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## INDIANAPOLIS ENCAMPMENT REPORT

On Saturday, August 19th through Thursday, August 24th, the officers, members, delegates and friends enjoyed the various activities of the 80th National Encampment of the SUVCW, along with the 75th National Encampment of the Auxiliary and the 75th National Encampment of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. All three organizations were housed at the Claypool Hotel, where all business



"Preconvention conference" (left to right), Commander-in-Chief Thomas A. Chadwick, Natl. Secy-Treas. Albert C. Lambert and Past Commander-in-Chief U. S. Grant 3rd.

(Photo by Joe Young, Indianapolis News)

sessions and most of the social functions were held. Registration was as follows: SUVCW 109, Auxiliary 161, Ladies of the G. A. R. 170. Each organization had many non-voting members and guests in attendance.

On Sunday morning delegates attended special church services held in the Indiana War Memorial building, where the message was given by Mr. L. C. Hunt, Supt. Wheeler Mission and President Inter-



national Union of Gospel Mission. In the afternoon each organization registered delegates and at 3 P. M. the three organizations conducted a Joint Memorial Service under direction of their National Chaplains in the Assembly Room of the Claypool Hotel. Beautiful tributes were given by representatives of each organization. The entire program will be printed in the proceedings.

With the roar of a genuine Civil War cannon, the Encampment got off to a booming start. The firing went on periodically on Sunday, rocking downtown Indianapolis. It was part of the color and pageantry of the Encampment's opening day. A parade, with bearded "soldiers" and women in hoop skirts, as well as more modern features, was held Sunday night prior to the Camp Fire which was held outdoors on Memorial Plaza, with simulated Camp Fires burning.

Guest speaker at the Camp Fire was Alan T. Nolan of Indianapolis, author of "Iron Brigade." Also speaking were Governor Matthew Welsh and Indianapolis Mayor Charles H. Boswell. Col. Roy L. Volstad, Commander of the Indiana Department, was master of ceremonies. He introduced National Officers of the three organizations. Cecil McConahay, Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, called the affair to order.

Parade features included the Indianapolis Police Department's championship motorcycle drill team and the Central Indiana Boy Scout Band. The Sahara Grotto Band played on the plaza stage during the parade. Also taking part in the parade were the Fort Benjamin Harrison Color Guard; Boy Scouts carrying 50 flags, one for each State; representatives of the 38th Division Indiana National Guard; Indianapolis beauty queen; 19th Indiana Vol. Inf. in authentic Civil War uniforms; a Civil War covered supply wagon; floats carrying women dressed in Civil War costumes; and numerous other local organizations.

On Monday morning a courtesy breakfast was given to National Officers, Past Commanders-in-Chief, and Past National Presidents by the Indiana Department. Business sessions were held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning.

Monday evening saw the annual dinner of the Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents in the Florentine Room. This was followed by the Courtesy Hour of the Auxiliary held in the Riley Room.

On Tuesday evening the annual banquet and reception honoring the Commander-in-Chief and National President and their staffs was held in the Riley Room under direction of the Auxiliary Chief of Staff, with Roy Stoudt as toastmaster.

On Wednesday afternoon, the entire delegation from all three organizations were guests of the Indiana Department on a bus tour which included stops at the Indianapolis Race Track, Benjamin Harrison Home, and the Powerama Exhibit at Allison Division of General Motors Corporation.

The Indiana Department were perfect hosts, making our stay enjoyable and memorable.

#### BUSINESS SESSIONS

Following a Joint Opening with our Auxiliary in the Assembly Room, the first business session was called to order at 10:30 A. M. on Monday in the Sky Room. Prayer was offered by National Chaplain Arthur Ballou.

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick announced the following appointments: Guide, William Quist of Washington; Color Bearer, Rev. H. E. Vance of Indiana; and Guard Edward Biering of Wisconsin. The following committee chairmen were appointed: Credentials, Herbert Bogue, Mass.; Resolutions, William M. Coffin, Ohio; Officers Reports, Joseph Rippey, New York; Publicity, Ross Smith, Indiana; Constitution & Regulations, William Fuller, Mass.; Ritual & Ceremonies, Earl Riggs, Calif; Restoration of Rank, Albert

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DeHaven, Maine; Encampment City 1963, C. Leroy Stoudt, Pa. The entire SUVCW convention acted as Fraternal Greetings Committee to both the Auxiliary and to the Ladies of the G. A. R.

A recommendation of the National Legislative Committee was adopted to include one member from each Department on this committee in the future.

A recommendation of the National Patriotic Instructor was adopted eliminating use of Form 60 and Form 61 in the future. In place of these reports, Department Patriotic Instructors are to send copies of their annual reports to the National Patriotic Instructor.

Visiting delegations were received from the Auxiliary, the Ladies of the G. A. R., the Woman's Relief Corps, and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. National President Edith Paulding presented us with a \$500.00 love token from her organization. Many personal gifts were presented to Commander-in-Chief Chadwick.

A gift of money was presented by Gen. Grant on behalf of the Past Commanders-in-Chief to Mrs. Annamae (Dolly) Berhalter who served as convention stenographer for the 20th consecutive year.

National Patriotic Instructor Howland reported that his fund totaled \$933.25 which established a new record.

The budget committee reported that they had examined the report of J. S. Teunon Co., Certified Public Accountants. They presented a budget for the coming year which was adopted by the Encampment.

The Maryland Department will host the 1962 National Encampment with headquarters at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D. C., August 19-23. Miami Beach, Florida will be the scene of the 1963 National Encampment with headquarters at the Deauville Hotel, August 18-22. The New Jersey Department sponsored the invitation and will have charge of arrangements.

The concluding session was held on Thursday morning, August 24th at which time the newly elected officers were installed by P. C. in C. Fred Howe. P. C. in C. and Natl. Secy-Treas. Lambert presented outgoing Commander-in-Chief Chadwick with his Past Commander-in-Chief's jewel, and a gold Past Commanders-in-Chief's lapel button. "Taps" were sounded by Major Harry Chapin of the Maryland Department.

### Resolutions Adopted

WHEREAS, We, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in annual National Encampment assembled,—convinced that WE INHERITED FROM OUR FOREFATHERS the Constitution and institutions best fitted to secure the national welfare and to preserve the individual rights and initiative of our citizens, and cognizant that under these institutions our country achieved prosperity and became the leader of the Free World,—feel deep concern over the threat to our national economy by the continual increases in the public debt; by our loss of prestige abroad; and by the constant step by step increased domination, both at home and abroad, of Soviet Communism,—by which term we mean the viciously and cunningly distorted and deliberately false ideas of the American concept of popular, representative government, first propounded as an entirely new system to the whole world by our forefathers, and defended by our fathers and grandfathers on the fields of battle in our own tragic Civil War,—and now challenged by an oligarchy in the Soviet Union (having its tentacles throughout the world, even our own land), through the medium of such distorted and false political, economic and social philosophies,—giving lip service to such words as democracy, freedom, liberty and equality and other clichés, and then proceeding by their acts and deceptive arguments to demonstrate a purpose and intention precisely opposite,—namely the autocratic domination of the world, including the United States of America:

#### THEREFORE, WE HEREBY RESOLVE:

1. That we favor adequate appropriations for the National Defense and for Civil Defense, providing the necessary funds therefor by reductions in foreign aid (so-called) and in appropriations for welfare projects of doubtful need or value.
2. That we urge balancing the National Budget, and the gradual reduction in the Income Tax, which has harmfully reduced the base for state and local taxation,—because our present fiscal situation demonstrates a near approach to

attainment of the second of Karl Marx's measures for achieving world communism.

3. That we urge that a strong stand be taken to eliminate the Castro Rule in Cuba, as an intolerable Soviet Communist threat to the Western Hemisphere.

4. That we recommend and urge that immediate steps be initiated for the reunification of Germany, in connection with, and as the only conclusive method of finally settling the Berlin issue,—because such reunification (of which the Berlin question is but a part) does but carry into effect the solemn agreements made by the allies, including the Soviets, at the conclusion of World War II.

5. That we oppose any steps towards World Government, such as rescission of the Connally reservation, which preserves our national right to decide what questions affecting the national welfare may properly be tried by the World Court.

6. That we oppose Federal Aid to Education, as an encroachment upon the prerogatives guaranteed the States by the Constitution, knowing full well that "he who pays the piper calls the tune," and that the U. S. Office of Education has assumed control over the program of expenditures in many cases in which it has handed out money, whether for teachers, classrooms, or equipment.

7. WHEREAS, it is our information that Soviet Russians are now buying American hard red wheat for 62 cents less per bushel than American customers for the same wheat; and that, meanwhile, the Russian Premier is reported as planning an announcement of free bread for his people as proof of the superiority of the Soviet communistic system; AND WHEREAS, This situation gives rise to a question in the minds of many of our people and they are asking "Why can't we buy a bushel of American wheat at the same price a Russian pays for the same wheat?"

THEREFORE, We earnestly recommend and urge the early consideration and passage by the Congress of the United States of H.R. 7985, or similar legislation, which would declare the policy of the Congress, as a directive to the appropriate officials of the United States Government, in such situations as here described.

8. And Lastly, BE IT RESOLVED: That we recommend and urge each and every one of our members as individuals, and indeed every patriotic American citizen:

First, To TAKE TIME to inform themselves,—to study the background and the reasons for the foregoing resolutions,—the backgrounds or political and social philosophies on which our American system rests, guaranteeing, as it does, to every State and to every citizen a republican form of government, and the blessings which we too glibly call "the American way of life," as though automatically secured to us without effort on our part, forgetting that ancient maxim: "Eternal vigilance is the price of freedom."

Secondly, To TAKE TIME to write their views to their Representatives in the Congress,—and to the President for that matter,—remembering the oft repeated admonition in the first Hoover Report—"No king ever wielded a scepter more powerful than a 5¢ pencil in the hands of an American citizen when he sits down to write his Congressman or Senator."

Another resolution adopted by the Sons of Union Veterans took notice of the fact that this is the first year of the Centennial of the Civil War, and applauded "the purpose of this commemoration, as announced by the National Civil War Centennial Commission; and we do hereby heartily commend its officers; and especially its Chairman and its Executive Director for their dedicated efforts toward keeping the observance in its appointed channel."

Still another resolution called on the Congress to designate November 19th as Dedication Day—and to suggest that the Gettysburg Address be read on that day in schools and public assemblages throughout the United States and its possessions, on our ships at sea, and wherever the American Flag flies. U. S. Senator Kenneth Keating and Congressman Gordon H. Scherer were "applauded and commended upon their introduction and sponsorship of Senate Joint Resolution (S. J. Res. 41) designating November 19th, the anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, as Dedication Day."

Courtesy resolutions were adopted thanking Gov. Matthew E. Welsh, Mayor Chas. H. Boswell, Audry Jacobs, Joseph Wallace, the Indianapolis Park Board, the Indianapolis Power

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A resolution was adopted protesting the closing of the Temporary Home for Veterans of All Wars, which was established in Washington, D. C. in 1888 by the Grand Army of the Republic. The object of the Home was to provide temporary shelter for Veterans of any War who came to Washington, D. C., to prosecute their claims for pensions or to be admitted to a hospital or domiciliary, and who were without sufficient funds to maintain themselves. The object of the Home has not changed in the last 70 years. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959, there were served 34,965 meals and a total of 11,655 night's lodging furnished.

AUXILIARY news for the November-December issue must reach Natl. Press Correspondent Miss Ella G. Reeger, 320 S. Cook Ave., Trenton 9, N. J., no later than October 20th.



# SCENES FROM INDIANAPOLIS ENCAMPMENT



Picture at top shows a portion of the Sons and Auxiliary Banquet. Pictured at the Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents Dinner (lower picture) seated left to right: Maude Warren, Mass.; Lela Shugart, Indiana; C. Leroy Stoudt, Pa.; Thos. A. Chadwick, Vermont; Edith Paulding, New York; Lenore Glass, Calif.; Edna Bergwitz, Ohio; Mary Stapleton, New York; and Ida B. Lange, New York. Standing, left to right: Fred Howe, New York; Richard F. Locke, Illinois; Beatrice Riggs, Calif.; Earl Riggs, Calif.; Ursula Shepardson, Mass.; Anne O. Clayton, New Jersey; Eva Blackman, Illinois; Katherine Joyce, Pa.; Edith Nile, Ohio; Margaret Schroeder, New Jersey; Edna S. Lambert, New Jersey; Ellinore Konrad, Wisc.; Margaret Brady, New York; U. S. Grant 3rd, Washington, D. C.; Mildred Webster, Maine; Celeste Gentieu, Maryland; Albert DeHaven, Maine; Harold Arnold, Rhode Island; and Albert C. Lambert, New Jersey.

Pictured at top left are Ladies of the G. A. R. Natl. Pres. Winonna P. Kahl, Commander-in-Chief Thos. A. Chadwick, and Aux. Natl. Pres. Edith M. Paulding. Pictures at top right were taken during Memorial Service. Pictures in centre left to right: Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd, Natl. Pres. Edith Paulding, Convention Chairman Cecil McConahay, Indiana Governor Hon. Matthew E. Welsh, Indianapolis Mayor Hon. Charles H. Boswell, Commander-in-Chief Chadwick, and Rev. H. E. Vance. Picture at lower left was taken during the parade prior to the Camp Fire showing part of the Richmond Indiana group. Pictures at lower right show the Sahara Grotto Shrine Band, and an 1842 Ames six-pounder cannon which was fired during the Camp Fire by the Marion County Civil War Centennial Commission. The cannon which is the same type used 100 years ago was borrowed from the Knightstown Children's Home.



## Auxiliary Events

Delegates from all over the country began arriving in Indianapolis on Saturday morning and throughout the day and evening, members were busy renewing old acquaintances and catching up on news of the past year. Sunday morning found the weather clear—a little on the cool side—but pleasant and many of the members attended special Church Services held at the Indiana War Memorial Building.

From then on little time was left for sitting in the lobby and reminiscing. Registration opened on the mezzanine of the Claypool Hotel—Council met in Headquarters room to audit the books of the National Secretary and Treasurer and delegates from the three Organizations—The Sons, Auxiliary, and Ladies of the G. A. R.—met in the Assembly Room to conduct Joint Memorial Services. On Sunday evening the Campfire Program was held on the Indiana War Memorial Plaza which was well attended not only by members of the three Organizations but the general public of the City of Indianapolis as well. The parade preceding the Campfire was a fine one and took many of us back in thought to the days when our Comrades of the Grand Army marched at each National Convention.

Monday started off with a breakfast for National Officers, Past National Presidents and Past Commanders in Chief, courtesy of the Indiana Department. Immediately following the breakfast members of the Sons and Auxiliary convened in the Assembly Room for a Joint Opening of the two conventions. The convention was called to order by National Chiefs of Staff Gertrude Peterson and C. Leroy Stoult.

National Aides marched into the room carrying yellow ribbon and flowers and formed an aisle down the center of the hall. Through this aisle National Officers of the Sons and Auxiliary were escorted in and introduced. Following the National Officers came the Past National Presidents and Past Commanders in Chief who, after they were introduced, took seats on the side. The National President Edith Paulding and Commander in Chief Thomas Chadwick were escorted into the room, welcomed by the two Chiefs of Staff and escorted to the platform. After they were officially welcomed and the gavel turned over to them, the Sons retired to their own meeting room for the business of their encampment.

Our business meeting was called to order by the National President at 10:45 A. M. on Monday, August 21st and from then on business followed in the usual order. Appointments were announced by the National President who first extended a warm, friendly greeting to the delegates assembled. The altar was arranged by Chaplain Hilda York—the pass was taken up by the guides and color guards—the salute to the Flag was given—singing of the Star Spangled Banner and America and the recitation of the American Creed were all part of the official opening of our Organization.

Roll call of Officers found all but one Officer present. These officers were greeted by the President and given a remembrance from her. Past National Presidents were then recognized and eighteen responded to the call of the roll. Each received a small token from Sister Paulding. Floor appointments were then recognized as were the sitting Department Presidents of each Department and the immediate Past Department Presidents. Each received a token from the National President.

National President Edith Paulding then read her report on her year of activity which was well received by the convention. P.N.P. Mary Stapleton then presented the testimonial of \$200.00 to the National President from the National Organization. The meeting was then recessed for lunch. The afternoon session on Monday was confined to the reading of the National Officers reports as well as some Committee reports. These reports will appear in full in the Proceedings and will make interesting and constructive reading for the membership of our Organization. Monday meetings were recessed for the day at 4:00 P. M.

Monday evening the banquet of the Past National Presidents and Past Commanders in Chief was held. Following this the Courtesy Hour for the National President was held. The New York Department had charge of the opening of the Courtesy Hour and under the direction of National Personal Aide Marion Werner our National President was presented to the group assembled as "Miss National President of 1961" with the Past National Presidents in a semi-circle around the President. A beautiful gold crown on her head and a

## With deepest regret we announce the death of JOHN H. RUNKLE Past Commander-in-Chief

John H. Runkle, 52, of Harrisburg, prominent in patriotic and veterans affairs died August 26th in the Harrisburg Hospital.

He had served many offices in Gen. Hartranft Camp No. 15, served as Department Commander of Pennsylvania in 1938 and was elected Commander-in-Chief in 1949 at Indianapolis, Indiana. At the time of his death he was serving as a Member of the National Council of Administration.

John organized the 6th Regiment Field Band in 1929, and has served as Commanding Officer of the 6th Regiment SVR for many years with the rank of Major.

His survivors include his wife, Mrs. Kathleen G. Runkle; a son, Capt. Harry M. Runkle, with the U. S. Marine Corps at Quantico, Va.; three daughters, Mrs. Mary R. Smith, Mrs. Jeanne L. Blatt and Mrs. Marjorie A. Rittle, and seven grandchildren. To them and to his mother, Mrs. Mary Liddick, we extend our deepest sympathy in their hour of grief.

Speaking for the Past Commanders-in-Chief, William M. Coffin wrote as follows:

"Brother Runkle's devotion to his Country's interest and to the Order of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was always manifest. Next to his name in our Book of Memories we shall inscribe the words 'Semper Fidelis,' and though he has passed from our visible presence, his virtues and his helpfulness will be long in our memories; and the Spirit of John Runkle will remain with us always."

golden scepter in her hand our National President was slowly marched around the room to the tune of the Miss America Song and was presented to all in attendance. Following this opening each Department was permitted the privilege of approaching the President to speak for her Department. Sister Paulding received many lovely remembrances as did the other National Officers.

Tuesday morning, business resumed at 9:30 A. M. with the reading of more Officers reports and Committee reports. During the morning we received Past Commander in Chief C. Leroy Stoult into our meeting. Brother Stoult came to us representing the Committee on Conventions. He announced the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D. C. as convention Headquarters for the National Convention of 1962. He further announced that the 1963 convention would be held in Miami Beach, Florida with headquarters at the Deauville Hotel. The New Jersey Department will be the host and hostess to the convention when they meet in Florida.

Following a recess for luncheon, nomination and election of Officers was held. A complete listing of names and addresses of the Officers appears in another part of the Banner so will not be repeated here. Department Presidents of the various Departments then read their report of the activities of their Department. These reports were most interesting and constructive and showed of the varied interests and activities taking place throughout our National Organization. Greetings Committees were received from the various Allied Orders each extending greetings to us from their respective National Presidents.

The Resolution Committee under the direction of P.N.P. Maude Warren then presented their report. The usual Courtesy resolutions were read and approved. One resolution came to us from the Sons of Union Veterans and is given in detail under the Sons accounting of their convention. All members of the Auxiliary are urged to carefully read this resolution. One part in particular—that part which refers to the sale of wheat to Russia—was separated from the rest of the resolution by our Auxiliary and acted on separately. It was unanimously voted that the part of the resolution regarding Bill H.R. 7985 now being presented to the Congress and Senate in Washington be brought to the attention of our members through their Auxiliaries and that our mem-

## AUXILIARY NATIONAL OFFICERS 1961-1962

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## 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:

Asher W. Gilbert	\$10.00
Company A, 5th New Jersey Inf. (Courtesy Miss Ella G. Reeger, Granddaughter)	
John C. Reeger	\$10.00
First Maryland Cavalry Vol. (Courtesy Miss Ella G. Reeger, Granddaughter)	

bers be strongly urged to write their Representatives in Washington urging their support of this bill. At this writing the letter to the Auxiliaries is in the process of being printed and distributed and all are urged to heed the directive of the National President. Following the report of this committee we recessed until Wednesday.

Tuesday evening the Banquet and reception to our National President and Commander in Chief was held. Approximately 275 attended the banquet which was held under the direction of the National Chief of Staff of the Auxiliary. It was a most delightful affair with C. Leroy Stoult, Past Commander in Chief and Chief of Staff of the Sons acting as toastmaster. Group singing was held after the dinner and immediately before the reception. Later in the evening dancing was enjoyed by all.

Wednesday morning the session opened at 9:30 A. M. and since the morning session was to be the only business meeting of the day the time was taken up with the reading of Committee reports. The various recommendations offered for consideration were voted on by the convention and will appear in the National Orders of the National President. This was just a short session and at 11:30 A. M. we recessed for the day to have luncheon and to get ready for the Tour of the City which took almost all afternoon. The busses returned to the hotel about 4:30 P. M. and all who went on the tour voted it a huge success.

Wednesday evening we had the presentation of the National Patriotic Instructor. The presentation this year was made to the Riley Children's Hospital situated in the Indiana Medical Center. Sister Dorothy Hilyard the National Patriotic Instructor presented a check of \$250.00 to the Director of the Hospital Miss Ruby Cope. This money is to be used to purchase 25 model play chairs for crippled children in the hospital. Miss Cope expressed the sincere appreciation of the hospital and its staff for this generous gift and expressed her gratitude for the privilege of receiving this gift for the children. Members of the Indiana Department then exemplified the Ritual and initiated four new members. Following the exemplification Representatives of the Marion County Centennial Commission showed slides of pictures taken by Matthew Brady, Civil War photographer and also slides of Morgan's raid.

We convened for the last session of our convention on Thursday morning at 9:30 A. M. The two remaining reports were then given. National Patriotic Instructor Dorothy Hilyard reported much patriotic endeavor throughout the National Organization and presented an outstanding financial report to the convention. The total received by her and turned over to the National Treasurer was \$1,376.00. National Chief of Staff Gertrude Peterson then read her report. This was also a very fine report and the total after expenses were paid was \$1,779.21. Both these reports were enthusiastically received and a standing vote of thanks extended to these two officers.

The newly elected President Dorothy Hilyard of Wilmington, Delaware and her staff of Officers were then installed by P.N.P. Katherine Joyce. Many gifts were presented to the new officers from their Departments and friends. Newly elected Commander in Chief Brother Charles Messer of New York was escorted into the room and spoke briefly to the delegates assembled. The convention was then closed with the singing of "Blest be the Tie that Binds" and "God be with You till we meet again." With the closing of the Bible the convention was officially declared closed.

The Old and New Council met in Headquarters room following the close of the convention to audit the bills of the convention. In the next hour or two there was much hurrying and scurrying to get suitcases packed and catch trains and busses for the trips home. The hotel lobby on Thursday evening was a "ghost town" compared to the first part of the week and the few that did stay over until Friday decided to get a really good night's sleep.

There were many small affairs held during the week, too numerous to mention. State dinners and club breakfasts, luncheons and dinners as well as little private parties after the scheduled affairs were over, all helped to make the many pleasant memories that will be carried home by the delegates and talked about for many weeks to come. So we write finis to another National Convention and start on a new year with new Officers and a renewed enthusiasm for our work and a hope and prayer for peace and happiness in the coming year.





## Department News



### CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

The Past Commanders Assoc. recently held a covered dish supper in the patio of the John Gately residence in Pomona. Plans were made for an additional purchase of land at Gettysburg as a memorial for all men who fought on the soil during the Battle of Gettysburg. Past Commanders from Los Angeles, Compton, Long Beach, Inglewood, Pasadena and San Gabriel attended the luncheon and meeting.

### INDIANA

Attending the August 20 sessions of the National Encampment from Richmond were Robert E. Graham, L. K. Williams, Dr. Paul Hutchinson, Marion Tompkins, Glen Barnes Jr., Ronald Williams, George Tompkins, William E. Williams, Dell Davis, Wesley Pearce, Wayne Stidham, Argus Ogborn and Dean Rinehart.

All appeared in Civil War uniform, excepting Dell Davis, who wore a complete Grand Army of the Republic Dress Uniform once owned by Comrade Thomas Little of Connersville. The group, led by Commander Graham carrying the American Flag and Dr. Hutchinson carrying the original banner of Sol Meredith Post 55, G. A. R., Richmond, Ind., participated in the parade on Sunday evening.

Marion Tompkins was fifer for the group and L. K. Williams and Argus Ogborn were the drummers. The remainder carried Civil War muskets once owned by the local G. A. R. Post.

The group, for which William E. Williams is drill master, plans to march at Cambridge City, September 2 in the parade celebrating the 125th anniversary of that place.

### MARYLAND

We mourn the recent death of Col. Jennings B. Wilson who was one of the charter members of the recently organized Lincoln-Cushing Camp of Washington, D. C. Bro. Wilson was also an original charter member of Lincoln Camp 2 organized May 5, 1901. He served as Department Adjutant in 1897.

### MASSACHUSETTS

Two memorial flags were presented the Melrose-Wakefield Hospital by Barry Camp and Auxiliary of Melrose, as part of the Civil War Centennial program. P.N.P. Mrs. Margaret Palmer and P.D.C. Leon Palmer, in an impressive husband and wife ceremony made the presentation assisted by Mrs. Samuel Warren. The Camp's gift was in memory of U. S. Grant Post 4, G.A.R.

### MICHIGAN

Geo. W. Howe Camp 9 of Port Huron entered a float in the Blue Water Festival Parade on July 19th. The float depicted the "front lines" of the Civil War, and it was escorted by a color guard of marines. This Camp was organized October 24, 1953.

On July 11, P. D. C. Chas. Dexter and his wife Leah celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary surrounded by a large group of friends from the Sons, Auxiliary, Allied Orders and their church.

### NEW JERSEY

State Camp No. 100 will hold its semi-annual dinner meeting on Oct. 21 at the Far Hills Inn, U. S. Route 202, Somerville, N. J. Arrangements are being made by Bro. E. M. Quin. Alton Sharp of Union City is the Camp Commander.

### NEW YORK

DeVene Williamson of Sauquoit is the new Department Commander elected at the Department Encampment held in Utica. Our 1962 Department Encampment will be held at

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the Henry Hudson Hotel in New York City. This is the first Encampment to be held in New York City since 1886. On July 28 the Annual Sword Award of the New York Department was made to Deck Cadet Jerome J. Anzalone, leader of the Drill Team of the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, N. Y. The presentation was made by Dept. Commdr. DeVene F. Williamson, accompanied by Adrienne A. Bruckel, Auxiliary Aid to the New York Department.

### OHIO

The First Ohio Regiment, SUV Reserve played a leading part and had one of the biggest participating units at the reenactment of the First Great Land Battle of the Civil War on June 3 at Philippi, West Virginia. Infantry, dismounted cavalry, and artillery units of the Ohio Regiment took part.

### PENNSYLVANIA

The Pennsylvania Department and the entire organization was saddened by the untimely death of John Runkle on August 26, just two days following the close of the 80th National Encampment, which he had planned to attend. Commander-in-Chief Charles Messer of New York and National President Dorothy Hilyard of Delaware headed a huge attendance of officers and members that attended the viewing and funeral. City officials, veteran organizations and private citizens paid a beautiful tribute to John. Literally thousands of mourners and hundreds of floral tributes testified to the high esteem in which he was held. John was dressed in his Sons of Veterans Reserve Uniform which he so dearly loved, and to which he devoted his life. Members of Camp No. 15, Harrisburg, in uniform, conducted the SUVCW ritual services.

### RHODE ISLAND

A picnic and field day was held at the home of Lt. Col. Warren B. Boulester by the S.V.R. of Rhode Island. About 25 persons enjoyed the hot dogs, sweet corn, home made root beer and buffet lunch, and watermelon. Games for all ages were played.

### NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL ASSOCIATION

The annual conference of the New England Regional Assoc. held at Weirs Beach, New Hamp. was dampened by heavy rains. Regional Comdr. Maurice J. Warner of Bath, Maine, and Aux. Pres. Mrs. Bessie C. Persons of West Montpelier, Vt., presided. Commander-in-Chief Chadwick, and Natl. Pres. Paulding were present along with a score of National and Past National Officers. Harold L. Scott of Bristol, Conn., and Miss Ann E. Willeke of Rockville, Conn. were chosen to head the two groups for the coming year. All were saddened by the absence of Secy-Treas. Louis E. Winchell who has been hospitalized. This was the first meeting that he has missed in a quarter of a century of service, making a total of 75 consecutive meetings. The election of Secy-Treas. of the association was held over until the next meeting.