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## Honor Founder of the Grand Army of the Republic

During our 79th National Encampment, all Delegates, including our Auxiliary Delegates and Ladies of the G. A. R. Delegates were transported by bus to Petersburg, Illinois, where a program was held honoring Major B. J. Stephenson, the Founder of the G. A. R. The picture below was taken during the ceremony in Rose Hill Cemetery.



J. Colby Beekman presided, and the invocation was delivered by Rev. Hayward McCollough. Each organization placed wreaths, after which Department Commander of Illinois, Charles A. Brady Jr., and Commander-in-Chief Harold E. Arnold were introduced. The speaker was Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd, whose timely message was greatly appreciated. Following the singing of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," the salute and taps, benediction was delivered by Rev. Joe Driskill.

# ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT AT SPRINGFIELD

## THEY PRESIDED



Shown left to right are Mrs. Edna S. Lindsey, National President Ladies of the G. A. R.; Commander-in-Chief Harold E. Arnold; Auxiliary National President Mrs. Beatrice S. Riggs.

U. S. Grant 3rd, Washington, D. C.; Officers Reports, Wm. M. Coffin, Ohio; Constitution & Regulations, Albert B. Dellaven, Maine; Ritual & Ceremonies, Fred Howe, New York; Restoration of Rank, Cleon Heald, New Hampshire; Press, Geo. L. Cashman, Illinois; Encampment City 1962, John H. Runkle, Penna.; Fraternal Greetings, all Past Commanders-in-Chief.

The report of the U. S. Teunon Co., Certified Public Accountants was examined by the Council of Administration. A subcommittee was authorized to prepare a budget for the coming fiscal year.

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IT IS A PLEASURE TO SEND GREETINGS TO THE SONS OF UNION

VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR GATHERED IN SPRINGFIELD FOR

THEIR 79TH ANNUAL NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

NEXT YEAR, OUR COUNTRY BEGINS THE CENTENNIAL

OBSERVANCE OF THE CIVIL WAR. IN THIS OBSERVANCE YOUR

ORGANIZATION CAN TAKE A LEADING PART, CALLING OUR

CITIZENS TO REAFFIRM THEIR ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNION AND

TO THE AMERICAN TRADITION OF LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

I AM DELIGHTED TO ADD BEST WISHES FOR A MEMORABLE

ENCAMPMENT-

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER.

From Saturday, August 20th through Thursday, August 25th, the officers, members, delegates and friends participated in various activities of the 79th Annual Encampment of the SUVCW, along with the 74th National Encampment of the Auxiliary and the 74th National Encampment of the Ladies of the G. A. R. Splendid accommodations were found at the Hotel Abraham Lincoln and Hotel Leland. The SUVCW met in the Elks Club, while the Auxiliary met in the ballroom of the Abraham Lincoln. The Ladies of the G. A. R. met in the ballroom of the Hotel Leland. Registration was as follows: SUVCW 121, Auxiliary 186, Ladies of the G. A. R. 193. Each organization also had many non-voting members in attendance.

On Sunday morning delegates attended services at the First Methodist Church of Springfield, where seats were reserved for all three organizations. At 1 P. M. each organization attended to registration of delegates and at 3:30 P. M. the three organizations conducted a Joint Memorial Service under direction of their National Chaplains in the ballroom of the Abraham Lincoln Hotel. This was a very impressive ceremony with a special tribute being given to P. C. in C. Frank Huston by P. C. in C. Richard Locke. The entire program will be printed in the proceedings.

At 7:30 P. M. on Sunday a band concert was given by the 33rd Infantry Division Band, Illinois Army National Guard in the Centennial Auditorium, which was followed by the traditional Camp-Fire, which was featured by addresses of Mayor Lester E. Collins of Springfield; Hon. William G. Stratton, Governor of Illinois; Harlington Wood, Jr., U. S. Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois; and Charles M. Thompson, Dean Emeritus of the College of Commerce, University of Illinois.

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

On Monday evening the annual dinner of the Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents was held in the Palm Room of the Abraham Lincoln. This was followed by a program of narrated slides, "The Lincoln Story," by Mr. and Mrs. George L. Cashman in the ballroom. This was easily a highlight of the Encampment, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Then, at 9:30 P. M. the Auxiliary Courtesy Hour was held under direction of the National Chief of Staff.

On Tuesday evening the annual banquet honoring the Commander-in-Chief and National President was held under direction of the Auxiliary Chief of Staff. Chief of Staff C. Leroy Stoudt did his usual outstanding job as toastmaster.

On Wednesday afternoon, the entire delegation from all three organizations were guests of the Illinois Department on a bus tour which included stops at Lincoln's Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery, also to the grave of Major B. J. Stephenson, founder of the G. A. R. in Rose Hill Cemetery, Petersburg, and then to New Salem Village, reconstructed village where Lincoln spent his youth.

On Wednesday evening there was a Song Fest in the ballroom of the Abraham Lincoln, which was followed by exemplification of the Ritual by both the SUVCW and the Auxiliary. A team from Massachusetts performed the degree work for the Sons and initiated nine new candidates into the Illinois Department.

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

## BUSINESS SESSIONS

Following a Joint Opening with the Auxiliary in the ballroom of the Abraham Lincoln, the first business session opened at 10:30 A. M. on Monday at the Elks Club. Prayer was offered by National Chaplain Spencer Leonard.

Commander-in-Chief Arnold announced the following appointments: Guide, Clark M. Mellor of Mass.; Color Guard, Clarence E. Young, Rhode Island; Guard, Allen Howland, Mass. The following committee chairmen were appointed: Credentials, Bertram Isaacs, New York; Resolutions, Gen.

Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd together with a group of Loyal Legion members extended greetings of their organization. The Encampment expressed appreciation to the Loyal Legion for their cooperation at the Lincoln Tomb exercises.

Greetings committees extended greetings from all of the Allied Orders. Laura I. Smith was chairman of the Auxiliary delegation, Josephine Parkhurst the Woman's Relief Corps, and a group of Past National Presidents represented the Ladies of the G.A.R. The Daughters of Union Veterans also extended greetings.

At the banquet, Natl. Pres. Beatrice Riggs presented us with a love token of \$500.00 from her organization.

National Patriotic Instructor Chester Shriver reported that his special fund totaled \$669.50 with more promised.

Indianapolis, Indiana will host the 1961 National Encampment with headquarters at the Hotel Claypool, the week of August 20th. The decision regarding the 1962 Encampment was referred to the Council of Administration, which has appointed a sub-committee to investigate.

The concluding session was held on Thursday morning, August 25th, at which time the newly elected officers were installed by P. C. in C. John H. Runkle. P. C. in C. Richard Locke presented outgoing Commander-in-Chief Arnold with his Past Commander-in-Chief's jewel.

## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

(1) That, in view of the present international crisis, and for the continued protection of the republican form of government which our forefathers preserved for us, we hereby urge:

A. The making of ample appropriations for the National Defense;

B. The safe guarding of our national economy by balancing the budget and the reduction, to a minimum, of appropriations for the multitude of Socialistic proposals for Federal aid sponsored by the party platforms, and the reduction and gradual elimination of the income tax.

C. The construction of the Memorial Fort Boulevard in our National Capital, in memory of the Veterans of the Civil War; as an effective contribution to the solution of the Capital's traffic problems, and to the observance of the Civil War Centennial.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we are fervently opposed:

D. To any further encroachments on our national sovereignty by the United Nations, and by Executive agreements, and any steps that lead to World Government; and

E. To the rescission of the Connally reservation as to our participation in the World Court; and

F. To Federal Aid to the public schools, and any interference with State and local control over their schools; and

G. To sizable Federal appropriations for Public Works, rural electrification, mental health, socialized medicine and similar steps in "Creeping Socialism" which threatens the stability of our economy; and by inducing expansion of Federal activities to encroach upon local self government and the rights reserved to the States, guaranteed by the Constitution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War maintain that the loyalty oath and affidavit required by the National Defense Education Act of 1958 (Public Law 85-864) is a wise and essential provision and should be retained to strengthen and maintain the National Security of our Nation; and we petition against passage of S2929, or any other legislation that would eliminate them.

(2) That the records and property of the Michigan Department, Grand Army of the Republic, shall be turned over to the Burton Historical Collection in Detroit for preservation and accessibility for historical research, provided only that should the Governors of the said collection ever wish to dispose of the said records and property, title will revert to the S.U.V.C.W.; and that Brother George R. Raub, Sr., be informed by the National Secretary-Treasurer of this action.

(3) That the S.U.V.C.W. heartily support the appropriate observance of the Centennial of the Civil War in the spirit

proposed by the Civil War Centennial Commission; and offer their hearty cooperation and enjoin our Departments and Camps to afford full and active cooperation with their State Commissions and local Committees; and that we only request of the National Commission its suggestions and recommendations as to how we can help most effectively and play our part.

(4) That we confirm our previous recommendation for the establishment of a Military and Naval Museum in the old Pension Office Building, or in a new building if obtainable, and that, in either case, it be designated as a Memorial to the Veterans of our Wars.

(5) That as a step to this end, we favor passage of Senate Joint Resolution, sponsored by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic for a National Shrine, in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

(6) That we recommend to the Governors of all States the firing of a National Salute, in each State Capital, on April 15, 1961.

(7) That Resolutions of thanks be extended to Hon. Lester E. Collins, Mayor of Springfield; Hon. William G. Stratton, Governor of Illinois; Springfield Assoc. of Commerce & Industry; Hotel Abraham Lincoln; The Elks Club; Springfield Inter-Veterans Council; Illinois National Guard; 33rd Division Infantry Band; Springfield Chapter, Sweet Adelines Inc.; Harlington Wood Jr., U. S. Attorney, Southern District of Illinois; Charles M. Thompson, Dean Emeritus of the College of Commerce, University of Illinois; Illinois Historical Society; SUVCW Encampment Committee; First Methodist Church of Springfield; Mr. & Mrs. George L. Cashman and The Choir of St. Paul's A.M.E. Church of Springfield.

(8) "That a Committee on Centennial Military Affairs, operating under the authority of the Commandery-in-Chief and the Council of Administration, is hereby established for the following purposes:

1. To investigate the uniforms and operations of all units of the Sons of Veterans Reserves, now operating under the authority of the several Departments of the Order in accordance with Chap. IV of the Regulations; and to determine the need, if any, of any further standardization thereof than that now prescribed in said regulations.

2. To investigate all the avenues of usefulness of our Reserve units in connection with the coming Centennial observance; and, therefore, to determine and recommend any desirable augmentation of such units, and any needed changes in uniforms, operations or regulations thereof; and all means of financing the same.

That this Committee shall consist of five members, to be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, by and with the advice and consent of the Council of Administration, from among eligible constitutional members of the Commandery-in-Chief having familiarity with the subject matter.

And that this Committee shall report, from time to time, to the Council of Administration on the results of its studies and efforts; and if between sessions of the Commandery-in-Chief, the Council of Administration is hereby authorized to take any necessary action on its recommendations, imminently required for the good of the Order."

(9) "That the Commander-in-Chief be and is hereby authorized and directed to call a special meeting of the suspended Michigan Department for the purpose of its reorganization, giving all Camps in the State (whether carried now as 'Camps at Large,' or as members of the suspended Department) a due and sufficient notice, at least 30 days in advance of such called meeting (and preferably longer), and directing said Camps to send to such meeting their proper quota of delegates chosen under existing regulations;

That such called meeting shall be presided over in person by the Commander-in-Chief, or his duly authorized and empowered representative (preferably a Past Commander-in-Chief, familiar with the case, but neutral in the controversy), who will be accompanied to such meeting by the National Counselor and the National Secretary-Treasurer of the Order; and that these representatives of the Commandery-in-Chief shall supervise the re-institution of the suspended Michigan Department and supervise the election and installation of a complete corps of Department Officers."

# SCENES FROM SPRINGFIELD ENCAMPMENT



Picture at top left was taken at the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, during a bus tour on Wednesday, August 24th. Wreaths were placed inside the Tomb by Commander-in-Chief Arnold, Aux. Natl. Pres. Mrs. Riggs, and Ladies of the G. A. R. Natl. Pres. Mrs. Lindsey. At lower left is a group picture taken at the Sons and Auxiliary Banquet.

Picture at top right was taken at the Camp Fire and shows Illinois Governor Stratton at the rostrum. Pictured center right is the group of Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents in attendance. Lower right picture was taken at the Memorial Service, and shows National President Beatrice Riggs at the rostrum.

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stitutions made where necessary. Roll call of Natl. Officers found all present. They were presented to the convention and each received a remembrance from the Natl. Pres. 17 P.N.P.'s answered the roll call and were given gifts. Department Presidents of 1959 were recognized as were the new Dept. Presidents of 1960 and each received a token from the President. Gifts were also presented to the appointed officers for the convention.

P.N.P. Eva Blackman, Chairman of the convention committee, announced that on the Thursday preceding the convention a 50 star American Flag had been presented to the Hotel by the Department of Illinois. Mr. George Stone, Asst. Manager of the Hotel Abraham Lincoln received the flag and expressed the thanks of the hotel to the Dept. of Ill. for their beautiful gift. This flag was then raised on the roof of the hotel and was flown from the flag staff of the hotel throughout our entire convention.

The convention was then recessed to give the delegates ample time to prepare for the Governor's Tea held at the Governor's Mansion from 2:00 P. M. to 3:00 P. M. Monday afternoon. All who attended the Tea agree it was one of the highlights of the convention. They were most graciously received by the First Lady of Illinois and each left the Mansion feeling they had found a new friend.

The Monday afternoon session was called at 3:30 P. M. and the first order of business was the reading of the National President's report which was received with great applause. Other National Officers reports were read and turned over to the Committee on Officers Reports. At 4:45 P. M. the session was recessed for the day. On Monday evening the Past National Presidents and Past Commanders in Chief met for their annual dinner which was followed by meetings for these two groups.

At 8:00 P. M. the Illinois Department sponsored a program of narrated slides entitled "The Lincoln Story" a most entertaining and informative program which was most enjoyable. A courtesy hour for the National President under the direction of National Chief of Staff Flora Bates followed

### LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

#### NATIONAL OFFICERS

1960-1961

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the top of the lavalere was a half carat diamond. The lavalere was suspended from a gold chain.

On Tuesday evening a most enjoyable banquet and reception was given honoring the National President and Commander-in-Chief and their officers. A large group was in attendance and dancing was enjoyed following the reception.

Wednesday morning was taken up with more reports until 11:30 A. M. when we recessed in order that the delegates might have time to prepare for the bus trip planned for them by the Illinois Department. This most enjoyable trip has been explained more fully in another part of the banner with both pictures and copy. A Song Fest was held in the Ballroom on Wednesday evening followed by Exemplification of the Ritual by members of the Illinois Department.

Thursday morning the Past Department Presidents met for breakfast in the Palm Room and immediately following the breakfast the business session was called to order. Remaining Committee Reports were received at this time followed by the reports of the National Patriotic Instructor and the National Chief of Staff. Sincere congratulations to Sister Viola Bremme our National Patriotic Instructor who not only reports much Patriotic endeavor being carried on throughout our Departments but who was able to report the sum of \$1,059.50 raised through her direction. National Chief of Staff Flora Bates also had an outstanding financial report. Her sum to be turned over to the Treasurer after expenses was \$2,086.91. Both these officers are to be commended for their outstanding work for our Organization.

Installation of Officers was the last order of business. P.N.P. Mary Stapleton assisted by a capable staff of officers installed the newly elected National Officers with Sister Edith Paulding being installed as National President. Many gifts were presented to the new officers by their Departments and friends and the meeting was officially closed at 1:00 P. M. with the singing of "Blest be the Tie that Binds" and "God be with you Till we meet Again." The old and new Council met on Thursday afternoon to take care of all unfinished business of the convention.

### THE CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Will convene on October 15th and 16th, at the Wisconsin Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The first session will be at 2 P. M. on October 15th, and the second session at 9 A. M. on October 16th.

An informal banquet will be held on Saturday evening at the Wisconsin Hotel. All reservations for rooms should be sent directly to the hotel, stating the date of arrival and departure.

Edward Biering is the Regional Commander, and Mrs. Ellinore L. Konrad the Secretary.

Representatives will attend from Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Missouri, Michigan, Ohio, Kansas, Colorado and Wisconsin.

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## AUXILIARY EVENTS

The 74th Annual National Encampment of the Auxiliary convened in Springfield, Illinois the week of August 21st. Delegates from various Departments began arriving on Saturday and by Sunday morning a large number from both the Sons and Auxiliary were assembled in the lobby of the hotel ready to attend. In a body, the special Church Services held at the First Methodist Church of Springfield.

On Sunday afternoon a Joint Memorial Service was held in the Ballroom of the Hotel. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, their Auxiliary and the Ladies of the G.A.R. all participated in this tribute to their deceased members. Members of St. Paul's A.M.E. Church Choir under the direction of Jerome Singleton rendered vocal selections during the Memorial Service and immediately following the close of the program a beautiful 50 star American Flag was presented to the director of the choir for his church. This flag was presented in the name of all three Organizations.

Sunday evening a band concert was given by the 33rd Infantry Division Band of the Illinois National Guard. This concert was given in the Centennial Auditorium and preceded the Camp Fire program. The names of the prominent speakers at the Camp Fire have been listed in the Sons account of their convention.

On Monday morning the Illinois Department gave a courtesy breakfast for the National Officers and Past National Presidents which was followed almost immediately by a Joint opening of the Sons and Auxiliary. Natl. Chief of Staff Flora Bates of the Aux. and Natl. Chief of Staff C. Leroy Stoudt of the Sons received and welcomed our National President and Commander-in-Chief and they were escorted into the room through an arbor of branches of oranges—a reminder of the home state of our National President. From the front of the room the Natl. President and Commander-in-Chief received their National Officers and Past Natl. Presidents and Past Commanders-in-Chief. Following brief remarks by our presiding officers the Sons were excused so that they might begin the business of their convention.

Natl. President Riggs rapped the gavel for order at 11:00 A. M. and the meeting of the convention was opened in ritualistic form. Appointments for the convention were made at this time. Committee appointments were read and sub-

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### USE IT

Enclosed with this issue of THE BANNER is an application blank for membership in the SUVCW. Show it to your friend, relative, or neighbor and bring his application into your Camp. The Centennial Years are our golden opportunity to increase membership.

### USE IT



## Department News



### CALIFORNIA

An impressive Memorial Service was held at the Hotel deAnza, San Jose, during our recent Department Encampment, and also by Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 of San Jose on Memorial Day.

On June 18th, P.D.C. Coby Wilcox took part in a ceremony at Knott's Berry Farm during the presentation of a bronze plaque for the one-room schoolhouse there under auspices of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Burlingame Camp and Aux. 14 installed officers jointly recently in Pasadena with Dept. Commander John Gately and Dept. Pres. Mary Gately as installing officers. Don McCall is the new Commander while Oga Lund is the new President. The Camp meets the second Wednesday of each month, and the Auxiliary on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

District No. 2 met recently in Pasadena with Burlingame Camp and Aux. as hosts. A most delicious dinner was served with Mollie Sneberg and committee in charge. The annual election of officers resulted in Edward Cruickshank, Pres.; Mollie Sneberg, Vice-Pres.; Mary Story, Secretary; and Don McCall, Treasurer. The next meeting will be Sept. 7 when Phil Kearney Camp and Aux. of Pasadena will be hosts.

### ILLINOIS

Commander-in-Chief Arnold and Natl. Pres. Mrs. Beatrice Riggs were guests of honor at our Department Encampment. Charles A. Brady, Jr., is the new Department Commander and Mrs. Elsie Evans the new Department President.

McCLERNAND Camp 4 of Springfield participated in Memorial Day services at the G.A.R. Mound in Oak Ridge Cemetery with P.D.C. Colby Beekman placing the camp's wreath. Camp Commander M. J. Burns, Jr., headed the Inter-Veterans Council which annually conducts the ceremony.

### IOWA

At the recent Aux. Department Encampment Mrs. Francis Echelfurger of Fort Dodge was installed as Department President by P.D.C. Mrs. Ethel Snodgrass of Waterloo. Other officers elected at the Mason City Encampment were Vice-Pres. Mrs. Mamie Nesbitt of Iowa Falls; Secretary Mrs. Leland Webb of Fort Dodge; and Mrs. Pauline Herron of Des Moines as Treasurer.

### MAINE

On July 4 Dept. Commdr. Rexford Oliver, P.D.P. Mrs. Oliver and Dept. Chaplain Wm. F. Swain represented the Maine Department at the raising of the new 50 star flag at Fort Halifax at Winslow, Maine.

An officers meeting was held at West Bath recently and plans were made for the coming year. The Department Fair will be held at Bath on October 8th.

Hyde Camp and Aux. are planning a reception for the Department President.

### MICHIGAN

The Michigan Department Auxiliary held their Encampment at Grand Rapids June 14-16 with headquarters at the Pantiland Hotel, at which time we had the pleasure of entertaining National President Beatrice Riggs of California. The Encampment was harmonious and pleasant. The hall was beautifully decorated and much thanks must be given to the Chief of Staff and her committee. Isla Dow is the new Department President, and Ona Savage the new Department Vice-President.

MacArthur Camp No. 4, Detroit held a Commanders' Night Party on July 2 in the Veterans Building, on the Detroit River, where we all watched the \$15,000.00 civic fireworks display. Hudson's who pay for the fireworks, arranged for us to use the 8th floor for the night.

### MINNESOTA

We regret to announce the death of P.D.C. Chester Charter, on August 11th. Brother Charter was Department

Secretary-Treasurer at the time of his death. He had been active in Department and National affairs for many years.

### NEW YORK

Independence Day ceremonies were held at the Liberty Flag Pole in City Hall Park, New York City and participated in by Oliver Tilden Camp and the Old Guard. Chief Deputy Cecil Baer and Dept. Secy.-Treas. Bert Isaacs raised the flag. Featured speaker was Judge Paul P. Rao who commended Mayor Wagner for his ban on the proposed Nazi meeting which had been planned in Union Square.

Harmon Hershey of O'Rourke Camp, Rochester, has been appointed District Deputy by Chief Dept. Deputy Cecil M. Baer. Past Commander Wm. J. Welch, Glidden-Pierce-Lomb Camp spoke at a large July 10th gathering of the Civil War Round Table. P.D.C. Jos. Rippey was the speaker at a gathering of the Western New York Past Commanders at Friendship in July.

Monroe County Council held a memorial service on August 14 at the Old Rapids Cemetery, Rochester, which has been abandoned for years. The affair featured the 108th Vol. Inf. Reg. firing squad. The publicity obtained resulted in a complete renovation, clean-up and fencing by the Monroe County Board of Supervisors, and a promise of new headstones.

The 108th Reg. will host a state-wide Campout and Skirmish at Fishers, N. Y. on Sept. 24-25. Uniformed units will attend from New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Sheldon Fisher, chairman of the Ontario County Historical Society will sponsor the event, holding a convention of Western New York Historical Societies at the same time. New York Civil War Centennial Commission Members have been invited.

Lafayette Camp 140, New York City, has appointed a Civil War Centennial Committee at a meeting in the Old Guard Armory. Major Wm. F. Bruckel, P.D.C., has been named chairman of the committee. In a message to Mayor Robert F. Wagner the committee placed its services at the disposal of New York City's general Civil War Centennial Committee. Commander Bruckel in the message observed "there is a great need today for a more pronounced and demonstrative sense of gratitude to our Nation's founding fathers whose wisdom and endless sacrifices made this Nation great."

### PENNSYLVANIA

"Gen. Armistead" again placed his hat atop his sword to lead the Confederates into the Angle and "Cushing" again died by his cannon while the 71st and 72nd Pennsylvania, the 69th Pennsylvania and other Union troops stood firm and then pushed back Pickett's men, during the re-enactment of Pickett's famed charge on the Gettysburg Battlefield on Sunday July 3rd. More than 500 uniformed men took part in the opposing "armies" including approximately 400 from the North-South Skirmish Association, approximately 100 from the Sons of Veterans Reserve, and 50 from the National Guard.

The scene assumed a Civil War air at 12:15 P. M. when approximately 300 Union infantrymen paraded from Meade's headquarters to take their places along the Union center. The cannon crews went into position about 1:30 on both the Union center and on W. Confederate Ave. The Confederates were in place south of the Codori house by 2:15. The three companies of Sons of Veterans Reserve under command of Col. O. G. MacPherson and Major Chester Shriver were from New Oxford, Middletown, Harrisburg, Reading, Lititz and Gettysburg. Cameramen were present from CBS-TV, WMAR-TV and WGAL-TV and from a dozen newspapers.

### VERMONT

On June 17, a fifty star American Flag was presented at Pleasant View Cemetery by Aux. 8 of Camp 50. Patriotic Instructor Amy Fancher made the presentation to the sexton, Mr. Elmer E. Camp. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. J. Fillier, and a poem "The Flag" was read by Elsie Page. The program was concluded with the singing of America and the burning of the old flag. The need for the new flag was brought to our attention by Sister Viola Gilbert, P.D.P. and her husband Louis Gilbert, who also assisted in the program.