

1962

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

The 80th annual Encampment of Department of Ohio Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held at the Sheraton Hotel in Akron, Ohio, June 21 - 23 with the Department Commander Col. Daniel F. Clancey presiding.

The following minutes were taken during the session, and will be considered correct, but further references to the original copies and reports of the officers will be found in the office of Secretary of the Ohio Department, William A. Selz, 16 Buckeye St., Dayton 2, Ohio

On Thursday afternoon June 21, 4:00 P.M. the Department Council met for a business session.

6:00 P.M. - A special meeting of the Past Commanders and Past Presidents.

7:30 P.M. - A fun night sponsored by the Department Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic - a real night of fun enjoyed.

The regular Encampment session started on Friday morning, a joint opening for the Sons of Union Veterans, the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, along with the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic - the Patriotic Instructor of the Sons W. Earl Corbin presiding. All officers introduced, as well as the Commander in Chief Chester Shriver; National President of the Auxiliary, Dorothy Hillard; and the National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Alice Ure.

At 10:00 A.M. the first session of the Department was called to order by the Department Commander Col. Daniel F. Clancey.

The following appointments were made:

Credentials - Dan Wasser; Guide - Paul Grate; Greetings Committee - W. E. Coffin, John Decker, M. R. Battey, and Clyde Neff.

Resolution and officers report committee - Fred Pfeister, Charles Bigley.

The Credential Committee reported the following in attendance; one Commander in Chief, one aide to the Commander in Chief, one Past Commander in Chief, eleven Past Department Commanders, seven delegates.

To add color to the joint opening a color bearer with color guard in Grand Army uniforms were present.

During the session greetings committee from the Ladies of the Grand Army, as well as one from the Auxiliary, were introduced, and Past Commander in Chief William Coffin spoke in behalf of the Department Sons of Union Veterans.

Reports of the Department officers were received, as well as the resolutions sent in from the Camps over the Department. The following were read and included in the minutes of the meeting.

CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT

Department Commander Colonel Daniel F. Clancy, Officers and Brothers of the 80th Encampment of the Ohio Department Son's of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Akron, Ohio, June 21, 22 and 23rd 1962.

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DISBURSEMENTS

Check No.

159	W. Earl Corbin, Patriotic Instructors Project	\$102.09
160	Fred Pfiester, Jr., gasoline for Drum Corps	15.00
161	W. Earl Corbin, Encampment Expenses	26.86
162	Mansfield-Leland Hotel	16.48
163	Postage	5.00
164	Col. Daniel F. Clancy, Petty Cash for 1st Ref.	5.00
165	Albert C. Lambert, Per Capita Tax	70.75
	and for supplies	1.05
166	Col. Daniel F. Clancy for 1st Regt. Headquarters and Co. "F"	35.00
167	Postage	5.00
168	Beringer Printing Co. Linotyping for Dept. Order	7.50
169	Ireland Printing Co.	19.25
170	Wm. A. Selz, salary	50.00
171	Eichorn-Hunt Insurance Agency, Bond	5.00
172	Mrs. Gladys B. Saltman, Regional Dues	5.00
173	Postage	7.50
174	A. C. Lambert, Per Capita Tax	68.50
175	Beringer Printing Co., Linotype for Dept. Order	15.00
176	O. S. & S. O. Home Christmas Donation	25.00
177	Wm. A. Selz, salary	50.00
178	A. C. Lambert, Supplies	1.50
179	Ireland Printing Co., Envelopes and Christmas Letters	13.50
180	Postage	5.00
181	Christmas Presents for Madison Home	25.00
182	A. C. Lambert, Per Capita Tax	69.25
183	Wm. A. Selz, Salary	50.00
184	Ireland Printing Co.	12.50
185	A. C. Lambert, Per Capita Tax	74.00
186	Postage	9.00
187	Wm. A. Selz, Salary	50.00
188	U. S. Savings Bond	112.50
189	Beringer Printing Co., Linotype for Dept. Order	13.50
190	A. C. Lambert, Supplies	19.50
	National Bank of Dayton, Check Charge	3.00

Total Disbursements \$993.23

Balance in Peoples Bank & Trust Co., Dayton, Ohio
last Audit - June 15, 1961 \$446.63
Total Receipts \$995.47

Grand Total \$1442.10

Balance in National Bank of Dayton, June 11, 1962 \$475.47
Less two outstanding checks 33.00

\$442.47

Three U. S. Savings Bonds, one \$100.00 and two \$50.00 \$150.00
Total \$592.47
Cash and checks on hand June 19, 1962 22.40
Total \$614.87

Less Returned Check \$ 6.40

Total Assets \$608.47

MEMBERSHIP

Number of Camps paying Per Capita Tax		21
Number Members 1961 Report		268
Loss by death	15	
Dropped by Camps	<u>11</u>	
Total Loss	26	<u> </u>
		242
New Members	44	
Members Transferred	5	
Members Reinstated	<u>11</u>	
Total Gain	60	<u> </u>
		302

I am very happy to report that this showed both a gain in membership and in finances.

I think this report gives a complete picture of both the finances and membership of the Ohio Department.

Before closing this report I want to give credit where credit is due. Clyde Neff and Mansfield Camp Col. Daniel F. Clancy and Columbus Camp are to be congratulated for the great number of new members. Past Department Commander Fred Pfiester, Jr. is to be commended for most of the increase in finances as you will note by the receipts. \$96.50 was received from the Radio Drawing, Brother Pfiester donated all of the prizes and sold most of the tickets. THANKS Fred. I will always be grateful to P. D. Robert Austin as Assistant Secretary as he has carried the burden of the Encampment for me for several years. He also has mimeographed at his own expense the Proceedings of the Encampment and sent copies to all who attended the Encampment as well as to many who are interested and could not attend. Many THANKS Bob. Past Dept. Commander Earl Corbin is to be commended for making most of the arrangements for the Encampments for several years and also for doing all the work and making arrangements for the different Projects we have had in the different cities where the Encampments have been held. Much credit is due Earl.

In closing I want to thank Col. Daniel F. Clancy, Department Commander for his cooperation at all times and for the great work he has done for the First Ohio Regiment.

This is rather a lengthy report but I want to show in detail the condition of the Ohio Department which I think is quite healthy at the present time.

I want to thank the entire membership for the confidence placed in me for the past several years.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed - Wm. A. Selz
Department Secretary-Treasurer.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, some persons would dilute and distort the character of the conflict of 1861-65 by referring to it otherwise than as the Civil War, and
WHEREAS, the United Daughters of the Confederacy have a committee for promotion of use of the term "War Between the States", and
WHEREAS, Gen. Robert E. Lee in a letter written in August, 1869, referred to the conflict as "civil strife", and
WHEREAS, referring to the 1861-65 conflict by any name other than the Civil War is only a belated attempt to falsely alter history and confuse the past for the benefit of some overly-sensitive sectionalists, therefore
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Ohio, in annual encampment assembled at Akron, Ohio, do strongly oppose any efforts to refer to the conflict of 1861-65 as having been anything but the Civil War it was.

The sentiment of this resolution has been previously acted upon favorably and we feel it not necessary for further action.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, It is quite obvious that we have approached a critical period in the history of our organization due to the shrinking membership and the apparent lack of ability to interest younger eligibles to our order in our activity and planning programs in the observation of the "Civil War Centennial" observation, and,
WHEREAS, We feel that it is possible to increase and stimulate the interest and influence of our organization by making an earnest effort to enlist the association of the many younger eligibles to membership in our orders, especially those who, due expenses connected with their schooling, or other circumstances, may not have the necessary financial resources with which to pay the required initiation fee and dues, in full. then be it,
RESOLVED, That this Encampment or convention does take some action that will permit the individual Camps and Auxiliaries to extend to such eligible applicants full membership into our orders, or, to create a special committee, or, commission authorized to review and accept applications from such above classified eligibles, and, said committee or commission be also authorized to establish a money fund for the purpose of supporting the membership of such classified members, and be it further,
RESOLVED, That said committee or Commission be authorized to raise money for this fund by solicitation from our present membership, or, from others who may be interested in such a project, or, by any other means to be determined by said committee, or, commission.

This resolution presented by the Department Council, and we ask that you give it your serious thought and consideration.

The department in favor of this resolution, but feels that the individual Camps should do as they see fit,

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, We have previously had funds allocated to the Department of Ohio, by the State legislature for the purpose to help defray the expenses of our Patriotic, Educational, and Charitable activities, and,
WHEREAS, Thru an oversight we failed to forward to the proper State office our application for such allocation for the year 1956, we have not been included in the allocation of these funds, then be it here,
RESOLVED, That the incoming administration, including the Department Commander, Secretary, Treasurer and Department Council, be instructed to take the necessary steps, and make a formal application with explanation, to have the Department of Ohio, "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" reinstated as being eligible to receive and participate in the allocation of money from this appropriation by the State Legislature, the amount to be requested to be equal to the amount previously received, or, \$3,000.00 for the two year period of such allocations made.

No action but the committee on the matter are still working on the matter.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The uniformed rank of our Department, more popularly known as, "The Buckeye Blues", or, "The First Regiment Ohio Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" has become well organized and is commendably representing the Department, in their many public appearances and participation in many programs in connection with the observation of the 'Civil War Centennial', and,
WHEREAS, We believe such efforts of the officers and men responsible for the promotion and maintenance of this fine organization, and the beneficial results of their many activities should be properly recognized by the Department, then be it hereby,
RESOLVED, That the Ohio Department "SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR", does at this Encampment, or, convention here assembled, extend to the officers and men of the First Regiment of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for their valuable and beneficial contribution to the good of our order, and be it further,
RESOLVED, That in the future, in order to not over burden either the commanding officer of the uniformed branch of the Department, or, of the Department Commander, these two offices shall be held by separate individuals, and that any and all officers of any and all branches of the department shall be subordinate to the Department Commander.

The department favors this resolution and action as sees fit.

Resolution

Whereas We have recently, and on some occasions been critized for the usual custom of placing the Holy Bible over our National Flag as the emblem on our altar at all regularly conducted meetings of our orders, The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, which action is not in conformity to the Accepted Flag Code, and whereas, such action is being performed by our organizations following the precedent established and conducted by our organization - namely, The Grand Army of the Republic - and whereas, we are legally qualified and recognized to be the heirs to the Grand Army of the Republic, and as such we do believe that they acted in the utmost sincerity in establishing the part of their ritualistic formula, and used same to emphasize their beliefs that this great Nation was founded and continues to exist by the grace and under the protection of the Almighty God, and under no circumstance can be interpreted to be a desecration to the flag of the United States of America and the principles for which it stands, and, whereas the Armed Forces of our Nation does permit the display of the (church) Christian banner over or above the National Emblem on occasions deemed to be fitting and proper - then, therefore -

Be it resolved that we continue the established precedent of so placing the flag and Bible as the proper emblem on our altar at all regularly conducted meetings, and be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented at the next National Encampment, and also to the public press for a clarification of our action in this regard.

The resolution committee recommended its passage and adoption.

The report of the Department Commander, Col. Daniel F. Clancey, was given verbally. Due to his work, he was not permitted to do much traveling over the Department, but was quite active in the 1st Ohio Regiment (Buckeye Blues - name that they go by to designate where are from). This regiment has 130 men, 14 horses, 5 pieces of artillery, and a total of estimated \$16,000.00 valuation. The unit traveling over the State as well as the nation, has caused quite a lot of publicity for the organization, and we hope will result in a number of new applications for the Camps.

At the meeting in Mansfield last year, the item of battle flags in the State House was discussed, and to date nothing has been done, but Col. Haines is still interested in having them preserved for future display.

Recommendations made by the Department Commander, with no action taken, were:

1. Make no further donations from the Department until the treasury reaches \$1,000.00
2. New goals for the Department to strive for.
3. Re-examine the possibility of holding future Encampments in smaller towns.
4. Officers from the Regiment be associate members of the Camp in the locality of the unit.
5. First Ohio Regiment expand into a brigade.

Past Department Commander Fred Pfeister, Jr. sponsored a fund raising campaign for the Department treasury. This netted a sum of \$89.00. Thanks, Fred, for your efforts and donations.

Mrs. Ona Hess, wife of Past Department Commander A. E. Hess, presented the Department a check, amounting to \$10.00. As this was quite a surprise, a motion was made to forward this amount to the National as an A. E. Hess memorial to the National Grand Army Memorial fund.

Partial bills presented during the session were:

Badges and programs - - \$ 24.69

Three chairs for Home of the Blind - 72.00
Special project of the Dept.

Flowers for memorial services - - - - - 14.00

Four banquet tickets - - - - - 15.40
Nat'l officers

Nat'l G.A.R. Fund - - - - - 10.00
(A.E. Hess memorial)

As W. Earl Corbin has worked untiringly during the year as well as for the Encampment, a resolution was introduced thanking him for his work and efforts to make our stay in Akron a pleasant one.

At this time of the Encampment, Commander in Chief Chester Shriver was asked for any remarks he had to offer.

During his remarks, he called our attention to the JET AGE we live in and reminded all of the difference in the way people live, from the 1800's. 98% of all Grand Army men belonged to a Post, while the soldiers of World Wars only 22% have seen fit to affiliate themselves to a Post. Can the local Camps interest the young men in joining a Camp with the program we have, or should we plan a program to build for the future?

During the Encampment Session Lester Bare of Dayton was given the short form of degree work, as he had never received the work in the local Camp. At 4:00 P.M. on Friday the Memorial services were held in the Ohio Room of the hotel. Past National President of the Auxiliary presided over the services. Each (Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Auxiliary and Ladies of the Grand Army) had services for the deceased members during the past year.

Rev. E. R. Power of the Evangelical Reform Church spoke briefly on how we may keep Memorial Day as it is intended. The speaker had just returned from the country of Israel where all are taught to protect themselves from youth to old age, but all should honor the dead by the deeds they have performed and preserve the freedom they have given us in place of fearing all and having to carry a gun at all times.

The Saturday morning session was called to order and officers' reports and resolutions accepted. All officers were thanked for the services rendered during the past year.

The only item of business to be taken care of was the nomination and election of Department officers, with the following results:

Department Commander - - - - - Wm. F. Powers, Dayton
Department Senior Vice Commander - - Howard Sprague, Mansfield
Department Junior Vice Commander - John Decker, Cleveland
Department Council - - - - - Charles Bigley, Toledo
Fred Pfeister, Jr., Cincinnati
Paul Grate, Warren (Alliance Camp)

The partial list of Appointments was made by the Department Commander Elect:

Aide - Clyde Neff
Patriotic Instructor and Chief of Staff - W. Earl Corbin
Councilor - W. Coffin
Chaplain - C. D. Mathews
Concentration Committee - W. E. Corbin

Past Commander in Chief, Wm. Coffin installed the Department officers into their offices.

On Saturday afternoon all were taken to the Summit County Society of the Blind Home where eight occasional chairs were given the home for the use of the patients living there.

W. Earl Corbin presented the above and Mr. Johnson, chairman of the home board, accepted with thanks the fine gift, as they have no community funds, but just donations from service orders interested in their work.

The annual banquet with all three orders participating was held on Friday evening in the Ball Room of the hotel, with over one hundred in attendance. The program consisted of introductions of all Department as well as National officers in attendance.

Selections were enjoyed by a unique group known as the "Elliott Grandmothers Harmonica Club".

The main address was given by U.S. Congressman Wm. H. Ayers - quite humorous as well as instructive, and stressing the following:

1. All should be proud of the young generation as they are living in quite a different age than most of those in attendance and also from the Civil War days.
2. Keep the patriotic spirit as this is the strength of the country.
3. Reminded all of the events one hundred years after the Civil War and urged all to build the next one hundred as we have in the last.
4. What are we as a nation faced with today that should change events in the days ahead.
5. The future is ours to do with as we feel important for local as well as national affairs for the growth of a strong or weak nation.

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WHEREAS, Gen. Robert E. Lee in a letter written in August, 1869, referred to the conflict as "civil strife", and
WHEREAS, referring to the 1861-65 conflict by any name other than the Civil War is only a belated attempt to falsely alter history and confuse the past for the benefit of some overly-sensitive sectionalists, therefore
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Ohio, in annual encampment assembled at Akron, Ohio, do strongly oppose any efforts to refer to the conflict of 1861-65 as having been anything but the Civil War it was.

The sentiment of this resolution has been previously acted upon favorably and we feel it not necessary for further action.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, It is quite obvious that we have approached a critical period in the history of our organization due to the shrinking membership and the apparent lack of ability to interest younger eligibles to our order in our activity and planning programs in the observation of the "Civil War Centennial" observation, and,
WHEREAS, We feel that it is possible to increase and stimulate the interest and influence of our organization by making an earnest effort to enlist the association of the many younger eligibles to membership in our orders, especially those who, due expenses connected with their schooling, or other circumstances, may not have the necessary financial resources with which to pay the required initiation fee and dues, in full. then be it,
RESOLVED, That this Encampment or convention does take some action that will permit the individual Camps and Auxiliaries to extend to such eligible applicants full membership into our orders, or, to create a special committee, or, commission authorized to review and accept applications from such above classified eligibles, and, said committee or commission be also authorized to establish a money fund for the purpose of supporting the membership of such classified members, and be it further,
RESOLVED, That said committee or Commission be authorized to raise money for this fund by solicitation from our present membership, or, from others who may be interested in such a project, or, by any other means to be determined by said committee, or, commission.

This resolution presented by the Department Council, and we ask that you give it your serious thought and consideration.

The department in favor of this resolution, but feels that the individual Camps should do as they see fit.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, We have previously had funds allocated to the Department of Ohio, by the State legislature for the purpose to help defray the expenses of our Patriotic, Educational, and Charitable activities, and,

WHEREAS, Thru an oversight we failed to forward to the proper State office our application for such allocation for the year 1956, we have not been included in the allocation of these funds, then be it here,

RESOLVED, That the incoming administration, including the Department Commander, Secretary, Treasurer and Department Council, be instructed to take the necessary steps, and make a formal application with explanation, to have the Department of Ohio, "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" reinstated as being eligible to receive and participate in the allocation of money from this appropriation by the State Legislature, the amount to be requested to be equal to the amount previously received, or, \$3,000.00 for the two year period of such allocations made.

No action but the committee on the matter are still working on the matter.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The uniformed rank of our Department, more popularly known as, "The Buckeye Blues", or, "The First Regiment Ohio Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" has become well organized and is commendably representing the Department, in their many public appearances and participation in many programs in connection with the observation of the 'Civil War Centennial', and,

WHEREAS, We believe such efforts of the officers and men responsible for the promotion and maintenance of this fine organization, and the beneficial results of their many activities should be properly recognized by the Department, then be it hereby,

RESOLVED, That the Ohio Department "SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR", does at this Encampment, or, convention here assembled, extend to the officers and men of the First Regiment of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for their valuable and beneficial contribution to the good of our order, and be it further,

RESOLVED, That in the future, in order to not over burden either the commanding officer of the uniformed branch of the Department, or, of the Department Commander, these two offices shall be held by separate individuals, and that any and all officers of any and all branches of the department shall be subordinate to the Department Commander.

The department favors this resolution and action as sees fit.

Resolution

Whereas We have recently, and on some occasions been critized for the usual custom of placing the Holy Bible over our National Flag as the emblem on our altar at all regularly conducted meetings of our orders, The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, which action is not in conformity to the Accepted Flag Code, and whereas, such action is being performed by our organizations following the precedent established and conducted by our organization - namely, The Grand Army of the Republic - and whereas, we are legally qualified and recognized to be the heirs to the Grand Army of the Republic, and as such we do believe that they acted in the utmost sincerity in establishing the part of their ritualistic formula, and used same to emphasize their beliefs that this great Nation was founded and continues to exist by the grace and under the protection of the Almighty God, and under no circumstance can be interpreted to be a desecration to the flag of the United States of America and the principles for which it stands, and, whereas the Armed Forces of our Nation does permit the display of the (church) Christian banner over or above the National Emblem on occasions deemed to be fitting and proper - then, therefore -

Be it resolved that we continue the established precedent of so placing the flag and Bible as the proper emblem on our altar at all regularly conducted meetings, and be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented at the next National Encampment, and also to the public press for a clarification of our action in this regard.

The resolution committee recommended its passage and adoption.

The report of the Department Commander, Col. Daniel F. Clancey, was given verbally. Due to his work, he was not permitted to do much traveling over the Department, but was quite active in the 1st Ohio Regiment (Buckeye Blues - name that they go by to designate where are from). This regiment has 130 men, 14 horses, 5 pieces of artillery, and a total of estimated \$16,000.00 valuation. The unit traveling over the State as well as the nation, has caused quite a lot of publicity for the organization, and we hope will result in a number of new applications for the Camps.

At the meeting in Mansfield last year, the item of battle flags in the State House was discussed, and to date nothing has been done, but Col. Haines is still interested in having them preserved for future display.

Recommendations made by the Department Commander, with no action taken, were:

1. Make no further donations from the Department until the treasury reaches \$1,000.00
2. New goals for the Department to strive for.
3. Re-examine the possibility of holding future Encampments in smaller towns.
4. Officers from the Regiment be associate members of the Camp in the locality of the unit.
5. First Ohio Regiment expand into a brigade.

Past Department Commander Fred Pfeister, Jr. sponsored a fund raising campaign for the Department treasury. This netted a sum of \$89.00. Thanks, Fred, for your efforts and donations.

Mrs. Ona Hess, wife of Past Department Commander A. E. Hess, presented the Department a check, amounting to \$10.00. As this was quite a surprise, a motion was made to forward this amount to the National as an A. E. Hess memorial to the National Grand Army Memorial fund.

Partial bills presented during the session were:

Badges and programs - - \$ 24.69

Three chairs for Home of the Blind - - 72.00
Special project of the Dept.

Flowers for memorial services - - - - - 14.00

Four banquet tickets - - - - - 15.40
Nat'l officers

Nat'l G.A.R. Fund - - - - - 10.00
(A.E. Hess memorial)

As W. Earl Corbin has worked untiringly during the year as well as for the Encampment, a resolution was introduced thanking him for his work and efforts to make our stay in Akron a pleasant one.

At this time of the Encampment, Commander in Chief Chester Shriver was asked for any remarks he had to offer.

During his remarks, he called our attention to the JET AGE we live in and reminded all of the difference in the way people live, from the 1800's. 98% of all Grand Army men belonged to a Post, while the soldiers of World Wars only 22% have seen fit to affiliate themselves to a Post. Can the local Camps interest the young men in joining a Camp with the program we have, or should we plan a program to build for the future?

During the Encampment Session Lester Bare of Dayton was given the short form of degree work, as he had never received the work in the local Camp. At 4:00 P.M. on Friday the Memorial services were held in the Ohio Room of the hotel. Past National President of the Auxiliary presided over the services. Each (Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Auxiliary and Ladies of the Grand Army) had services for the deceased members during the past year.

Rev. E. R. Power of the Evangelical Reform Church spoke briefly on how we may keep Memorial Day as it is intended. The speaker had just returned from the country of Israel where all are taught to protect themselves from youth to old age, but all should honor the dead by the deeds they have performed and preserve the freedom they have given us in place of fearing all and having to carry a gun at all times.

The Saturday morning session was called to order and officers' reports and resolutions accepted. All officers were thanked for the services rendered during the past year.

The only item of business to be taken care of was the nomination and election of Department officers, with the following results:

Department Commander - - - - - Wm. F. Powers, Dayton
Department Senior Vice Commander - - Howard Sprague, Mansfield
Department Junior Vice Commander - John Decker, Cleveland
Department Council - - - - - Charles Bigley, Toledo
Fred Pfeister, Jr., Cincinnati
Paul Grate, Warren (Alliance Camp)

The partial list of Appointments was made by the Department Commander Elect:

Aide - Clyde Neff
Patriotic Instructor and Chief of Staff - W. Earl Corbin
Councilor - W. Coffin
Chaplain - C. D. Mathews
Concentration Committee - W. E. Corbin

Past Commander in Chief, Wm. Coffin installed the Department officers into their offices.

On Saturday afternoon all were taken to the Summit County Society of the Blind Home where eight occasional chairs were given the home for the use of the patients living there.

W. Earl Corbin presented the above and Mr. Johnson, chairman of the home board, accepted with thanks the fine gift, as they have no community funds, but just donations from service orders interested in their work.

The annual banquet with all three orders participating was held on Friday evening in the Ball Room of the hotel, with over one hundred in attendance. The program consisted of introductions of all Department as well as National officers in attendance.

Selections were enjoyed by a unique group known as the "Elliott Grandmothers Harmonica Club".

The main address was given by U.S. Congressman Wm. H. Ayers - quite humorous as well as instructive, and stressing the following:

1. All should be proud of the young generation as they are living in quite a different age than most of those in attendance and also from the Civil War days.
2. Keep the patriotic spirit as this is the strength of the country.
3. Reminded all of the events one hundred years after the Civil War and urged all to build the next one hundred as we have in the last.
4. What are we as a nation faced with today that should change events in the days ahead.
5. The future is ours to do with as we feel important for local as well as national affairs for the growth of a strong or weak nation.

The above notes are to be considered the official minutes of this, the 80th Encampment of Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held in Akron, Ohio June 21-23, 1962.

Wm. A. Selz, Department Sec'y
R. D. Austin, Ass't Sec'y of Ohio Dept.