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Frank L. Klement on "The Copperhead Movement"

Frank L. Klement of Marquette University, Milwaukee, who has been with us several times and will, we trust, be welcomed many more, will speak on a subject on which he is the top authority, "The Copperhead Movement," at the Friday, November 9, 1973, meeting of The Civil War Round Table at the Chicago Bar Association, 29 South LaSalle Street.



Frank L. Klement

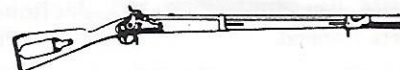
Dr. Klement is author of *Copperheads in the Middle West* (University of Chicago Press, 1960) and of *The Limits of Dissent: Clement L. Vallandigham and the Civil War* (University Press of Kentucky, Lexington, 1970), both of which relate directly to the subject he will discuss, and a third book that is not far afield, *Wisconsin and the Civil War* (State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, 1963.) He has also written more than forty articles for historical journals, including *Civil War History*, *Lincoln Herald*, *Abraham Lincoln Quarterly*, and many more.

He has been a member of the Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee for 25 years, and is program chairman this year. He has addressed CWRT meetings in New York, Cleveland, Minneapolis, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, and several more.

Frank Klement is a native of Wisconsin and received both his M.A. in 1938 and Ph.D. in 1946 in history under Professor William B. Hesseltine at the University of Wisconsin. He taught at Lake Forest College, 1943-45, and at Eau Claire State College, 1945-48, and has been at Marquette University since 1948, nearly 25 years.

His book on the Copperheads was called by one reviewer, "the authoritative history of dissent in the upper Midwest." It was termed "a monumental re-evaluation of opposition to the Lincoln administration during the Civil War, which will doubtless rank as one of the most significant works of the century," by Gilbert Treadway in his book *Indiana against the Administration, 1861-1865*.

Similarly favorable notices have been given to *The Limits of Dissent: Clement L. Vallandigham and the Civil War*. In *Indiana Magazine of History*, Professor Frederick Williams of Michigan State University, said, "This volume deserves highest praise. It is the product of extensive and painstaking research by a thoughtful scholar whose writing is clear, and whose insight, judgment, and objectivity are admirable. Every serious student of the Civil War should read this timely and valuable study."



325th REGULAR MEETING

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Frank L. Klement,
Marquette University, Milwaukee

on

"The Copperhead Movement"

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Friday, November 9, 1973

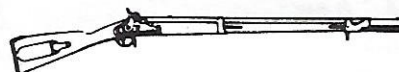
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Chicago Bar Association
29 South LaSalle Street

Cocktails at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

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THE 'BACKWARD' CONCERT BAND

The 'Backward' Concert Band," by John H. Harding in the May 27, 1973, issue of *Grit*, published in Williamsport, Pa., features Milwaukee's First Brigade Band, specializing in Civil War music, which is led by Fred Benkovic. It may be recalled that the band played for the Civil War Round Table Ladies Night, February 14, 1969. The article is illustrated with two color pictures of the band. "Backward" refers to the over-the-shoulder bell devised by Allen Dodsworth so that marching troops could hear the band in front of them.

THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE



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Membership requirement is an interest in the Civil War and its era. For information address Donald Sikorski, 41 W. 55th Place, Westmont, Ill. 60559, phone 312 WO9-5604.



*from the
Editor's pen*



Under this heading normally appears a report of the previous meeting, and that it should not be so this time deserves explanation. Some unfortunate experiences have taught us that processing and mailing this bulletin requires four weeks. It has been done in less time, but it is taking a risk we had better avoid. It is a tight squeeze in any case. A report of a Friday meeting normally goes to the printer the following Monday. So, as our October meeting was on the 19th, a week late because of the fall tour, and our November meeting is the 9th, almost as early a date as is given us by the calendar, we get squeezed out, however it may be viewed. And it has nothing to do with the fact that your editor would have begged off this time because of a speaking engagement at the Western History Association meeting in Fort Worth, Texas,

October 10, and subsequent travel on his own occasions, necessitating putting this issue to bed in advance of its usual feeding schedule. As for the October meeting and the fall tour, we are promised reports by our able assistant Bob Franke, and will hope to get them in the December issue.

And even if you don't care about all this, there is one important lesson to be learned. If you want anything in the bulletin, get it in a month ahead of time.



PETE LONG GETS HIS WAY

Pete Long, the "Round Table man in Laramie, Wyoming" sends the following and insists that it be printed despite any protestations of modesty on the part of the editor of this publication:

Don Russell, your editor, long time Round Tabler and prominent Western historian and writer, is the author of two recent important western articles. "How I Got This Way" in the *Western Historical Quarterly* for July, 1973, is one of a series of auto-biographical essays by eminent western historians published by this scholarly journal. In a frank and open way Don explains his somewhat unique career and presents some profound advice for fellow historians. "History's enduring value lies in the interpretation of the present from the past. It loses all its values when we try to interpret the past from the present." In "How Many Indians Were Killed? White Man Versus Red Man; The Facts and the Legend," in *American West* for July, 1973, Russell has created quite a stir by challenging with facts and analysis the broad exaggeration frequently repeated of "a million Indians killed in the Indian wars." Russell states "it seems improbable that more than 3,000 Indians were killed in all of the U.S. Army's fights." This article is causing a great deal of discussion and will be required reading for some time to come by all interested in the Indian wars.

Bell I. Wiley writes the text for a special issue of *Civil War Times Illustrated*, dated July, 1973, devoted to "the Common Soldier of the Civil War," with numerous illustrations in its 64 pages. Dr. Wiley was our speaker at Ladies Night, March 9, and was present briefly at another 1973 meeting. An interview with Bell Wiley by John Duncan was published in the April, 1973, issue of *Civil War Times Illustrated*.

CWRT Member Glen Wiche assisted his great uncle Orin M. Thatcher in the Civil War section of an autobiographical pamphlet "From Saddles to Satellites," privately printed. The author's grandfather Thomas R. Thatcher served in the 17th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and a copy of a history of this regiment and roster of officers appears as appendix. The author grew up—as cowboy on a new Mexico ranch and had a small part in one of the last of the trail drives. Later the family farmed in Kansas. In World War I Thatcher organized a mule pack train; in World War II, one of the first Air Cargo commands. Col. Thatcher was long associated with the First National Bank of Chicago. The booklet has much of interest and is well illustrated.

MARRIED

Mr. and Mrs. James Culen Sanders announce the marriage of their daughter Barbara Alene to Mr. Alan Conrad Aimone on Saturday, June 30, 1973, at the Post Chapel, West Point, New York. Al Aimone, a long-time member of the Civil War Round Table is employed at the library of the United States Military Academy, New York.

LINCOLN COUNTRY WEEKEND

During the week end of October 12-14, sixty-five stalwart campaigners retraced the steps of Abraham Lincoln thru central Illinois. Aply led by tour chairman Arnold Alexander, the group included participants from Oklahoma, St. Louis, Milwaukee, Decatur, and Springfield, as well as Metropolitan Chicago.

Festivities began Friday night in Lincoln, Illinois as President and Mrs. Stoltz of Lincoln College welcomed us to their lovely home for a most enjoyable Command Post. Following dinner which was served in the college's dining hall, the Hon. Paul Simon treated us to one of the finest biographical talks we have been privileged to hear as he described the life of Elijah Lovejoy, martyred minister, newspaper editor and abolitionist. A most memorable evening concluded with a tour of the Lincoln College Library and Museum.

The rain which fell Saturday morning dampened heads, but not spirits as the group visited other places of interest on the campus before leaving for Springfield with a stop en route at Camp Butler, the site of a Civil War training camp and prisoner-of-war stockade.

After lunch at the Mansion View Motel, we split into small groups for a walking tour of the many historic sites of Springfield, such as Lincoln's home and his law office. The current president and senior vice-president of the Round Table capped their brilliant historical research careers with the monumental discovery that the shed (?) behind the Lincoln home contained no less than three seats, thus providing "no-waiting" availability to the future 16th President.

A fine banquet Saturday evening at the Sangamo Club was only a prelude to the pleasure of a candle-light tour of the "Old State Capital" under the guidance of Bill Alderfer, Illinois State Historian, and member of the Round Table. Painstakingly restored in every detail to its condition when Lincoln sat there as a state representative and Douglas served as Secretary of State, this beautiful building makes a trip to Springfield a must for everyone. By way of contrast, the structure also contains, below ground level, the modern Illinois State Historical Library. On display in this outstanding research library is one of the five existing copies of the Gettysburg Address in Lincoln's own handwriting.

Sunday morning we visited the Lincoln tomb before traveling to our final stop, New Salem. Here, in the village where Lincoln grew to manhood and first entered politics, the cabins, artifacts, ox-carts and other items were especially enjoyed by the many children who accompanied their parents on this trip. As was so well stated at lunch on Sunday by Henry Hartmann of St. Louis, the behavior and interest exhibited by these youngsters during our Lincoln Country weekend are good omens for the future of our Round Table and the furtherance of the study of our American heritage.

TAPS

Lyle L. Lake (1912-1973)

Lyle L. Lake, 5021 Columbus Drive, Oak Lawn, passed away May 16, 1973. Services were held at Zimmerman Sandeman Chapel, May 19, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens, South. Mrs. Florence Lake writes: "He had been retired since Sept. 8, 1970 because of a heart attack and a blood clot in the lung. Lyle was not able to attend your meetings because he did not like to drive at night and other transportation was not available. His death was very quick when he had a coronary thrombosis attack. The world has lost a very brilliant man, in the field of the Civil War he was a "pro". Our family has lost a wonderful father and I the best husband God ever made.



TO THE CAMP FOLLOWERS (LADIES)

The ladies who attend the Camp Followers meeting this month on November 9th will be in for a special treat.

Mike Lerner, former president of the CWRT and vice-president of the Illinois State Historical Society will present the program. Mike is the associate publisher of 42 Lerner newspapers and the recipient of many awards in the field of newspaper publishing. He is also an amateur photographer and artist.

He will narrate the story of Col. and Mrs. James Mulligan of the Battle of Lexington, fame. Mrs. Mulligan was a valiant lady who accompanied her husband into the Battle of Lexington. When he was captured, she went along with him in the carriage of General Sterling Price and was held captive with her husband in the general's own tent before the prisoners were exchanged.

Also, accompanying Mike will be Mrs. Marian Hodgkinson, who is the grand niece of Mrs. Mulligan and she will have some of Mrs. Mulligan's hair jewelry and a restored painting of Mrs. Mulligan.

The meeting will be at the Book and Bottle, 17 East Chestnut at 5:30. For reservations call Margaret April at 787-1860.



FELLOWSHIP AWARD RESULTS

State University College Department of History
Fredonia, New York 14063

The Civil War Round Table
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June 6, 1973

Gentlemen:

Eight years ago your organization did me the honor to present me with the first Graduate Fellowship Award. The confidence in my scholarly abilities which you then expressed in a very substantial way has, at long last, begun to bear some tangible fruit. I enclose two copies of an article on "Buchanan's Patronage Policy: An Attempt to Achieve Political Strength," which appeared in *Pennsylvania History*, XL (January, 1973), pp. 37-57. This article is drawn from portions of my doctoral dissertation; the great bulk of the source material cited was examined during my fellowship year. Let me take this opportunity to express again my great appreciation for your support of my research.

I am also pleased to report that other articles, based on research which your fellowship made possible, have been accepted for publication. As soon as they are in print it will be my pleasure to furnish you with copies of these as well.

Sincerely,

David E. Meerse
Assistant Professor

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Dr. Allen Giddings, Battle Creek, Michigan, reports that Mrs. Giddings suffered a stroke August 7 while they were visiting in St. Mary's, Ohio. She was returned to Battle Creek Sanitarium Hospital by ambulance, and will be there for sometime. Dr. and Mrs. Giddings have been regular members of the Battlefield Tours.

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Judge and Mrs. Howell Purdue, authors of "Pat Cleburne, Confederate General," were scheduled for the March 13 meeting of the Civil War Round Table of Texas, Fort Worth.

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THE NEW BOOKS



(Compiled by Dick Clark)

Smith, Myron J. *American Civil War Navies; a Bibliography*. Metuchen, N.J.: Scarecrow Press, 1972. \$10.00

Sprunt, James. *Chronicles of the Cape Fear River*. Spartanburg, S.C.: Reprint Company [1973]. \$27.00; reprint of 2d edition of 1916.

Sprunt, James. *Tales and Traditions of the Lower Cape Fear, 1661-1896*. Spartanburg, S.C.: Reprint Company [1973]; \$15.00. Reprint of issue of 1896.

Thomas, Emory M. *The American War and Peace, 1860-1877*. Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Prentice-Hall [1973]. \$8.95; paper \$3.95.

Tucker, Glenn. *Chickamauga: Bloody Battle in the West*. Dayton, Ohio: Morningside Bookshop, 1972. Reprint of 1961 printing. \$8.00

Walters, John B. *Merchant of Terror: General Sherman and Total War*. Indianapolis: Bobbs, Merrill, 1973. \$10.00

Winks, Robin Wm. *Canada and the United States: The Civil War Years*. Montreal: Harvest House, 1971. Paper \$4.50. Original of 1960.

Wolf, Simon. *The American Jew as Patriot, Soldier, and Citizen*. [Edited by Louis Edward Levy]. With a new introduction and preface by George Athan Billias. Boston: Gregg Press, 1972. Reprint of the 1895 issue. \$20.00

REPORT OF PROGRESS

J. Ambler Johnston, 2618 Hanover Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23220, recently prepared a statement on his condition, in response to inquiries from his many friends. Later information indicates his continuing but slow improvement. His memo follows:

June 8, 1973

Memo

This memo is prepared June 8, 1973, with the idea that it will save repetition in correspondence.

On Thursday, November 25, 1972, while at home alone, I suffered a blackout and on regaining consciousness, could with difficulty reach the telephone, after which I was taken to the hospital and diagnosed as having a broken hip and a shattered right leg.

A few days thereafter was operated on and the next 60 days was practically unconscious, although it is related that I recognized visitors but was incoherent in conversation.

On December 18th was transferred to a nursing home and to my home on January 25th, where I remained until February 28th before showing signs of regaining my memory.

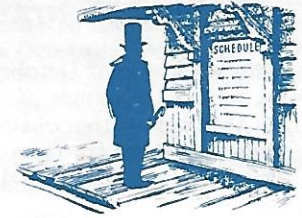
Since that time I have been confined to my bed or wheelchair, apparently O.K. from my waist up and utterly useless from the waist down.

I am still unable to stand alone and am confined to the bed and wheelchair.

J.A.J.

Lessons in strategy and tactics learned at CWRT meetings proved valuable to our member Warren L. Burmeister who was elected mayor of Wilmette in the election of Tuesday, April 17, 1973.

A recent article in the Wall Street Journal noted "Current cotton future prices, in excess of 53 cents a pound, are the highest since the early 1860's, when the Civil War was raging" and continued, "During the Civil War, cotton sold upwards of \$1.00 a pound."



BULLETIN BOARD

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regular meetings are held at the Chicago Bar Association, 29 South LaSalle, second Friday in each month except as noted.

November 9: Dr. Frank Klement on Copperheadism in the Midwest.

December 14: Phil Hohlweck on Berdan's Sharpshooters.

January 11: Stephen Z. Starr of Cincinnati, Ohio, on "Border Ruffians, Jayhawkers and Guerillas."

February 8: Ladies Night, Richard Blake program, "A Look at Lincoln."

March 8: Marshall Krolick on Lee and Longstreet at Gettysburg

April 12: Robert Womack on the Battle of Murfreesboro.

May 2, 3, 4, and 5: Annual Battlefield Tour to Chattanooga and Chickamauga.

May 10: To be scheduled.

June 14: Annual Award Dinner and Installation of Officers; program details to be announced.

Every Monday: Informal noon luncheon meetings at LaSalle Hotel coffee shop; all members invited.



TOURING TOPICS

Former President Dan J. Lapinski took his Island No. 10 talk tour in late September, giving it at Civil War Round Table meetings in Kansas City and St. Louis. He reports that one of the announcements (he and we withhold which one) gave it as Island No. 110. Island No. 10 is not too far from either St. Louis or Kansas City, but 110, he figures, would be far into the Gulf of Mexico.

Marshall Krolick is scheduled to give his talk on Lee and Longstreet at Gettysburg to the Kansas City CWRT on October 23 and to the St. Louis CWRT on December 5.

Putting these two names in juxtaposition reminds us of the continuing feud between these two former presidents. Dan scored heavily with presentation of a live pig to Marshall for the pen where General Schimmelfennig escaped capture during the Battle of Gettysburg. But Marshall got even in the September quiz when he caught Dan in a wrong date on a question involving Island No. 10, causing Dan's table to drop to last man on the totem pole.



Dr. Wendell E. Pierce, past president of the Houston Civil War Round Table, has privately published a 40 page pamphlet "The Acadia, A Blockade Runner, 1865." The Acadia was run ashore and sank, and much of its cargo was salvaged at the time. Dr. Pierce has been digging into the underwater remains and has come up with a large number of relics.

Speaker at the March 13 meeting of Atlanta Civil War Round Table was Dr. Robert Manson Myers, editor of "The Children of Pride," selected letters of the family of the Rev. Dr. Charles Colcock Jones, Sr., of Liberty County, Georgia, 1854-1868.