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Robert Johannsen - 'Stephen Douglas and the South' - Friday, May 20

Dr. Robert W. Johannsen, chairman of the history department of the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, will be our speaker Friday, May 20, on "Stephen A. Douglas and the South." The meeting will be in the Furniture Club of the Furniture Mart, 666 N. Lake Shore drive. Use the west entrance, on McClurg court, and the parking to the south of it.



Dr. Johannsen

Johannsen is perhaps the most intensive researcher on Douglas and has an impressive record of books, articles, papers, and speeches on the subject. The paper he has prepared for us is an outgrowth of his work on a new biography of Douglas.

Johannsen will sketch in general terms some of the features of Douglas' relationship with the South, especially with respect to his ideas on slavery and popular sovereignty.

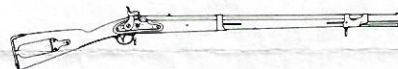
"After the general part, I intend to focus more precisely on Douglas' campaign tour through the slaveholding states in 1860, when he campaigned for the Union as much as (or more than) he did for himself," Johannsen said.

Johannsen is a native of Portland, Oregon, attended Reed College and then took his master's and doctorate degrees at the University of Washington. He taught at Washington and the University of Kansas before joining the Illinois faculty in 1959.

His books are: "Frontier Politics and the Sectional Conflict: The Pacific Northwest on the Eve of the Civil War" (1955), "In the Name of the People: the Speeches and Writings of Lincoln and Douglas in the Ohio Campaign of 1859" (with Harry V. Jaffa, 1959), "Overland Migrations West of the Mississippi River" (National Park Service, 1959), "The Letters of Stephen A. Douglas" (1961), "The Lincoln-Douglas Debates of 1858" (1965), and "The Union in Crisis, 1850-1877" (1965).

His nearly 30 articles in scholarly journals and encyclopedias include: "The Kansas-Nebraska Act and Territorial Government in the United States" (1954), "The Lecompton Constitutional Convention: An Analysis of Its Membership" (1957), "John Calhoun: The Villian of Territorial Kansas" (1958), "Douglas at Charleston" (1961), and "The Douglas Democracy and the Crisis of Disunion" (1963). His works have won a number of awards.

Among his papers read at professional historical meetings are: "Douglas, Popular Sovereignty and the West," "What Should Be Done to Meet the Impending Shortage of College Teachers in History?" and Comments on "Why the Democratic Party Divided."



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Robert W. Johannsen
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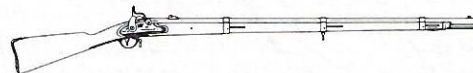
"Stephen A. Douglas and the South"

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FRIDAY, MAY 20, 1966

Furniture Club in Furniture Mart
666 North Lake Shore Drive

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



TOUR SHAPES UP

Enrollment for the 16th Annual Battlefield Tour to Washington, D.C., and the John Wilkes Booth escape route had an early and fast start. The early birds were assured of places in the White Sox DC-7 to be bannered "Gen. Abner Doubleday Special" on the flight east, May 26, and "Gen. John A. Logan Special" on the return, May 30. To accommodate the overflow, reservations were made with a commercial airline (American) for places on a jet flight from O'Hare to National airport, Washington, leaving after the special and arriving ahead of it.

Arthur C. Allyn, a new member of the Round Table, is owner of the Chicago White Sox baseball club. Another new member, Sidney R. Yates, congressman from the 9th district in Chicago, volunteered "anything that we do to make your visit to Washington more enjoyable. I look forward to greeting members of the Round Table."

The various chairmen and assistants are shaping final details of the tour. Participants in the tour are offered insurance at a small additional cost. For arrangements, contact Registrar Margaret April by phone or mail at the Round Table address. Ralph Newman, our liaison man in Washington, hints that surprises are in store on the tour.

Johannsen is the sponsor and mentor of David E. Meerse who won the first Civil War Round Table Fellowship Award a year ago. Since last June, Meerse has engaged in fulltime research on his doctoral dissertation, "Patronage Policies of the Buchanan Administration." His research into papers of persons connected with the administration has taken him to the National Archives,

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Respectfully submitted,
 Vernon W. Schick, chairman, Elmer C. Brinkman,
 Harold G. Mason, D. L. McCarthy, Allen Meyer.

The slate will be voted on at the May 20 meeting.



THE AUCTION, April 30, drew 100 to an excellent dinner in the Furniture Club and raised a handsome sum for the college Fellowship Award fund. Bookkeeping details were not done in time to report in this issue, but will be in the June number. Donors provided excellent material for Co-Chairmen Marshall Krolick and Joe Eisendrath. Joe auctioneered and had on his staff Ralph Newman, Ver Lynn Sprague, Wilson Smith, Mike Lerner and Maurice Fisher. Marshall was head clerk, aided by his wife, Richard B. Cohen, and Mal Hoffmann. Treasurer Bill Krone was kept busy tallying the receipts. The fine Auction bulletins mailed to members were the work of Jerry Warshaw. Mike Lerner ran a large ad on the auction in the Booster newspapers of the Lerner group.

*from the
Editor's pen*



The 250th regular meeting of The Civil War Round Table was a highly successful event, also celebrating the centennial of the Grand Army of the Republic which was founded in Decatur, Ill., on April 6, 1866.

Dinner in the Beaubien room of Stouffer's restaurant in Prudential Plaza drew 112 members, ladies, and guests—among the latter a dozen members of the Chicago Public Library staff. President Brooks Davis read the roll of past presidents of the round table. The gathering then moved across Michigan avenue to the auditorium of the library where the audience of 300 also included members of the Sons of Union Veterans and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion and citizens interested in the program.

Ralph Newman, a member of the library board, introduced Chief Librarian Gertrude Gscheidle. She told how the acquisition of ground on which the library stands carried with it the obligation to include a G.A.R. Memorial hall in the building. Davis read a message from former President Dwight Eisenhower saluting the round table on its 250th meeting (text on page 3). Member Alastair Napier, vice consul of Canada in Chicago, introduced Sir Denis Brogan as "the greatest transatlantic authority on the United States."

Brogan, professor of political science at Cambridge university, England, author of many books dealing with America, and visiting lecturer at the University of Chicago, spoke on "The War as a War." Of the many designations of it, he said he was willing to settle for "The Civil War," and treat it as a problem in military history.

It was the first modern war, he said, the first approach to a total war, and had the highest casualties in proportion to population to date. The war lifted itself out of an amateurish state by the fact that it drew its leaders from the body of 1,500 men trained at West Point. Railroads were used seriously and with strategic effect over vast areas for the first time. Trenches were equal to those of later wars except for the later additions of barbed wire and machine guns.

The Civil War developed a change in the role of cavalry. Horses were used for raids and to transport men to the point of action with the greatest speed, then to dismount and fire. Brogan cited Phil Sheridan and James Wilson as great cavalry leaders of the new style. Brogan said the Union army was slow in adopting breech loading rifles — "If they had been adopted sooner, the war would have ended sooner." He touched on other innovations, such as ambulances, telegraph, balloons, rifled cannon, better rations and clothing.

Though the destruction of armies was a goal, "the Union had to restore the authority of the United States and this meant the occupation of territory. The South could not protect its own heartland." Summing up, Brogan said "it was an army of young men, young generals, and a young country... It was an army free of tradition, fighting a war in its own peculiar American way—it would try something and if it didn't work, it would try something else."

After the address, Harold Teitelbaum of the library staff directed the gathering on a tour of the Civil War relics in the G.A.R. Memorial hall. Ladies of the library served tea and coffee and cookies. At the beginning of the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Napier had held a cocktail reception in their apartment for Sir Denis.

In appreciation of his address, the Round Table presented to Sir Denis a small reproduction of the Borglum head of Lincoln.

Salute from Eisenhower

Following is text of a message from Former President Eisenhower to the 250th meeting of the Round Table:

"With all who believe that knowledge of our history is a rich source of strength and wisdom to every American generation in the meeting of its problems and trials, I salute the contribution made by you of The Chicago Civil War Round Table to the revival of Civil War study.

"Here was a great war between men of like tongue and loyalties and aspirations. Neither side had a monopoly on courage or conviction or integrity. Both sides, indeed, could boast of combat leaders and fighting men, of statesmen and citizens whose conduct from beginning to end of the conflict was marked by uncommon courage, stout conviction, sterling integrity. Nor was victory, until the final months of Southern exhaustion, a matter of mathematical odds or economic statistics.

"Through most of its duration, the war was a supreme testing of mens' spirit. From that testing, both sides—those who won and whose who lost—merged, heroic in stature. North and South alike were proved great in their will to endure tragic trial, to persevere unflinchingly, to sacrifice blood and treasure and young hopes for a cause beyond self or worldly ease.

"Out of Civil War study, one paramount lesson emerges that all of us descended in blood and spirit from those who fought in Blue and Gray, should forever bear in mind:

"The Republic, one and indivisible, a heritage costly to our forebearers in its building, merits of every one of us the persistent and productive resolve that each day of our lives we shall in some way, in some work, prove ourselves worthy heirs to it, builders in our time of new strength and brighter promise."

(signed) Dwight D. Eisenhower

The general had been invited to address the meeting, but had to decline, and in doing so commented: "As an old soldier, however, given the opportunity to talk of battles and battle leadership, of plans for campaigns, of all the elements of men and weapons that are interwoven in every action from the sudden and unexpected fire fight to the protracted siege, I might speak at such length that your members' patience with me would be exhausted. They are spared that possible consequence of your invitation."

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'STEPHAN DOUGLAS AND THE SOUTH'—

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Library of Congress, Pennsylvania Historial Society, and historical materials in Chicago, Springfield, and Indianapolis. His research is nearly complete, his writing well started, and he expects to complete his dissertation by August. Meerse, a native of Crete, Nebraska, and student at the University of Illinois, plans to be present at our May 20 meeting.

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WHEN LADIES MEET: The second meeting of the Unauthorized Personnel will be held in the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop, 18 East Chestnut street, at 5:30 p.m., Friday, May 20, while the men are meeting at the Furniture Club. Joyce, wife of member Jerry Warshaw, will speak on "Lincoln—the Long Way Home." She will discuss the assassination and its aftermath, aspects of the trial and finally, the funeral train. Joyce is assistant to the director of the Illinois Sesquicentennial Commission. As at the successful first meeting, a buffet will be served by volunteers. Call Betsy Davis, 944-5082 if you will be present.

TRIBUTE TO GOVERNOR KERNER

On Saturday, May 21, "Gov. Otto Kerner Appreciation Night" will be observed with a dinner at Holiday Inn East, in Springfield, Ill. A social hour at 6 p.m. will precede the dinner at 7:30 p.m. The Springfield Municipal Choir will give a concert.

The Springfield Civil War Round Table, in association with the Abraham Lincoln association and the Sangamon County Historical society, invites our Round Table and others of the state and the various historical societies to join in honoring the governor for his efforts in behalf of our mutual interests. Throughout his years in office he has encouraged, directed, and supported activities related to the preservation of our state and national heritage.

The governor will be the principal speaker and will be presented an appreciation gift in the name of all related groups.

Tickets are \$5 and blocks of eight reserve an entire table. Prepaid requests will be reserved in order of receipt. Send to Thomas O. Williams, Secretary Springfield CWRT, 629 West Capitol Ave., Springfield, Ill. 62704.

THE VICKSBURG EVENING POST printed parts of the resolutions from Chicago, Decatur, and Springfield Round Tables urging complete restoration of the ironclad gunboat Cairo rather than placing the superstructure on a barge. The resolutions favored a ground location near Vicksburg Military park.

In reply to the copy of our resolution which was sent to him, Gov. Paul B. Johnson of Mississippi wrote:

"Every effort is being made for the proper restoration of the Cairo, the cost of which will approximate one and a half million dollars. Your continued interest is solicited."

Gene A. Triggs, director of the Mississippi Agricultural and Industrial board, which is custodian of the Cairo, replied:

"We deeply appreciate your interest in the restoration of the USS Gunboat Cairo. A careful study is being made and a recommendation is now pending before the state legislature to provide the necessary funds with which to completely and authentically restore this important historic boat. Your interest will be conveyed to the appropriate committees to show the widespread concern for this important project."

Two Mississippi representatives introduced a bill in the legislature to turn the Cairo over to the National Park Service.

LOUISVILLE CWRT has contributed \$50 to the Civil War Round Table Fellowship Award fund. President Brooks Davis, when in Louisville, presented our Distinguished Service Award to the Round Table and another to Frank Rankin, a founder of the Louisville CWRT and a member of our group. Louisville CWRT is co-operating with Jefferson county authorities to preserve and protect pioneer stations and forts from deterioration and the sweep of bulldozers. The CWRT is sponsoring a tour of historic spots of Louisville and Jefferson county on May 15th.

Clyde C. Walton, State Historian and CWRT member, gave the Abraham Lincoln Memorial lecture, "Mr. Lincoln Opens His Mail," at Lincoln College, Lincoln, Ill., on April 21.

J. Ambler Johnston, our speaker on February 10, will receive a recording of his talk on Grant and Lee, which stirred much interest here and elsewhere.

THE NEW BOOKS



THE OVERSEER: Plantation Management in the South, by William Kauffman Scarborough (Louisiana State, 248pp, \$7.50).

ZACHARY TAYLOR, by Edwin P. Hoyt (Reilly & Lee, Chicago, \$3.95). A professional soldier who became President in the critical years that led up to the Civil War.

GENERAL GRANT, by Matthew Arnold, With a Rejoinder by Mark Twain, edited by John Y. Simon (Southern Illinois U., \$4.25).

GRANT THE SOLDIER, by Thomas M. Pitkin (Acropolis Books, Washington, D.C., publication of Eastern National Park & Monument Ass'n, 88pp).

THE BLACK CODES OF THE SOUTH, by Thomas B. Wilson (U. of Alabama, 177pp, \$5.95).

FORT WAYNE'S CONTACTS WITH ABRAHAM LINCOLN, by R. Gerald McMurtry (Public Library of Fort Wayne and Allen County, Ind., 17pp).

THE BLUE AND THE GRAY, The Civil War in Books for Children (pamphlet, Chicago Public Library, Children's Department). Also, **A NATION DIVIDED**, a list of books on the war and Lincoln in the library (1962).

THE CRUISE OF THE C.S.S. SUMTER, by Charles Grayson Summersell (Confederate Publishing Co., Tuscaloosa, Ala., 187pp, \$4).

WISCONSIN'S CIVIL WAR ARCHIVES, by William G. Paul (State Historical Society, Madison, 66pp, \$1).

THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY IN 1864: An Episode in the History of Warfare, by Edward H. Phillips (The Citadel, Charleston, S.C., 36pp).

TWENTY YEARS ON THE PACIFIC SLOPE: Letters of Henry Eno from California and Nevada, 1848-1871, Edited and intro. by W. Turrentine Jackson (Yale, 224pp, \$6). The changing scene of the post-gold rush period.

SOUTHERN WEALTH AND NORTHERN PROFITS, by Thomas P. Kettrell (Alabama, 181pp, \$5.95). Economic conditions in the North and South, written one year before the Civil War.

SLAVERY AND METHODISM: A Chapter in American Morality, 1780-1845, by Donald G. Mathews (Princeton, 341pp, \$7.50).

LEGAL ASPECTS OF CONSCRIPTION IN NORTH CAROLINA, 1861-1865, by Memory F. Mitchell (North Carolina, 103pp, paper \$2.50).

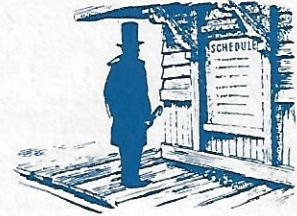
BOOK NOTES

AMERICAN HISTORY Illustrated began with the April issue, Robert H. Fowler, editor and general manager; Col. Wilbur S. Nye, managing editor; Stephen E. Ambrose, associate editor, and Edward J. Stackpole, publisher. Volume 1, Number 1 has articles by several men who have been our speakers: Col. Nye on "How a Kiowa Got His War Bonnet"; Joseph P. Cullen on "John Paul Jones—a Personality Profile," and D. Alexander Brown on "Brides by the Boatload for the Northwest." The slick paper magazine with art and color work will publish monthly except March and September.

CIVIL WAR TIMES Illustrated for April devotes principal attention to "The Andrews Railroad Raid," by Wilbur G. Kurtz, Sr. There is a special article on "Lee Blamed Ewell and Longstreet for His Failure in the Wilderness," based on newly discovered material. Dr. Francis A. Lord analyzes photos of the dead to identify equipment of the Confederates in 1864.

THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES 1861-1865, the final publication of the Richmond Civil War Centennial Committee, of which J. Ambler Johnston was chairman, will be issued by North Carolina Press. It is priced at \$12.50. Ambler says, "We will print only 1,000 copies and do not expect sales to the average read-

BULLETIN BOARD



BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Executive Committee) meets at 4 p.m., Friday, May 20, at 18 East Chestnut street. Possible dues increase and other problems will be discussed.

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NEW MEMBERS: Arthur C. Allyn, 101 Hamilton St., Evanston, Ill. 60200; Royce Blair Jr., 5881 N. Elston Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60646; Alan I. Feldstein, 2827 Western Ave., Park Forest, Ill. 60646; John Fuerst, 3346 W. 62nd place, Chicago, Ill. 60629; Charles Shields, 214 Miami, Park Forest, Ill. 60466; Sidney R. Yates, House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Sherman J. Lavigna to: 448 Moorland Dr. South, Battle Creek, Mich., 49015; John V. McCormick to: Chicago Civic Center, Chicago, Ill. 60602.

FUTURE MEETINGS

May 26-30 - CWRT 16th Annual Battlefield Tour to Washington, D.C., and Booth's Escape Route into Maryland.

Friday, June 10 - Frank Vandiver speaker.

SPECIAL EVENTS

May 13-15 - Illinois State Historical Society spring tour at Carmi, Illinois

May 19-22 - New York CWRT, Battlefield Tour to Antietam, Harpers Ferry, Monocacy Junction, South Mountain and Crampton's Gap.

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AVAILABLE at meetings: Gold filled lapel pin, \$1; Cloth patch of emblem, 50¢; Muster Roll program of 25th Anniversary meeting, \$2 (also by mail).



A **MEDICAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP DINNER** in honor of Elmer Gertz will be held at 7 p.m., Sunday, May 15, in the Cotillion room of the Continental Plaza hotel on Michigan Avenue at Delaware street. Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon will be the speaker. There will be a reception at 6 p.m. The dinner is a \$50 plate affair and proceeds go for medical research at the City of Hope National Medical Center. Gertz is a founder of our Round Table. Chairman of the dinner is Attorney Solomon Jesmer, 127 N. Dearborn street, Chicago 60602.

MISSION '66, the ten-year program of improvements in national public parks, had recognition in the 50th year of the National Park Service with the opening of the National Collection of Fine Arts exhibition, "American Landscape: A Changing Frontier," April 27, at a black tie affair in the Art hall of the Natural History building of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

er, but do contemplate that libraries and serious scholars will wish to have it."

OUR "PETE" LONG has several historical projects contemplated or under way: "Civil War Almanac," a companion source volume to Bruce Catton's centennial history of the war; "The War Beyond the River, the Trans-Mississippi in the Civil War," and a "Bicentennial History of the United States."