

# THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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## Dr. Robert J. Womack on "THE CIVIL WAR IN TENNESSEE"

Our speaker for October 6, Dr. Robert J. Womack, was the brilliant and witty guide and lecturer of our tour of Stone's River battlefield in 1958. Speaking on "The Civil War in Tennessee" he will be drawing on a lifetime of study on his home ground. He is a native of Shelbyville, Tenn., was graduated from Middle Tennessee State College, Murfreesboro, where he now teaches, and won his doctorate at Peabody College, Nashville. He was a line officer in the navy in the Pacific in World War II. He lives near the battlefields of Stone's River, Nashville, Franklin, Hoover's Gap, Guy's Gap, Milton, and Forrest's raid on Murfreesboro.



Dr. Womack

Bob Womack has done years of research on the war in Tennessee and collected much original material. He is finishing a manuscript in which there are at least 40 sets of Confederate papers from which nothing has been published before.

"Tennessee's war story is one of conflicting loyalties," Womack says. "Lincoln's call for troops in 1861 met a wave of protest from Tennesseans. Only a few months before, they had expressed a desire to remain in the Union, but they were not prepared to pay the price now being asked for that privilege.

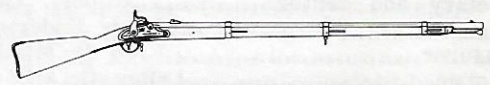
"But by no means did all the people turn to secession as the answer. Men who lived in the mountainous regions saw little reason to cast their lot with the plantation aristocracy of the level land - and so there developed a great chasm.

"Tennessee furnished 100,000 men to the Confederacy and 35,000 to the Union, and many of the most bitter, ruthless, and significant events which took place in Tennessee were consequences of these conflicting loyalties - the demon of border war."

Dr. Womack's talk will touch on politicians who made use of the war to further their ambitions, roaming bands of independent fighters who created terror among the soldier families of both sides, activities of the most prominent bushwhackers, the reign of brutality during the rebel occupation of East Tennessee, and attempts of the mountain people to help the Union army.

He will touch on the geography of the state, the training of volunteers and the first taste of war at Fishing Creek. He will tell of treachery and deceit and the hate that grew among Tennesseans more intense and more lasting than that felt for outsiders who fought within the state in either army.

He will tell of the bitter consequences, such as "the Fort Pillow affair, not an isolated event, but a part of the marathon of hate which had engulfed the state by 1864." He will give some attention to the war's ending,



### MEETING NOTICE

194th REGULAR MEETING

Dr. Robert J. Womack

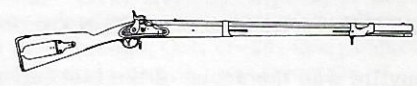
on

"The Civil War in Tennessee"

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1960

St. Clair Hotel  
Cocktails at 5:30 p.m.

162 East Ohio Street  
Dinner at 6:30



the Yanks in victory, reconstruction, and the war in relation to present day southern problems.

### NEW CWRT AT COLUMBUS, INDIANA

The newsletter Crossed Sabers tells of the new Columbus, Ind., Civil War Round Table. "From a spark in May, it's now a 'going' organization with 19 members and a potential of 15 or 20 more," the story said. Joe Tom Avery is president; James Kelly, vice president; Miss Cleo Rogers, recording secretary; and Stephen (Griz) Baker, secretary-treasurer.

GEORGIA has published a pamphlet listing seven centennial tours within its borders.

9th VIRGINIA CAVALRY, a unit of the North-South Skirmish association from Fairfax, Arlington and Fauquier counties, will re-enact on June 8, 1962, Jeb Stuart's famous ride around McClellan.

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## RESTORATION AT BENTONVILLE, N.C.

Bentonville was the scene of the last full scale action of the Civil War in North Carolina. The main battle of the three days was fought on March 19, 1865. Confederates numbering 30,000 under Joseph E. Johnston stood there to oppose Sherman's 60,000 Federals.

The North Carolina department of Archives and History has acquired 51 acres on which is situated the Harper House, used as a hospital by both armies, the breastworks of the Michigan Engineers, and the Confederate Cemetery. Restoration of Harper House is nearing completion, and 29 cast aluminum markers have been erected at various points on the battlefield.

William Stauffer, of Richmond CWRT who inspected the site, said: "It is an atmosphere strikingly different from many other battlefields. It is relatively unchanged since 1865. Miles of trenches and earth-works then thrown up can be followed in the wooded areas."

ELMIRA, N. Y. has formed a CWRT with about 25 members. Dr. Vernon E. Mc Neilus, of Guthrie Clinic, Sayre, Pa., reports that the group already has held several meetings.

The Civil War was a singing war, with 600 songs published in the South alone.

John C. Mosby III is a member of the CWRT of St. Louis.

University of Mississippi is working on an opera dealing with the story of the University Grays, a regiment recruited during the war.

from the  
Editor's pen



LIVELY START - Ninety members and guests heard a rousing speech by Col. Allen P. Julian and responded accordingly at the first fall meeting, September 9.

"Ned" argued that Virginia proved to be a very expensive frontier in the Civil War and that a much stronger fight could have been put up from a center farther south. "This would have transferred the expense of supplying armies to the backs of the invaders," he said. He gave a strong brief for Gen. Joseph E. Johnston. If Jefferson Davis hadn't replaced him with Hood, Johnston could have retired to the prepared defenses of Atlanta and held it indefinitely, Julian asserted.

Incidentally, our September newsletter neglected to mention that "Ned" first spoke here May 4, 1956, on "The Atlanta Campaign" and on May 16-21 was a guide and lecturer on our battlefield tour.

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EYES AHEAD - Our future meetings (see page 4) are listed through February. They contain a variety of topics that is one of the best of our annals. There are a number of fine new speakers and one old one. In fact, the very first one! He is Percival Hart who will return from California to give the speech he made the night the Civil War Round Table began. The meeting is at the same locale, the Bismarck hotel. Members planning to bring a guest to a meeting would do well to plan on this one.

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY - The Illinois State Historical Society's fall tour is to Rockford, October 8-9. On display will be the new Historymobile which will show its Civil War exhibit for the first time. Our co-founder Ralph G. Newman is president of the state society. The principal speech will be Saturday night, October 8, by MacKinlay Kantor, author of "Andersonville", "Long Remember" and other books relating to the Civil War. He will speak on "The Sins of Historical Novelists". CWRT members are welcome to attend the meeting at the Faust hotel and are reminded that if they are not already members of the state society, it is the world's greatest bargain at \$3. The CWRT office will forward membership fees to the society.

CWRT MEMBERSHIPS - Due to resignations, deaths, and nonpayment of dues, memberships in the Civil War Round Table are open. Any member may sponsor an applicant for membership.

79th NEW YORK VOLUNTEERS, the Cameron Highlanders, one of the most colorful militia units to serve in the Civil War, has been reorganized and will be killed to take part in centennial programs.

THE 1860 CENSUS of the United States recorded population of 31,443,321. About 23 million were in the northern states and 9 million in the southern states, with 3 1/2 million slaves.

Elmwood cemetery at Shepherdstown, W. Va., a key spot when Lee's army crossed the Potomac, had no list of war dead. The Hagerstown, Md., began compiling one. Their efforts brought out 150 names, among them Henry Kyd Douglass, author of "I Rode With Stonewall."

## O. R. to Pea Ridge

Marshall Rissman's offer of his set of the Official Records to a Round Table member drew a number of applicants and one quite unexpected - the National Park Service, long friendly and helpful to our group, particularly on battlefield tours.

Elbert Cox, NPS regional director (Region 1, Richmond, Va.), made the request, saying that the books would be placed at the newly established Pea Ridge (Ark.) National Military Park. This was concurred in by James W. Holland, regional historian, and the Washington office of NPS which agreed to pay for packing and shipping the set.

President Bob Douglas made announcement of this request at our September 9 meeting. Michael Lerner moved that the members renounce their rights to the O.R. set and that it be made available Pea Ridge in the name of Marshall Rissman and Chicago CWRT. The vote of the nearly 90 members present was virtually unanimous in favor of the motion.

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### FINE MAN, BUT OH THOSE GRANDPAS!

Robert W. Waitt, Jr., known to many of us on our battlefield tours to Virginia, was appointed by the Richmond Civil War Centennial Committee as its directional head in the execution of the programs, projects, and other activities proposed as Richmond's official centennial observances.

Soon came the storm, as reported by the Associated Press:

The United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Sons of Confederate Veterans discovered that both of Waitt's grandfathers fought for the Union...."the Yankees, that is. Against Marse Robert....What makes it worse, the grandfathers, like Waitt himself, were from Richmond, the revered capital of the Confederacy."

The Daughters and Sons said they thought Waitt ought to resign.

"(He) is a fine young man, but we think the representative from Richmond should have Confederate ancestry, and certainly should believe in state's rights," said the Daughters.

Said the Sons:

"Mr. Waitt, though himself a Richmonder, doubtless feels about Confederate matters very much as did his two grandfathers."

Bob said he'd stay on the job unless bombed out of it.

"I have a great deal of admiration for the Confederate soldiers and on occasion have made laudatory speeches concerning some of them", he said. "Anyway, this is a joint North-South project."

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For its October meeting, Decatur CWRT will hear President David Crammes speak on "The Battle of Franklin."

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New York CWRT will hold its 100th meeting May 9, 1961 and has set its 4th battlefield tour for May 18-21 to the Seven Days campaign around Richmond.

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District of Columbia CWRT has begun printing its newsletter in leaflet form. The September issue was 10 letter-size pages. Introducing a new feature, contributing writers, Col. Robert S. Henry had an article on Nathan Bedford Forrest. Bruce Catton, E. B. Long, Bell I. Wiley, and T. Harry Williams were listed as future contributors.

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## BULLETIN BOARD

TO SPRINGFIELD-NEW SALEM, October 22-23 - Lincoln shrines will be the objectives in a tour arranged for members. The Lincoln home and tomb, the Great Western station, and the state Historical Library in Springfield will be visited Saturday, October 22. New Salem state park, the restored village of Lincoln's young manhood, will be visited on Sunday. A brief stop at Lincoln College will be made on the return to Chicago.

Headquarters in Springfield will be the Mansion View Lodge, 529 South 4th St., phone KINGSWOOD 4-7411. The motel is across the street from the governor's mansion. Members are asked to make their own reservations. Expenses are pay-as-you-go. A registration fee of \$5 per member will be charged to cover group expenses. The fee does not apply to wives, family members, or friends.

This tour has been arranged to take the place of the one originally scheduled for the same dates to Lexington, Ky. The Kentucky tour was cancelled because of conflicting events at Lexington.

NEW MEMBERS of the Civil War Round Table: Charles V. Falkenberg, Jr., 221 N. La Salle St., Chicago 1. James S. Offutt, 76 N. Peck St., LaGrange, Ill. Dr. J. F. Wallace, 6113 Cermak Rd., Cicero 50, Ill.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Paul V. Whaley to: 6503 N. Bosworth Ave., Chicago 26; Marshall W. Rissman to: 601 Muskingam Ave., Pacific Palisades, Calif.

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

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### CONFEDERATE STATES CONFERENCE

The Confederate States Centennial Conference was formed at a meeting July 21-22 of ten southern state commissions. Mrs. Everett Slayden, of Mississippi, is serving as temporary chairman. Another meeting is scheduled in Richmond, Oct. 27-28. One project suggested at the first meeting was the construction of a new building for the Confederate Museum in Richmond and restoration of the present museum, the White House of the Confederacy, as a shrine of President Davis.

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### LAND DONATION TO GETTYSBURG

The Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association has donated its first purchase of private land to the National Park Service for preservation of the Gettysburg battlefield. Involved were 55 acres known as the Word Land lying between Devil's Den and Big Round Top and extending toward Emmitsburg road. This represents only 7 per cent of the land the association hopes to acquire. Send cash donations to GBPA, P. O. Box 1863, Gettysburg, Pa.

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Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant III, chairman of the national Civil War Centennial Commission, will speak Wednesday, October 12, at North Central college, Naperville, Ill.

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Virginia will hold a Civil War Centennial Assembly Oct. 7-8 at the John Marshall hotel in Richmond, with Dr. Bell I. Wiley as principal speaker. The Virginia Civil War Commission is setting up a Speakers Bureau to help in presenting the centennial program to the people of Virginia.

## THE NEW BOOKS



THE AMERICAN HERITAGE PICTURE HISTORY OF THE CIVIL WAR, by Bruce Catton and the editors of American Heritage (Doubleday, \$19.95).

THE COMPACT HISTORY OF THE CIVIL WAR, by R. Ernest Dupuy and Trevor N. Dupuy (448 pp, Hawthorn, \$6.75).

THE CONFEDERACY, by Charles P. Roland (224 pp. U. Chicago, \$3.95).

EUROPE LOOKS AT THE CIVIL WAR, edited by Bell Becker Sideman and Lilian Friedman (323 pp, Orion Press, \$6).

LEE'S LAST CAMPAIGN, by Clifford Dowdey (Little, Brown, \$6). From the Wilderness to Petersburg.

OUR INCREDIBLE CIVIL WAR, by Burke Davis, drawings by Raymond Houhlihan (Holt, \$3.95).

STORMING OF THE GATEWAY: Chattanooga, 1863, by Fairfax Downey (McKay, \$5.50).

TRAGIC YEARS 1861-1865: A Documentary History of the Civil War, by Earl Schenck Miers and Paul M. Angle (2 vols. boxed, Simon & Schuster, \$15). Running story in terms of what it meant to the persons involved in it.

A TREASURY OF TALES, LEGENDS AND FOLKLORE OF THE CIVIL WAR, edited by E. A. Botkin, designed and decorated by Warren Chappel (Random, \$7.95).

WALT WHITMAN'S CIVIL WAR, by Walt Whitman, edited by Walter Lowenfels (Knopf, \$5).

THE WAR FOR THE UNION, VOL. II: War Becomes Revolution, 1862 - 1863, by Allan Nevins (544 pp. Scribner's, \$7.50).

WAR MEMOIRS, by Gen. Jubal A. Early, edited with an introduction by Frank E. Vandiver (568 pp, Indiana U., \$7.50).

THE WAR THEY FOUGHT: Civil War Anthology that Reveals the War Through Both Northern and Southern Eyes, Richard B. Harwell, editor (Longmans, \$7.50). A Civil War reader originally in two separate volumes.

WITH SHERMAN TO THE SEA: A Drummer's story of the Civil War, as related by Corydon Edward Foote to Olive Deane Hormel (256pp, John Day, \$4).

CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL MAP, 28 x 41 inches, for mounting on wall or framing, chronology of war, key numbered to places on map (Creative Merchandisers, Inc., 154 E. Erie St., Chicago 11 and booksellers, \$1.98).

Station KTVI of St. Louis has made a television documentary film of the Wilson's Creek battlefield near Springfield, Mo. A ground crew equipped with metal detectors went over the area prospecting for battle relics.

### RECIPE FOR A CIVIL WAR QUIZ

A recipe for a Civil War Quiz, as developed and tested by the Richmond CWRT, goes like this:

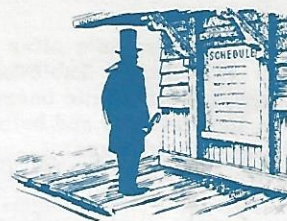
Have some experts prepare a list of questions, 90 to 100.

Two persons choose sides from the members present.

The first question is asked, with 3 points for the correct answer. If it is failed, it goes to a contestant on the opposite side, with 2 points for the correct answer. If failed, it goes back to the first side as a free question for anyone on the team and 1 point. If missed, the second team has a last try for 1 point.

At Richmond 47 questions were answered correctly on first try, 37 questions produced 2 or 1 point scores, and only six questions were failed.

## FUTURE MEETINGS



Friday, November 4 - 20th Anniversary Meeting at Bismarck Hotel, Percival Hart, "Stonewall Jackson's Valley Campaign."

Wednesday, December 7 - Charles L. Dufour, "The Night the War Was Lost".

Friday, January 13 - Joseph P. Cullen, "The Peninsula Campaign".

Friday, February 10 - Dr. Glenn Seymour, "Stephen A. Douglas".

### MIDWEST CWRT CALENDAR

INDIANAPOLIS, October 3 - Dr. James I. Robertson, "The Stonewall Brigade".

SPRINGFIELD (Ill.), October 21 - Clyde C. Walton, Walter Day, Carl Hodges, and G. L. Cashman, panel discussion, "Lost Opportunities of the Civil War."

MILWAUKEE, October 20 - E. B. Long, "Fremont, Lyon and Wilson's Creek."

### BATTLEFIELD TOUR

RICHMOND, October 15-16 - To Gettysburg.



### MIDWEST CENTENNIAL CONFERENCE

A Midwest Regional Civil War Centennial conference will be held in Indianapolis on Wednesday, October 19, in the ballroom of the Indiana State Teachers association building. The meeting is open to the public.

Alan Nolan, past president of the Indianapolis CWRT, will speak at a luncheon on "The Iron Brigade", the title of his book which will be published soon. Karl S. Betts, executive director of the national Civil War Centennial commission, will speak on "A Bird's Eye View of the Centennial". Representatives of midwestern state centennial commissions will give reports.

The Indianapolis CWRT is sponsoring a dinner meeting in the same ballroom in the evening. Vice Adm. Stuart H. Ingersoll, president of the Naval War college at Newport, R. I., and member of the national commission, will speak on "The Civil War on the Inland Waters":

Lincoln was the only president who never served as a governor, United States senator, cabinet minister, vice-president, or general before entering the White House.

In the 1860 presidential election Lincoln received 39.87 per cent of the total popular vote. In the 1864 election Lincoln received 55.09 per cent.

Gen. Joshua W. Sill, killed in action at Stone's River, is buried at Chillicothe, Ohio. The CWRT there is named in his honor.

As a cadet at West Point, Robert E. Lee borrowed more books from the library than any cadet before or since.