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June 1, 1954

The 62nd Annual Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic met at the Nicollet Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota. We convened at 2:00 p.m.

The first order of business was the seating of the Department President and her staff. Each of the staff members was given a beautiful corsage. The next was the Memorial Service for our departed sisters.

There were approximately 37 honored. Of Biddle Circle, there were two, Sister Hattie Hall and Sister Willie Black. Each circle recited a special verse written by the Department Chaplain and carnations were placed in a vase honoring each departed sister. Two carnations were placed for our departed sisters. The Department President gave a report of her work during the year. She especially mentioned attending the funerals of our departed sisters, and she also attended the Flag Presentation which our circle had on May 26th at the Hallie Q. Brown Community House.

Several other reports were given by the secretary, treasurer and the Superintendent of the Anoka Home.

The Reception for the Department President and her staff was held at 8:00 p.m. Our circle was well represented by me and my daughter who offered her services when the scheduled pianist could not attend. The other allied orders such as the Womens Relief Corps, Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled and Spanish American War Veterans.

Wednesday morning was the election of officers. Mrs. _____ was made Department President. Other officers were.

In the afternoon I gave a verbal report of Patriotic work. It was adjourned for luncheon. We finished up the election of officers.

My expenses were 2.00 for President's gift
 1.95 for luncheon
 .25
 4.20

Respectfully,

Lola Edwards

June 1, 1934

Evaluating

The 82nd Annual Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic was held at the Hotel Astor, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on June 1, 1934. The first order of business was the reading of the report of the President and her staff. One of the staff members was given a beautiful corsage. The next was the national service for our country. There were approximately 100 members. Of this group, there were two, Sister Mattie Hill and Mrs. Alice Black. Each circle received a special verse written by the Government. Campaign and resolutions were placed in a vase honoring each veteran soldier. Two resolutions were placed for our departed sisters. The Government President gave a report of her work during the year. She especially mentioned attending the funeral of our departed sisters, and she also attended the National Convention which was held at the Hotel Astor.

Mattie O. Brown, Community House.

Several other reports were given by the secretary, treasurer and the members of the Home.

The reception for the Government President and her staff was held at 8:00 p.m. Our circle was well represented by me and my daughter who offered our services when the scheduled officers could not attend. The other allied orders such as the Woman's Relief Corps, Sons and Daughters of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, United and Spanish American War Veterans.

Extensive singing was the election of officers. Mrs. Mattie Hill was elected President. Other officers were. In the afternoon I gave a verbal report of Patriotic Day. It was adjourned. The luncheon. We finished up the election of officers.

My expenses were \$1.00 for President's gift
\$.50 for luncheon

2.50

Receipts

John F. Johnson