

Boys In Blue Say Farewell Forever With Taps At Encampment

Commander Penland Weeps as Requiem Sounds Ending Era of U. S. History

By VICTOR PETERSON

The Grand Army of the Republic today is but a memory.

Last night four very old men were helped from the stage of the Indiana Ballroom. Passing into the pages of history were Robert Barrett Sr., 102, Princeton, Ky.; Joseph Clovese, 103, Pontiac, Mich.; Albert Woolson, 102, Duluth, Minn., and James A. Hard, 108, Rochester, N. Y.

Alone on the stage stood the four as the walks to pay their respects, and thunderous cheers rose which the old soldiers accepted by waving their arms.

The parade wound about the Circle and the long gray shaft of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument, built in their honor, looked down upon them. Lightning flashed and thunder rolled like drums.

As though even nature wept to see the passing of such a scene, it rained.

St. Louisian Offers Home to Truman For World Series

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 1 (UPI)—Baerent Ten Broek, a retired candy manufacturer, today offered his 18-room mansion to President Truman and his party for their stay here during the World Series.

That is, of course, if the St. Louis Cardinals win the National League pennant.

Ten Broek offered his home through his friend, Mrs. F. A. Clifford, who is the mother of Clark Clifford, counsel to the President. She is writing her son about it.

The President has already expressed the hope that he will be able to attend the series if it is played here.

Ten Broek said that he and his wife will move out of their home, in swank Westmoreland Place, to the nearby Chase Hotel during the stay of the presidential party.

These men knew it. You had the feeling they wanted the long camping session to end. Proving it only brought more pain.

In the last moments before taps, Commander Penland took each by the hand in a final hand-clasp. Then the old men sat five abreast, holding hands, forming the last link in the chain of life with each other.

But they reminisced for the thousands who jammed the hall.

Commander Penland said "I am glad to be in your presence. It will never happen again."

Comrade Hard dwelt briefly on his current hobby, collecting kisses from the ladies.

The spry Mr. Woolson recalled he was once a drummer boy and as recent as seven years ago played a tune at a convention. But I'm a bit rusty now so you will have to pardon me."

Born Into Slavery

Mr. Clovese mentioned he was born into slavery more than a century ago, and added: "I love all of you. I hope we will meet in heaven."

Distinguished-looking Mr. Barrett wiped his eyes.

"I get mighty sad when I think about the boys dead and gone," he said.

The stirring music of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" brought foot tapping by Mr. Barrett and Mr. Clovese. The aged Negro also sang the words to the piece which has meant so much to him.

Earlier the grand old men "walked" in their last parade as the year was only 65 less than they rode in convertibles over the record number of 682 Hoosiers line of march. Thousands jammed streets in 1940.

In Indianapolis—Vital Statistics

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Woman's Relief Corps, GAK, Convention—Final day, Clayton Hotel.

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Daughters of Union Veterans 5th Convention—Union Veterans Club, Auxiliary, 60th Meeting—Final day, Sept. 5.

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