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Cincinnati Encampment Report

The 74th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans was held in Cincinnati from Sunday, August 21 through Thursday, August 25, 1955. The Netherland-Plaza Hotel was headquarters where all activities were held. Approximately 400 members of the Sons and Auxiliary were in attendance, along with members of the other orders allied with the GAR family.

The first thing to meet the delegates upon registering was the very attractive souvenir program that was given to all who registered. The Cincinnati committee is to be congratulated on this very fine piece of work.

On Sunday afternoon, in the beautiful Roof Garden of the Sheraton-Gibson Hotel was held the Memorial

Service in honor of the Grand Army of the Republic. This service was held before an overflowing audience and was in charge of Eleanor Gilb.

On Sunday evening at the Taft Auditorium, was held probably the outstanding public event of the entire encampment. This was a revival of the Grand Army Campfire, long a tradition of the GAR Encampments. The presiding officer was Major-General U. S. Grant, 3rd, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The meeting was opened by a concert of military music given by the 661st Air Force Band, from Wright-Patterson Airforce base, Dayton. This was followed by the massing of the Colors from the various patriotic
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General view of the Banquet honoring the Commander-in-Chief and the National President of the Sons and Auxiliary, held in the Pavilion Caprice of the Netherland-Plaza Hotel, Cincinnati.

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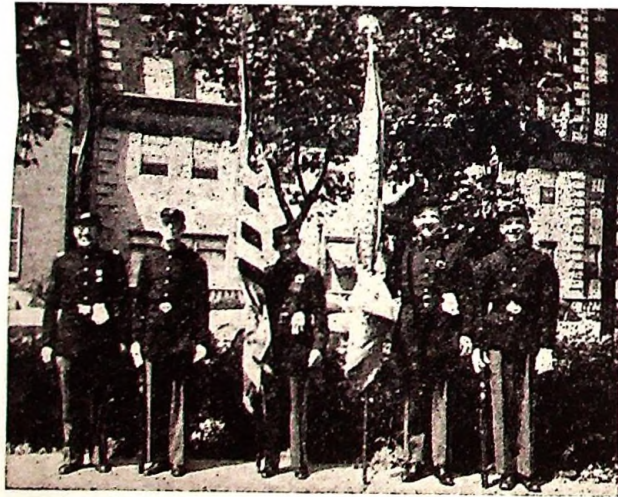
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and veterans organizations of the city of Cincinnati. Next on the program was the welcoming of the delegates by the Governor of the State and the Mayor of the City, followed by a medley of Civil War songs by Miss Lucy Monroe. The highlight of the program was an address "The Boys in Blue Reminisce," by Bruce Catton, editor of "American Heritage," and Historian of the Civil War period. This was followed by an illustrated talk, "Battlefields and Monuments of the Civil War," by Dr. Ronald F. Lee, Assistant Director, National Park Service. The meeting closed with the singing of our National Anthem by Miss Lucy Monroe.

On Monday morning a joint opening with our Auxiliary was held in the Hall of Mirrors of the Netherland-Plaza Hotel. This was under the direction of the Chiefs of Staff of both organizations. On Monday afternoon most of the time was taken up by reports of officers and the receiving of greetings from the allied organizations. In the evening the banquet of the Past Commanders-in-Chief and the Past National Presidents was held. Following this the Auxiliary courtesy hour was held in the Hall of Mirrors.

Tuesday was taken up with further reports of officers as well as reports of the various committees. The action of the Encampment on the various pieces of Legislation will be found in another section of this issue. In the evening the Memorial Service of the Sons and Auxiliary, as well as the exemplification of the Auxiliary ritual was held in the Hall of Mirrors.

The highlight of the Wednesday session was the



Commandery in Chief Color Guard at Lytle Park, Cincinnati. Left to right, Major John H. Runkle, Pennsylvania; Allan F. Spink, Connecticut; Duke Arnold, Rhode Island; unidentified; and James Tatman, Delaware.

laying of the wreaths at the statue of Abraham Lincoln at Lytle Park. I am sorry that it was impossible for me to obtain a picture of this ceremony. After the wreath laying the various delegates boarded buses for a trip to Point Pleasant, Ohio, the birthplace of General Grant. On Wednesday evening in the Pavilion Caprice, was held the Annual Banquet honoring the Commander-in-Chief and the National President, under the direction of the National Chiefs of Staff. Following this a reception and dance were held in the Hall of Mirrors.

On Thursday the election and installation of officers was held with the following being elected or appointed to serve for the ensuing year.

Commander-in-Chief—Col. Frederic G. Bauer, 123 Heights Road, Ridgewood, N. J.

Sr. Vice C. of C.—Fred E. Howe, 1345 Michigan Ave., Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Jr. Vice C. of C.—W. Earl Corbin, 527 Stetler Ave., Akron, Ohio.

National Council—U. S. Grant, 3rd, Maj-Gen. U. S. A., Ret., 1135 21st St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Wallace W. Scott, 242 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, Calif.

Homer L. Young, 1129 Bertch Ave., Waterloo, Iowa.

Natl' Secy.-Treas.—Albert C. Lambert, P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J.

Natl. Chaplain—Rev. George Hibbert Driver, S. T. M.

Natl. Counselor—Richard F. Locke, 526 Crescent Blvd., Glen Ellyn, Ill.

Natl. Chief Staff—Maj. John A. Ruggles, 331 W. North St., Carlisle, Pa.

Aides—Charles F. Dexter, 3685 Wayburn Ave., Detroit 24, Mich.

Dewey B. Mead, 116 S. 12th St., Room 168, Minneapolis, Minn.

Howard E. Waite, 212 Woodland St., Sta. D, Worcester, Mass.

Legislative—Fred E. Colwell, 517 University Ave., Rochester 7, N. Y.

Americanism and Education—A. Waller Lewis, Jr., P. O. Box 128, Ashaway, R. I.

C. & R. Revision—Chas. H. E. Moran, P. O. Box 902, Holyoke, Mass.

1956 Encampment City—John H. Runkle, 814 N. 2nd St., Harrisburg, Pa.

CIVIL WAR CALENDAR

September:

4, 1861—The Confederates seize and fortify Columbia, Ky.

19, 1862—General William S. Rosencrans and Federal Troops defeated General Sterling Price, and the Confederates at Iuka, Miss.

22, 1863—President Abraham Lincoln announced his intention of freeing the slaves on Jan. 1, 1863.

October:

8, 1862—General Bragg's Confederates repulsed by Federal Army at the Battle of Perryville, Ky.

19, 1863—General J. E. B. Stuart's Confederate cavalry defeated General Kilpatrick's Federal cavalry at Buckland Mill, Va.

CONDENSED REPORT

Council of Administration Meeting

August 21, 1955

The Council of Administration met at 2 P. M., Sunday, August 21, 1955 in the Netherland Plaza Hotel, Cincinnati.

The following matters were considered by the Council, discussed in detail, and resulted in the following action:

- (1) A sub-committee of the Council of Administration consisting of Wallace W. Scott, Chairman; Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief Col. Frederick Bauer and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Homer L. Young was appointed by Commander-in-Chief Grant to:
 - (a) Analyze the C.P.A. Audit presented by the National Secretary, as authorized by the Duluth Encampment, and report back to the Council of Administration.
 - (b) Prepare a budget for the coming year, taking into consideration the loss of income due to decrease in membership, and present it to the Encampment.

- (2) The printing and editing of six (6) issues of The Banner for 1956, on the same basis as that of last year, was awarded to Past Department Commander Leslie W. More, New York.

- (3) On the matter of printing of the reports of the Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary-Treasurer, action was taken that, in the future, advance publication of reports be limited to those portions of the reports of a statistical nature which they feel are of such importance that they should be in the hands of the membership when the reports are submitted at the National Encampment. The remainder of these reports will be read at the Encampment, the same as all other Officers' reports.

- (4) Authorization was given the National Secretary-Treasurer and Commander-in-Chief to hold the printing of the proceedings of the Encampment down to essentials, thereby decreasing the cost of printing the proceedings.

- (5) Commander-in-Chief Grant presented his program for 1955-1956, in compliance with Par. 9, Council of Administration, adopted at Duluth, and it was adopted as presented:

1. Establish a strong Membership Committee under chairmanship of a Vice Commander-in-Chief to help weak Camps and Departments build up their membership, and to seek out eligibles on the national level, especially life members.
2. Put a National Officer to work on looking up, through Departments and Camps, the status of G.A.R. property and meeting places, and organize all efforts in a co-ordinated program. Work with other G.A.R. affiliates as far as possible, whenever possible.
3. Have the National Patriotic Instructor establish contact with other National Patriotic organizations and stimulate joint meetings on the Camp and Department level for discussion of questions of National import.

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The above picture was taken at the Commander-in-Chief's Dinner and shows, left to right; Dr. Ronald F. Lee, Assistant Director, National Parks Service; Bruce Catton, Editor of "American Heritage" and Civil War Historian; Dr. Robert L. Kincaid, President of Lincoln Memorial University; Mrs. Ellinore Konrad, National President of the Auxiliary; General U. S. Grant 3rd, Commander-in-Chief and Mrs. Bessie Smith, National President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

PLATFORM ADOPTED

AT CINCINNATI ENCAMPMENT

The following statement of principle and platform was recently adopted at the last encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Cincinnati. It is hoped that the officers and members will do all in their power to see that it is properly carried out.

The Grand Army of the Republic served the nation in a dual capacity—first, in saving the union; and second, in building and developing the greatest nation in the world.

As one of the organizations forming the Grand Army of the Republic family and for the purpose of advising all Americans of our stand on national issues, we submit briefly the attitude of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War upon the vital questions of the day:

We are emphatically in favor of the principles of the so-called "Bricker Amendment."

We congratulate the Federal Bureau of Investigation and its director, J. Edgar Hoover and its operatives, and express our appreciation of their services.

We are in favor of a reduction in foreign aid. We are in complete accord with and express our appreciation of the work of the Hoover Commission.

We are unalterably opposed to the recognition, by the United Nations, of the government of "Red China."

We wholeheartedly support the McCarran-Walter Act, and are opposed to any softening of its provisions.

We appreciate the fact that the Sons of Confederate Veterans hold to substantially the same principles as our organization and look forward, with pleasure, to closer association with them in helping to promote closer co-operation in a common cause.

We hope for better results from the United Nations in seeking world peace.

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4. See that advance notice appears in The Banner of holidays or anniversaries we are interested in celebrating.
 5. Have Chairman of Americanism Committee submit list of national questions for study and discussion, with brief summary of their possible "creeping socialism" or subversive effects, and publish in The Banner.
 6. Have Chairman of Legislative Committee report for publication numbers of bills in Congress of patriotic importance or vice versa.
 7. Continue check up on G.A.R. Memorial Highway; encourage Departments to get States to set aside and develop picnic areas to commemorate some prominent Civil War soldier or patriot, of their state, if appropriate.
 8. Have Camps and Departments look up any Sons of Confederate Veterans in their areas and invite them to their social functions.
 9. Send an appeal to selected old members for donations or bequests to the Permanent Fund, in memory of their Civil War progenitor or favorite veteran. Print a blank for such contribution or bequest in The Banner.
- (6) Action was taken to give \$300.00 from the G.A.R. Fund to Lincoln University for a full scholarship.
- (7) Action was taken to send greetings and good wishes from the Encampment to Comrade Woolson, together with a check for \$100.00, for his personal use.

**CONDENSED REPORT
COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING
August 25, 1955**

The Council of Administration met at 4 P. M., Thursday, August 25, 1955 in the Hotel Netherland Plaza; and the following action resulted:

- (1) That Past Commander-in-Chief U. S. Grant, 3rd, be designated, for the ensuing year, as the agent for the corporation in Washington, D. C., in accordance with the terms of the Congressional Charter.
- (2) That \$50.00 be given Past Department Commander Dewey Mead of Minnesota, for expenses incurred in connection with numerous trips made to visit Comrade Woolson, during the past administration.
- (3) In reply to a letter from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War relative to returning to the rotation system for conventions, action was taken to advise them of the action taken at this Encampment—that is, that the 1956 Encampment will be held in Harrisburg, Penna., unless all five organizations meet together—in which case, it will be held in Pittsburgh, Penna. If the other organizations have not advised us, within thirty days, of their desire to meet with us, the 1956 Encampment will be held in Harrisburg.
- (4) National Secretary-Treasurer Lambert was given authority to make preliminary contact with the hotel in Harrisburg on arrangements for the 1956 Encampment, in conjunction with

the Encampment Committee Chairman in Harrisburg, Past Commander-in-Chief John H. Runkle.

- (5) In reply to a letter received from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, stating that they admit members of the Sons of Union Veterans to their meetings; and asking information on the status of associate members, the Commander-in-Chief was advised to refer them to the portion of the 1954 Encampment Proceedings adopted at that time relative to Associate Membership.
- (6) Permission was granted, by the Council, to the Department of California to hold their Camp elections, at a time fixed by the Department; and the same permission will be given to any other Department requesting it.
- (7) It was voted that the National Secretary be authorized to send \$100.00 on September 1, 1955; and \$100.00 on March 1, 1956, providing Comrade Woolson is still living at that time, for the maintenance of G.A.R. Headquarters.
- (8) Wilfred Henry Winship of Syracuse, Kansas, was accepted as a Member at Large in the Commandery-in-Chief; at the request of his daughter, Mrs. Olive Winship Braun, Kansas City, Mo.

BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

From Council of Administration

- (A) That the following appropriations be made from the G.A.R. Memorial Fund:
- \$25.00 for Committee on Grave Marking.
 - \$40.00 for American Coalition.
 - \$300.00 for Lincoln University.
- (Adopted.)
- (B) Due to continued decrease in membership, we believe that to retain our standards of procedure, a raise in per capita tax is inevitable. Therefore, we recommend:
- That the Per Capita Tax due from Departments, be raised to 25c per quarter, starting with the September, 1956 quarter.
- We further recommend that the present 50c membership fee be eliminated, and that Chapter 1, Article 7, Section 2 of the Regulations be eliminated, and Section 3 be renumbered as Section 2.
- (Adopted.)

The Commandery-in-Chief received for the Permanent Fund, \$60.00 from General U. S. Grant, 3rd, and \$10.00 from Past Department Commanders Association of Massachusetts in memory of Joh Emery.

The first life membership was subscribed to by General Grant by the payment of \$100.00 at the Encampment.

In place of a Past Commander-in-Chief Badge which he already had we presented the outgoing Commander-in-Chief with a \$100.00 gift.

It was voted to discontinue forms 60 and 61 in the future.

Lieutenant John T. Greble, who fell at Big Bethel, was the first Union officer killed in the war.

CONDENSED REPORT

Committee on Constitution and Regulations

In as much as there will be a great lapse of time between this issue of "The Banner" and the issuance of the proceedings it is the thought of the editor that the Report of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations be printed in full. The reason for this is the fact that much of this legislation should be brought to the attention of the camps and members in the shortest possible time so that they may govern themselves accordingly.

(1)—From the Department of Massachusetts:

Article 11, Constitution, "Purposes and Objects"—eliminate sections one to seven inclusive, and substitute the following:

To perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who saved the Union in 1861 to 1865; to assist in every practicable way in the preservation and making available for research of documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic and its members, to co-operate in doing honor to all those who have patriotically served our country in any war; to teach patriotism, and the duties of citizenship, the true history of our country, and the love and honor of our Flag; to oppose every tendency or movement that would weaken loyalty to, or make for the destruction or impairment of our constitutional Union; and to inculcate and broadly sustain the American principles of representative government, of equal rights, and of impartial justice for all. (As published in "The Banner".)

Your Committee concurs. (Adopted.)

(2)—From the Department of Massachusetts:

Article V, Constitution, page 4—add a new paragraph to Section 1.

"Fifth. Eligibles from states where no Department exists may become members at large to a Camp attached to National Headquarters.

Dues for members in this Camp shall be \$5.00 per annum, which shall include subscription to "The Banner."

Members of such Camp attending the National Encampment may elect from their membership, one delegate to represent them and further delegates shall be based on same ratio provided representation of Departments.

Membership fee for members at large shall be \$5.00 which shall be placed in the permanent fund. (As published in "The Banner".)

Committee recommends adoption of this addition. (Adopted.)

(3)—From the Department of Massachusetts:

(Published in "The Banner".)

Article VIII, Constitution, Amendments—In the fifteenth line, eliminate the words "by not less than ten Departments," and insert, "by not less than 50% of the Departments."

Your Committee concurs. (Adopted.)

(4)—From the Supplement to the Commander-in-Chief's Report:

Article V, Section 1, Constitution, page 4—third paragraph should be changed to read: "of the national organization, of which the National Encampment is the supreme governing body, the National

Officers, councillors and staff and the National Council constitute the Commandery-in-Chief."

Your Committee concurs. (Adopted.)

(5)—From the Supplement to the Commander-in-Chief's Report:

Article V, Section 2, Constitution, page 4—change "Commandery-in-Chief" to "National Encampment," in both cases. Then add: "Between sessions of the National Encampment the business of the Order shall be carried on by the Commandery-in-Chief in accordance with policies established by the National Encampment or, when it has not fixed a policy, by the Council of Administration which shall have the authority and duty usually exercised by a Board of Directors.

In Section 3 "National Encampment" should be substituted for "Commandery-in-Chief."

Your Committee recommends adoption of these changes. (Adopted.)

(6)—From the Department of Massachusetts:

Article IV, Regulations, Page 12, Section 2. On line 3, after words "Camp Council," add "Secretary and Treasurer or Secretary-Treasurer." On line 13, insert period after words, "Camp Officers," and eliminate the rest of the paragraph.

Your Committee concurs. (Adopted.)

(7) From the Department of Massachusetts:

Chapter III, Article 1, Regulations, Page 31. Change first paragraph to read: "The Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is incorporated under and by authority of a charter issued by the Congress of the United States."

Your Committee recommends adoption. (Adopted)

(8) From the Department of Massachusetts:

Chapter V, Article II, Page 45. Add a new paragraph to Section 6, as follows:

"Members may wear a miniature of the badge of the Order without the top bar, suspended from the regulation ribbon 5/8 inch in width. For the Commander-in-Chief and Past Commanders-in-Chief the ribbon shall have the yellow center with three gold stars thereon; for presiding and Past Department

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Shown at the Sons and Auxiliary Banquet are, left to right, Commander-in-Chief Grant; Auxiliary Chief of Staff, Miss Anne O. Clayton; National President, Mrs. Ellinore L. Konrad; Hon. Carl W. Rich, Mayor of Cincinnati, and Chief of Staff of the Sons, John H. Runkle.

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Commanders, the ribbon shall have the red center with two silver stars thereon; for all other members it shall have the blue center. Presiding and Past Camp Commanders may wear a bronze star on the ribbon. Members who have served in the armed forces of the United States in time of war may wear a silver palm on the ribbon."

Your Committee recommends adoption of this new paragraph. (Adopted.)

Chapter III, Article VI, Regulations, Page 37. The present article is hereby numbered as Section 1, and new sections are added as follows:

"Section 2—The fiscal year of the Commandery-in-Chief shall close on June 30 of each year.

Section 3—The life membership for members at large of the National Organization shall be fixed by the National Encampment, or in the absence of action by it, by the Council of Administration.

Section 4—All life membership fees and all money accruing from the sale of rights shall be placed in the Permanent Fund."

(Adopted.)

Chapter II, Article IV, Regulations, Page 33. Section 1 is amended by adding, after the words "(or National Secretary-Treasurer)" the words "National Historian." (Adopted.)

Chapter III, Article V, Regulations, page 37—The present section 9 is hereby re-numbered as Section 10, and a new section added as follows:

Section 9. The National Historian shall collect and preserve all historical or biographical material pertaining to the Civil War, to members of the Grand Army of the Republic, or to members of the Order, co-ordinate the work of the Department Patriotic Instructor, and maintain and establish contact with other patriotic organizations on the national level. (Adopted.)

(12)—From the Supplement to the Commander-in-Chief's Report:

Article VII, Chapter II, Regulations, page 29—change section 1 to read: "The regular committees of the Department Encampment shall consist of such numbers as provided in the Department By-laws.

This change is presented by the Committee, believing that the Departments are better able to decide about their own By-laws than we are here at the National Encampment. (Adopted.)

(13)—From the Supplement to the Commander-in-Chief's Report:

Add new sentence to Chapter III, Article VII, Section 3, page 38, as follows: "The Washington representative shall be a member ex-officio of the Legislative Committee." (Adopted.)

(14)—From the supplement to the Commander-in-Chief's Report:

The following is presented by the Committee:

Add a new paragraph to Chapter III, Article VII, Section 2, page 37—"There shall be a Membership Committee consisting of one member from each Department, of which a National Officer shall be Chairman. (Adopted.)

Chapter I, Article III, Section 2, page 11, Regulations: change to read: "The number of members necessary for a quorum shall be determined by the Camp By-laws. (Adopted.)

Chapter I, Article VII, page 17—Change Section 1 to read: "Each Camp shall regulate its dues, fees for revenue provided that the minimum dues shall be \$5.00 per annum.

Your Committee concurs. (Adopted.)

(17)—From the Supplement to the Commander-in-Chief's Report:

Chapter III, Article IV, page 33—add new paragraph to Section 1, to read as follows:

The Orders representative in Washington shall be selected and appointed by the Council of Administration.

Your Committee recommends adoption of this change. (Adopted.)

(18)—From the Supplement to the Commander-in-Chief's Report:

In Article VI, Chapter III, page 37, substitute "National Encampment" for "Commandery-in-Chief." (Adopted.)

(19)—From the Supplement to the Commander-in-Chief's Report:

Chapter III, Article V, Section 5, page 36—eliminate "Commander-in-Chief" so that it will read—"The Council of Administration shall designate the amount of bond to be furnished by the National Secretary and National Treasurer (or National Secretary-Treasurer)."

Your Committee recommends adoption of this change. (Adopted.)

(20)—From the Department of Indiana: Recommending that an appropriate badge be designed and approved for present and past Secretary-Treasurer for Camps, Departments and the National Secretary-Treasurer.

Your Committee recommends non-concurrence. (Committee sustained.)

(21)—From the Department of California: relative to change in the dates prescribed in the Regulations for Camp elections and installations of Officers, and for Department Encampments, your Committee presents the following:

Add sub-section (B) to Section 1, Chapter II, Article III, page 23 of the Regulations: (b) The Council of Administration shall have authority to grant exceptions to the dates prescribed by these Regulations for Camp elections and installations of Officers, and for Department Encampments, when requested, for adequate reasons, by a Department. (Adopted.)

(22)—From the Supplement to the Commander-in-Chief's Report:

Chapter V, Article VII, General Regulations, page 57—change to read, "Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the meeting of our Order and its elements as in the ritual and as herein otherwise provided."

Committee recommends adoption of this change. (Adopted.)

Add new Section—Chapter III, Article II, Section 5: Life memberships are hereby established, by the payment of \$100.00 to the National Treasurer, which shall be deposited in the Permanent Fund of the Order. The annual interest thereon shall be paid by the National Treasurer, to the members Camp, during his natural life, in lieu of his dues.

Your Committee recommends adoption of this new section. (Adopted.)



Chief of Staff Miss Anne O. Clayton, and National President Mrs. Elinore Konrad at the Joint Opening Ceremonies.

AUXILIARY ENCAMPMENT NOTES

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliary, held a joint opening of their 74th and 69th respective Encampments, in the Hall of Mirrors at the Netherland Plaza Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio, on Monday morning, August 21, 1955. It was one of the most beautiful openings we have ever had, under the leadership of the National Chief-of-Staff, Sister Anne O. Clayton. The National Aides and Special Aides marched down an aisle with gold satin ribbon chains on either side, fastened to gold colored posts, each carrying a gold colored carnation, and took their places outside the chains. The Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents marched down the aisle to the end of the chains and were introduced by Past Commander-in-Chief John Runkle and Chief-of-Staff Anne Clayton. They were followed by the National Officers of the Sons and Auxiliary, who were also introduced. Our Commander-in-Chief, General U. S. Grant, 3rd, and National President Elinore Konrad were then escorted by the Colors to the foot of the President's station, where they were introduced, while standing between a large letter G, for Grant, and the letter K, for Konrad, placed on easels. The gold carnations were then put into the letters, and the Aides retired.

The Commander-in-Chief and the National President then took their places on the rostrum and Sister Konrad welcomed all to the Encampment. By mutual consent, it was agreed to extend Greetings at this time.

National President Konrad presented a check for \$500.00 to Commander-in-Chief Grant, as a gift to the Sons, from their Auxiliary. Commander-in-Chief Grant presented Sister Elinore with a clock radio, from the Sons. The Commander presented a diamond studded wrist watch to the National President, as his personal gift, and the beautiful band was a gift from her husband. National President Konrad presented a personal gift to Commander Grant.

The Sons retired to the Pavilion Caprice, the hall where their meetings were held, and the Auxiliary meeting was then officially open.

On Tuesday afternoon, the National Patriotic Instructor, Isla M. Dow, presented a check for \$250.00 to Dr. Jno F. Kinkler a representative of the

Hospital, for the purchase of an automatic bath lifter.

Since the total cost was \$325.00, the Department of Ohio very generously presented the Doctor with a check for \$75.00 to make up the difference. This gift was very thankfully and graciously received.

Tuesday evening, after a very impressive Memorial Service, in charge of National Chaplain, Myrtle Phillips, the Alliance, Ohio Auxiliary, Exemplified the Ritual in an unforgettable and most perfect manner. Two new members were initiated into the Auxiliary.

On Wednesday afternoon, after a joint Wreath Laying at the Lincoln Statue, by the five Allied Orders, all embarked in buses for a trip to Point Pleasant, the birthplace of General Grant.

On Thursday afternoon there was joint Installation of Officers in the Hall of Mirrors.

President—Mrs. Lenore Glass, 521 So. 6th St., San Jose 12, California.

Vice-President—Mrs. Margaret Horn, 620 S. 29th St., Lafayette, Indiana.

Council—Mrs. Elinore L. Konrad, P.N.P., 7917 Stickney Ave., Milwaukee 13, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Amy Noll, 607 E. 10th St., Des Moines 16, Iowa.

Mrs. Anita Selby, 127 Glenwood Blvd., Mansfield, Ohio.

Secretary—Mrs. Myrtle B. Phillips, 110 No. Ballston Ave., Scotia, N. Y.

Treasurer—Mrs. Chrystel Powell, 1503 N. Pennsylvania St., Apt. 51, Indianapolis 2, Indiana.

Patriotic Instructor—Mrs. Iyla Bartlett, Boscawen, New Hampshire.

Chaplain—Mrs. Beulah Freeman, 376 Beach St., Saco, Maine.

Press Correspondent—Mrs. Ethel C. Heilemann, 901 S. Wesley Ave., Oak Park, Illinois.

Director of Budget—Mrs. Edna S. Lambert, P.N.P., P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, New Jersey.

Chief-of-Staff—Mrs. Edith L. Snyder, 1215 Broadway, Albany, New York.

Personal Aide—Mrs. Charlotte Turner, 1207 N. Wilson Ave., Pasadena, California.

Counselor—Mrs. Lena Barrett, P.N.P., 1505 N. Vanness Ave., Santa Ana, California.

ENCAMPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

In the September 1956 quarter the per capita tax will be raised to \$.25 quarterly and the \$.50 membership fee will be discontinued.

The Americanism Committee distributed a very informative leaflet on the objects of our order. Dewey Mead provided the Banquet programs and the very attractive decorations are to be commented on.

The total delegate registration was, Sons 121; Auxiliary 199.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoult showed colored pictures and played a recording of the dedication of the Scotland School Gateway, sponsored by the Department of Pennsylvania.

U. S. Grant Highway No. 20 through Illinois has been named the Gen. U. S. Grant Highway through efforts of Past Commander-in-Chief Richard C. Locke.

Your editor regrets that due to the amount of news from the National Encampments of both the Sons and Auxiliary it was necessary to omit most of the news from the Departments. It is hoped that most of it can be carried in the next issue. The deadline for the November-December issue is October 25. Please send all items to Leslie W. More, 265 Eric Street, Owego, New York. All matters pertaining to subscriptions and the like should be sent to Albert C. Lambert, P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, New Jersey.

Statement of Policy Governing The Various Properties of the Grand Army of the Republic

At their last Encampment, the Grand Army of the Republic provided by resolution, in accordance with Sec. 6 of their Charter, for the transfer of certain of their corporate property to the Smithsonian Institution but, so far as we can ascertain made no disposition or statement of intention with reference to the remainder of their property, and even in the case of the property covered by the aforesaid resolution, never made any legal transfer of the property in the form and manner required by said section of their Charter.

In the meantime, Comrade Woolson, last survivor of the G. A. R., has deeded all G. A. R. property, not otherwise disposed of by the G. A. R. to the Sons of Union Veterans, and the deed has been legally approved and recorded by the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

For the execution of this most important trust, we enlist to whatever extent possible, the co-operation of the other organizations of the G. A. R. family.

The following Resolution, binding our Order, has been adopted:

WHEREAS, The preservation and making available for purposes of historical research and for the suitable commemoration of the Grand Army of the Republic and its patriotic services, of all the records and memorabilia of its members and organized elements, is a matter of National importance; and

WHEREAS, The execution of this trust has been imposed upon us by Sec. 3 of Public Law 605; and

WHEREAS, Comrade Woolson, last survivor of the Grand Army has transferred to us title to "all property of any and every kind and nature owned by said Grand Army of the Republic, and where-



Fife and Drum Corps of Camp 15, Harrisburg, Pa., shown playing at the wreath laying ceremonies at Lytle Park, Cincinnati.

soever situate, and all the records and archives thereof; except such property and records as are specifically mentioned and described in a resolution adopted by the Grand Army of the Republic at its 83rd and final Encampment, held at Indianapolis, Indiana, August 28th to September 1st, 1949;" therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in their Seventy-Fourth National Encampment assembled, that they accept this trust in reverent memory of their fathers and will strive by every proper and legal means to effect the preservation and safe keeping of the said archives, records and memorabilia of their Sires; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we will respect any disposition of their property and records made by Posts or Departments of the Grand Army, which ensures their preservation and their being available for historical and geneological research; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we favor the preservation as memorable to the Grand Army of the meeting places or quarters of the Grand Army of the Republic, whether the same are owned by State or local governments, by trustees or by Memorial Association, and their use by our Order and the other orders allied to the Grand Army as meeting places, so far as such use is consistent with their memorial character and the provisions of this resolution.

(Adopted by the Cincinnati Encampment.)

Resume of Legislation Approved And Passed at Cincinnati Encampment

From the report of the Commander-in-Chief that steps be taken to seek out unmarked graves of Civil War Veterans. (Adopted.)

From the report of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief that we adopt as a major objective the seeking out of those things that are being used to take away our fundamental liberties. (Adopted.)

From the Committee on resolutions; That we thank Representative Blatnik of Minn. for sponsoring legislation authorizing the U. S. to pay medical expenses of Comrade Woolson. (Adopted.) Approved a resolution asking the same treatment for the remaining Confederate Veterans. (Adopted.) Disapproves any change in the date of Memorial Day. (Adopted.)

From the Department of New York asking for the procuring of a suitable building in the City of Washington for a National Headquarters. (Adopted.)

From the New York Department urging the Mayor of the City of New York to take immediate steps to repair the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in that city. (Adopted.)

From the report of the Chairman of the Americanism Committee the entire report be accepted.

That we support the project of the American Museum of Immigration to be established at the foot of the Statue of Liberty. (Adopted.)

From the Department of Indiana that we favor a joint meeting with the Sons of the Confederacy. (Adopted.)

From the Department of Michigan that we grant honorary membership to Thomas Irwin Starr of Detroit, for his outstanding contribution to this organization. (Adopted.)