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Joplin Man to Open State G. A. R. Encampment Here on 103rd Birthday Anniversary and Will Be Only Delegate Present

Commander William H. Osborn will call the sixty-fourth annual encampment of the Missouri department of the Grand Army of the Republic to order here Tuesday morning on his one hundred and third birthday anniversary.

But only in spirit, and represented by their widows, daughters, sons and other relatives, will the thousands be present who have attended previous annual gatherings of the union veterans of the war between the states.

Commander Osborn will be the only G. A. R. delegate present. He will preside and his will be the only voice in the G. A. R. sessions.

Other Member Is Ill.

Only one other member of the Grand Army is known to be living in Missouri. He is William Kowazek of Hawk Point, north of St. Louis. He had been appointed honorary chairman for the encampment sessions, but ill health will prevent his attendance. Last year, three G. A. R. members met in their annual reunion, but the third member, a Negro, has since died.

Herman C. Balziger of Kansas City, appointed as secretary and treasurer to Commander Osborn, will attend. He is a son of a veteran.

Between 200 and 500 members of federated patriotic societies of the Grand Army of the Republic also will meet in annual sessions here, beginning Monday afternoon and continuing through Thursday forenoon.

Federated societies are the Women's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

A Parade Wednesday.

A parade of convention visitors and local groups will be held in the downtown section at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Lieutenant Colonel E. V. Behan, commandant of the Joplin high school R. O. T. C., will be grand marshal of the parade. The corps will participate.

All business firms are requested to display the flag in front of their places of business during the four days of the encampment.

Commander Osborn, who is in good health considering his 103 years, has been assisted in plans for the convention by members of the Woman's Relief Corps of O. P. Morton post, G. A. R. of Joplin, the Daughters of Union Veterans and American Legion members.

Perry K. Hurlbut is general chairman of convention arrangements. Mrs. Ethelyn Gray, past state commander of the Woman's Relief Corps, is executive chairman, and Cecil Montgomery is publicity chairman.

Serving on the reception committee to welcome the convention visitors are Mrs. Flo Fritts, Mrs. Rhea Tyler and Mrs. Alverda McGunnon of the Woman's Relief Corps and Mrs. Eva Manning, Mrs. Daisy Henckel and Mrs. Kittie Stites of the Daughters of Union Veterans. They will be assisted by all Joplin members of the two organizations.

Headquarters at Two Hotels.

Headquarters of the convention will be at the Connor hotel, with the exception of the Sons of Union Veterans and the auxiliary of that organization, which will have headquarters at the Keystone hotel.

General sessions of the federated groups will be held on the Connor roof, where the opening convention session will be held at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, and the federated banquet, at 6 o'clock Monday night.

A memorial service of the Woman's Relief Corps will be held at 8 o'clock Monday night at the First Community church.

Business sessions of the Ladies of the Grand Army will be held at the First Christian church and of

W. H. Osborn of Joplin, one of the two remaining members of the Grand Army of the Republic in Missouri, will convene an annual encampment of the order here May 7, his one hundred and third birthday anniversary. The other member is ill and unable to attend the convention.

the Sons of Union Veterans and auxiliary at the Elks Club.

The opening session of the G. A. R. encampment will be held on the Connor roof at 9:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, with Commander Osborn presiding. The Rev. F. Guy Brown will give the invocation.

Mayor to Extend Welcome.

Mayor L. Russell McKee will extend a welcome to the convention visitors. Officers of the federated societies will be introduced.

State officers of federated societies who will preside at sessions of their respective groups include Mrs. Julia C. Hoelscher of St. Louis, president of the Woman's Relief Corps; Mrs. Maude M. Phillips of St. Joseph, president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Mrs. Flora Angell of Joplin, president of the Daughters of Union Veterans; William B. Scharr of St. Louis, president of the Sons of Veterans, and Mrs. Mary E. Kissling of St. Louis, president of the Auxiliary of the Sons of Veterans.

Convention sessions of the various groups and places of meeting are announced as follows:

FEDERATED SOCIETIES OF G. A. R.

Monday.
2:30 p. m.—Federated patriotic societies, Connor roof.
6 p. m.—Federated banquet.
Tuesday.
General assembly of all allied orders, Connor roof.
1:30 p. m.—Business session, headquarters. Reception of visitors.
6:30 p. m.—Father's and daughter's banquet, Empire room, Connor hotel.
Wednesday.
10 a. m.—Business session.
1:30 p. m.—Business session, reception of officers.
7 p. m.—Parade.
6 p. m.—Woman's Relief Corps banquet, honoring Commander Osborn, Marie Antoinette room, Connor hotel.
8:30 p. m.—Camp fire, Connor roof; reception in honor of Commander Osborn.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

Monday.
8 p. m.—Memorial service at First Community church.
Tuesday.
9 a. m.—Council meeting, department headquarters, Connor hotel.
Tuesday.
8 a. m.—Alter breakfast, Marie Antoinette room, Connor hotel.
10:30 a. m.—Opening 64th department convention, Connor roof.
2 p. m.—Dedication of outdoor flag to Joplin Children's home.
Wednesday.
9 a. m.—Business session and election of officers.
6 p. m.—Woman's Relief Corps banquet, Marie Antoinette room.
8:30 p. m.—Camp fire, Connor roof.
9:30 p. m.—Reception honoring department Commander Osborn, followed by dance.

Thursday.
8:30 a. m.—Installation of two chairs to Freeman hospital.
9:30 a. m.—Business session and installation of officers.

LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Monday.
2 p. m. Council of administration, auditing books of department secretary and treasurer. Conductress, Connor hotel.
7:30 p. m.—Memorial service at First Christian church.
9 p. m.—Meeting of advisory council at headquarters.
Tuesday.
9:30 a. m.—Joint meeting, Connor roof.
1 p. m.—Opening session, First Christian church.
Wednesday.
9 a. m.—Business meeting at First Christian church.
1 p. m.—Business meeting at Christian church.
6 p. m.—Fellowship banquet, Empire room, Connor hotel.
8:30 p. m.—Reception on Connor roof. Reception to Commander Osborn.
Thursday.
9 a. m.—Election of officers and installation, First Christian church.

DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF CIVIL WAR.

Monday.
4 to 8 p. m.—Registration at department headquarters, Keystone hotel.
7:30 p. m.—Council meeting at department headquarters. Sessions in Empire ball room.
Tuesday.
9:30 a. m.—Joint opening.
10 a. m.—Memorial service.
10:30 a. m.—Business session.
1:30 p. m.—Business session.
2 p. m.—Nomination of officers.
6:30 p. m.—Fathers and Daughters banquet.
Wednesday.
9 a. m.—Business session.
9:30 a. m.—Greetings from allied organizations.
11 a. m.—Election of officers.
1 p. m.—Business session.
2 p. m.—Installation of officers.
6:30 p. m.—Banquet.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF CIVIL WAR.

Headquarters, Keystone hotel.
Business sessions, Elks Club.
Monday.
2:30 p. m.—Federated patriotic societies meeting, Connor roof.
6 p. m.—Federated banquet, Empire room.
Tuesday.
9:30 a. m.—General assembly, allied orders, Connor roof.
11 a. m.—Meeting of department council, headquarters.
11 a. m.—Credentials committee, headquarters.
1:30 p. m.—Opening session of convention, Elks Club.
6 p. m.—Joint banquet with auxiliary, Keystone hotel.
Wednesday.
9 a. m.—Unfinished business. Closing.
6:30 p. m.—Camp fire.

AUXILIARY OF SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF CIVIL WAR.

Headquarters, Keystone hotel. All meetings at Elks Club.
Monday.
2:30 p. m.—Federated patriotic societies.
6:30 p. m.—Federated banquet, Connor hotel.
8 p. m.—Exemplification of the ritual, Elks Club.
Tuesday.
9 a. m.—Registration, Keystone hotel, headquarters.
9:30 a. m.—Opening session.
11:30 a. m.—Flag presentation to First Christian church Sunday school classmen.
2 p. m.—Memorial service at department Patriotic Instructor Ella McGowan in charge.
3 p. m.—Business session.
4 p. m.—Sons and auxiliary's banquet, Keystone hotel.
Wednesday.
9 a. m.—Business session, all greetings and reports. Joint memorial with Sons at Elks Club.

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FINAL LUNCHEON FRIDAY OF YOUNG MATRONS' CLUB

The Young Matrons of the Y. W. C. A. will hold a covered dish luncheon Friday at 12:45 o'clock at the Clubrooms. It will be the last lun-

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