

# THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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## 200th Meeting - Frank Vandiver - "The Confederacy and the New South"

Our April 7 meeting is a big round number - 200. And, there's something else that's special about it. The speaker, Frank E. Vandiver, is an old time member and long time friend. He was something of a "boy wonder" back in the late 1940's when he could stump our older members with his knowledge of the Civil War. Since then he has many a book, article, and lecture to his credit.



Frank E. Vandiver

Frank, professor of history at Rice Institute, Houston, Texas, will speak on "The Confederacy and the New South." He said he expects to "explore the role played by the conservative Democrats and Whigs in the Confederacy and to indicate that they had a great deal to do with creating an economic atmosphere which carried over into the New South". He said, "The topic is experimental, but one that has interested me for some months."

At our 68th meeting, on Dec. 10, 1947, Frank spoke on "Josiah Gorgas". The study for that speech grew into "Josiah Gorgas and Confederate Ordnance", published by the University of Texas.

Then, at Lookout Mountain hotel, May 17, 1956, on our 6th annual Battlefield Tour, Frank spoke on "Rebel Brass, the Confederate Command System". That was the title of his book which was published by Louisiana State University Press.

In 1957, his "Mighty Stonewall", published by McGraw-Hill, was widely acclaimed. Last year he brought out "Jubal's Raid" - on Washington (1864). He also edited the "War Memoirs" of Gen. Jubal A. Early. With William H. Nelson he compiled "Fields of Glory". In earlier days he had edited "The Civil War Diary of General Josiah Gorgas" and "Blockade Running Through Bermuda: 1861-1865".

Dr. Vandiver was born at Austin, Texas, in 1925. He never went to high school or undergraduate school, but received his LLB from the University of Texas in 1949 and PhD from Tulane in 1951.

He began his teaching career at Washington University, St. Louis, in the history department (1952-55). He joined the Rice Institute history staff in 1955. He taught at Louisiana State University for three summers.

People who hear of Frank's attainments and meet him are invariably surprised at his youthfulness. But, apparently he has been fighting the Civil War since he learned to read. Someone once remarked that his wife, Susie, was the youngest woman now alive who lost her husband in the Civil War.

"Getting angry about history is a sterile occupation, and in any case, it blinds those who indulge in it to events of the present" - Prince Philip, duke of Edinburgh.



### MEETING NOTICE

200th REGULAR MEETING

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Frank E. Vandiver

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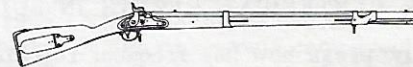
"The Confederacy and the New South"

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FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 1961

St. Clair Hotel  
162 East Ohio Street

Cocktails at 5:30  
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.



### SEEK YOUNGEST SON OF UNION VETERAN

The Sons of Union Veterans are offering an award for the youngest living son of a Union Veteran. It is known this will be someone born later than 1900, so others born prior to that time are automatically out. Those who qualify and live in Illinois should get in touch with Charles H. Bournstine, regional membership chairman, Suite A-640, 175 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago 4, Ill. Those eligible elsewhere should write to Albert C. Lambert, National secretary and treasurer, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J.

At 11 a.m., April 15, the Sons of Union Veterans will hold their annual commemoration of Lincoln's death at Lincoln's tomb, Springfield, Ill. Bruce E. Wheeler will address a luncheon at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel.

### PALUMBO WAR RELICS ON EXHIBIT AT CITY HALL

Our member Frank A. Palumbo has arranged for a commemorative display of his collection of Civil War relics in the City Clerk's office in the City Hall, starting Wednesday, April 12. This will be open free to the public and will continue indefinitely. The collection has a variety of relics and prints dealing with many historical events. The presentation has received a letter of commendation from Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant III, chairman of the national Civil War Centennial Commission.

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## CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL EVENTS IN FULL SWING

The daily press now has frequent reports of Civil War centennial events.... The Lincoln inauguration re-enactment in Washington got wide attention.... Atlanta was jammed for the 21st anniversary premiere of Margaret Mitchell's "Gone With The Wind".... Producer David O. Selznick and film players Vivien Leigh, Olivia DeHavilland, George Murphy and Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., were present, but gone were Miss Mitchell, Clark Gable, Leslie Howard, Hattie McDaniel and Ward Bond.... Hoop-skirted belles and bearded gentlemen in high hats and long coats braved rain to see Jefferson Davis (Attorney T. B. Hill) inaugurated in Montgomery, Ala., February 18.... The presidential party rode in a horse drawn carriage, attended by men in Confederate uniforms, minstrel bandsmen, and fringe topped surreys.... William B. Floyd of Charlotte, N. C. reported that he has in his front yard a cannon from the blockade-runner Rattlesnake which was sunk in the Ogeechee river near Savannah, Ga., by the Union ironclad Montauk.... United Press International reported that costs of restaging the first battle of Manassas (Bull Run) now are estimated at \$200,000 - double the original budget compiled a year ago. Training 50 horses to ignore the sound of gunfire will cost \$20,000 and feeding 2,000 troops will cost another \$30,000. It is expected 100,000 persons will see the re-enactment July 22-23.... Automobile associations are tying in the slogan "See America First" with the centennial.

Bruce Catton will deliver the commencement address at Ripon College, Ripon, Wis., June 3.

from the  
Editor's pen



"It's hard to tell the difference between war and peace," Dr. Richard N. Current said when speaking on "The Continuing Civil War, 1865-1877" at our March meeting. Also, he said it was hard to say when the war really began and when it ended.

After Appomattox "the war continued for eleven years more....war was one thing and reconstruction another.... so you can keep the centennial going until 1977." Dr. Current traced the many forces that were at work during the reconstruction. Then, for practical purposes, the war ended when President Hayes withdrew federal troops from the south in 1877.

State Historian Clyde C. Walton was present and provided copies of the new publication "Illinois and the Civil War" - which will be sent to all members of the Round Table as well as the report of the Illinois Centennial commission.

Dr. Walton also made a plea for Illinois Senate Bill No. 39 which provides for the state purchase of the Sangamon county court house and restoration as the Old State Capitol and home of the Illinois State Historical Society. The Senate passed the bill 43 to 4 on March 21 and sent it on to the House.

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A project for Chicago is the Central Area committee's plan to improve Grant and Burnham parks. This is sponsored also by the Michigan Boulevard association. A brochure soliciting funds lists such projects as family memorials, a music bowl, a conservatory, a skating rink, tennis stadium, a marina, and formal lake gardens.

This would be a good time to promote completion of the Congress-Van Buren plaza, to unite the equestrian statues of Gen. U. S. Grant and Gen. John A. Logan with the St. Gaudens statue of Lincoln that already is there. Objection has been made to moving the Grant statue from Lincoln park because of the massive masonry base. Only the bronze statue would need to be moved. The base could remain as an observation level. Persons interested should write to Randall H. Cooper, executive director of the Central Area committee, 111 W. Washington St., Chicago.

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CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE GUIDE has been published by CIVIL WAR TIMES. The 32 page booklet was compiled by James. V. Murfin, of Hagerstown, Md.; Dr. W. H. Stauffer, of Richmond, Va., and John J. Cobaugh, of Harrisburg, Pa., all ardent members of their own Round Tables. The booklet is a primer on round tables and how to form one. It has a lot of fresh ideas. It concludes with a list of round tables. It is being distributed free as a public service to interested persons by CIVIL WAR TIMES, P. O. Box 1861, Mechanicsburg, Pa.

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The Stackpole Company, Harrisburg, Pa., has published A CONCISE HISTORY OF THE CIVIL WAR, a 32-page booklet, which is being distributed free to Civil War Round Table members. A supply will be obtained for our membership.

A portrait of Lt. Gen. James Longstreet, C. S. A., by Howard Chandler Christy, will be hung in the new Visitor's Center at Gettysburg. The center also will house the battle cyclorama, which is being restored by artists.

# The Vicksburg Campaign



One historian has said that General Sherman learned about war at Chickasaw bayou (December, 1862). That's where our 11th Battlefield Tour study, the Vicksburg Campaign, begins on April 27. Leaflets have gone out and describe the tour, April 27 to May 1, in detail. Cooperation from Vicksburg, Port Gibson, and Jackson has been magnificent.

Many places and events were scheduled, and there are many more items of interest which could not be put into the regular schedule. Among these are Anchuca and Cedar Grove, ante-bellum homes, and the Waterways Experiment Station at Vicksburg. Mrs. John Bottom, director of Anchuca, has invited ladies of our party to a tea in the gardens if a time can be arranged. Cedar Grove is more familiarly known as the Dr. John A. Klein home which was under shelling in the siege. It has an imbedded cannon ball in one of the front rooms. Vicksburg Little Theater purchased the place and is restoring it.

"Too beautiful to burn," was recorded as Gen. U. S. Grant's comment about Port Gibson. And, many of its lovely places of more than a century ago are to be seen today.

The Planters' Hotel, built in 1817, attracted Aaron Burr among its early guests.

Andrew Jackson acquired a tract near Bruinsburg in 1790 and built a log house, racetrack and trading post. Jackson was a visitor at the Van Dorn home at Grand Gulf.

The Mississippi capital was named for Jackson and he spoke there in 1840. The capitol also saw many appearances of Jefferson Davis.

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Some of our members will include "Operation Cairo" on April 22 and 23 on the way to our battlefield tour. This is the exact 100th anniversary of the occupation of Cairo by Chicago troops. Impressive events have been planned by Cairo organizations, the Illinois State Historical Society, and the Illinois Centennial Commission. For further details, write Illinois State Historical Society, Centennial Building, Springfield, Ill., or the Cairo Chamber of Commerce.

Wayne C. Townley of Bloomington, Ill., a past president of the Illinois State Historical Society, will speak April 18 at Greenfield Village, Mich., on "Lincoln and Douglas" for the Abraham Lincoln CWRT of Michigan.

The ninth annual Gold Medal of the District of Columbia CWRT will be awarded at a dinner April 18 to Karl S. Betts, executive director of the national Civil War Centennial commission.

## BULLETIN BOARD

COMMITTEE MEETINGS - Battlefield Tour, Nominating, Executive, 4 p.m. Friday, April 7, at 18 East Chestnut Street.

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NEW MEMBERS of the Civil War Round Table: H. F. Greene, 1940 N. Nordica, Chicago, Ill.; R C. Karsted, 6717 N. Loron Ave., Chicago 13, Ill.; George W. Lindley, 1211 N. 10th St., Duncan, Okla.; Donald V. Murgatroyd, 4046 Grove Ave., Western Springs, Ill.; Ver Lynn Sprague, 925 Somonauk St., Sycamore, Ill.

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DECEASED: Harry J. Lackritz.

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

## FORT SUMTER AND CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

Beards and the flowing dresses of the 1860s will create the atmosphere of the Fort Sumter observance at Charleston, S C., April 11-12. Citadel cadets, manning the batteries, will be in Confederate uniforms. Pyrotechnics will simulate the fire of Gen. P. G. T. Beauregard's troops.

Postmaster General J. Edward Day will be present April 12 for the first commemorative stamp, Fort Sumter. After Sumter, four more Civil War stamps will be issued: Shiloh, April 6, 1962; Gettysburg, July 1, 1963; The Wilderness, May 5, 1964, and Appomattox, April 9, 1965. The lettering is "Civil War Centennial" and the central design represents each event.

The fourth national assembly of the national Civil War Centennial Commission will begin at 9 a.m., April 11, at the Francis Marion Hotel. Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd, commission chairman, will preside over all sessions.

Among the speakers will be Karl S. Betts, commission director; Herbert Kahler, for the National Park Service; Carl Zenor, chairman of the Indiana commission, and Ashley Halsey, Jr., associate editor of the Saturday Evening Post.

Workmen at Fort Sumter restoration uncovered a leather pouch containing undamaged Civil War cannon primers, a rare find.

## FOURTH CWRT CONCLAVE MAY 19-21 AT ATLANTA

Atlanta CWRT is host to the Fourth Annual Civil War Round Table Conclave, May 19 to 21. There will be banquets on the evenings of May 19 and 20 at two of Atlanta's leading clubs. Among speakers will be Dr. Bell I. Wiley and Col. Allen P. Julian.

There will be two conclave sessions and the rest of the time will be devoted to touring battle sites. One tour will be to Kennesaw Mountain battlefield and another to sites of the Atlanta campaign. The famous battle cyclorama will be viewed.

For further information, write Beverly M. Du Bose, Jr., 2108 Garraux Road, N.W., Atlanta 5, Georgia.

## THE NEW BOOKS



LINCOLN DAY BY DAY, a Chronology, Vol. III, 1861-1865, Earl Schenck Miers, editor-in-chief, and C. Percy Powell, Lincoln Sesquicentennial commission (487pp, Supt. of Documents, U. S. Govt. Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., \$2.50). And booksellers; Vol. I & II also available.

THE CIVIL WAR: A Centennial Exhibition of Eye-witness Drawings (153pp, National Gallery of Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.) Illustrated text: "The 'Special Artist' Reports the Civil War", by William P. Campbell (281 items, 58 artists).

DIARY OF A CIVIL WAR HERO, by Michael Dougherty (Pyramid books, paper, 50 cents) Company B 13th Pennsylvania cavalry, prison experiences.

ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO RICHMOND, with a facsimile reprint of the CITY INTELLIGENCER of 1862 (The Confederate Museum, the Valentine Museum, Richmond, Va.)

MYTHS AFTER LINCOLN, by Lloyd Lewis, introduction by Carl Sandburg (Grosset, \$1.95). Reprint of a fine work that separates hearsay from fact.

PROLOGUE TO SUMTER: The Beginnings of the Civil War from the John Brown raid to the surrender of Fort Sumter (576pp, Fawcett, paper, 75 cents).

A REBEL WAR CLERK'S DIARY, by John B. Jones, edited by Earl Schenck Miers (reprint, A. S. Barnes, Perpetua, paper, \$2.45).

THIS HALLOWED GROUND, by Bruce Catton (Cardinal, reprint, paper, 50 cents).

UNDER THE FLAG OF THE NATION: Diaries and Letters of a Volunteer in the Civil War, edited by Otto F. Bond (308pp, Ohio State U., \$5) of 42nd and 182nd Ohio.

UNIFORM AND DRESS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, introduction by Richard B. Harwell (23 plates, some in color, St. Martin's Press, \$15) reprint of three rare items.

UNVEXED TO THE SEA, by Gerry Morrison (466pp, St. Martin's, \$5.95) novel of the siege and surrender of Vicksburg.

MASSACHUSETTS IN THE CIVIL WAR: The Call to Arms, 1830 to April 19, 1861 (Centennial commission, room 27, State House, Boston).

NORTH CAROLINA AS A CIVIL WAR BACKGROUND, 1861-1865, by John G. Barrett (History and Archives, Box 1881, Raleigh, N. C.)

TORIES OF THE HILLS, by Wesley S. Thompson (Par-eil Press, Vernon, Ala.) Hatreds murders, and atrocities in northern Alabama in the war.

HEROINES OF THE BLUE AND GRAY, by David Harkness (Extension Library, Box 8540, University Station, Knoxville, Tenn.)

CONFEDERATE BONDS AND CERTIFICATES, by C. J. Affleck and B. M. Douglas (Affleck, Winchester, Va.) Illustrated bibliography and price list.

ESSAYS IN AMERICAN HISTORIOGRAPHY, a series of monographs written by former students and dedicated to Allan Nevins (Columbia University Press, N. Y.)

HOSPITAL SKETCHES, by Louisa May Alcott (Harvard), reissue of 1863 work.

TYLER TO SHARPSBURG, edited by Robert W. Glover (W. M. Morrison, 2221 Parrott St., Waco, Texas), 1861-1862 letters of two brothers in Hood's Texas brigade.

THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR, by Howard Preston, past president of Cleveland CWRT (32pp, Cleveland Plain Dealer, 25 cents), text and war pictures.

FRANK LESLIE'S ILLUSTRATED, 111 Vine, Shenandoah, Iowa; reprint of wartime weekly, \$12 for 52 issues.

## FUTURE MEETINGS



Friday, May 12 - Dr. Robert D. Meade, "Judah P. Benjamin". Dr. Meade is chairman of the history department, Randolph-Macon college, Lynchburg, Va., and author of a book on Benjamin.

June - Meeting arrangements to be announced. SPECIAL EVENTS, ILLINOIS

April 22-23 - Occupation of southernmost Union city, Cairo, by troops from Chicago. Initial centennial event.

April 26-May 1 - Chicago CWRT battlefield tour to Vicksburg, Port Gibson, and Jackson, Miss.

April 29 - U. S. Grant Pilgrimage for Boy Scouts, Galena, Ill. Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant III speaks.

April 30 - Boy Scout pilgrimage to Lincoln's Tomb, Springfield, Ill., Karl S. Betts speaks.

### CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL EVENTS

April 11-12 - Charleston, S. C., Fourth National Assembly of Civil War Centennial commission. Attack on Fort Sumter, re-enactment

April 20 - Federal troops burned Norfolk navy yard and evacuated.

April 23 - General Robert E. Lee assumes command of Virginia armed forces. Official opening of Virginia centennial observance at Richmond, Va.



BRAWLING BRASS, NORTH AND SOUTH, by Col. H. B. Simpson (Texas Press, Waco, \$1.50), "top brass" controversies of the Civil War.

### CENTENNIAL PROGRAMS AT FREEDOM HALL

Freedom Hall, 1235 N. Harlem, Oak Park, Ill., under the title of "Civil War Centennial Round Table", is sponsoring a series of three commemorative programs, in conjunction with West Suburban libraries.

The programs are at 3 p.m. on Sundays. The first, on March 19, had Ralph G. Newman as speaker. On April 23, Otto Eisenschiml will speak on "The Hidden Face of the Civil War." On May 14, Clyde C. Walton, state historian, will speak on "Illinois During the Civil War."

Freedom Hall's centennial exhibit is open Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m., with Mrs. E. B. Long as director. Among the more than 100 items on display are letters from leaders on both sides of the conflict.

### TRI-STATE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE, QUINCY, ILL.

Tri-State CWRT is in operation and can be addressed in care of The Rev. Landry Genosky, O.F.M., Quincy College, Quincy, Ill. An attractive newsletter has been issued with an emblem map showing that tri-state means western Illinois, southeastern Iowa and north-eastern Missouri.

Father Genosky, history professor at the college, addressed a meeting on "The Lincoln-Pickett Relationship". George E. Pickett, of Gettysburg fame, took up residence in Quincy in 1840 with his uncle, Andrew Johnston, founder of the Quincy Whig newspaper. Pickett moved to Quincy to obtain an appointment to West Point. There are claims that Lincoln aided Pickett in obtaining the appointment. Father Genosky is delving into material on this subject.