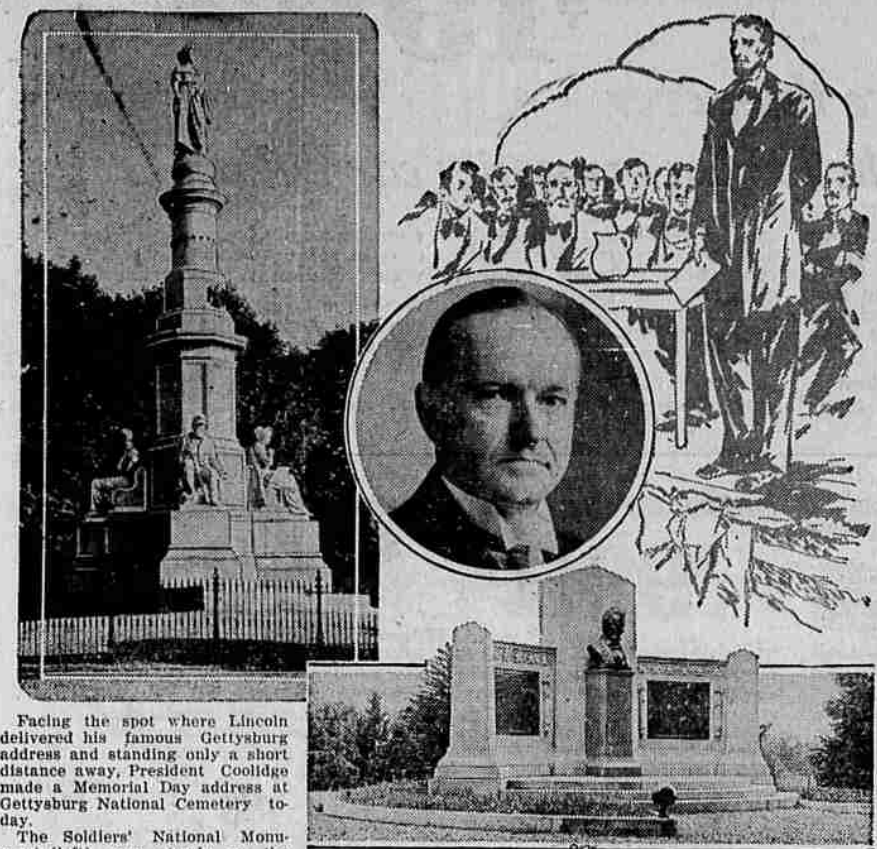


# MEMORIAL DAY

## Last Civil War Mother Tells of Son, 16, Who Marched Away in '64, Never to Return

### COOLIDGE SPEAKS AT GETTYSBURG

President Faces Spot Where Lincoln Stood When Making Immortal Dedictory Address in 1863



Facing the spot where Lincoln delivered his famous Gettysburg address and standing only a short distance away, President Coolidge made a Memorial Day address at Gettysburg National Cemetery today.

The Soldiers' National Monument (left) now stands on the spot where stood the rude wooden platform from which Lincoln delivered his immortal oration when the cemetery was dedicated on Nov. 19, 1863. A short distance behind the rostrum chosen for Coolidge's speech is the Lincoln speech memorial (below), often mistaken as designating the spot on which the martyred president stood. The inset shows President Coolidge and the artist's sketch is taken from an old picture of Lincoln delivering his address.

President Coolidge is the second president since Lincoln to speak at Gettysburg on Memorial Day, the first having been President Roosevelt, in 1904. Nearly every president since the Civil War has visited Gettysburg at one time or another during his administration. Lincoln's Gettysburg address, the first memorial speech ever delivered on the battlefield where 43,000 Union and Confederate soldiers were killed and wounded, was read by Dr. A. E. Wagner, of the Christ Lutheran church of Gettysburg. The Rev. James Henry Darrington, Episcopal bishop of Harrisburg gave the invocation, and Representative Franklin Menges, of Pennsylvania, introduced the president.

At Arlington national cemetery, patriotic organizations under the direction of Albert F. Vaughn, the new chaplain at Fort Myer, sent special representatives to lay flowers and wreaths upon the blocks of marble that mark the graves of the nation's heroes. Chaplain John T. Axton, chief chaplain of the war department, and members of his staff took part in the tributes paid there. May 30 was first declared the official Memorial day in a proclamation by Gen. John A. Logan, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., in 1868, making it the official day of observance for the Civil war veterans.

### The BIVOUAC of the DEAD



THE muffled drum's sad roll has beat  
The soldier's last tattoo;  
No more on life's parade shall meet  
That brave and fallen few.  
On Fame's eternal camping-ground  
Their silent tents are spread,  
And Glory guards with solemn round  
The bivouac of the dead.

No answer of the foe's advance  
Now swells upon the wind;  
No troubled thought at midnight haunts  
Of loved ones left behind;  
No vision of the morrow's strife  
The warrior's dream alarms;  
No braying horn nor screaming siff  
At dawn shall call to arms.

Their shivered swords are red with rust;  
Their plumed heads are bowed;  
Their haughty banner, trailed in dust,  
Is now their natural shroud;  
And piteous funeral-tears have washed  
The red stains from each brow.  
And their proud forms, in battle gashed,  
And free from anguish now.

The neighing steed, the flashing blade,  
The trumpet's stirring blast;  
The charge, the dreadful cannonade,  
The din and shout, are past;  
No war's wild note, not glory's peal,  
Shall thrill with fierce delight  
Those breasts that nevermore shall feel  
The rapture of the fight.

Rest on, embalmed and sainted dead!  
Dear as the blood you gave,  
No impious footsteps here shall tread  
The herbage of your grave;  
Nor shall your glory be forgot  
While fame her record keeps,  
Or honor points the hallowed spot  
Where valor proudly sleeps.

Yon minstrel's voiceless stone  
In deathless song shall tell,  
When many a vanquished age hath flown,  
The story how ye fell.  
Nor wreck, nor change, or winter's blight,  
Nor Time's remorseless doom,  
Shall dim one ray of holy light  
That glids your glorious tomb.

—THEODORE O'HARA.

### Mrs. Button, 98, on Pension Rolls

BY JOE LOVE  
NEA Service Writer.

WEST McHENRY, Ill., May 30.—On the front porch of a small stone house here sits Mrs. Samantha Rorer Button, 98, a kindly little woman who dreams of her "soldier boy" who marched away to war in February, 1864, and never came back.

Except for an aged negro woman in Alabama, whose son fled from slavery to enlist in the federal forces, she is the last of the Civil War mothers.

Born in Pennsylvania in 1830 she came west with her parents and settled in McHenry. At a very early age she married. Three boys were born to her before she was twenty—Clinton, Leonard and Frank. Clinton, the oldest, was the soldier. He enlisted in Company H, 13th Illinois Cavalry, in February, 1864, when he was 18.

#### Tells of Son

Mrs. Button, now wrinkled and worn, sits alone with her reminiscences.

"I have had to work hard all my life but we did have the best times," she says. "When Clinton was old enough to dance I taught him how and was his first partner. I'll have you know I was no wall-flower in those days."

Then the Civil war came and with it a call for recruits. Local companies were formed in McHenry and they drilled not far from the Rorer home.

"There was parading up and down the streets with torches and drums," she says. "Clinton was only 16 but he was big and strong and they took him in. They drilled up and down that street. She shouldered her cane to illustrate.

"They gave him a cape and they paraded and paraded and then one day they went away and I never saw him alive again," she continued. "I didn't mind it so much at first because my brother was in the same company and he promised to look out for him. And the captain and his wife were friends and used to write to me."

A few months later her son was taken down with typhoid fever and removed to a hospital. She thinks it was Camp Relief at Washington. "I wanted to go to him but I couldn't manage with the other children. And he died... my soldier boy... he died calling for his mother," she says with eyes brimming with tears.

#### Decorates His Grave

He was brought back and buried near his home. Every year Mrs.



Mrs. Samantha Rorer Button, 98, who will see to it that her son's grave is decorated today... At 16, he left her and marched away to war in 1864 and never came back alive.

Button sees that his grave is decorated.

Mrs. Button attributes her long life to hard work and exercise, three meals a day and not eating between meals. She has practically no use for doctors.

"I haven't taken five cents worth of doctor medicine in the last fifty years and I've had enough grief to kill forty women... but here I am," she says.

Mrs. Button, then Mrs. Rorer, was placed on the pension rolls in December, 1864, at \$8 a month.

The pension terminated in 1870 when she married James Button, but he died in 1899. In December, 1926, she filed for pension renewal as a dependent mother and got it.

The only other Civil war mother on the pension rolls is Samantha Farrer, of Athens, Ala., mother of Henry Farrer, a former slave, who enlisted in Company F, 110th Colored Infantry. He was captured and died in a Confederate prison. She is now past 100 but does not know her exact age.

### LOCAL NEWS

**Visitors Tuesday—**  
George Wagner and Jerry Wagner were here from Looking Glass yesterday afternoon attending to business affairs and trading.

**Spending Day at Springs—**  
Mrs. Belle Schindler and daughter, Miss Mable Schindler, drove to Yoncalla this morning and there will be met by Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hatch and family of Cottage Grove. The party will go to Rosewell springs for the day. Mrs.

Hatch is a daughter of Mrs. Schindler.

**Business Visitor—**  
Vincent Preschern, M. E. rose rancher, was a visitor in this city yesterday afternoon and was looking after business affairs.

**Robert Lahey Here—**  
Robert Lahey, brother of Miss Blanche Lahey of this city, is here from the coast visiting for a day or so.

**Visitor Tuesday—**  
Mrs. E. T. Cyrus of Brookway was here yesterday for several hours visiting and attending to business affairs.

**Chevrolet coach, 1926 model, for sale by the Hansen Chevrolet Company. This is one of those fine small family cars you always liked. Don't fail to see it.**

**Visiting in Linn County—**  
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rose left this morning by auto to spend Memorial Day visiting with relatives and friends in Albany, Lebanon, and other Linn county points.

**Gone to Portland For Week—**  
Mrs. Lena S. McElhinny went to Portland yesterday afternoon and will spend the remainder of the week visiting with friends in the metropolis.

**Myrtle Creek Folk Visited—**  
Mr. and Mrs. Ray W. Reynolds and daughter, Sara Lee, were visitors here from Myrtle Creek yesterday. Mr. Reynolds is a druggist of that city.

**Spending Memorial Day at Coast—**  
Miss Mary Crouch and Miss Ruth Jennings of this city, and Chas. Force of Riddle drove to Marshfield this morning to spend the day with friends.

**Visiting in Eugene—**  
Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Endicott of the Elite Barber and Beauty Shop, drove to Eugene yesterday afternoon. They are spending Memorial Day there and in Springfield, where Mrs. Endicott's mother resides and will return here in the morning.

**Spending Day in City—**  
Mrs. S. Johnson and niece, Miss Verna Nelson, arrived here yesterday afternoon from Portland, and are spending Memorial Day here with George Johnson, Mrs. Johnson's father-in-law, at the Soldiers' Home.

**No Rain in Garden Valley—**  
H. A. Calhoun, Garden Valley orchardist, who was a business visitor in this city Tuesday afternoon, expressed surprise to friends here on finding it raining in Roseburg, there being no sign of rain at his home who he left. He encountered rain, he stated, just after he left Brown's Bridge.

**Here From Eugene—**  
Arthur Davis is here today from Eugene, where he is working for the Shell company. He is visiting at the home of his parents on South Pine street.

**Gone to Eugene—**  
Arthur Davis drove here last evening from Eugene. His mother, Mrs. W. H. Davis, accompanied him to that city this morning and will spend the day there visiting with friends.

**Graduate School Oratory—**  
Mrs. Mary Gervais has returned from Eugene where she was a member of the graduating class of the Eugene Bible University. She received her degree as Bachelor of Oratory.

**Oakland Woman Visiting—**  
Mrs. Fred Clark, a former resident of this city but now making her home in Oakland, California, is here visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Ingersoll, a resident of West Roseburg. Mr. and Mrs. Clark and their two daughters made their home here for a number of years, later moving to Portland and then going south. Mr. Clark, employed by the Southern Pacific company while here, is still with the company and is in the general offices in Oakland.

**Coming For Program—**  
Mrs. Ella Day, sister of F. E. Alley of this city, and her daughter, Mrs. Gladys Collins will be here from Eugene Friday and will attend the commencement exercises of the graduating class of senior high school that evening. Mrs. Day was for years a teacher in the high school here before moving to Eugene where she was an instructor for some time. Mrs. Collins was an instructor in the high school in this city previous to this year and for two years was class advisor to the group which graduates this June.

**J. B. Hopkins has returned to Roseburg from the Umpqua Hot Springs, where he spent three weeks, and is much improved in health, he reports. Mr. Hopkins went to the springs via Glide and Steamboat, walking seven miles from the Fish Creek Desert to the springs, which are located two miles above Medal Mountain Ranger station. There are four distinct mineral in the springs and the district surrounding them is one of the most beautiful in the country. Mr. Hopkins states that there are many deer there now and that there are several trails that the deer follow near the springs.**

### TRAVELERS' ASSURANCE

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with

Jeanne Eagels

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