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MEMORIAL EXERCISES IN WESTERLY

Day and Evening Devoted to Honoring Heroic Dead—Automobile and Motorcycle Side Car Collide—Lewis E. Moon, Driver of Latter, Badly Hurt—Stonington H. S. Defeats Westerly 3 to 2.

On each recurring Memorial Day in Westerly, the thinning ranks of the men who risked their lives for country's sake, becomes more noticeable, and as years go on there is rapid increase in the neurological list, indicating that in the not far future there will be a passing of Westerly's last Civil War veteran. It does not seem to be so many years ago when the members of Budlong and Hancock post, Grand Army of the Republic, turned out on Memorial Day with full ranks and the veterans keeping step to the martial music of the band. Now less than thirty veterans report for parade, and but few of these are able to march even the first lap of the parade, to St. Mary's cemetery, the majority riding in automobiles. The few who marched on Tuesday, could not keep up with the rest of the procession. They were a vision in themselves and they were viewed with intense respect by the assembled people, who are enjoying the privileges that were perpetuated by the valor and gallantry of those now old Civil War veterans.

The procession formed at 1:30 near the junction of Grove avenue and Granite street, right resting near Elm street. The march was through Broad street, and halt was made at the Pawtucket river bridge, where exercises were conducted by Budlong and Hancock Women's Relief Corps in memory of the sailors who died for country and were buried at sea. The march was then continued through West Broad and Liberty streets to St. Michael's cemetery. The line then counter-marched and proceeded to Dix-on square and thence to River Bend. The procession was in this order: Marshal, Col. Charles H. Ledyard; aids, Col. Everett E. Whipple and Major Arthur N. Nash; Westerly band; Charles O. Gavitt, leader; Fifth Co., A. C. E. I. 2d R. I. Cav.; R. M. Freestone; Budlong Post, No. 18, G. A. R.; Commander Amos P. Chapman; Hancock Post, No. 81, G. A. R.; Commander Joseph Smith; Robert Bricker; Camp, No. 6, S. W. V.; Commander Daniel S. Harrington; Westerly Troop, R. I. Boy Scouts; Scout Master Charles Fowler; orator, clergy and invited guests in caissons.

The exercises at River Bend were as follows: Music, Nearer, My God, to Thee; Westerly band; G. A. R. Memorial Day Service; Budlong Post; music, America; Westerly band; benediction, Rev. Fred A. MacDonald; taps; bugles.

In the evening there was a large assemblage at the memorial services in the town hall. Past Commander Stephen A. Congdon, presiding, when the following program was rendered: Assembly, bugle, Boy Scout bugler; Scripture reading, Rev. E. J. Curry; prayer, Rev. F. Stewart; music, Low in the Ground They're Resting; Collin Coe, quartet; recitation, Lincoln's Address at Gettysburg; Raymond Blake, music; Rest, Soldier; Rest, C. A. White, quartet; necrology, Stephen A. Congdon; music, Rest, Peacefully, Rest, Adam Geibel; oration, Rev. C. M. Gallup, D. D.; Providence; music, America (audience requested to join in singing); taps, bugle, Boy Scout bugler; benediction, Rev. A. Jones; Accommendation, Mrs. John B. Eaton. Musical services under direction of William H. Browning.

Following is a complete list of the heroic dead whose graves were marked with flags and flowers:

- River Bend Cemetery. Allen, James A., Co. D., 26th Conn. Vols.; Austin, George P., Co. I, 1st R. I. D. M.; Babcock, Benj. F., Co. H, 14th R. I. Vols.; Babcock, James, Co. A, 1st R. I. Cav.; Babcock, James, Co. I, 1st Reg. R. I. D. M.; Babcock, Fardon L., Co. B, 9th R. I. Vols.; Bacon, George T., 20th Maine Vols.; Bailey, Geo. C., 89th N. Y. Vols.; Bailey, William H., Battery E, 1st R. I. L. A.; Barber, C. D., U. S. Navy; Barber, Erasmus W., Co. I, 1st R. I. Vols.; Barber, John W., Co. B, 9th R. I. Vols.; Barber, Thomas K., U. S. Signal Corps; Barnes, Francis J., Co. J, 1st Mass. Cav.; Barney, George, Co. G, 8th Conn. Vols.; Bedford, Joseph, U. S. Navy; Bentley, George M., Co. C, 16th Wis. Vols.; Billings, Edward E., U. S. Navy; Bisby, E. O., Co. A, 19 Mich. Inf.; Bliven, J. Henry, Troop C, 1st Conn. Cav.; Bliven, Samuel, Co. D, 1st R. I. Vols.; Brightman, Ernest T.; Brown, Charles A., Co. C, 83d Pa. Vols.; Brown, J. Albert, Co. E, 85th N. Y. Vols.; Brown, Thomas H., Co. C, 20th Ct. Vols.; Bryan, David, Co. G, 8th Conn. Vols.; Budlong, Stillman H., Bat. B, 1st R. I. L. A.; Burdick, Edward H., Co. B, 9th R. I. Vols.; Burdick, Isaac F., Troop A, 1st R. I. Cav.; Burdick, John P., U. S. Navy; Burdick, Welcome C., Co. G, 7th R. I. Vols.; Card, Henry C., Co. J, 1st Reg. R. I. D. M.; Carmichael, D. W., 9th R. I. Vols.; Champlin, Nathan, Bat. G, 1st R. I. L. A.; Champlin, Stephen C., Co. G, 12th R. I. Vols.; Chapman, Daniel L., Battery G, 1st R. I. L. A.; Chapman, Thomas N., Battery G, 1st R. I. L. A.; Chapman, William H., Co. I, 1st R. I. D. M.; Chesbro, James F., Co. D, 9th Conn. Vols.; Chester, Albert L., Co. A, 12th R. I. Vols.; Chester, Daniel C., U. S. Navy; Clark, Edward W., Co. A, 12th R. I. Vols.; Clark, Franklin, Co. B, 12th R. I. Vols.; Cole, Edmund L., 21st N. Y. Cavalry; Collins, Cranston, Co. D, 21st Conn. Vols.; Conway, Robert S., Co. E, 28th N. Y. Vols.; Corey, Benj. F.; Corey, Edgar H., Co. F, 79th N. Y. Vols.; Cottrell, Edwin R., Co. B, James, Daniel L., Battery G, 1st R. I. L. A.; Co. H, 26th Conn. Vols.; Crandall, John C., Co. I, 1st R. I. D. M.; Crandall, John P., Co. B, 2d R. I. Vols.; Crandall, Judson L., Co. G, 114th N. Y. Vols.; Crumb, Frank H., Co. G, 8th Conn. Vols.; Davis, Frank H., Co. E, 21st Conn. Vols.; Davis, Nathan P., Co. E, 12th Conn. Vols.; Davis, William N., Battery F, 1st R. I. L. A.; Delevan, John, Bat. B, 1st R. I. L. A.; Denison, Albert B., Co. I, 1st R. I. D. M.; Eccleston, Charles E., Co. I, 1st R. I. D. M.; Edgred, Chas. H., Co. B, 9th R. I. Vols.; Edwards, Stanley W., Co. K, 25th Mass. Vols.; Eeger, Jenn, Co. H, 2d New Jersey Vols.; Fitzgerald, George, Co. K, 12th Conn. Vols.; Foster, Geo. W., Co. G, 8th Conn. Vols.; Frink, Henry A., Col. 18th Penn. Vols.; Frye, John P., Co. I, 14th R. I. Vols.; Gavitt, Charles H., Co. B, 9th R. I. Vols.; Gavitt, Horace P., Co. B, 9th R. I. Vols.; Gavitt, Warren, Co. H, 7th R. I. Vols.; Green, Albert D., Battery M, 3d R. I. H. A.; Hazard, Ehl, (colored) U. S. Navy; Hillard, Paul H., Co. G, 21st Conn. Vols.; Hodgson, John H., Co. K, 2d R. I. Vols.; Holberton, John E., Co. H, 26th Conn. Vols.; Holdredge, James E., Co. G, 8th Conn. Vols.; Holland, George A., Co. G, 7th R. I. Vols.; Horton, Henry, Co. B, 2d New Jersey Vols.; Hoxie, Jeremiah G., Co. D, 26th Conn. Vols.; Hoxie, John, Troop G, 1st Reg. R. I. Cavalry; Hull, James S., Co. H, 7th R. I. Vols.; Jencks, John P., Co. H, 26th Conn. Vols.; Jones, Edwin, Co. E, 21st Conn. Vols.; Jones, Kenneth, Co. E, 26th Penn. Vols.; Kenneth, David R., Co. F, 10th R. I. Vols.; Kenyon, Joseph C., Co. G, 5th R. I. H. A.; Kenyon, Ransom, 2d Lt., Co. H, 18th C. V.; Kistner, H. H., U. S. Navy; Kinney, Daniel S., U. S. Navy; Knight, Dwight P., Co. E, 26th Conn. Vols.; Knowles, Edwin H., Co. B, 1st R. I. Cav.; Lamphere, Asa, Co. M, 13d R. I. Cav.; Lanphear, Reuben S., Co. I, R. I. D. M.; Larkin, Asael G., Co. G, 12th R. I. Vols.; Law, Augustus A., U. S. Navy; Leonard, Charles P., Co. A, 12th R. I. Vols.; Lewis, Edwin A., Co. G, 21st Conn. Vols.; Main, John, Co. G, 8th Conn. Vols.; Marden, George, 10th N. H. Vols.; Martin, George A., Troop A, 1st R. I. Cav.; Maxson, William Edgar, Co. K, 23d N. Y. Vols.; McAvoy, John, Co. E, 9th R. I. Vols.; McCulloch, John, U. S. Navy; McDonald, James, Co. B, 9th R. I. Vols.; McFarland, Alexander, 5th U. S. Artillery; McKenzie, Andrew, Sgt., Co. A, 2d N. H. Vols.; McLaughlin, George A., Co. B, 9th R. I. Vols.; Mitchell, Robert, Co. F, 21st Conn. Vols.; Munroe, John H. G., Co. C, 1st Mass. Vols.; Moss, Nathan P., 11th Mass. Vols.; Nichols, Charles H., Co. I, 1st R. I. D. M.; Nile, Charles W., (colored), U. S. Navy; Owens, Andrew, Co. I, 1st Reg., R. I. Cavalry; Peckham, Peleg E., 8th Conn. Vols.; Pendleton, James M., Co. K, 12th R. I. Vols.; Pennington, John, Co. A, 12th R. I. Vols.; Perigo, James H., Co. I, 1st R. I. D. M.; Phillips, Leander S., Co. F, 85th N. Y. Vols.; Place, Thomas M., Co. B, 9th R. I. Vols.; Poland, John S., Brig. Gen., U. S. Army; Pries, Walter, Co. G, 8th Conn. Vols.; Quinn, Edward W., Co. G, 8th Conn. Vols.; Randall, George W., Co. A, 3d R. I. L. A.; Rathbone, Allen G., Co. H, 26th Conn. Vols.; Rice, Frank G., Co. L, 9th R. I. Vols.; Richmond, Lorenzo D.; Roche, Gilbert S., Co. B, 9th R. I. Vols.; Roche, James D., Co. K, 12th Conn. Vols.; Rogers, Lester C., Chaplain 29th N. J. Vols.; Saunders, Charles H., Troop A, 1st R. I. Cav.; Scott, John, Co. H, 12th Conn. Vols.; Sheffield, Elnathan S., Co. H, 26th Conn. Vols.; Sheffield, Thomas, 8th Conn. Vols.; Sisson, Alexander E., Battery G, 1st R. I. Vols.; Sisson, Charles E., Co. G, 1st R. I. H. A.; Sisson, Dudley F., Battery A, 3d R. I. H. A.; Sisson, James A., Co. B, 9th R. I. Vols.; Sisson, William H., Co. D, 1st Conn. H. A.; Sloan, Francis D., Co. G, 8th Conn. Vols.; Stocum, Charles E., Co. A, 4th R. I. Vols.; St. John, Joseph H., Co. L, 3d R. I. H. A.; Smith, Nathan, Co. G, 10th Me. Vols.; Stannard, Ell P.; Stanton, Court, G., Co. G, 21st Conn. Vols.; Stearns, George W., Co. K, 12th Conn. Vols.; Steadman, Henry H., Co. C, 10th R. I. Vols.; Still, Sylvester, Co. E, 2d Regt., N. Y. Vols.; Stillwell, Allen G., Co. H, 26th Conn. Vols.; Sullivan, John, Co. C, 10th Conn. Vol. Inf.; Sunderland, David, Co. I, 1st R. I. D. M.; Surber, John, Co. B, 9th R. I. Inf.; Sweet, Morton, Co. C, 42d Reg. Ill. Vols.; Taber, Edward S., Co. A, 7th R. I. Vols.; Tanner, John H., Co. G, 2d R. I. H. A.; Taylor, C. W., Co. H, 26th Conn. Vols.; Taylor, Francis, Co. B, 9th R. I. Vols.; Taylor, Peter, Co. G, 3d R. I. H. A.; Tefft, J. Avery, Co. I, 1st R. I. D. M.; Thomas, George A., Co. I, 7th R. I. Vols.; Thomas, John, Co. I, 2d R. I. Vols.; Tucker, Newman, P. U. S. Navy; Underwood, Wm. J., Co. G, 7th Regt. Conn. Vols.; Utter, John, Co. H, 1st Surg. Vol. Cav.; Valentine, James A., Co. A, 3d R. I. H. A.; Vincent, Joseph W., Troop A, 1st R. I. Cav.; Weed, Amos C., 1st R. I. Vols.; Welch, Francis S., Co. E, 1st R. I. Cav.; Whalley, John P., Co. E, 2d R. I. Vols.; Wilbur, William H., Surgeon 1st R. I. Cav.; Wilcox, Isaac F., Co. H, 26th Conn. Vols.; Wisning, Herman, J., U. S. Navy; York, Francis, Troop A, 7th Squad, R. I. Cav.; York, Isaac F., Troop A, 1st R. I. Cav.; York, Nathan, Co. F, 26th Conn. Vols.; York, William.

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For the first time the Civil War veterans paraded on Memorial Day with no man among them with sufficient strength to carry the colors that they risked their lives to save. The flag was carried by Ebeby Nicholas, a Spanish war veteran. The parade was given a collation by Budlong and Hancock Relief corps in Hillside hall. Mrs. Jennie B. Phillips, wife of Conductor W. A. Phillips of the Shore Line division of the New Haven railroad, is spending the holiday with her mother, Mrs. Frank B. Crumb of 100 West Broad street. For the first time the Civil War veterans paraded on Memorial Day with no man among them with sufficient strength to carry the colors that they risked their lives to save. The flag was carried by Ebeby Nicholas, a Spanish war veteran.

The Elks' home in Providence was decorated on Monday night. E. Mark Sullivan of Boston, secretary of the grand exalted ruler, delivering the dedicatory address. The ceremony of dedication was by Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson. District Deputy Exalted Ruler Martin H. Spellman of Westerly acted as escort, and all other positions were filled by past district deputies. Besides Mr. Spellman, Westerly lodge was represented by Amos J. Dawley and Owen J. Doady.

The Italian societies of Westerly paraded Tuesday afternoon, headed by Tessauro's concert band. When in front of the societies' rooms in the Welch building the band rendered the Star Spangled Banner with god effect. The line was formed immediately thereafter and marched through the Italian cemetery, then to St. Michael's and St. Sebastian's cemeteries, where flowers were placed on the graves of deceased members, and also on the graves of relatives of members. The societies made a creditable appearance and the music by this new band was a revelation to Westerly people.

An unusually large crowd, including practically all of the student bodies of both schools, witnessed the game of basketball on the Vose grounds Tuesday morning between the teams representing the Westerly and the Stonington High schools. It was a closely played game, resulting in a victory for Stonington, 5 to 2. It was arranged before the game that on account of the death of the mother of Pitcher Lowry of the Westerly team that there be no demonstration on the day of the game. There was strict compliance to the agreement on the part of Stonington.

The parade of the fire department next Saturday afternoon will attract many to Westerly. Before the parade was photographed in front of the Memorial building. The police force was busied in directing traffic in Dixon square Tuesday afternoon, clearing the way for the two processions. James A. Barber, Westerly's medal of honor man, was the pride of his comrades and fellow townsmen in Tuesday's parade. After the return from the cemeteries the Civil War veterans and their com-

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