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CIVIL WAR COLLECTION OF CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

THE CIVIL WAR COLLECTIONS of the Chicago Historical Society will be featured at our meeting Friday, June 24. Dr. Paul M. Angle, director of the society, will speak. Because of the nature of the meeting, the executive committee decided to make it an added Ladies Night - the first was the Civil War Tour of Chicago, last October; the second was on February 19.



Dr. Paul M. Angle

Cocktails and dinner will be at the North Park Hotel (note the change of meeting place for June). The annual election of officers will be held (See nominating committee's slate on page 2).

Dr. Angle will tell of the many Civil War and Lincoln items which the Chicago Historical Society possesses. He will cite the many books, documents, and manuscripts which are available for reading and research at the society headquarters. Among the collection are a number of original items which are priceless.

After the speech, members and their ladies will proceed to the historical society building to view the current exhibit in the Civil War Room. The exhibit is titled: "A Nation Divided - the War Begins, 1860-61." The introduction reads:

"The Chicago Historical Society presents the first of a series of exhibits depicting the stirring events of 100 years ago. This exhibit begins, chronologically, with slavery, the basic cause of the Civil War. It pictures the nomination of Lincoln, the presidential campaign of 1860, the secession of South Carolina and other southern states and comes to a climax with the attack on Fort Sumter in Charleston harbor. Raising the first troops sets the stage for the second exhibit of the series to be opened in the spring of 1961".

The exhibit has portraits of leaders, broadsides, the Alabama secession ordinance and copies of others, copies of campaign songs, flags, maps, and other items. The north wall of the room is made of bricks from Libby prison.

Dr. Angle is a long time member of our Round Table. He is a native of Mansfield, Ohio. His undergraduate degree is from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, and master's from University of Illinois. He has honorary degrees from Augustana, Knox, and Illinois Colleges. He was secretary of the Lincoln Centennial association (later the Abraham Lincoln association) and was Illinois State Historian. In 1945 he became director of the Chicago Historical Society.

Among Dr. Angle's books are: "Mary Lincoln, Wife and Widow" (1932, with Carl Sandburg), "Here I Have Lived: A History of Lincoln's Springfield" (1935), "The Lincoln Reader" (1947, Book-of-the-Month Club selection), "The Chicago Historical Society 1856-1956: An Unconventional Chronicle" (1956), and "Created Equal? The Complete Lincoln-Douglas Debates of 1858" (1958). He is

MEETING NOTICE

191st REGULAR MEETING
Ladies Night

Dr. Paul M. Angle

on
"The Civil War Collections of the
Chicago Historical Society

FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 1960

North Park Hotel (2000 North) Cocktails at 5:30 p.m.
Clark Street at Armitage Dinner at 6:30

Civil War Exhibit, 8:30 p.m.
Chicago Historical Society Clark Street at North Avenue

compiler, with Earl Schenck Miers, of "The Tragic Years, 1860-65", to be published by Simon and Schuster about September 1.

DIRECTIONS - North Park Hotel is at 1931 Lincoln Park West at the intersection of Clark Street, Ogden and Armitage Avenues. Cars may be parked in the streets or in the hotel parking lot. Another place, conveniently half way between the hotel and historical society building, is a public lot in Lincoln Park. It is just north of the LaSalle Street entrance into the park and is entered from Stockton, the west drive in the park.

By public transportation, the Clark, Broadway, Ogden, and Armitage buses go to the hotel. A block away in Lincoln Park, the Diversey, Wilson-Michigan, and Wilson-LaSalle buses stop at Armitage.

DRIVE TO SAVE VICKSBURG LANDMARK

A note from Mrs. Eva Davis, director of the Old Court House Museum at Vicksburg and president of the Mississippi Historic Foundation, tells of efforts to save an antebellum home which was in the Vick family. It was built in 1840 for the Rev. C. K. Marshall, Methodist minister whose wife was Amanda Vick, daughter of the Rev. Newit Vick, founder of Vicksburg. The house is a showplace that has its original slave quarters. The Historic Foundation is supported by voting memberships for \$10 a year and associate memberships for \$5.

The Vicksburg Little Theater, which produces "Gold in the Hills" on the steamer Sprague, has purchased the John A. Klein home and plans to restore it. The Klein home figures in many accounts of wartime Vicksburg.



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REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee submits the following slate of officers for the 1960-61 year:

President C. Robert Douglas
 Vice President Gerhard P. Clausius
 No change in other offices.

Members of Executive Committee, terms expiring in 1962: Frank J. Kinst, Allen Meyer, John F. Wilhelm.

Members of Nominating Committee
 Warren A. Reeder, Jr., chairman
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CWRT MEMBERS IN PRINT

Robert M. Reilly has an article in the January, 1960, issue of THE GUN REPORT. The article, titled "A Blunt ...Or What?"; discusses the rare .58 calibre Civil War firearm which has been referred to as the "so-called Blunt Rifle-Musket". A prime question still to be answered is the name of the manufacturer.

The Chicago Daily News on May 28 had a feature story on a search made by Dr. Gerhard P. Clausius for the grave of Lucius Barber, soldier-historian of the Illinois 15th Volunteer Infantry regiment. Dr. Clausius located the grave in a cornfield near Marengo, Ill. Even the road leading to it was no longer in existence.

A story in CIVIL WAR TIMES tells of Earl F. Bartholomew's search for the grave of Private Peter G. Savage, company G, 13th Illinois Volunteer Infantry at Andersonville. His search led him to grave 1902 which was marked as the burial place of an "unknown". Member Bartholomew pressed his inquiry until it was established that this was the grave of Savage and it will be so marked.

The Kentucky Civil War Round Table newsletter for May printed a history of its organization which was founded November 4, 1953, and a list of its speakers and subjects to date. Col. William H. Townsend has been president and Hambleton Tapp, secretary, of the organization since founding.

*from the
Editor's pen*



T. HARRY WILLIAMS attracted more than 100 members and guests to the May 27 meeting. And he lived up to the advance billing of delivering a thoughtful discourse. Particularly interesting was Dr. Williams' development of the Jomini influence on West Point teaching in the days when a majority of Civil War generals were cadets.

Then, too, there was Williams' account of Lincoln's search for a general until he found Grant. Lincoln was pleased that the two were in agreement on strategy.

Fireworks expected in the question period did not develop. Seemed most persons present were in agreement with Dr. Williams or remained silent.

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Two long-time members of the Civil War Round Table died in May - Alfred Whital Stern, 79, and Robert Lee Kincaid, 67.

Mr. Stern became a member of the executive committee in 1948 and was president in 1949-50. He gave large and valuable collections of Lincoln and Civil War material to the Library of Congress and the Illinois Historical Library, both of which have special rooms named for him. He was a trustee of the Historical Library and an honorary member of the national Lincoln Sesquicentennial commission.

Perhaps Dr. Kincaid's last public event was his speech at our 188th regular meeting, February 19, 1960, when he told of his lifetime association with Lincoln studies. He had been speaker at our 3rd regular meeting on February 14, 1941. He was a member of the executive committee, 1951-53, and received our Honorary Award in 1958. Dr. Kincaid was president of Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tenn., from 1947 to 1958, and president of the Daily News at Middlesboro, Ky., where he died.

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Newton C. Farr, Ralph G. Newman, Clyde C. Walton, and Gilbert Twiss of our Round Table attended the Third National Assembly of the Civil War Centennial Commission in St. Louis May 5 and 6. A regional meeting of the Illinois commission was held in East St. Louis the morning of May 5. The St. Louis meeting had many reports on activities which demonstrated that plans and preparations are now in the definite stage. Highlight of the assembly was a speech by Bruce Catton, "Glory Road Began in the West."

The Fourth Assembly of the commission will be held in Charleston, S. C., in April, 1961, coincident with the centennial of the firing on Fort Sumter.

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"Without Virginia, the Confederacy could have won the war." This quotation by Col. Allen (Ned) Julian appeared in an Atlanta paper. It wasn't long until the quote reverberated through Virginia. Sometime we hope to hear Col. Julian argue his case.

GETTYSBURG CIVIL WAR STUDY GROUP

Gettysburg College will sponsor its third annual Civil War Study Group, August 1 to 5. Sessions the first three days will cover the Gettysburg campaign and on the third evening a discussion of Manassas (Bull Run). On August 4 the group will go by bus to Manassas for a lecture tour of the first battle. The August 5 tour will cover the second battle. Estimates of costs are \$30 for the three days at Gettysburg and \$40 for the two day tour to Manassas and return to Gettysburg. For further information write to Dr. Robert L. Bloom, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pa.



WINNERS OF AWARDS



At meetings held during the battlefield tour to Virginia, honorary membership awards were presented to J. Ambler Johnston (left), Francis F. Wilshin, and Col. Allen P. Julian by Awards Chairman Newton C. Farr (right).



A token of appreciation to President Jerry Slechta was presented by Ralph G. Newman in behalf of the CWRT membership. The item was the grade report of a student at Washington (and Lee) college signed by Robert E. Lee. Photos by Gil Twiss

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR "OE AT 80"

Dr. Otto Eisenschiml will be honored by a group of friends at a birthday party on the penthouse terrace of the Sherman hotel the evening of Sunday, June 19. Taking note of his familiar initials, the committee in charge has tagged the party "OE at 80". Dr. Eisenschiml is known as a man of two careers - industrial chemistry and writing. Friends from both pursuits will join in the party. To us of the Civil War Round Table, there is no higher figure than Otto. He is a founder, an honorary award member, a diligent researcher and writer, and a speaker who will rise at the drop of a questionable statement. He has guided in the founding of other Round Tables and has spoken to ours and many others.

New York became the 41st state, including the District of Columbia, to form a centennial commission. This leaves only Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, Utah and Washington without such action. New York furnished more than 480,000 troops, or one-fourth of the Union army, and 53,000 lost their lives in battle.

BULLETIN BOARD

DUES NOTICES for the year July 1, 1960 to June 30, 1961 will go out later this month. As announced in January, dues will be \$12.50 and will not include CIVIL WAR HISTORY, as the previous \$15 dues did.

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NEW MEMBERS of the Civil War Round Table:

Sigman Derman 6630 N. Drake Ave. Lincolnwood, Ill.	John M. Field 1474 Old Barn Lane Highland Park, Ill.
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Ralph D. Schley
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CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Benjamin B. Crane, to 100 W. Monroe St.

DECEASED: Grenville Beardsley, June 3; Robert Lee Kincaid, May 21; Clayton H. Lawson, April 24; Alfred Whital Stern, May 3.

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AVAILABLE - at meetings: Gold finished CWRT pin, \$1; cloth patch of emblem, 50 cents.

"CENTENNIAL CENTER" FOR VIRGINIA

Virginia general assembly has appropriated well over \$1,000,000 to carry on the work of its Centennial Commission. The feature will be a \$600,000 building in downtown Richmond which will operate as the "Centennial Center". It will be built on land owned by the Medical College of Virginia. After the Centennial it will be turned over to the Medical College for use as a student activities building. On the second floor of the center, the Virginia commission plans to have a motion picture program in a unique walk-around arrangement involving eight back-projected screens, thus serving a continuous flow of visitors. The films will tell the chronological story of the war in Virginia. On the ground floor will be a series of exhibits and information booths. The Virginia commission has published a manual, "Virginia's Opportunity", and distributed it to local committees.

The Spotsylvania county (Va.) Civil War centennial committee has taken an option on the historic Spottswood Inn at Spotsylvania Court House for use as a Civil War museum and public library. Gen. Jubal Early used the Inn as his headquarters. Gen. Robert E. Lee took a vantage point at one of its second story windows during the battle at the Court House in 1864.

Drum Taps, newsletter of the Baltimore CWRT, had in its April issue a reprint of an article from the Baltimore Sun of April 20, 1861, which had the heading: "Transit of Massachusetts Volunteers and Other Troops Through Baltimore - Their Passage Interrupted - Railroad Track Barricaded - Citizens of Baltimore Shot Down in Streets - Massachusetts Volunteers Killed and Wounded - the Soldiers Stopped - The Railroad Declines to Pass More Troops."

THE NEW BOOKS



EYEWITNESS: The Civil War As We Lived It, by Otto Eisenschiml and Ralph Newman, introduction by Bruce Catton (719pp, Universal Library, \$1.95), reprint of AMERICAN ILLIAD in paper back.

THE SOUTH IN AMERICAN HISTORY, by William B Hesseltine and David L. Smiley (630pp, Prentice-Hall, \$8) second edition, revised, published first in 1936 as A HISTORY OF THE SOUTH.

THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG: A Guided Tour, by Gen. E. J. Stackpole and Col. W. S. Nye (96pp, Harrisburg, Pa., \$1), a do-it-yourself guide to the battlefield.

BEDFORD FORREST AND HIS CRITTER COMPANY, by Andrew Lytle (402pp, McDowell, Obolensky, \$5.95), revised, with new introduction by author.

COLONEL ELMER ELLSWORTH: A Biography of Lincoln's Friend and First Hero of the Civil War, by Ruth Painter Randall (295pp, Little, Brown, \$5).

GRAPE AND CANISTER: The Story of the Field Artillery of the Army of the Potomac, 1861-1865, by L. Van Loan Naisawald (584pp, Oxford, \$10).

LINCOLN IMAGES: Augustana College Centennial Essays, edited by O. Fritiof Ander (161pp, Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill., \$3.95).

PEN AND SWORD: The Life and Journals of Randal W. McGavock, by Herschel Gower and Jack Allen (695pp, Tennessee Historical Commission, Nashville, \$6.50).

STONEWALL JACKSON, by G. F. R. Henderson, reprint with preface by Gen. Walter Bedell Smith (Longmans, \$8.95).

THEY FOUGHT FOR THE UNION, by Francis A. Lord (364pp, Stackpole, \$12.50), letter page size with descriptions and pictures of Federal Soldiers.

THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE: The Presidential Image in the Campaign Biography, by W. Burlie Brown (172pp, Louisiana State University, \$4), includes William Dean Howells on Lincoln.

MINNESOTA FIRST TO VOLUNTEER

Minnesota, first with an offer of volunteer troops in response to President Lincoln's appeal, first on the list of regiments with the highest percentage of casualties during the war, and home of the last Union veteran, has named Leslie E. Westin chairman of its state centennial commission. The state's war observance will be tied in with the Sioux uprising, which came at the same period. On July 2, 1963, Minnesota will sponsor a bus tour to Gettysburg to visit the scene of the famous charge in which the 1st Minnesota regiment suffered the heaviest casualties of any unit in the Civil War. Other ceremonies will be held on April 15, 1965, at the grave of Albert Woolson, the last Union survivor.

When Jefferson Davis was elected president of the Confederacy, William L. Yancey declaimed, "The Man and the Hour Have Met." That is the title chosen for a six-day historical pageant to be staged at Montgomery, Ala., February 13 to 17, 1961.

Iowa claims the distinction of furnishing the only over-age regiment to serve in the Civil War. Secretary of War Stanton authorized its formation, with the understanding it was to be used only for guard duty. Its oldest member was Curtis King, aged 80.

FUTURE MEETINGS



AS HAS BEEN THE CUSTOM, there will be no regular meetings in July and August. Regular meetings will be resumed in September.

At least one special event is planned for the summer and notice of it will be made in a special letter to members.

An autumn special will be a joint meeting with the Lexington (Ky.) CWRT - and perhaps others - to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Cassius Marcellus Clay on October 19.

The 1960-61 year will bring two big events in our history - the 20th anniversary meeting on or near December 3 and our 200th regular meeting next spring.

The 11th annual battlefield tour is to Vicksburg in 1961.

MIDWEST CWRT CALENDAR

DECATUR (Ill.), June 9 - Dr. Otto Eisenschiml, "Some Civil War Generals", dinner meeting. Decatur also will have summer meetings with Harlington Wood, Jr., in July, and Alan T. Nolan in August.

MOLINE (Ill.) (QUAD CITIES), June 15 - Richard Albrecht, "Civil War Prisons".

MADISON (Wis.), June 16 - Allan T. Nolan, "The Iron Brigade".

SPRINGFIELD (Ill.), June 17 - Ladies' Night, dinner meeting.

INDIANAPOLIS, June 20 - B. C. Yates, superintendent, Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield Park, "The Civil War on the Georgia Coast".

SPECIAL EVENT

NEW ALBANY (Ind.), June 3-5 - Field trip to Stone's River, Chattanooga and Chickamauga.



"...the Yanceys, the Rhett's, the Charles Sumners and the John Browns...made war inevitable. They forced a nation to use the most undemocratic method known, in order to save the democratic values." - Civil War in the Making, 1815-1860, by Avery O. Craven.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PICTURES

The Library of Congress has a large collection of Civil War pictures which can be reproduced by its Photoduplication service at prices of 65¢, 75¢, or \$2.65 each, depending upon the existence of negatives and the size of prints requested. Many of the illustrations appear in Miller's "Photographic History of the Civil War", Donald's "Divided We Fought", Horan's "Mathew Brady, Historian with a Camera." The Library also has a collection of original Civil War Drawings by Alfred R. Waud, Edwin Forbes, and others, as well as lithographs and engravings of the period. A number of these are individually listed in a catalog, "Pictorial Americana (25¢). The catalog and information may be obtained from Prints and Photographs Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

