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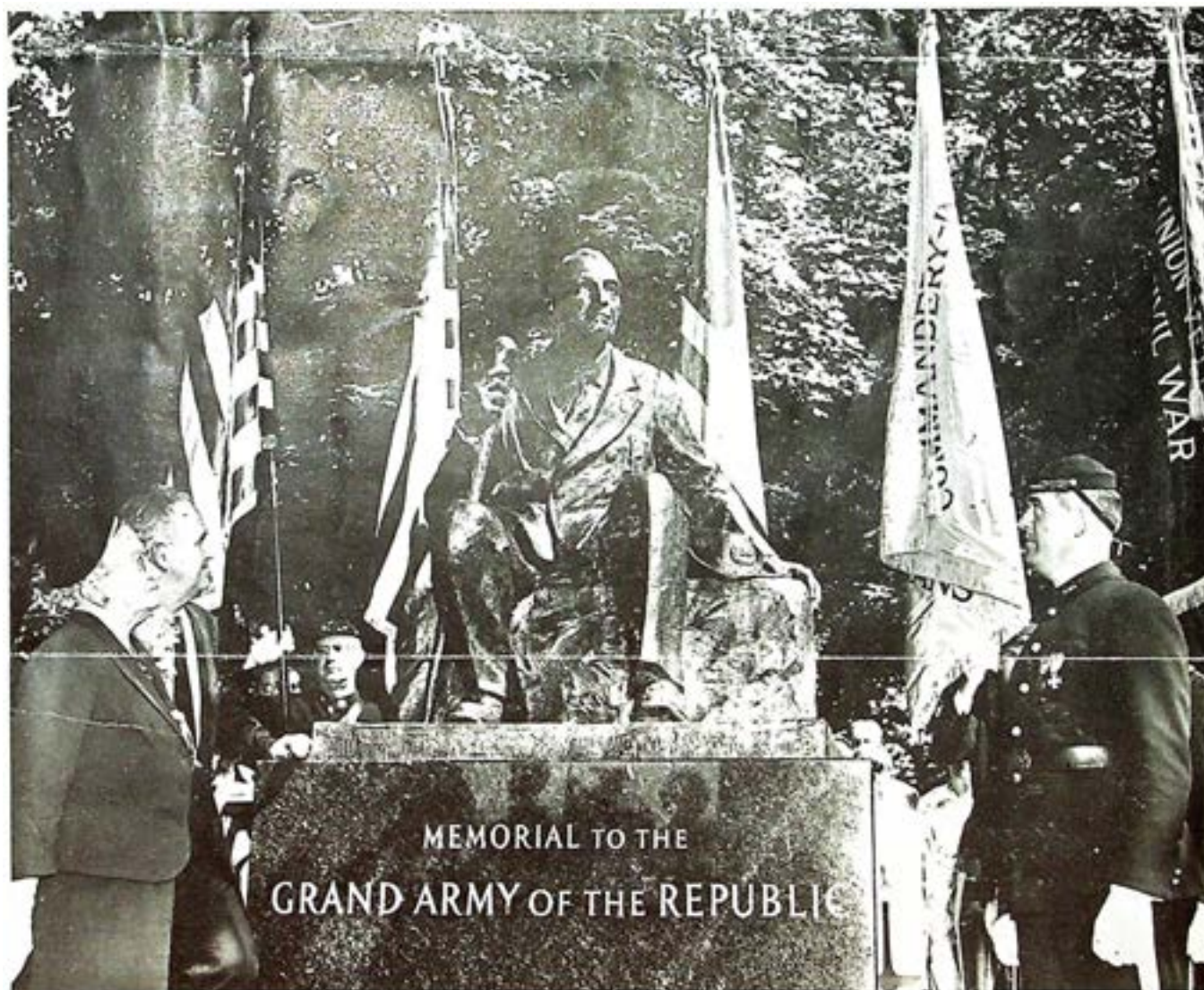
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Woolson Statue Is Unveiled



The statue of Albert Woolson, last survivor of the Grand Army of the Republic, is shown as it was unveiled in the Gettysburg National Military Park on September 12th. It was dedicated as a memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic. Miss Celeste Gentieu, P.N.P. of the Auxiliary and chairman of the G. A. R. Memorial Fund is shown at left beside Dr. Avarad Fairbanks, Salt Lake City, sculptor of the statue. Chester S. Shriver, Department Commander of the Pennsylvania Department, SUVCW is at right. Others shown compose the honor guard. Slightly larger than lifesize, the statue shows the former Union drummer boy sitting on a fallen log, looking out over the horizon. His arm rests on a walking stick. The Woolson statue will look out from Zierler's Woods, taking in the wide sweep of the meadows and fields across which Pickett led his division in its famous charge against Cemetery Ridge.

1956 Harrisburg Encampment

The 75th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, along with the 70th National Encampment of the Auxiliary and the 70th National Encampment of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic was held in Harrisburg, Penna. from Sunday, September 9th through Thursday, September 13th, with fine weather prevailing. The Hotel Penn-Harris was headquarters for all three organizations. The Auxiliary and the Ladies of the G.A.R. held their meetings in the hotel, and the S.U.V.C.W. meetings were held in the Elk's Home. All social activities were held in the hotel with the exception of the Camp Fire and the trip to Gettysburg.

Delegates arrived by rail, air, and auto on Saturday and Sunday and the hotel was full to capacity with some being registered at the Hotel Harrisburger. The general registration desk registered over 800 attending. The voting registration was: S.U.V.C.W., 147; Auxiliary, 234; Ladies of the G.A.R., 164.

On Sunday morning the committee arranged to transport the delegates by bus to Camp Curtin Methodist Memorial Church for services. National Chaplain Rev. George H. Driver collaborated in the services. The church was full to overflowing and all were impressed by the services. This church was in use during the Civil War when Camp Curtin was used as a mustering point for Union soldiers. It is located in the smallest National Park in the United States. Following the services a wreath laying ceremony was held in the churchyard at the statue of Governor Curtin, Civil War Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.



Ceremonies were conducted at the Gov. Andrew G. Curtin monument, honoring Pennsylvania's Civil War governor, following Memorial Services at Camp Curtin Methodist Memorial Church. Clergymen in the photo are the Rev. George Hibbert Driver and the Rev. Jesse Kolb Gunder. In uniform at center is John Runkle, general chairman of the convention.

At 4 P. M. on Sunday the S.U.V.C.W. and Auxiliary conducted their Joint Memorial Services in the ballroom of the hotel, under direction of National Chaplains Rev. George Hibbert Driver and Beulah R. Freeman. This was an impressive ceremony

with special tributes to Comrade Woolson, P. C. in C. Allan Holbrook, National Patriotic Instructor



Oliver S. Larkby and others. The entire program will be printed in the proceedings.

Business sessions were held on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, with the entire day of Wednesday being given over to the Gettysburg trip. Twenty buses as well as many private cars made the pilgrimage from Harrisburg to Gettysburg. Those on the bus were provided with box lunches at Spangler's Springs on the Battlefield. Following lunch a group photo was taken and the group then proceeded to Ziegler's Woods for the dedication.

On Monday evening the Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents held their banquet and meeting. Also on Monday evening, the Auxiliary Ritualistic Work was exemplified by members from the Harrisburg Auxiliary.

On Tuesday at noon, the Auxiliary Past Department Presidents held their annual luncheon and in the evening the Auxiliary held their Courtesy Hour while the Ladies of the G.A.R. held their banquet. Following these events there was a Grand Army Family Informal Get-Together and dance.

The banquet and reception to Commander-in-Chief Bauer and National President Mrs. Lenore Glass was held on Wednesday evening in the ballroom with close to 400 in attendance. Two long tables seated the National Officers and the Past National Officers.

Encampment Sidelights

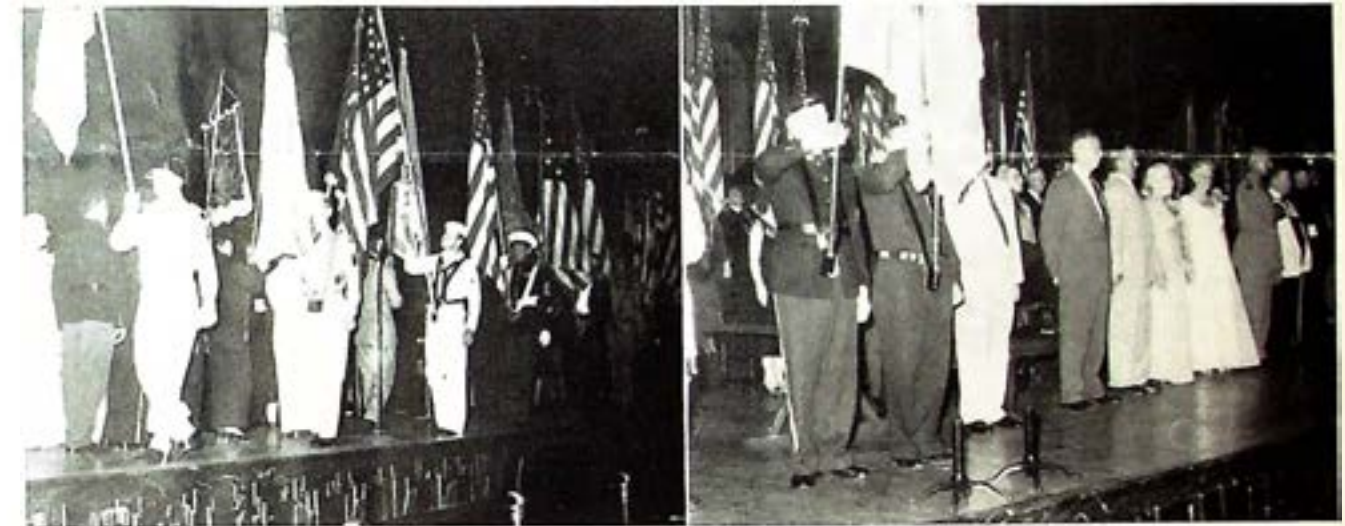
The local committee had the hotel beautifully decorated with flags and bunting, as well as with flowers and palms. The convention programs with their gold covers and the convention badges with a picture of the Woolson monument were unusual and beautiful. Each member of the S.U.V.C.W. that registered with the Credential Committee received a replica of the original badge of the Order, which has long been out of general use.

During the Encampment P. C. in C. Grant spoke briefly to 16 young Dauphin County men who were beginning their two years of service with the Army through the Selective Service System. In a brief ceremony at the courthouse, the general told the draftees that "you will find many unpleasant things about the military life until you learn the conformity so necessary to becoming an integrated part of our great service."

The Camp Fire

On Sunday evening an outstanding "Camp Fire" was held in the beautiful Forum of the State Education Building on the Capitol Grounds. Many Harrisburg residents also attended as the police department estimated an attendance of 3,000.

Prior to the Camp Fire at 7:30 P. M. there was a Concert of Selected Military Music by the 28th Infantry Division Band, Pennsylvania National Guard. This splendid musical organization also played during the program and closed the program with "Taps" prior to the retirement of colors.



P. C. in C. Runkle called the Camp Fire to order and the colors were advanced under direction of Chief of Staff Maj. John Ruggles. In addition to the Commandery-in-Chief colors there were colors from all local veteran organizations represented, as well as those of the Society of the War of 1812.

After the invocation by National Chaplain Driver, welcome and greetings were given by Department Commander Chester Shriver of Penna., and Hon.

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COLONEL FREDERICK GILBERT BAUER, A U S (RET) COMMANDER IN CHIEF

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR 123 HEIGHTS ROAD RIDGEWOOD NJR

GREETINGS TO THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR SEVENTY FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, AS THE LAST OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC JOIN THE RANKS OF THE IMMORTALS, YOUR ORGANIZATION CONTRIBUTES TO THE NATION'S TOTAL STRENGTH BY PROMOTING AN AWARENESS OF THE DUTIES OF CITIZENSHIP AND BY SHOWING FORTH THE GLORIOUS TRADITIONS OF OUR WHOLE LAND.

BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION

D W I G H T D E I S E N H O W E R

Nolan F. Ziegler, acting Mayor of Harrisburg. Maj. Gen. A. J. Drexel Biddle, Jr., represented the Governor of Pennsylvania and extended greetings.

Commander-in-Chief Frederic G. Bauer presided and read a telegram of greeting from President Eisenhower and a letter of greeting from Hon. Martin J. Johnson, the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate War Veterans.

Greetings were received from William Henry Pitcher, Deputy General, Society of the War of 1812; Commander William C. Duval, Commander-in-Chief, Military Order of the Loyal Legion; Mrs. (Continued on page five)

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
Sons of Confederate Veterans
WAR MEMORIAL BUILDING
No. 875
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
SEPTEMBER 4, 1956

TO THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS
IN NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT
ASSEMBLED

GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES FROM YOUR COUNTERPARTS BELOW THE MASON-DIXON LINE. AS DESCENDANTS OF THOSE GALLANT GENTLEMEN WHO WORE THE GRAY, WE SALUTE YOU WHO HONOR AND PERPETUATE THE MEMORY OF THOSE VALLANT MEN WHO FOLLOWED THE DICTATES OF THEIR CONSCIENCE IN THE UNIFORM OF BLUE.

WITHOUT SURRENDERING OUR IOTA OF THE LOVE AND RESPECT WE BEAR THE MEMORY OF OUR FOREFATHERS, LET US JOIN HANDS NOW IN A MUTUAL LOVE OF OUR GLORIOUS NATION. THE MEN WHO REVERED FOUGHT UNDER DIFFERENT FLAGS, SAT WITH ONE PURPOSE—TO PRESERVE THE NATION AS THEY THOUGHT IT SHOULD BE.

OUT OF THEIR STRUGGLE HAS COME A STRONGER NATION—CLEANSED IN THEIR BLOOD; PURIFIED IN THEIR SUFFERINGS; STRENGTHENED IN THEIR SACRIFICES.

SURELY IF THEY COULD CRY OUT FROM THEIR GRAVES—THOSE MEN WHO WORE THE BLUE AND THE GRAY—THEY WOULD BID US NOW CLOSE RANKS SO THAT THIS NATION UNDER GOD MAY BE INDIVISIBLE; AND THAT GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, AND FOR THE PEOPLE SHALL NOT PERISH FROM THE EARTH.

THAT GOD BLESS YOU AND HAVE EACH OF YOU IN HIS HOLY KEEPING IS THE PRAYER OF THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS.

M. J. Johnson
 Commander-in-Chief,
 Sons of Confederate Veterans



3,000 Attend Dedication of Woolson Statue As Memorial to Grand Army of the Republic

Three thousand men and women from throughout the nation gathered at Ziegler's Grove on September 12th to dedicate a statue to "the common citizen soldier, the men who gained no great personal glory, but did their duty for their nation and then returned to live their humble lives as good citizens of their nation."

Col. Frederic G. Bauer, Commander-in-Chief said, "We dedicate today a statue of Albert Woolson. He was the last of the Grand Army of the Republic and he was also a son of a veteran. This statue is in many ways unique. Usually statues are dedicated to great and noble men, great military leaders, or men who have given their lives for their country. Here we have a statue of a man who was none of these things. We note that the front of the statue does not bear his name. It bears the wording 'In Memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.' Comrade Albert Woolson symbolizes all the great virtues of the common, ordinary citizen, the citizen who becomes a soldier and then returns to ordinary life."

Mrs. Lenore D. Glass, National President of the Auxiliary, made the formal dedication of the statue and presented it to the U. S. Department of the Interior "to keep through the ages, that it might be an inspiration to generations yet to come." Elvind T. Scoyen, Associate Director of the U. S. National Park Service, accepted for the department. Dr. J. Walter Coleman, Superintendent of the Gettysburg National Park, told of plans of the local park office to "improve the setting for this magnificent statue. We hope to put in a walk about it, and of course do landscaping and make the surroundings as beautiful as the statue itself."

High praise was given the National Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War by

all speakers "for carrying out the great work of raising the funds and placing this statue here."

P. N. P. Celeste Gentieu, Chairman of the G.A.R. Memorial Fund gave the welcome and also, with Chester S. Shriver, Department Commander of Pennsylvania S.U.V.C.W. unveiled the monument.

C. Leroy Stouidt, Past Commander-in-Chief and Chairman of the Dedication Committee, termed "today marks the culmination of a work begun more than a score of years ago by P. N. P. Gentieu, when she was named Chairman of the Auxiliary G.A.R. Memorial Fund.

Grant is Principal Speaker

P. C. in C. Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd grandson of the famed Civil War Commander-in-Chief, was the principal speaker.

"Today we have just dedicated on this historic battlefield this memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic, in the image of its last survivor, our comrade, Albert Woolson. He has but recently been taken from our midst and was with us at our Encampment in Duluth. He will sit here through the ages, the last of the 'boys in blue,' a symbol in bronze of our affection for him and our homage to the Grand Army that saved our nation from disintegration.

"We Sons of Union Veterans and all other organizations affiliated with the Grand Army owe special thanks to our ever thoughtful and beloved Auxiliary for initiating and carrying out successfully this project.

"The really great and unique victory won by the Boys in Blue was the reunion of our country in peace; so that the sons of Union soldiers and sailors have since fought side by side with the sons of Confederates, in subsequent foreign wars, Americans all.



"Although the South suffered terribly and doubtless much needless suffering resulted from the Reconstruction Acts passed by a Congress that had been taken over by the radicals . . . yet there were no Nuremberg trials, no official vengeance, because the victorious commander had written into the terms of surrender that the paroled prisoners would not be disturbed by the United States as long as they observed the terms of their parole.

"The great host of 1865 ceased to exist as an armed force; but in every town and hamlet of the land it lived as a part of the body politic—a nucleus everywhere of courage, patriotism and self-sacrifice. This was a new product the Republic might proudly show to the world saying, 'These be the peaceable heroes I breed from great wars.'

"We honor the Grand Army for its many deeds of heroism . . . for its many brilliant victories . . . but we must admire and count of equal importance the part they played afterwards as citizens. For half a century they were the controlling force in the country they had saved and made it the period of the country's greatest growth and development."

McPherson Presides

Attorney Donald P. McPherson, Jr., Gettysburg, Interstate Commerce Commissioner, was master of ceremonies. Mrs. Beulah R. Freeman, Auxiliary National Chaplain gave the invocation; Mrs. Iyla L. Bartlett, Auxiliary National Patriotic Instructor led the pledge of allegiance. The Harrisburg Fife and Drum Corps led by Frank S. Copenhaver, played a medley of Civil War tunes and the Gettysburg High School band played "America." Miss Theo McCallum brought greetings from the Ladies of the G.A.R., of which she is National President. Rev. George Hibbert Driver, S.U.V.C.W. National Chaplain gave the benediction. The program closed with taps played by Vernon E. Sanders, Harrisburg. Burgess William G. Weaver welcomed the group to Gettysburg.

Civil War uniforms, worn by Sons of Union Veterans, plus massed color guards from the High School band, the S.U.V.C.W., the American Legion,

and local V.F.W., plus the uniforms of Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and a number of U. S. Army soldiers present for the dedication added color to the scene.

Approximately 900 of those present were attending the national convention of the G.A.R. Allied Orders in session at Harrisburg who came to Gettysburg by bus to tour the field and attend the dedication. Among the guests introduced was the artist who made the statue, Dr. Avard Fairbanks, and Gen. John C. H. Lee, whose grandfather, Capt. John Hodges, was killed in the Civil War while serving with the Confederate Army.

Letters were read from President and Mrs. Eisenhower, Vice President Nixon and Governor Leader, who were unable to attend.

The Camp Fire

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Lenore D. Glass, National President of our Auxiliary; and Miss Theo McCallum, National President of the Ladies of the G.A.R.

Dr. J. Walter Coleman, Superintendent of Gettysburg National Military Park gave an address "The Battle of Gettysburg," and explained what the delegates would see on their bus trip to Gettysburg.

An address and "Memorial Tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic" was given by Dr. Sylvester K. Stevens, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

The Auxiliary presented a check to the Kline's Children's Hospital in memory of the G.A.R., and the Ladies of the G.A.R. presented a check to Scotland School for Veterans' Children also in memory of the G.A.R. The Ladies of the G.A.R. also presented beautiful American Flags to Post No. 10 AMVETS and to the Camp Curtin Fire Company.

"Old Soldiers Never Die" was sung by Miss Margaret Hartman, and Civil War selections were played by the Fife and Drum Corps of Hartranft Camp No. 15, S.U.V.C.W. of Harrisburg.

The balance between pride in past achievements and consciousness of present shortcomings is difficult to strike.

—John O'Ren

Business Sessions

The first business session opened at 9:30 A. M. on Monday in the beautiful lodge room of the Elk's Home. Prayer was offered by National Chaplain George Hibbert Driver. Officers were present with the exception of Council of Administration member Homer L. Young.

Commander-in-Chief Bauer announced the following appointments: Guide, G. Elliot Sanford of New York; Color Guard, Edw. J. Carmichael of California; Guards, Harold Shepardson of Mass., and Robert Wagner of New York. The following committee chairmen were appointed: Credentials, Albert DeHaven of Maine; Resolutions, U. S. Grant, 3rd, of Washington, D. C.; Officers Reports, Wm. Coffin of Ohio; Constitution and Regulations, Chas. H. E. Moran of Mass.; Ritual and Ceremonies, Cleon Heald of New Hampshire; Fraternal Relations, Chas. E. Sautter of Florida; and 1957 Encampment City, John L. Day of Massachusetts.

The convention voted to send messages to P. C. in C. Sherman and Cranmer expressing regret at their illness. Also to Martin J. Johnson, The Loyal Legion, Thomas Starr and George A. Dondero.

Special recognition was voted to the five members that participated in G.A.R. funeral services at the funeral of Comrade Albert Woolson. By vote of the Council of Administration these men will be entitled to wear a gold star on the ribbon of their badge for the duration of their membership to indicate their part in this memorable event.

The incoming administration was instructed to contact the Department of Internal Revenue regarding tax exemption and gift exemption. They were also directed to arrange a suitable ceremony at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Ill., on or about April 14th of each year, the anniversary of his assassination.

The National Patriotic Instructor was instructed to revise Form 60 and Form 61 for reporting activities of Camp and Department Patriotic Instructors.

The Encampment voted to cooperate with and assist the American Museum of Immigration and the American Heritage Foundation in their worthy projects.

In cooperation with the Washington, D. C. Civil War Round Table and other interested organizations, we will participate in plans and arrangements for the proper observance of the Centennial of the Civil War from 1961 to 1965.

A resolution was adopted to cooperate with the Ladies of the G.A.R. in their effort to secure a Federal Charter, and also to help them to secure a Civil War Veterans Memorial Building in Washington, D. C.

Plans were discussed to sponsor the issuance of a special commemorative 50¢ coin by the U. S. Mint honoring Comrade Albert Woolson.

The Resolutions Committee expressed appreciation to the Auxiliary and the Ladies of the G.A.R. for meeting simultaneously with us and helping to make the convention successful. Also enthusiastic thanks to Chairman John Runkle and the members of his committee for arrangements made for our comfort.

Departments and Camps are now requested to

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add the office of Department Historian and Camp Historian to their roster of officers.

The two Constitutional Amendments promulgated in the July-August Banner were approved by the necessary 2/3 vote and will now be submitted to Departments for their approval.

Time and Place Committee

The Time and Place Committee consisting of John L. Day of Mass.; Dewey B. Mead of Minn.; and Fred Howe of New York, recommended the City of Detroit, Michigan for the 1957 meeting and the City of Boston, Mass. for the 1958 meeting. Both recommendations were adopted unanimously.

On Thursday the concluding business session was held which included election and installation of officers. The officers were installed by P. C. in C. John E. Sautter. P. C. in C. Richard Locke presented a check to outgoing Commander Frederic G. Bauer in lieu of a Past Commander-in-Chief's badge. This was at Brother Bauer's request. He immediately endorsed the check and turned it back to the organization Permanent Fund. He requested a Life Membership for his son, Richard W. Bauer and also entered four names on the Permanent Honor Roll.

Auxiliary Events

On Sunday evening many of the Auxiliary members attended the Camp Fire, held in the Grand Army tradition, in the Forum-State Education Building in Harrisburg. A most impressive program was presented and enjoyed by all. During the program our National Patriotic Instructor, Iyla Bartlett, presented to a representative of the Kline's Children's Hospital a check in the amount of \$250.00 as a gift from our organization thus carrying out our custom of leaving a memorial, in our name, in the Convention City.

On Monday morning the 70th National Encampment of the Auxiliary was called to order by National Chief of Staff Edith L. Snyder in the ballroom of the Penn Harris Hotel. National Special Aides and National Aides marched into the room each carrying gladioli and formed a guard of honor through which our National President Lenore D. Glass was escorted by P. N. P. Lena Barrett. Sister Snyder then presented a lovely corsage to Sister Glass. Mary Gordon of Massachusetts, Convention Musician, then sang a song to the National President after which the Aides presented their flowers to Sister Glass and retired from the room. Past Department Commander and former Aide to Comrade Woolson, Dewey Mead of the Department of Minnesota, was escorted into the room and presented to the convention. He presented a beautiful altar flag to the National Organization in memory of Comrade Woolson which was received by the National President with thanks to Brother Mead.

The gavel was rapped for the first business session of the convention at 10:30 A. M. Convention appointments were announced, committee appointments were made and roll call of National Officers, Past National Presidents, Department Presidents and immediate Past Department Presidents was given. Gifts were presented from Sister Glass to all who answered the roll call.

The first order of business at the afternoon session was the reading of a splendid report by the National President. National Vice President Margaret Horn presided while this report was being read. Following the reading of the report P. N. P. Lena Barrett spoke on behalf of the National Organization and presented to Sister Glass a testimonial of \$200.00.

Reports of the remaining National Officers were then given in order and these were followed by reports of standing committees and Department reports. On Tuesday afternoon nomination of officers took place and as there were no contests for any office the nominated officers were declared elected by acclamation. During the afternoon session on Tuesday greetings were received from many patriotic organizations, some representing national groups, some state groups and others from local groups.

Wednesday was set aside for the trip to Gettysburg, details of which, I feel sure, have been covered completely in other parts of this issue of the Banner. We of the Auxiliary, however, have every reason to be proud of our accomplishments in regard to the Memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic and owe to Sister Celeste Gentieu, P. N. P., a

sincere vote of thanks for her work and for the foresight to know just how wonderful this project would be. Sister Celeste spent many years seeking cooperation in behalf of this fund and now her dream has been realized. It was voted at this convention that the balance still remaining in this fund be placed in an interest bearing account in the bank until such time as it has been decided how to best use the balance as a memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic.

On Wednesday evening a delightful banquet was held under the direction of the National Chief of Staff. The guest table was attractively decorated with flowers and everyone attending the banquet found a miniature gold loving cup placed by their dinner plate. During the speaking, which followed the banquet, our National President, Lenore Glass, complimented the Sons on their 75th Anniversary and presented to them from our Auxiliary a check for \$500.00.

Thursday morning reports were received from the Resolution Committee and the Committee on Officers reports. At this meeting it was voted to present to Sister Celeste Gentieu, P. N. P., a love token of \$200.00 in recognition of her loyalty and devotion to a wonderful project. This was followed by the reading of the report of the National Patriotic Instructor which was outstanding. Sister Bartlett reported a gross amount raised of \$1,157.83 with a net turned over to the Treasurer of \$1,080.43. The National Chief of Staff's report, also a wonderful one, reported a gross amount of \$2,606.68 with a net turned over to the Treasurer of \$2,491.95. Both of these reports were received with much applause and both officers were complimented on their fine work.

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1956-1957**

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Decatur Marks Finis of G.A.R.

Decatur, Illinois, where the Grand Army of the Republic was organized, held a beautiful memorial service on August 6th at 4 P. M. at the time of the funeral of the last veteran, Comrade Albert Woolson, in Duluth, Minn.

The memorial which was arranged by Mrs. Ivy M. Lyman, of the Auxiliary was attended by 103 persons of the G.A.R. Family in Decatur.

Speakers included Lt. Col. Fred J. Hayes, Jr., of the Decatur Signal Depot; Major Rupert W. Scott, commanding the Army Reserves unit at the Signal Depot; Rev. A. Pentland; Mattis Schesley, 3rd, Illinois Department Commander, S.U.V.C.W.; P. D. C. Wm. J. More; and P. D. C. Leroy Reynolds.

The organist opened the services with Civil War tunes and closed with "Taps."

MINIATURE INSIGNIA NOW AVAILABLE

Miniature badges comparable to those of other military and hereditary societies are now in stock. Ribbon will correspond to rank of wearer. Stars indicating rank and a palm to denote war service are also available.

MINIATURE BADGE COMPLETE WITH PIN AND RIBBON \$2.75
EXTRAS

1 Bronze Star for Presiding and Past Camp Commanders10
2 Silver Stars for Presiding and Past Department Commanders20
3 Gold Stars for Past Commanders-in-Chief30
Silver Palms for War Service25

Send orders to National Secretary A. C. Lambert, P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J., giving address, rank, and whether the wearer has had war service.

Lincoln University Scholarship

Again this year, the National Encampment authorized a full scholarship of \$300.00 to a worthy student at Lincoln Memorial University of Harrogate, Tenn. in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. This was provided from the proceeds of the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund raised by the National Patriotic Instructor.

Dr. Robert F. Kincaid, President of Lincoln University, has graciously acknowledged receipt of this scholarship as follows: "You have made us quite happy with the gift of \$300 to continue the Grand Army of the Republic Scholarship by the Sons of Union Veterans. We thank you and all of the members of your organization for this continuation of your partnership with us in a great common service."

PERMANENT FUND GROWS

On September 18th, Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd, made an additional contribution of \$250.00 to the Permanent Fund of the Order.

The following additions to the Honor Roll have been received, thereby adding to the Permanent Fund in the amount of \$10.00 per entry:

Lewis Teed, Co. E, 1st Wisc. Heavy Art.

(Courtesy John W. Teed of Calif.)

James Gilbert Shute, Co. K, 5th Mass. Inf.

(Courtesy Frederic G. Bauer)

Horace Wilbar, Co. F, 32nd Mass. Inf.

(Courtesy Frederic G. Bauer)

Leonard W. Horne, Co. A, 2nd Kansas Inf.

(Courtesy Frederic G. Bauer)

Charles Humphrey Bauer, Former Member Bay State Camp, Mass.

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P. C. in C. Bauer has paid the \$100.00 fee for Life Membership for his son, Richard Wingate Bauer, who is a member of Bay State Camp '61 of Boston and makes his home in Mount Rainier, Maryland.

Auxiliary Events

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A delegation from the Sons of Union Veterans comprised of all Past Commanders-in-Chief headed by the Commander-in-Chief Col. Bauer and Past Commander-in-Chief John Sautter were escorted into the room and introduced. Both spoke in behalf of the group and extended their greetings to our convention. The assured us once again of their grateful appreciation to us for the many fine things we have done and are doing, and solicited our continued cooperation with them in all patriotic endeavor.

The Installation of Officers of the Auxiliary was held on Thursday afternoon following the completion of all business. Sister Margaret McKinney of Philadelphia, Pa., was installed by P. N. P. Margaret Schroeder and P. N. P. Clara Gallagher, assisted by a staff of floor officers composed of members of the Pennsylvania Department and Margaret's Victory Girls Club. A beautiful orchid corsage was presented to the new National President, a gift from her husband. Many Department Presidents extended their greetings for their Department to the newly elected National President and pledged continued support to the National Organization. Following the announcement regarding the council meeting to be held at the close of the business session all present joined hands for the singing of "Blest be the Tie that Binds," and "God be With You till We Meet Again." With the singing of these two hymns the convention was declared closed to meet again in 1957 in Detroit, Michigan, at the time to be set by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

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