be able to report the complete contact she had with our membership throughout the National Organization. It revealed a year of dedicated service. Following the reading of the Presidents report the testimonial gift from the National Organization was presented to Sister Moushey by P.N.P. Edna S. Lambert. The reading of the National Officers reports followed. The Monday afternoon session was interrupted by a visitor, Mr. Anderson, who came to our meeting representing the Delaware Day Care Center. The work of the Day Care Center is with retarded children and they had been selected to be the recipient of our memorial of \$250.00 which is given each year in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. The check was presented to Mr. Anderson by Natl. Patriotic Instructor Eileen Coombs.

Following the departure of our visitor the reading of officers reports was resumed. These reports were interspersed with reports of Departments. Reports of standing committees followed the officers reports. At 3:30 p.m. correspondence was read and some personal gifts were presented by the Natl. President. The meeting was then recessed until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday morning.

The Past National Presidents and Past Commanders in Chief met for their annual dinner on Monday evening. Reports have it that this dinner, under the direction of P.N.P. Anna I. Stoudt was most enjoyable and the remembrances given by Sister Stoudt to these distinguished members of our two Organizations were very beautiful. The rest of the delegation enjoyed the exemplification of the ritual which was followed by the Courtesy Hour under the direction of Nat. Chief of Staff Nistico. This courtesy hour was most unusual and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The business meeting convened again on Tuesday morning and was called to order at 9:15 a.m. Reports of standing committees were continued and these were followed by reports of convention committees. Once again Dept. reports were given between committee reports and this arrangement proved more interesting for the delegates. The action of the Committee on Officers Reports regarding recommendations submitted will appear in the first order of the Natl. President and in the proceedings. I do feel, however, that the recommendation regarding Associate Members submitted by Sister Moushey is of special interest to many of our members and I would like to report that action has been started along this line but nothing definite has been acted on. This question will be pursued further at the 1969 convention in St. Louis. Since the question of Associate Members affects our Constitution there are certain procedures that must be followed before it can be enacted into law.

The credential committee reported 197 registered delegates — 178 voting delegates and 19 guests. Nomination of National Officers was the first order of business on Tuesday afternoon after which more committee reports and Department reports were received. During the afternoon session we were most pleased to receive a visit from Rev. Gorge Riddell. Rev. Riddell was the recipient of our scholarship presented by P.N.P. Dorothy Hilyard in Washington, D. C. in 1962. This is the first time since we have been presenting these scholarships that we have been privileged to have one of the recipients come back to visit us and to again express his appreciation for the award. The action of Rev. Riddell has helped to renew our faith in the youth of our country and we wish him well in his chosen profession. Following the receiving of greetings committees the Tuesday session was recessed until Thursday morning.

The banquet and reception honoring the National President and the Commander in Chief and their officers was held on Tuesday evening. Highlight of the banquet was the presentation, by our Natl. President, of our love token of \$500.00 to the Sons Organization. Wednesday was a day, free of business, for the delegates. A complimentary bus trip to Hagley Museum and Longwood Gardens was thoroughly enjoyed by all and the rest of the day was used for shopping and visiting. On Wednesday evening a fine program of entertainment was provided for the delegates making the day a completely relaxing and most enjoyable one.

Thursday morning the final business session was called to order at 9:15 a.m. Mr. Green of the Hotel Dupont was escorted into our meeting room and expressed his pleasure for our stay at the Hotel. Action was taken at the meeting to have the National Secretary write to the Hotel thanking them for the many courtesies extended to our Organization members during the convention. All agreed the accommodations were the finest and the courtesies extended by the personnel of the hotel were commendable. Lt. Gov. Sherman Tribbett of Delaware was received into our meeting and extended greetings to us. He presented an award to Natl. President Moushey from the State of Delaware.

Natl. Patriotic Instructor Eileen Coombs read her financial report and turned over to the National Treasurer the sum of \$1,134.22. Natl. Chief of Staff Mildred Nistico then reported on the finances of her office and turned over the sum of \$3,314.80 after expenses. Both of these Sisters received standing ovations for their splendid work and the thanks of the Natl. Organization was extended to each of them. These two financial reports completed the reports of all officers, committees and Departments. All other business having been taken care of the next order of business was installation of the new Officers. P.N.P. Katharine Joyce assisted by members of Pennsylvania Department, conducted a most impressive installation ceremony and the new National Officers headed by Natl. President Irene Murphy received many good wishes for a fine year in office.

The Old and New Council met during the afternoon on Thursday for the final audit of the books and the new administration took over the business of the Organization. During the week many clubs held breakfast and luncheon meetings and many state dinners were also held. These Natl. Presidents Clubs are to be commended for their loyalty to the Order and for the fine contributions they make yearly to the two money officers. By Thursday evening many of the delegates had left the hotel and the few remaining ones were on their way by early Friday. All left promising to meet one year hence in St. Louis, Missouri.

After four long years of treatment, the psychiatrist finally told his patient, "Congratulations, you're cured." "Some cure!" the patient said. "Four years ago, I was Julius Caesar. Today I'm a nobody."

A lady has just purchased a postage stamp. "Must I stick it on myself?" she asked. Positively not, madam replied the clerk. "It will accomplish more if you stick it on the envelope."

Passenger — Which end of the car do I get off?
Conductor — Either one. It stops at both ends.

"I can't eat this garbage," cried the enraged diner. "Call the manager."
"S'no use," said the waiter, "he won't eat it either."

CONVENTION CANDID CAMERA



Picture at left shows Commander-in-Chief Haskell, and Natl. Pres. Hazel Moushey with United States Senator J. Caleb Boggs. Centre picture shows Hon. Sherman W. Tribbett, Lieutenant Governor of Delaware with Commander-in-Chief Haskell and Natl. Secy-Treas. Shriver. Picture at right shows the newly elected Commander-in-Chief Frank M. Heacock Sr. with newly elected Auxiliary National President Mrs. Irene Murphy to his right and newly elected Ladies of the G. A. R. Natl. Pres. Mrs. Erma Landis.



Department News



(Due to limitation of space in this issue, Department News has been condensed.)

IOWA — Natl. Pres. Hazel Moushey honored us by being the principal speaker at our Encampment Banquet in Fort Dodge, at which time a reception was given to Department and National Officers. Several of our members attended the Wilmington Encampment.

MASSACHUSETTS — Springfield and Holyoke Camps took their usual active part in Memorial Day activities. At the Pioneer Valley Assoc. annual meeting Herbert Boguc, Pres., and all officers were reelected. Their annual Dedication Day dinner will be held Nov. 2 in Holyoke.

NEW JERSEY — Reelected Dept. Commander Walter Williams and his staff at our Encampment in June. Our annual Good Citizen Award was presented by P. C. in C. Lambert to Hon. William Beard, a Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Our new Dept. Pres. is Mrs. Edith Rice. We are pleased and honored by the election of P. D. C. Fred Combs Jr. to the office of Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief. Coming events — State Camp Dinner Oct. 26 at Nassau Inn, Princeton, Mid-Year Department meeting Nov. 24 in Trenton, and Lincoln Banquet Feb. 8 at Nassau Inn, Princeton.

NEW YORK — Charles Doane was elected Dept. Commander and Mrs. Caroline McGowan as Dept. Pres. at our Utica Encampment in June. Over forty members of the New York Department attended the Wilmington Encampment. Helen M. Butler, Press Corr. is now accepting 1969 subscriptions to The Banner.

OHIO — Philip Triem Camp 43 of Salem will hold its 3,000th weekly meeting on Nov. 23 with dinner at Timberlane's Steak House. Natl. Secy-Treas. Shriver will be the guest speaker. The 19th Ohio Regt. SVR won second place award in the District Loyalty Day Parade held in Salem in May. Two displays of SUVCW-SVR material were shown at the Ohio State Fair in Columbus and the Columbiana County Fair in Lisbon. The Mt. Vernon Fife and Drum Corps were flown to Valley Forge on May 30 in U. S. Army planes. They also played on July 4th in four different locations.

PENNSYLVANIA — A dinner and reception honoring Commander-in-Chief Frank Heacock Sr. will be held Oct. 26 in the Alpine Inn, Springfield, Pa. On Feb. 15th the 101st Phila. Lincoln Dinner will be held at Beck's

MINI EDITORIALS

Does the news media attempt to create news instead of reporting news? Do they verify wild rumors for substance to avoid giving false reports wide circulation? Objectivity is essential equipment for a reporter.

We wonder if gun control legislation will be as effective as the liquor prohibition law, with the same tragic results. For every action there is a reaction.

Permissiveness — in the home — in the school — in law enforcement — by the courts — is merely an excuse for evading responsibility.

Good motives do not excuse action that will injure others — violation of law merely as a technique of demonstration constitutes an act of rebellion, not merely dissent.

Remember — today is the first day of the rest of your life.

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Restaurant in Philadelphia. On Mar. 15 a dinner and reception honoring National President Mrs. Irene Murphy will be held in the Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Reading.

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL — Annual meeting was held at the Weirs Beach, New Hampshire in July. Guests included Commander-in-Chief Haskell, Natl. Pres. Hazel Moushey and many other National and Department Officers. P.D.C. William Wilson of Vermont and P.D.P. Mary Buchanan of Connecticut were elected regional heads for 1968-69. The SVR held a parade and competitive drill. Beautiful color slides of "Memorial Day at Gettysburg" were shown by Natl. Secy-Treas. Shriver. A retarded group from Laconia, N. H. gave vocal and instrumental selections. This is an educational project of the State of New Hampshire, directed by Cleon E. Heald, who is a member of the State Legislature and a member of the committee responsible for this group.