

JOPLIN GLOBE, SUNDAY, MAY 5, 1946.

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.



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 Kovacs of Hays Point, north of St. Louis.

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 opening sessions of the G. A. R. encampment will be held on the corner here at 9:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, with Commander Osborn presiding.

A parade Wednesday afternoon and local groups will be held in the downtown section of the city Tuesday afternoon. Lieutenant Colonel E. V. Behan, commandant of the Joplin high school, E. T. C. will be grand marshal of the parade.

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

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

Commander Osborn, who is in good health, considers his 103rd year, 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.

Ferry K. Hurlbut is general chairman of convention arrangements. Mrs. Etheloy Oray, post state commander of the Woman's Relief Corps, is executive chairman, and Cecil Montgomery is publicity chairman.

State officers of federated societies which will preside at sessions of their respective groups include Mrs. J. C. Riederer of St. Louis, president of the Woman's Relief Corps; Mrs. Maudie M. Phillips of St. Joseph, president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Mrs. Flora Angel of Joplin, president of the Daughters of Union Veterans; William B. Schary of St. Louis, president of the Sons of Veterans; and Mrs. Mary E. Kinsling of St. Louis, president of the Auxiliary of the Sons of Veterans.

Headquarters of the convention will be at the Cornor 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 Cornor post, where the opening session will be held at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, and the federated banquet, at 6 o'clock Monday night.

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 program meeting of the year.

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