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Boston Encampment Outstanding; Congress Votes Woolson Medal

Delegates arrived on Saturday and Sunday by air, rail, bus, train and auto where splendid accommodations were found at the Sheraton-Plaza Hotel in Boston for the 77th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, along with the 72nd National Encampment of the Auxiliary, and the 72nd National Encampment of the Ladies of the G. A. R., August 17-21. All three organizations held their meetings in the hotel, and all social activities were held there. The Sons met in the Venetian Room, the Auxiliary in the Oval Room, and the Ladies of the G. A. R. in the State Suite. Registration was as follows: S. U. V. C. W. 140; Auxiliary 236; Ladies of the G. A. R. 147.

On Sunday morning delegates attended services at Trinity Church. At 1 P. M. each organization attended to registration of delegates and at 2:30 P. M. the three organizations conducted a Joint Memorial Service under direction of their National Chaplains in the Oval Room. This was a very impressive ceremony with special tribute being given to P. C. in C. John Sautter by P. C. in C. Leroy Stoudt. The entire program will be printed in the proceedings. At 7:30 P. M. the Camp Fire was held with all three organizations participating.

On Monday morning the Mayor's Breakfast was held for National Officers and Past National Presidents and Commanders. Business sessions were held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and Thursday, with the S. U. V. C. W. concluding their business on Wednesday afternoon.

On Monday evening the annual dinner meeting of the Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents was held. This was followed by Class Initiation by both the Sons and Auxiliary. The banquet and reception to Commander-in-Chief DeHaven and National President Anne O. Clayton was held on Tuesday evening.

A feature of the week was the moonlight boat ride on Boston Harbor on Wednesday evening. It was a beautiful night and the trip was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

The Massachusetts Department through their various committees worked hard and everyone agreed that it was a beautiful convention and that they are perfect hosts.

The Sunday evening Camp Fire (Grand Army of the Republic Tradition) was an outstanding success, with P. D. C. Addison Quinn presiding. Greetings were extended by all of the Allied Orders and an inspiring address was given by Hon. George Wells. A fine choir was provided by the Massachusetts State Highway Department that sang several inspiring numbers. Greetings were received from representatives of Gov. Furcolo and Mayor John B. Hynes. At the conclusion of the Camp Fire a wonderful "Tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic" was given by Brother Ernest G. Wells of Massachusetts, who said, in part, "We members of the Grand Army Family are dedicated people—devoted to the pleasant duty of reminding our fellow countrymen of the noblest ideals and the highest attributes of our predecessors."



L. to R. Aux. Natl. Pres. Miss Anne O. Clayton; Commander-in-Chief DeHaven; Mrs. Twanette Paull, Natl. Pres. Ladies of the G. A. R.

BUSINESS SESSIONS

The first business session opened at 10:30 A. M. on Monday in the Venetian Room of the Hotel Sheraton-Plaza. Prayer was offered by National Chaplain Charles Webster.

Commander-in-Chief DeHaven announced the following appointments: Guide Clark M. Mellor of Mass.; Color Guard Clarence Renell of Maine; Guard George Strait of Rhode Island; Pianist John Davis of Massachusetts. The following committee chairmen were appointed: Credentials, Bertram Isaacs of New York; Resolutions, Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd of Washington; Officers Reports, William M. Coffin of Ohio; Constitution and Regulations, Chas. H. E. Moran of Massachusetts; Ritual and Ceremonies, J. Kirkwood Craig of New Hampshire; Restoration of Rank, Fred E. Howe of New York; Press, Harold Drown of Massachusetts; Fraternal Greetings, all Past Commanders-in-Chief.

The report of the J. S. Teunon Co. Certified Public Accountants was examined by a subcommittee of the Council of Administration. This same committee prepared and submitted a budget for the coming fiscal year.

The Encampment Committee represented by Chairmen John L. Day, Pamela S. Elder and Alice F. Harwood presented a huge bouquet of flowers to be used to decorate the Commander-in-Chief's station during the Encampment.

Natl. Patr. Instr. Earl Riggs reported a total contribution to the G. A. R. Memorial Fund in the amount of \$905.00. He also presented a citation to the Department of Pennsylvania for outstanding work in patriotic endeavor during the past year. He then presented plaques to Dave Garroway (represented by Van Billingham) for his outstanding television show "Today," and also to P. C. in C. U. S. Grant 3rd in recognition of his activity on the Civil War Centennial Commission.

After considerable discussion resulting from various resolutions received from Camps in the Michigan Department, the Encampment authorized the incoming Commander-in-Chief or his representative to call a special Department Encampment of the Michigan Department, preferably within the next sixty days, and at a location in the centre of the State, such as Lansing.

National President Anne O. Clayton, accompanied by her Personal Aide Ella G. Reeger extended greetings and presented a love token from her organization in the amount of \$500.00.

Action was taken whereby we will annually present a wreath at the Cathedral of the Pines at Rindge, New Hampshire at their Memorial Day exercises. We will also secure and provide a G. A. R. marker to be installed permanently in the Altar at the Cathedral.

Greetings were extended on behalf of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion by their Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Grant 3rd in company with Fred Bauer and William Coffin. All three are Past Commanders-in-Chief of our Order as well as being active in the Loyal Legion.

Natl. Pres. Arthur T. Lou of the Sons of Spanish American War Veterans headed a large group of organizations that presented greetings on Tuesday afternoon. Organizations represented included Woman's Relief Corps; Daughters of Union Veterans; United Spanish War Veterans; Aux. of Veterans of Foreign Wars; American Legion Aux.; Aux. Jewish War Veterans; Marine Corps League; Gold Star Mothers; Amvets; Amputee Veterans and Ladies of the G. A. R. The committee from the Ladies of the G. A. R. included all of their Past National Presidents in attendance.

On Wednesday afternoon the concluding business session was held. The newly elected officers were installed by P. C. in C. Cleon Heald, of New Hampshire. P. C. in C. Coffin of Ohio presented the Past Commander-in-Chief Jewel to outgoing Commander Albert B. DeHaven, with Mrs. DeHaven pinning the badge on her husband. A large delegation of the Auxiliary was present for the ceremony including Natl. Pres. Anne O. Clayton, Mrs. Nellie DeHaven and Mrs. Beatrice Riggs.



RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

The following is a condensed account of resolutions adopted:

1. That Form 60-61 (Patriotic Instructor's Reports) be revised in a question and answer form. This was referred to Council for implementation.
2. That starting in 1960 an amount of \$200.00 be appropriated to the local Encampment Committee to help defray expense of entertaining the National Encampment. (This was also approved by the Auxiliary and the Ladies of the G. A. R. in similar amounts).
3. The appointment of Natl. Secy-Treas. Albert C. Lambert as an Advisory Member of the National Centennial Commission was approved.
4. A change was authorized in the Regulations providing that in the future, Department Secretary and/or Department Treasurers are to be elective officers.
5. The matter of a Life Membership Bar to be attached to the membership badge was referred to Council.
6. The "New Hampshire Plan" providing for a study of a revision of proposed organizational changes was referred to the incoming Commander-in-Chief to appoint a committee to study and report to the Council of Administration.
7. The matter of arranging suitable annual observances at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Illinois was referred to Council for supervision.
8. It was voted to continue membership in the American Coalition.
9. The Encampment voted to oppose any proposed change in either the music or wording of the National Anthem.
10. The incoming Commander-in-Chief was authorized to negotiate with the Sons of the Confederacy regarding the possibility of a joint convention during the years 1961-1965.
11. The matter of Collateral Membership was referred to the same committee that will study the "New Hampshire Plan."
12. Honorary Associate Membership was voted to Dr. Kenneth P. Williams, historian and retired professor of mathematics of Indiana University and to Mr. George L. Cashman, director of the Lincoln Tomb at Springfield, Ill.
13. It was voted to protest the use of the United Nations Flag being used in competition with or superior to use of the United States Flag at any time.
14. The following resolution was considered by a Joint Committee from the Sons, the Auxiliary and the Ladies of the G. A. R. and was subsequently adopted by all three organizations:
 - (A) We reaffirm our belief in and adhere to the general principles enunciated in the Declaration of Independence, and The Constitution of the United States of America;
 - (B) We oppose any "creeping Socialism" or modification of the Constitution that is inconsistent with the aforesaid basic principles; and
 - (C) We favor all necessary expenditures for National Defense and for such scientific research as may be necessary for our National Security; and
 - (D) We oppose any amendment of the Immigration and Nationality Act that would weaken it or facilitate Communist or other subversive infiltration into this country; and
 - (E) We favor reduction in expenditures for foreign aid so far as possible without breach of commitments already made, and a tariff high enough to protect our industries against unfair competition with cheap foreign labor; and
 - (F) We oppose Federal Aid to Education, and any extension of Federal jurisdiction or control over the prerogatives reserved to the States by the Constitution, and
 - (G) We express our appreciation of the skill and good judgment with which the President and Secretary of State have managed our foreign relations to date; and while recognizing the usefulness of the United Nations as an agency for the settlement of international problems, we oppose, as possible gradual steps towards world government, any increase in the powers granted the United Nations, whether by treaty or by executive agreement.
15. Commander-in-Chief Riggs appointed P. C. in C. Grant; P. C. in C. Lambert and Brother Duval of Ohio as a committee to investigate and recommend a suitable location for the permanent display of the Woolson Gold Medal.
16. Courtesy resolutions of thanks were adopted and sent to Mr. William Bowman of the Sheraton-Plaza Hotel; Mr. David White of the Governor's Office; and Mr. John Brown of the Mayor's Office. Resolutions of appreciation were also ordered sent to Hon. Joseph C. O'Mahoney; Hon. Robert L. F. Sikes; and Hon. Kenneth B. Keating for their effective assistance in securing the passage of H. R. 9989 making us custodians of the Gold Medal voted by Congress for our late Comrade Woolson.
17. That the Commander-in-Chief is authorized, when in agreement with the National Secretary-Treasurer and the Washington Representative, to act for our Order in emergencies, if there is not time to call a meeting or to obtain a vote by mail of the Council of Administration, provided such action is, in his opinion, appropriate and not inconsistent with the purposes and objects of our Order.
18. That we urge upon Congress the passage of H. R. 13646, or any bill that may be introduced at the next session of Congress for the microfilming of original military records of the Civil War, both Union and Confederate.

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Post Convention Tragedy

On Thursday afternoon, following the close of the Encampment P. D. C. Homer L. Young, 52, of Waterloo, Iowa was instantly killed in an automobile crash in Middleboro, Mass. He was dead on arrival at St. Luke's Hospital after a head-on crash on Route 44.

His wife, Myrtle, 50, has extensive cuts and fractures and was admitted to the hospital in a state of traumatic shock. Other passengers in the Young car were Mrs. Liland Webb, 69, of Fort Dodge, Iowa and Mrs. Ethel Snodgrass of Waterloo, Iowa, both of whom were hospitalized with lacerations and fractures.

Two persons from the second car were also admitted to the hospital with serious injuries.

Police say Young either fell asleep or suffered a heart attack. The Young car went into the left lane of the two-lane road at an angle and crashed into the second car and both were demolished. Mrs. Young and Mrs. Snodgrass were both asleep at the time of the crash. Mrs. Young, riding in the front seat beside her husband, was thrown out of the car through the windshield by the force of the crash, police said.

The Young's son and daughter flew East, where they were contacted by P. D. C. Allen Howland of Massachusetts who offered his help to them.

ADIEU

My father, a Civil War veteran, would have been 115 today, as I write this at the close of the Encampment. Being a correspondent of the National Encampment, appointed by both General Chairman John Day and Commander-in-Chief DeHaven, I joined in welcoming our visiting delegates.

From Boston, and the Committee, a "Thank You" is expressed for confidence placed in us in selecting Boston for your meeting.

We were overwhelmed financially, on learning that appropriations by City and State for conventions had been halted. However, a hard working committee of 27 from the three organizations raised all the needed funds, under the leadership of Pamela S. Elder, Alice F. Harwood, and Jack Day.

Much effort and expense was put into the "Moonlight Sail." We hope that you liked it. Mayor John B. Hynes and the City of Boston did not desert us, and this was no surprise.



Pictured is the convention banquet which was an outstanding and brilliant affair presided over by Natl. Chief of Staffs Ursula Shepardson and C. Leroy Stouidt. The speaker of the evening was State Senator Phillip Graham who delivered an inspiring address. Following the banquet a reception and dance was held honoring Commander-in-Chief Albert DeHaven and National President Miss Anne O. Clayton.

Our relationship has been friendly and responsive over the years.

Our selected Degree Staff for the initiation, originating from the Plymouth County Assoc., finally became representative of the entire "Bay State." We especially enjoyed inducting members of the new Camp at Portsmouth, N. H., recently instituted by Ernest G. Wells of the Massachusetts Department.

We enjoyed the charm of National Presidents Miss Anne O. Clayton and Mrs. Twanette Paul, as well as the leadership of Commander-in-Chief DeHaven. Our Dept. Commr. Edwin J. Lennon along with Aux. Dept. Pres. Barbara D. Brown and Ladies of the G. A. R. Dept. Pres. Emma LeMote made ideal receptionists.

Finally, too much cannot be said of the fine cooperation of the local newspapers that furnished wonderful coverage.

HAROLD M. DROWN,
Chairman of Press Committee.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

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19. That we recommend legislation to designate the Civil War Pension Office Building, Washington, D. C., as a Memorial to the veterans of our wars; and that the operation and maintenance of the Building be assigned to the General Services Administration, with authority to assign rooms or space not needed for museum purposes to the organizations composed of descendants of the participants in the Civil War, both Union and Confederate.
20. That the Sons of Union Veterans recommend to the Civil War Centennial Commission that it obtain national legislation recognizing and designating U. S. Route 6 as "Grand Army Highway" and U. S. Route 20 as "Gen. U. S. Grant Highway."
21. That hereafter resolutions recommended for passage at our National Encampments shall not be referred to the Committee on Resolutions unless the full text has been reduced to writing when submitted, except when so referred by a two-thirds vote of the Encampment.
22. That we extend thanks to the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States for their cooperation and active assistance rendered by them in arrangements for the ceremony at President Lincoln's Tomb on April 15, 1958.
23. That we again award \$300.00 to the scholarship fund of Lincoln University at Harrogate, Tennessee.

A man should live with his superiors as he does with his fire: not too near, lest he burn; nor too far off, lest he freeze.
—Diogenes.

Woolson Gold Medal Received

There was much rejoicing when P. C. in C. General U. S. Grant 3rd presented the Albert Woolson Gold Medal to Commander-in-Chief DeHaven.

H. R. 9989 "An Act to provide for the presentation of a medal to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" in the 85th Congress, 2nd Session was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the United States and the Act was signed by President Eisenhower on August 14th.



Left to right: Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd; Mr. Julian B. Baird, Undersecretary of the Treasury; Mr. William H. Brett, Director of the Mint.

General Grant secured the Medal in time to bring it to the Encampment. By the terms of the Act "The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to present to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, an organization incorporated by the Act of August 20, 1954 (36 U. S. C. 531), the gold medal which the Act of July 18, 1956 (70 Stat. 577), would have authorized to be presented to the late Albert Woolson if he had survived."

Public Law 730 of the 84th Congress authorized and directed the Secretary of the Treasury to strike gold medals in honor of the surviving veterans of the Civil War. At the time of this enactment, the sole surviving Union veteran was Albert Woolson, of Duluth, Minn. However, he died before the medal could be presented to him. As Mr. Woolson had designated the Sons of Union Veterans to be the recipient of all his Grand Army property, and his three living daughters were in agreement, the medal will be preserved and displayed by the Sons of Union Veterans as a memorial to Mr. Woolson and the Grand Army of the Republic.

News of the Civil War Centennial

AS EVIDENCE OF MOUNTING INTEREST IN THE CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL the American Automobile Association has circularized its membership all over America with a message from Maj.-Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd, chairman of the National Commission, urging vacations be planned now to take in sites of Civil War significance.

MINNESOTA though in the fringe of the Civil War area, is planning full cooperation with the Centennial. Among incidents to be memorialized is the famous charge of the First Minnesota Regiment at Gettysburg, which resulted in the highest casualty rate—82 per cent—of any regiment in the war.

MAINE has opened its first Civil War museum. It is situated at Portland and is under the direction of Philip E. Hamlin, president of the Bosworth Post Trustees and a descendant of

a Union veteran. Relics ranging from bullets to a razor used by Lincoln will be on display there.

"TAPS," the bugle call that brings lumps to throats at grave-side and tears to eyes unused to lachrymal reaction, may become a highly dignified part of the Civil War Centennial observance. Virginia, where the solemn notes first were heard, is leading the way. "Taps" were first played during the occupation of Harrison's Landing by McClellan's troops following the Peninsula campaign.

KANSAS WILL HAVE TWO OBSERVANCES Already a Kansas Centennial Commission has been created and has arranged annual observances to precede the Centennial, the first of which was held on May 19 and involved ceremonies at Trading Post recalling the Marais des Cygnes massacre. Next year the centennial of the Wyandotte constitution, under which the state still operates, will be observed in a three or four day program at Kansas City.

GEORGIA IS WELL ADVANCED WITH ITS PLANS looking toward a suitable commemoration of the Civil War. Among major steps, the Georgia Historical Association has erected more than 600 roadside markers detailing every step of Sherman's march from Chickamauga to Atlanta and to Savannah.

OHIO GOVERNOR O'NEILL has recently appointed Past Commander-in-Chief William M. Coffin as a member of that state's eleven member Centennial Commission.

This is the final test of a gentleman: his respect for those who can be of no possible service to him.

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AUXILIARY EVENTS

The 72nd Annual National Encampment convened in Boston, Mass. the week of August 17th. Delegates from all over the National Organization began arriving in Boston on Saturday, August 16 and by Sunday the lobby of the hotel Sheraton-Plaza was a bee-hive of activity.

The Encampment opened unofficially on Sunday afternoon when a joint Memorial Service was held in the Oval Room of the Hotel. All three Organizations—the Sons, the Auxiliary and the Ladies of the G.A.R. participated. Fitting tributes were given for deceased members of the three Organizations in a most impressive, solemn setting. These services were under the direction of the National Chaplains of the three Organizations.

On Sunday evening the Annual Camp-Fire was held. Past Department Commander Addison Quinn of the Massachusetts Department presided. Music was provided by Jimmy Hooley's Orchestra and several lovely selections were given by the State Highway Choraleers under the direction of Paul Agrillo, Director. Greetings were extended to our Organizations by representatives of several patriotic groups in and around Boston and the main address was delivered by Hon. George Wells whose topic was "This is Our Heritage."

On Monday morning a courtesy breakfast was given the National Officers and Past National Presidents and Commanders of all three organizations by the Mayor of Boston. Following the breakfast the business meetings were started. National Chief of Staff called the convention of the Auxiliary to order at 10:30 A. M. National Aides marched into the room in pairs each carrying a long stemmed gladiola and formed an aisle through which Past National Presidents and National Officers were escorted and introduced. National President Anne O. Clayton, escorted by her mother, was brought into the room and placed in the front facing the audience. The Aides then marched forward and placed their flower in a large basket provided for that purpose. Convention musician Mary Gordon then sang a song she had composed for the National President. Sister Shepardson then presented the gavel to Sister Anne Clayton and the 72nd Annual Convention was officially opened.

Roll was called of National Officers. Past National Presidents. Department Presidents and immediate Past Department Presidents who were introduced to the assembly and then presented with a gift from the National President for which they expressed sincere appreciation. Sitting Department Presidents and Past National Presidents were invited to be seated in special sections designated for their use throughout the convention. Gifts were then presented to all appointive officers of the convention. The meeting was then recessed until 2:00 P. M.

The afternoon session on Monday was devoted to the reading of Officers reports. National President Anne Clayton read her report first. It was a most constructive report and gave a complete listing of her activities during the year. Her recommendations were turned over to the Committee on Officers reports for deliberation. Following the reading of the National President's report P. N. P. Margaret Schroeder of New Jersey presented the National Testimonial to Sister Clayton. The testimonial was a beautiful star sapphire ring with two diamonds on each side of the sapphire.

On Monday evening the Past National Presidents and Past Commanders in Chief held their annual dinner. Class initiation of new members by the Sons at 7:30 P. M. and exemplification of the Ritual by the Auxiliary at 8:30 P. M. At 9:30

P. M. the Courtesy hour for the National President was held. The New Jersey Department presented their love token of \$150.00 to the National President in the form of a beautiful horseshoe with the slogan "Your Horseshoe of Success" mounted on the board holding the large horseshoe. This was beautifully presented by a delegation from the N. J. Department comprising thirty-three members. This presentation was followed by the National Chief of Staffs presentation of all other Departments. The theme used by Sister Shepardson was the Boston Tea Party and was most enjoyable. Three Indians provided fun and entertainment while four lovely young girls from the Massachusetts Department dressed in the fashion of the Puritans passed among the audience distributing tea thrown to them from the boat replica that had been set up in the room. It was a most delightful evening.

On Tuesday morning reading of reports continued. During the morning a representative of the Boston Children's Medical Center was received into the meeting. National Patriotic Instructor Mae Levin presented Mrs. VanCleaf, the representative, with two portable Television sets in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. Mrs. VanCleaf spoke about the hospital and the work they are doing with the children and related some very amusing incidents of the actions and activities of the children. She extended sincere thanks to our Organization for their wonderful gift and assured us that the hospital was most appreciative of our interest and work.

National President Anne Clayton then made her official visit to the Sons meeting accompanied by her Personal Aide Sister Reeger. She took with her our love token of \$500.00. During her absence more reports were received and after her return we recessed until 2:00 P. M.

The first order of business on Tuesday afternoon was nomination of Officers followed by more reports. Most of the afternoon was devoted to the receiving of committees from other Patriotic Organizations. The National President then introduced her new club. The members of this club, all sitting Dept. Presidents, marched into the room headed by their newly elected President Irene Murphy of Pennsylvania. All were dressed in white and wore an orchid corsage, a gift of their National President. Sister Murphy announced that the club had taken the initials of the National President, A. O. C. and named their club Anne's Orchid Club. We then recessed until Wednesday 9:30 A. M.

The banquet and reception held in the ballroom of the Hotel on Tuesday evening was a great success. The tables were beautifully decorated in the National color of gold and a delightful party was held. The dinner was most enjoyable and the dancing following the dinner kept everyone happy until the final playing of Good Night Ladies. The evening ended all too soon—another success for Sister Shepardson.

Wednesday morning everyone was up bright and early in order to go to the polls to vote—the polls being open from 8 to 10 A. M. The National President called the business session to order at 9:30 A. M. and we had the final reports of Departments and committees while we waited for the returns from the election committee. A delegation from the Sons from New Jersey headed by a group of Past Commanders in Chief were escorted in and received by our convention. It is always a delight to greet our members from the Sons. The election committee sent in word that they would not be ready to report until after lunch so the meeting was recessed so that some of the members could attend the Past Department Presidents luncheon being held that noon.

The opening of the Wednesday afternoon session heard the results of the election. All business having been taken care of except the report of the National Chief of Staff and Patriotic Instructor which would not be ready until Thursday morning the National President decided to recess for the day to allow the delegates a little free time for shopping or sight seeing before the scheduled boat ride on Wednesday evening. The boat ride will be long remembered to the many delegates who had the pleasure of this event planned by our Host and Hostess State of Massachusetts.

Thursday morning the business session was called for 9:30 A. M. for the completion of the business of the encampment. National Chief of Staff Ursula Shepardson reports a gross fund raised of \$2,843.50 with a net sum after expenses, of \$2,712.50 to turn over to the National Treasurer. The National Patriotic Instructor Mae Levin's report showed the sum of \$834.00 raised for Patriotic work. Both of these reports were received with great applause.

AUXILIARY NATIONAL OFFICERS

1958-1959

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Installation of Officers then took place. P. N. P. Margaret Carney Palmer of Mass. was escorted into the room and introduced as the Installing Officer. She was assisted during the installation by a staff of officers comprised of members of the Massachusetts Department. The Past National President's badge was presented to Sister Clayton by P. N. P. Edna Lambert and was pinned on her by her mother Mrs. Anna Clayton. P. N. P. Mary Stapleton presented Sister Clayton with her P. N. P. pin. Sister Anne was then escorted to the Past President's Chair by her mother. The newly elected officers were then installed into office and Sister Shepardson assumed command of the National Organization. The newly elected Commander in Chief Brother Earl Riggs was escorted into the convention by his wife Beatrice Riggs of California. The Commander in Chief spoke briefly to our delegation extending congratulations to the newly elected officers and pledging continued support of the Sons.

The credential committee recorded 227 voting delegates and 12 registered guests for the Secretary's records. Many clubs held breakfasts, luncheons and dinners during the period of the convention and all made substantial contributions to the two money officers.

The 72nd Annual Convention was officially closed at 12:30 P. M. on Thursday with the singing of the hymns "Blest be the Tie that Binds," and "God be With you till we Meet Again."

MARGARET GEHRET,
National Press Correspondent.

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.

William B. Hardy, Company E, 31st New Jersey Vol. \$10.00
(Courtesy John R. Hardy)
Calvin L. Vincent, Company I, 109th New York Vol. \$10.00
(Courtesy Truman A. Vincent)
John G. Ray, Company E, 43rd Mass. Inf. \$10.00
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Department News



CALIFORNIA

At a recent meeting of the SUVCW, Aux., DUVCW and Ladies of the G. A. R. plans were made to celebrate the centennial of the Civil War. The Group unanimously approved a plan for the Allied Orders of the G. A. R. to enter a float in the Rose Parade on January 1, 1961.

CONNECTICUT

Natl. Pres. Anne O. Clayton and Commander-in-Chief DeHaven attended our 43rd Annual Encampment in New Haven at which time the Natl. Pres. installed Mary Buchanan of Rockville as Dept. Pres. On June 25 Rockville held a lovely reception for Dept. Pres. Buchanan and July 23rd Aux. 2 of New Haven entertained for her.

ILLINOIS

A regional conference to plan reorganization of G. A. R. descendants' patriotic groups in Western Illinois and to begin long range planning of a four year observance of the Centennial of the Civil War was held recently in Moline. Roscoe C. Mathis, Dept. Commander along with other state officers attended the meeting which was presided over by Andre LaCroix, president of the Quad-City Roundtable. Mrs. Florence Forbey, Dept. Pres. of the Illinois Aux. as well as being active in the roundtable stressed the importance of having more Americans know more about their heritage and the contribution that both northern and southern volunteers and their leaders made to one of the greatest wars of all time. Commander Mathis plans to reorganize the Camps in Rock Island, Moline and Geneseo. He stated "Our state organization, as well as national headquarters, are striving to interest the younger generation in joining one of the nation's outstanding patriotic societies. We believe that patriotism is just as necessary today and in the future as it was in 1861."

INDIANA

On July 20 P. D. P. Mary Brown of Frankfort held open house to members and friends. On July 27 The Tippecanoe Battle Ground Memorial Association met at the battlefield and attended church at the chapel. P. N. P. Lela B. Shugart offered opening prayer and P. C. Bodle the closing prayer. Rev. Dunkin of Elwood preached the sermon. After the service a wreath was placed at the monument.

IOWA

The Sons and Aux. held their 40th annual state picnic July 13 at the Roy Bennett residence. Amy Noll and Lawrence Boutin were in charge. About 65 persons from Des Moines, Waterloo, Newton, Ft. Dodge, Mason City, Iowa City, Iowa Falls, Monroe and Humbolt attended, including many Department Officers and Past Officers.

MAINE

During June the Maine Department Officers held a meeting at Norway Lake to plan for the coming year. The Department Fair will be held on October 18 at Augusta. On June 26 the only Civil War Museum in Maine was dedicated in Portland with an open house at Bosworth Memorial Hall.

MICHIGAN

At a special meeting held in the Old Hotel at Lansing, the Department Auxiliary was honored to have Natl. Pres. Anne O. Clayton and P. N. P. Edna S. Lambert as guests. Natl. Pres. Clayton installed our officers headed by Bertha Richmond as Pres. We were pleased to have a nice attendance from each Auxiliary.

NEW JERSEY

Congratulations are extended to Department Commander Richard Kucker and Dept. Secy-Treas. Albert W. Lambert, both of whom were married in August.

Dayton Camp and Aux. 5 of Trenton is sponsoring a Testimonial Dinner honoring Dept. Commdr. Kucker and Dept.

Pres. Mrs. Jean Kandrac on October 4th. The affair will be held at the Washington Crossing Inn. Camp No. 5 will celebrate its 75th anniversary at the same time.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Keene Aux. recently celebrated its 50th anniversary at which time several New England officers, past officers and members attended. Mrs. Byrdis Lombard and Mrs. Minnie Wheeler are charter members.

Wallace Macomber of Providence, R. I. was recently elected new commander of the New England Regional at their meeting at The Weirs, New Hampshire. He succeeds Richard E. Wyman of Keene, who conducted the meeting. Mrs. Emma Wheeler of Milford was chosen new president of the Auxiliary. Retiring from this office was Mrs. Georgianna Porter of Augusta, Maine. A project to obtain and publish as many as possible of the Civil War and camp songs was discussed, in anticipation of the coming centennial observance.

NEW YORK

Monroe County Council have sponsored a North-South Skirmish Association known as the 108th New York Vol. Inf. which was a Rochester outfit of some note in the Civil War. These young fellows are interested in Civil War traditions, history. They are equipped with Civil War gear and weapons. Dept. Commdr. Jos. S. Rippey is encouraging and helping the group.

PENNSYLVANIA



SUV FIELD HOSPITAL FLOAT WINS. The Gettysburg Camp did it again in the Fourth of July parade. They carried off first prize of \$75 in the historic floats division with their representation of a field hospital in the Battle of Gettysburg. Titled "Angels of Mercy," it showed a field hospital in operation with nurses attending.

Meade Aux. 6 of Reading is sponsoring a Reception and Testimonial Dinner honoring Dept. Pres. Mrs. Irene K. Murphy and staff on September 27th at the Hotel Abraham Lincoln.

WISCONSIN

Aux. 19 of Sheboygan held a summer carnival at Sheboygan County Hospital on August 10 and a summer outing at the home of Mrs. Theresa Aleff on July 15th, both of which affairs were well attended.

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