

LISLE FIRST TO PREACH SERMON MEMORIAL DAY

The fact that a minister now living in Salem, and a member of the local post of the G. A. R., has the distinction of having been the first preacher in the United States to hold special Sabbath services in honor of Memorial day, became known yesterday.

Old Veterans Recall Early Memorial Day Observances in East

Reminiscences of a number of members of the Grand Army of the Republic, inspired by today's observance of Memorial day, which occurs a fraction more than 60 years after the close of America's greatest war, has brought out the history of Memorial day, which was originally instituted by the G. A. R. itself, and since its first inception has been fostered and developed by the members of that organization.

At that time he was pastor of a church at Dallas Center, Iowa. "Of course, it's possible that somebody somewhere else thought of it at about the same time," says Rev. Mr. Lisle, "but I hardly think so." Being a G. A. R. man and a minister he would have heard about it if any other pastor had held a service of the kind, he believes.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

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All the following consisting of 2 Horses, 10 Milch Cows, Farm Machinery, high grade Waltham Piano, many other articles.

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COL. W. F. WRIGHT, Auctioneer. AUGUST SCHEMAN, Owner

Advertisement for 'The River Boat' and 'The Devil's Cargo' featuring Wallace Beery and Charles E. Whittaker. Includes a small illustration of a boat.

Advertisement for 'An Important Event in the Theater!!' featuring 'Romeo and Juliet' by Jane Cowl. Includes a portrait of Jane Cowl and text about the production.

Large advertisement for 'The Spaniard' movie at the Grand Theatre, featuring Ricardo Cortez, Jetta Goudal, and Noah Beery. Includes a large illustration of a man in a hat.

Another veteran of the forces that withstood Pickett's charge, marched to the sea, and generally made history during the four years of the war, sat in a chair before his stove yesterday, with one slippered foot crossed over a knee, thoughtfully stroked a white beard and recalled how the G. A. R. first came into existence.

"I didn't spring up over night," he said. "It just gradually grew. General Logan started it, and the idea soon spread all over the country."

The formal organization of the first post of the Grand Army of the Republic was at Decatur, Illinois, on April 6, 1865. General John A. Logan led in the work, which soon attracted attention by a number of the ex-soldiers.

A national encampment was held at Indianapolis, Indiana, on November 29, 1866. Veterans now living in Salem are generally agreed that at the start only a fraction of the soldiers eligible for membership took an active interest in the organization, although geographically speaking the movement soon spread all over the north.

"A lot of us didn't care anything about it at that time," says one present member of the G. A. R. "The war was over and we just went to work and forgot all about it."

Instead of really forgetting it, however, the great majority of the ex-service men of that day were enrolled within the ranks of the organization before the organization was 10 years old. Today there is hardly a member of the northern forces still living who does not belong to the G. A. R.

"It's indeed," says a veteran, recalling the early days, "was to keep in memory the association of the members with each other during the war, and to show to the general public the real meaning of the work done by the volunteer army of the United States."

Memorial day was originated by the G. A. R. and at that start was participated in by almost nobody except members of that organization, the veterans declare. Through

their efforts the day gradually began to assume a greater and greater significance. Within a few years after the beginning of their efforts the annual day had become recognized to such an extent that it was declared a legal holiday by federal enactment. From that date on the public as a whole took part in the exercises. Public schools were opened and members of the G. A. R. asked to speak to the pupils on patriotic subjects each time Memorial day came around.

Not only on the annual holiday, but throughout the year the efforts of the G. A. R. bore fruit. The general public attitude became more and more patriotic. School children were taught patriotism. A United States flag in every school yard and at every public place became the custom.

The Salem post of the Grand Army had a membership of 71 at the beginning of the year 1925. Six have passed away since that time, leaving a total of 65 belonging to the post.

"Yes, quite a few more are on the verge of passing over," one member of the post has said. "There are only about a dozen or so active ones left, but we'd really rather not have people talk about it. Every generation has to pass in time, and its place will be taken by the younger ones."

"This year the American Legion and the other younger organizations, have attended to almost all the Memorial day details. It's better to have it that way. We want them to take it over and carry it on their own."

The local G. A. R. post meets on the first and third Saturday of each month at the Salem armory. There is an average attendance of some 22 veterans.

"The Sons of Veterans and Daughters of Veterans are doing a great work," a member of the post declared. "Only last Saturday they furnished autos for all the widows of G. A. R. men who had died and took them out to dinner. Some of the Sons of Veterans always act as pall bearers whenever there is a funeral of a Grand Army man. You don't have to ask them, or anything—they always come. I'm afraid maybe they over-see us, too, and over-protect us."

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