



# THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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## CIVIL WAR TOUR OF CHICAGO, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

### LADIES DAY

184th REGULAR MEETING  
Sunday, October 18, 1959



Leonard Wells Volk,  
at Rosehill



Volk Bust of Douglas  
at Monument

- Photos by Michael S. Lerner

Ladies' Day, Sunday, October 18, 1959, will feature a "Civil War Tour of Chicago". It will be a novel experience for many members to become acquainted with the links of our city to the Civil War. It will be a "fun tour" for amateurs and experts. Bring along items you wish to show, be ready if you have a piece to say, and your questions will be welcomed.

Buses with temperature control and speaker systems will be used. Dr. Otto Eisenschiml, Michael S. Lerner, and Marshall W. Rissman will be aboard to discuss historical sites and subjects pertaining to the war and Abraham Lincoln as the buses go along. The routing will pass the Grant, Sheridan and Logan statues if time permits.

The tour assembles at 10:30 a.m. at the Lincoln Inn, 30 North LaSalle street. The new restaurant will be specially opened for our visit.

Buses will leave at noon for the Chicago Historical Society at Clark street and North avenue. Director Paul M. Angle will be our host and will speak informally. He will point out Civil War items in the society building and tell of Chicago's part in the war. There will be time to walk the short distance to the St. Gaudens statue of Lincoln, one of the magnificent pieces of Lincoln sculpture.

The next stop will be about 2 p.m. at Rosehill cemetery, Rosehill and Ravenswood avenues. Elmer A. Hennig, superintendent and president of Rosehill will be our host. There will be visits to the Leonard Wells Volk and "Long John" Wentworth memorials, the memorials to the Edwin T. Bridges and Ezra Taylor batteries, the burial ground of Gen. Thomas E. G. Ransom, and the graves of some of the many Union troops buried in the cemetery.

Mike Lerner will speak on Volk, the famed sculptor who made the invaluable life masks of Lincoln and Douglas, and who designed Chicago's first great memorial, the Stephen A. Douglas tomb. Of Wentworth, 6 feet 6 and 300 pounds, Lerner notes that when "Long John" was running for mayor in 1860, he made the "shortest and most terrifying stump speech ever heard in Illinois: "You damn fools - you can either vote for me for mayor or you can go to hell."

- 10:30 a.m. - Meet at Lincoln Inn, 30 North LaSalle street for "brunch".
- Noon - "Civil War in Chicago" bus tour begins.
- 12:30 p.m. - Chicago Historical Society, Director Paul M. Angle host.
- 2:00 p.m. - Rosehill cemetery, Supt. Elmer A. Hennig, host.
- 2:30 p.m. - The Chicago Lincoln, statue at Lincoln, Lawrence, and Western avenues.
- 3:00 p.m. - Stephen A. Douglas tomb and Memorial, 35th street and Illinois Central tracks; Herman Williams custodian.
- 3:45 p.m. - Oak Woods cemetery, 1035 East 67th street, President George Oberg, Supt. Walter Belew; Speaker: Police Commissioner Timothy J. O'Connor.
- 5:00 p.m. - Abraham Lincoln Book Shop, 18 East Chestnut street, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

(Make your own arrangements for dinner).

Make reservations early, \$7.50 per person, checks to Civil War Round Table, 18 East Chestnut street. Committee: Arnold Alexander and Michael S. Lerner, co-chairmen; H. George Donovan, Joseph L. Eisendrath, Jr., Frank Kinst. Speakers on buses and at historic sites: Dr. Otto Eisenschiml, Michael S. Lerner, Marshall Rissman.

This is the 100th anniversary year of Rosehill. It contains notable tombs and many famous graves, some of them of persons who were moved from North avenue in the creation of Lincoln Park. The Wentworth monument is a mammoth affair and the account of its construction is a fascinating story in itself.

Leaving Rosehill, the tour will stop long enough for a look at "The Chicago Lincoln" statue by Avard Fairbanks in Lincoln Square at Lincoln, Lawrence, and Western avenues.

The tour will arrive at 3 p.m. at the Douglas tomb and memorial at 35th street and the Illinois Central tracks. Herman Williams, custodian, will be our host. Marshall Rissman will speak on Camp Douglas, the prison for Confederates during the war.

The next stop is at Oak Woods cemetery, 1035 East 67th street, President George Oberg and Superintendent Walter Belew. The cemetery is the site of the Confederate monument dedicated May 30, 1895, and of the graves of 4,200 to 6,000 Confederate dead, most of them from Camp Douglas. There is a statue of "Lincoln the Orator" by Charles Mulligan.

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## TOUR (Continued from Page 1)

Chicago Police Commissioner Timothy J. O'Connor, who is one of the city's outstanding students on Camp Douglas and the Confederate prison camps, will join our group at the Chicago Historical society, participate in the discussions along the way, and will speak at Oak Woods cemetery.

The tour will end at the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop, 18 East Chestnut street, for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Mike Lerner will have his tin-type camera to take pictures of individuals with a Lincoln bust at background. Tour members will make their own arrangements for dinner.

For convenience, persons on the tour may find it best to park their cars in the morning in and near Chestnut street. The parking meters are not in force on Sunday. There is a public parking garage near by at Delaware and Rush streets. Use a cab or CTA bus to the Lincoln Inn. Then the tour winds up near your parked car. The tour will have a police escort throughout the afternoon.

It is important to send in your reservations and checks early so the committee can make adequate arrangements. Ladies, be comfortable, wear casual clothes and low heels. Bring your cameras.

*from the  
Editor's pen*



The 20th year of The Civil War Round Table had an auspicious start. Attendance at September 11 meeting to hear Dr. Allan Nevins was over the 100 mark. President Jerry Slechta noted the presence of a number of founders, past presidents, and members of more than 15 years standing and introduced them.

Dr. Nevins devoted his talk mainly to the wave of disloyalty in Illinois and Indiana in 1862 and 1863. Governors Richard Yates of Illinois and Oliver P. Morton of Indiana had to use semi-dictatorial methods. There was discouragement over the military campaigns of Grant and Sherman and John A. McClernand. There was discontent over casualties, the tariff, the advantages of the east over western farmers and the money situation. The Emancipation Proclamation was not popular.

But Dr. Nevins expressed the view that the disloyal element was not successful because the overwhelming mass of citizens were loyal, though they did grumble. There was no real leader of the Copperhead movement and the disloyalists were unable to communicate and organize. The Democratic party after the death of Stephen A. Douglas had no leader. In the spring of 1863 a reaction set in - loyal citizens began to hold rallies. The disloyal element began to die out and was dead after Vicksburg was taken.



## PROPOSES: NATURALIZE YANKEES

In 1859 the New Orleans Gazette proposed a naturalization law for Yankee immigrants. The Gazette said:

"We do not know why men, hostile toward us by nature, should be allowed to come among us and wield to our injury as much influence as they can. We think that all northerners should serve a lengthy naturalization term before they are allowed to vote in a southern state. This would give them time to be cured of the hot prejudice that many bring with them, and it would clip the wings of the designing. Twenty-one years would not be too long a term to serve for the right of voting on questions in which our vital interests are concerned."

## BUST OF STONEWALL JACKSON

A bust of "Stonewall Jackson", by Sculptor Bryant Baker, was unveiled in West Virginia capitol at Charleston on Sept. 13. It was given by the state division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Dedication speaker was Maj. Gen. William H. Milton, Jr., superintendent of Virginia Military Institute. Two grandnieces of Jackson, Mrs. Beatrice Giffin of Topeka, Kansas, and Miss Isobelle Arnold of Deland, Florida, pulled the cord to unveil the bust.

Minnesota, Connecticut and New Mexico have been added to the number of states with centennial commissions in operation. There are now 35. Minnesota includes the Sioux Uprising in its title.

Massachusetts has set up its centennial commission in a room of the state house in Boston. The room is designated by legislative decree as a permanent memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic.



# CIVIL WAR FACT BOOK

The Civil War Centennial commission has prepared a pocket size booklet, "Facts About the Civil War". It tells comparative strength and losses, arms, ammunition, leaders and battles of the war. It lists a number of "firsts", such as balloon scouting, naval mines, the telegraph, and railways.

The commission printed 10,000 booklets to be distributed to libraries, members of congress, organizations of Civil War fans, and centennial workers. The booklet also will be made available at cost to business concerns which wish to aid in the distribution.

Karl S. Betts, executive director of the commission, said, "It has been prepared with one thought in mind - to get a condensed, over-all story of the war into the hands of all Americans of all ages."

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## CENTENNIAL IN MISSOURI

Carthage, Mo., centennial commemoration program will feature the erection of memorials, one to the Union and one to the Confederacy. Statues of Gov. Claiborne Fox Jackson, a champion of the Confederacy, and Maj. Gen. Franz Sigel, famed Union commander, will symbolize the officers and men who fought and sacrificed during the Civil War. Jackson and Sigel were leaders in the battle of Carthage, July 5, 1861, figuring in the struggle for Missouri. The Jackson and Sigel statues will be by Carl Moses, St. Louis sculptor. Sigel was from St. Louis. Jackson was from Howard county, was speaker of the Missouri house, member of the Missouri senate, and governor.

Missouri citizens have been urged to make available books, manuscripts, miscellaneous printed matter, memorabilia, relics, and other Civil War materials to the Civil War Centennial Commission of Missouri for permanent preservation in libraries and museums within the state.

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## AT KENNESAW MOUNTAIN

Dr. Bell Irvin Wiley presents one of several papers at the 12th annual seminar, Oct. 2 and 3, of the Kennesaw Mountain Historical association at the National Battlefield park, Marietta, Ga. Bolan Glover is president of the association and B. C. Yates is superintendent of the park. Field tours include a trip to New Echota area to see four buildings completed by the Georgia Historical commission at the old Cherokee capital, a visit to the Vann house, newly restored and furnished, to Dalton to visit some of the homes used as Confederate headquarters, and to Dug Gap battlefield.

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## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Judge Kennesaw Mountain Landis, first baseball czar, said: "My father was badly wounded at the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. He named me after the place. I've always been grateful he came through the Battle of Bull Run without a scratch."

South Carolina and Charleston will kick off Centennial ceremonies with programs recalling the incident when the Star of the West was driven out of the harbor in January, 1861, and the firing on Fort Sumter three months later.

One of Alaska's election districts, the 24th, is named the Wade Hampton. That's really going north!

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## BULLETIN BOARD

A NEW ROUND TABLE has been formed at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Mrs. R. A. Miller, 2119 Blake blvd., S. E., is secretary. "The First Day at Gettysburg" was discussed September 14. Dr. Paul Glad of the Coe College history department invited the group to use the college library's set of the Official Records.

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HARRISBURG (Pa.) CWRT also is in operation. Henry A. Estricher, 648 South 26th st., Harrisburg, is secretary.

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And, WACO, Texas, has organized with 22 charter members and Col. H. B. Simpson as president. Mailing address is Civil War Round Table, c/o Sam Lanham, 401 Professional bldg., Waco, Texas.

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Tom Lamberson, P. O. Box 501, Richmond, Ind., and Forrest Sweet are assembling for January 1 issue a new "Lincoln Collectors Directory (National)". Any CWRT members who want to be listed are invited to write Lamberson. Copy deadline is December 1.

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Our battlefield tour committee continues planning for the 10th annual campaign early next May which will visit Richmond, Petersburg, Five Forks, the road to Appomattox, Charlottesville, and the Manassas area.

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AVAILABLE - At Meetings: Gold finished CWRT lapel pin, \$1; cloth patch of emblem, 50 cents.

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"Adventures in History" was the subject of our founder member Dr. Otto Eisenschiml's talk September 22 to a meeting of the Abraham Lincoln-Civil War Round Table of Michigan at Greenfield Village, Dearborn.

Madison (Wis.) CWRT rounded out its first 50 meetings on September 25. Speaker was Adlai E. Stevenson who told of his great grandfather, Jesse Fell, a friend of Lincoln.

The CWRT of Colorado held its third anniversary meeting Sept. 25 in Denver with Paul Gorham talking on "Alan Pinkerton's Part in the War."

Wilmington, Del., is making its fall field trip to Brandy Station on Oct. 24.

Indianapolis CWRT's news letter HARDTACK has started the fall season with a neat new four page format.

Justin Turner of the Southern California CWRT has gone to England under auspices of the state department to present a Lincoln exhibit during October at the U. S. Information Agency library and to speak to the Confederate Research Club.



## THE NEW BOOKS

Alan Nolan, our speaker in January, has authored a book on the Iron Brigade which will be published by Macmillan. Nolan is one of the organizers of the Indianapolis CWRT.

Dr. James I. (Bud) Robertson, Jr., our speaker in March, has written a book on the Stonewall Brigade, due for 1960 publication.

Hudson Strode, author of "Jefferson Davis: American Patriot, 1808-1861," published by Harcourt, Brace, now has the second volume of three, "JEFFERSON DAVIS: CONFEDERATE PRESIDENT".

Harry Hansen, former Chicagoan and member of the New York CWRT, had this briefing of coming Civil War Books in the Chicago Tribune Magazine of Books:

"Gen. Lee's catastrophic blunder is rehearsed step by step in PICKETT'S CHARGE, by George R. Stewart (Houghton-Mifflin). Kenneth P. Williams' fifth and final book about Grant is LINCOLN FINDS A GENERAL (Macmillan). LINCOLN'S YOUTH: INDIANA YEARS, by Louis A. Warren, is an Appleton-Century-Crofts book. CRISIS OF THE HOUSE DIVIDED, by Harry V. Jaffa, interprets the Lincoln-Douglas debates (Doubleday). Irving Werstein has described a conflict of personalities in ABRAHAM LINCOLN VERSUS JEFFERSON DAVIS (Crowell). THEY WHO FOUGHT HERE, by Bell Irvin Wiley, who wrote JOHNNY REB, is an illustrated record (Macmillan). Jay Monaghan has described a spectacular character in CUSTER (Little, Brown)."

Books recently published include these:

THE WAY TO APPOMATTOX, Volume IV of the Popular Edition of BATTLES AND LEADERS, 835 pages, including index for the four volumes, \$4.95 (Yoseloff).

CLASH OF CAVALRY, the Battle of Brandy Station, by Fairfax Downey, 238 pages, \$4.95 (David McKay).

SOUTH OF APPOMATTOX, by Nash K. Burger and John K. Bettersworth, 376 pages, \$5.75 (Harcourt, Brace).

THE MYSTERY OF THE MERRIMACK, by Edward E. Barthell, Jr., a small book proving the "Merrimack" spelling is correct, Dana Printing, Muskegon, Mich., \$3.

CLEBURNE AND HIS COMMAND, reprint of the original by Capt. Irving A. Buck, McCowat-Mercer, Jackson, Tenn., \$6.

LA BELLE, by Elizabeth Boatwright Coker, novel about Marie Boozer who went North with the Union army after Atlanta fell, \$3.95 (Dutton).

LINCOLN'S FAVORITE POETS, by David J. Harkness and R. Gerald McMurtry, \$3.50 (U. of Tennessee).

THE ENDURING LINCOLN, lectures by Roy P. Basler, T. Harry Williams, David Donald, and Norman Graebner, edited by Graebner, \$3 (U. of Illinois).

CIVIL WAR IN THE MAKING, 1815-1860, by Avery O. Craven, 115pp, Baton Rouge, \$3.

PRINCE NAPOLEON IN AMERICA, 1861: Letters from his Aide de Camp, by Lieutenant Colonel Camille Ferri Pisani, illus., 317pp, \$6.75 (Indiana U.).

THE SLAVE STATES (Before the Civil War), by Frederick Law Olmstead, 256 pp, New York, \$1.25 (paper).

ANTISLAVERY ORIGINS OF THE CIVIL WAR IN THE UNITED STATES, By Dwight Lowell Dumond, preface by Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., 144 pp, Ann Arbor, 1959, \$1.65 (paper).

TO TRY MEN'S SOULS, a study of loyalty oaths in the United States, by Dr. Harold M. Hyman.

BOLDLY THEY RODE, by Ovando J. Holliser (1863), reprint by Golden Press, Lakewood, Colorado, with introduction by William Macleod Raine.

## FUTURE MEETINGS



THURSDAY, NOV. 12 - Stephen Ambrose, University of Wisconsin, on Gen. Henry W. Halleck: Lincoln's Chief of Staff.

FRIDAY, DEC. 11 - Norman Graebner, University of Illinois.

FRIDAY, JAN. 15 - Alan Nolan, Indianapolis, on "The Iron Brigade".

FRIDAY, FEB. 19 - Robert L. Kincaid, president emeritus of Lincoln Memorial University. Joint meeting with Abraham Lincoln Heritage of Chicago.

MARCH - Dr. James J. Robertson, Jr., editor of Civil War History.

### Midwest CWRT Calendar

Insofar as space permits, an effort will be made to give a monthly listing of meetings of Round Tables of the middle west.

LA SALLE, ILL., OCT. 2 - George L. Cashman, "The Battle of Chancellorsville."

NEW ALBANY, IND., OCT. 7 - Boyd Rilling, "Lincoln's Commandos".

MISHAWAKA, IND., OCT. 8 - Hubert H. Hawkins, "Morgan's Raid Across the Ohio".

INDIANAPOLIS, OCT. 12 - Hawkins, Morgan's Raid.

MADISON, WIS., OCT. 15 - Justice George R. Currie, Wisconsin Supreme court, "Edwin M. Stanton, Patriot or Villain?"

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., OCT. 16 - Campfire meeting at rural home of President Harlington Wood, Jr., on Old Jacksonville road.

MILWAUKEE, OCT. 20 - Col. J. Gay Seabourne, "The Battle of Brandy Station".

QUAD CITIES (MOLINE, ILL.), OCT. 21 - Walter Hulsted, "Second Battle of Bull Run".



### SEEK MEDAL OF HONOR KIN

The District of Columbia Civil War Centennial commission is searching for descendants of Congressional Medal of Honor winners. Sixty-one Illinois men won the medal which was established in 1862 and first presented to survivors of the Andrews raid. The D.C. commission would like to have the actual medals for display and a summary of the service record. Write to Paul J. Sedgwick, chairman, District of Columbia Civil War Centennial commission, Barr Building, Washington 6, D.C. In 1962 the commission will sponsor a gathering in Washington of medal winners' descendants.

