

THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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Lloyd Ostendorf - "The Faces of Abraham Lincoln" - Friday, February 9

Lloyd Ostendorf, who speaks to our meeting February 9 on "The Faces of Lincoln," is the recognized authority

on Lincoln photographs since the death of Frederick Hill Meserve.

In 1963, Lloyd, in co-authorship with Charles Hamilton, brought out the book, "Lincoln in Photographs, An Album of Every Known Pose."



Lloyd Ostendorf



The Angry Lincoln

(Oklahoma, \$19.50). It is the present standard work on the subject.

In his profession as a free lance artist, illustrator, and portrait painter, Lloyd is best known to us as the cover artist of a long succession of Lincoln Herald issues, and of numerous panels on special Lincoln subjects.

Lloyd's latest book cover, on "Lincoln's Lost Speech" (by Elwell Crissey, Hawthorn, \$7.50) is a startling drawing of an aroused Lincoln (above, right). The speech at Bloomington on May 29, 1856 was regarded as the first that moved Lincoln toward national prominence.

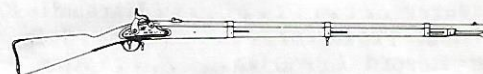
Lloyd began his collection of Lincoln photographs a generation ago. With Hamilton, he examined many collections so that nothing would be overlooked. In their book, from the smallest (1/8 inch in diameter) to the largest (18 1/2" x 20 3/8") there are 119 photographs of Lincoln - 39 beardless, 80 with a beard. Lincoln sat for 30 different cameramen on 61 occasions.

For his appearance here, Lloyd plans to lead off with a talk, show color slides, and then answer questions.

"The pictures I will show consist mostly of various photographs of Lincoln, his family, Civil War notables, scenes and views of that period with comments about the pictures," Lloyd said.

"My talk will be stories about Lincoln, how people in his own day were fascinated by him, were moved to write about him, and that same fascination for him carries over even today as people like myself and other Lincoln students, biographers, and the public continues to be captivated by his personality and face, as well as the great things he did."

Lloyd lives at Dayton, Ohio. He is 46, married, and has three children. He is author of two other books, "Mr. Lincoln Came to Dayton" (Otterbein Press, Dayton, 1959) and "A Picture Story of Abraham Lincoln" (Lothrop, New York, 1962). He has illustrated more than a score of books, school texts, readers, histories, biographies, and educational periodicals. Among them is Adin Baber's "Lincoln with Compass and Chain."



268th REGULAR MEETING

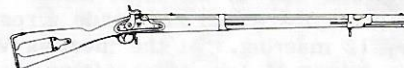
Lloyd Ostendorf

on

"The Faces of Lincoln"

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1968

Furniture Club in Furniture Mart Cocktails at 5:30
666 North Lake Shore Drive Dinner at 6:30 p.m.



Lloyd was twice president of the Dayton Civil War Round Table and has spoken to other Round Tables. He has been art editor of the Lincoln Herald since 1957. He is a member of numerous historical and art societies and has been an officer of some.

He was an honorary member of the national Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission (1959), and a fellow in the Royal Society of Arts, London. Awards he has received include the George Washington Honor Medal from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge and the 1966 Lincoln Diploma of Honor from Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tenn.

In 1958 Lloyd was national award winner in the contest for design of the Chicago Lincoln statue at Lincoln, Lawrence, and Western avenues. From photographs in his private collection he writes a feature, "Faces Lincoln Knew." Pictures from his large Civil War collection appear in the American Heritage "Picture History of the Civil War."

ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY has issued the outline of its program for the spring meeting in Chicago, April 18-20, with headquarters at the Pick-Congress hotel. The meeting is linked to the state's 150th birthday and will be joined by the Sesquicentennial commission, the Round Table, and other organizations in the observance. Briefly, the program is this:

April 18 (Thursday) - Banquet celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Illinois enabling act.

April 19 - Luncheon speaker Herman Kogan, Chicago

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JOSEPH H. PRATT DIES

Joseph H. Pratt died January 10 after a brain hemorrhage. He was one of the most faithful of Civil War Round Table members and had made a reservation for the January 12 meeting. At the meeting Wilson Smith delivered a eulogy of Joe, emphasizing that "he loved this group" and noting that Mrs. Pratt was a member of the Camp Followers group. Tho of quiet nature, Joe frequently participated in discussions after the talk at meetings. "He enjoyed every bit of it," Smith said. Members served as pallbearers.

Mrs. Dora Lerner, mother of Mike and the late Leo, died January 4.

Oliver J. Keller of Springfield, Ill., who spoke to one of our meetings on Gen. John F. Reynolds, died January 5. He was president of the Abraham Lincoln association.

Timothy J. O'Connor, former Chicago police commissioner, died December 31. The Civil War, particularly as it affected Chicago, was his hobby. He was lecturer on a Round Table tour of Chicago and was a guest at a number of our meetings.

December 20, 1967

Members of the Civil War Round Table:

I wish it were possible for me to write each member a personal note thanking them for the kind deeds and thoughts extended at the time of Dr. Bergquist's passing away.

He truly treasured his association as he was a dedicated scholar pertaining to this era of history and also enjoyed his associations with the members.

Sincerely,

Edith Bergquist

from the
Editor's pen



At the January 12 meeting, Dr. Glenn H. Seymour took the sixty-eight members and guests back to "Illinois in the 1850s" when the clop-clop of horses was music to the ears. "My favorite decade," he said, "a period of dynamic growth and expansion." In 1818, the statehood year, Illinois had to lie to claim 40,000 population. But it had 851,470 in 1850 and 1,711,000 in 1860. In the decade Chicago grew from 30,000 to 109,760 and by 1865 had 150,000. A flood of immigration was topped by 130,000 Germans and 87,000 Irish.

It was a decade of railroad building that never has been equaled. Illinois Central land sale promotions in Europe spurred emigration. The railroads were a factor in increasing Illinois coal production. The telegraph reached Chicago and St. Louis in 1848.

Agriculture was developed tremendously. By 1850 there were 5 million acres of improved land and by 1860 13 million acres. Illinois produced 57 1/2 million bushels of corn in 1850 and 115 million bushels in 1860 - and led the nation, as it still does. In 1860 it was also first in wheat with 23 3/4 million bushels - a lead that was lost long ago. The Chicago Board of Trade - the world's No. 1 grain market - was organized. Corn sold for 40¢ and wheat \$1.25. Glenn pointed out that wheat isn't much higher now.

The state became the first major producer of farm implements, led by the John Deere plow and the McCormick reaper. Its decade saw the beginning of industry in Illinois. The first state agricultural fair was held, and county fairs. Jonathan B. Turner of Jacksonville introduced the osage hedge for fencing (barbed wire was invented in Illinois years later).

There was a housing shortage in the state in 1850 and much poverty - the average wage for an unskilled worker was \$1 a day. A house could be built for \$400 to \$600, but rented for \$200 a year. Grease lamps and candles provided lighting until gas was introduced in the decade (kerosene came later). There was no paving, no sewers, no drainage. Refuse was thrown into the street. Hogs roamed and ate the refuse.

The countryside was peaceful, with rich farm land and expanses of water soaked bogs. People had no refrigeration and ate foods in season, as they grew. In Chicago there was a saloon for every 60 citizens. Temperance societies arose. The decade prepared Illinois for its tremendous role in the Civil War - men, food supply, industry, and distribution.

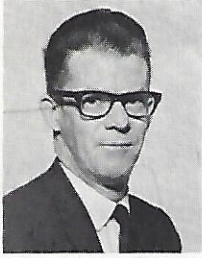
President Ver Lynn Sprague announced that Lloyd Miller has added another 100 shares of stock in an insurance company to the Graduate Fellowship Award fund. Treasurer Marshall Krolick reported that the book auction last fall netted \$2,077.72 for the Fellowship fund. He also gave a reminder that from now until June 30 dues for new members are \$10 with \$5 the fee for those outside Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin.

Sprague announced that T. Harry Williams will be the speaker in June with "A Yank at Oxford," the story of his year at Oxford as Harnsworth professor of American History. William K. Alderfer, executive director of the Illinois State Historical Society, gave up his date in June for one next fall to make way for Williams, the sage of Vinegar Hill.

Morton Feigen, hospitality chairman of the evening, called for introduction of guests. Among them were Dr. F. R. Geigle, executive vice president and provost, and Dr. Emory G. Evans, head of the history department, of Northern Illinois University. They were guests of Clyde Walton, head of the N.I.U. libraries.

Joe Cullen Tour Speaker

A highlight of the May 2 to 5 Civil War Round Table tour to the battlefields of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, The Wilderness, and Spotsylvania, will be the opening night talk by Joseph P. Cullen.



Joseph P. Cullen

We became acquainted with Cullen when he was historian of the Richmond battlefields on our tour there in 1960. He spoke at our 197th meeting in Chicago, January 13, 1961, on "The Peninsula Campaign of 1862." He is a forceful speaker and adept at handling queries in discussion.

In 1961 he was promoted to chief historian at the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park, in 1963 to staff historian in National Park Service headquarters in Washington, and since 1966 he has been public affairs officer for the southeast regional office of the N.P.S. in Richmond.

For his appearance before our touring group May 2, Joe plans to discuss Gen. George B. McClellan's dismissal and Gen. Ambrose Burnside's appointment; Burnside's plan and his reasons for it and his subsequent failure to carry it out, with the tragic results. On May 3, Ralph Happel, present historian at Fredericksburg-Spotsylvania will talk on the other three battles of the area.

The National Park Service's official booklet on the area is "Where A Hundred Thousand Fell," written by Cullen. This booklet will be part of the tour packet for each member.

Cullen is a native of New York state and a graduate (B.A. and M.A.) of Syracuse university. He traveled in Europe for eight years before World War II and then served four years with the army air force, mostly in the South Pacific. He taught history for two years at Syracuse and later was in a publisher's college textbook division before joining the National Park Service. He has many published articles.

Tour co-chairmen Jerry Warshaw and Edward Waterbury have announced that the cost of this year's tour will be \$185 single and \$175 per person, double.

The official tour leaflet and full reservation form will be mailed out soon after mid-March.

However, since early estimates are needed on plane and hotel occupancy, buses, meals, and printed matter, a preliminary reservation form is included with this issue of the newsletter to assemble those facts, plus a \$25 deposit to finance early costs.

Members of Richmond, Washington, Fredericksburg, Alexandria, and other Round Tables are invited to join in the tour. Reservations should be made through Registrar Margaret April, rather than the headquarters hotel, so that all room, meal, and bus needs can be co-ordinated.

Illinois State... (continued)

author; Afternoon - Chicago Historical Society tour and reception; Evening - Night Life tour.

April 20 - Historic Sites bus tour; Luncheon and special program, University of Illinois Chicago Circle campus; Afternoon - Historic Architecture bus tour; Evening - reception and banquet; speaker Walter Trohan, chief of Chicago Tribune Washington bureau.

WALTER TROHAN devoted his column, Report from Washington, in the December 20 Chicago Tribune to a life award Honorary Member of the Round Table:

"After 49 years of dedicated service, David Chambers Mearns, the scholar's scholar, has retired as chief of the manuscript division of the Library of Congress and assistant librarian for the American collections," Walter wrote.

"Hardly a book has been written on the American

TO THE LADIES -

Once upon a time in Illinois lived a Very Important General who served his Country ever so Successfully and became a Very Important Politician, too. As all - or most - Successful Men do, he had a Very Clever Wife. She was a Victorian Lady in every way, retiring, delicate, elegant - Except, she was different! The story of "General Logan's Lady" will be told by Lenore Fleming at the February 9th meeting of the Camp Followers at the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop, 18 East Chestnut street in Chicago.

Lenore is the wife of George Fleming who addressed the Round Table in January 1967 on "Political Generals." Lenore, while aiding in his research, came up with a few fascinating facts of her own - all credit to George, of course. Lenore has a Ph. B in Philosophy and an M.A. in English from Loyola. She is now attending St. Joseph's Calumet Campus, working toward a B.A. in Arts. She is on the program committee of the Board of the Girl Scouts of Chicago. Lenore also works in her own area as a Junior Grade Books Leader.

There will be cocktails at 5:30 p.m. preceding the talk and a buffet dinner will follow. For reservations, call Eleanor Sprague, SU 7-7349.

-Betsy Ross Davis, program chairman

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Continuing the Camp Followers' program celebrating the Sesquicentennial of our state, Eleanor Sprague spoke January 12 on "150 Years in Illinois." She covered the state's history with wit and wisdom, dramatizing the years with stories of persons and incidents. She emphasized the accomplishments of Illinois, leaving everyone with a quiet feeling of pride in our state. Those attending the meeting were given a copy of Eleanor's "The Sesquicentennial Cookbook." The February meeting will feature for the dinner, recipes from the book prepared by various members.

scene that has not contained some fruit of his research.... Indirectly every American has benefited from his research. It is comforting to know that all is not lost, because Mearns has been named consultant in the humanities and given the key of the library so that his wisdom and advice will continue to be available when most needed."

Trohan recalled that one of the big moments in Mearns' career was the opening of the Robert Todd Lincoln papers in the Library of Congress on July 26, 1947. An official meeting of the Chicago Civil War Round Table was held at Trohan's apartment after that event. A year later Mearns spoke to the Round Table in Chicago on the Robert Lincoln papers. On Feb. 28, 1963, he spoke on "The Gettysburg Address: The Mysteries of the Manuscripts." He was author of a booklet on the subject.

THE NATIONAL REPERTORY THEATER has scheduled an opening season for Ford's Theater, Washington, beginning Monday, February 12. The premiere production will be a fully-staged version of Stephen Vincent Benet's "John Brown's Body." William Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors" will be added on February 26 and Oliver Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer," on March 26. The NRT season is being presented by the Ford's Theatre Society, which has received a challenge grant of \$250,000 from the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, Fort Wayne, Indiana, to help make living theater possible at Ford's. Lincoln Life also sponsored a CBS nationwide telecast of the January 30 "Cabinet

THE NEW BOOKS



ILLINOIS IN 1818, by Solon J. Buck, with Intro by Allan Nevins (University of Illinois Press, 356pp, \$7.50). Second edition, revised and reprinted on the occasion of the Sesquicentennial of the State of Illinois

THREE CARPETBAG GOVERNORS, by Richard N. Current (Louisiana State University Press, 108pp, \$3.75). Governors Harrison Reed of Florida, Henry Clay Warmoth of Louisiana, and Adelbert Ames of Mississippi.

THE CIVIL WAR AND NEW JERSEY, A Bibliography, compiled by Donald A. Sinclair (Friends of Rutgers University Library, New Brunswick, N. J. 08901, 186pp, \$6.50).

THE PAPERS OF ANDREW JOHNSON, Vol. 1, 1822-1851, edited by LeRoy P. Graff and Ralph W. Haskins (U. of Tennessee Press, Knoxville, \$15).

DOCUMENTS OF UPHEAVAL: Selections from William Lloyd Garrison's *The Liberator*, 1831-1865, edited by Truman Nelson (Hill & Wang, 294pp, \$5.95).

BLACK JACK: John A. Logan and Southern Illinois in the Civil War Era, by James P. Jones (Florida State U., 314pp, \$8.50).

MENNONITES IN THE CONFEDERACY: A Study in Civil War Pacifism, by Samuel L. Horst (Scottsdale, Pa., Herald Press, 148pp, \$3).

THE DRED SCOTT DECISION: Law or Politics? edited by Stanley I. Kutler (Houghton-Mifflin, 188pp, \$2.25).

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Night" inaugural program. Among artists in that program were Harry Belafonte, Henry Fonda, Julie Harris, Helen Hayes, Carmen de Lavallade, Fredric March, Odette, Robert Ryan, Herb Shriner, Andy Williams, and the Marine Corps band.

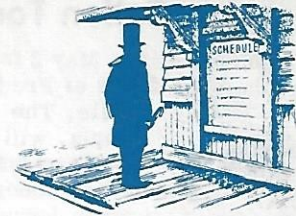
CONFEDERATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY of London has fallen behind in the publication of its quarterly JOURNAL, but promises to take up the slack and be on target by the end of this year. The JOURNAL has loyal and talented contributors and is one of the most rewarding buys in the Civil War field. The latest issue, Autumn 1967, has articles of unusual interest on "The Death of Leonidas Polk, C.S.A." by Richard M. McMurry; "Lee's Wartime Home," by Peter Rippe, and "Public Opinion and Propaganda in Lancashire, 1859-1865," by F. Holcroft. The society has many American members - in fact it is only exceeded by one or two Round Tables - and Americans are welcome to join by sending a \$3.50 dues check to Confederate Historical Society, Kenneth M. Broughton, Hon. Secretary, 19 Montague Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, England, U.K.

WIN STRACKE blended his voice and guitar into the oldest Sing Along in the state on New Year's Eve. The musical, *La Guianne*, (feast of the mistletoe) has been performed since 1722 at Prairie du Rocher, in the area of Cahokia, Kaskaskia, and Fort de Chartres.

Dr. Karl Meyer, longtime member of the Round Table, resigned December 21 as chief of Cook County hospital and county medical institutions. His association with the county medical direction began in 1914.

Alan Aimone spoke on the Petersburg Crater to the Decatur CWRT on January 11 and Salt Creek CWRT on January 19.

BULLETIN BOARD



FUTURE MEETINGS: All on Friday nights.

March 8 - Shelby Foote, "General Grant Reaches Washington."

April 5 - Rodney Loehr, "Calvary Operations of J. H. Wilson Around Selma."

May 2-5 - 18th Annual CWRT Battlefield Tour, to Fredericksburg, Va., area.

May 10 - Leroy Fischer, "The Civil War in Today's Perspective."

June 7 - T. Harry Williams, "A Yank at Oxford."

SPECIAL EVENTS

February 12 - Shawneetown, Ill. - First day of issue ceremonies for Illinois' Sesquicentennial commemorative postage stamp in Gallatin county, site of the oldest Illinois postoffice in continuous existence. Talk on "Lincoln, the Postmaster."

February 12 - Vandalia - Pilgrimage to second State House; flag raising; Dinner and program at Vandalia High school.

February 12 - Evanston - Northwestern University School of Music combined Glee Clubs performance of Norman Luboff-Win Stracke Sesquicentennial cantata, "Freedom Country," at Lutkin hall.

February 18 - Nationwide on NBC-TV - Premiere telecast, "I Remember Illinois," the Sesquicentennial commission's special entertainment documentary.

February 17 - St. Francisville - George Rogers Clark caravan retraces his advance in Lawrence county; February 25 - Lawrenceville - Anniversary celebration of Clark's capture of the British at Fort Sackville, Vincennes, February 25, 1779.

April 18-20 - Illinois State Historical Society spring tour in Chicago.

May 16-19 - New York CWRT Battlefield Tour to Vicksburg, Miss.

MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS: John E. Jaeckle, 2730 Rusty Drive, Des Plaines, Ill. 60018; George A. Smith, 6863 Lexington Lane, Niles, Ill. 60646.

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DECEASED: Joseph F. Pratt, January 11, 1968

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AVAILABLE at meetings: Lapel pin, \$2; Key chain with CWRT emblem, 50¢; Cloth patch of emblem, 50¢; Cigaret lighter, \$2.



AS WITH THE Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s, the present Job Corps is doing some work at National Parks. Harpers Ferry has one of the nine Job Corps Conservation Centers administered by the National Park Service. Young men between 16 and 21 years at Harpers Ferry in the first year produced new stonework at Antietam National Battlefield in Maryland. Job Corps masonry trainees built walls and shelters from natural stone to contain written and recorded accounts of the battle there September 17, 1862.

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February 1, 1968

To Members and Battlefield Tour Friends:

Planning for a battlefield tour begins months in advance and near the finish it is necessary to be able to estimate the number of places needed for plane transportation, hotel rooms, meals, badges, printed articles, and other things.

This year's tour is to the Fredericksburg area in Virginia. Briefly it is:

Thursday, May 2 - Fly in charter plane (lunch aboard) to Washington, D.C. Bus to Sheraton-Fredericksburg Motel, headquarters; tour battlefield, afternoon; Command post and dinner with Joseph P. Cullen as speaker.

Friday, May 3 - Tour Chancellorsville battlefield morning and afternoon with time out for lunch. Command Post and dinner with Ralph Happel, park historian, chief guide and lecturer as speaker.

Saturday, May 4 - Tour Wilderness battlefield, morning; Lunch; Spotsylvania, afternoon. Command Post, dinner, and Fun Night.

Sunday, May 5 - Morning, historic places of Fredericksburg; Lunch; Afternoon, inspect restored Ford's theater in Washington, D. C. Return, charter plane, with light meal aboard.

Costs for this year's tour are \$185 single and \$175 per person double.

To join tour at Fredericksburg, separate segments of tour, and dinners, make inquiry of Registrar, Mrs. Margaret April, 18 East Chestnut Street, Chicago, Ill. 60611 - Phone (312) 944-3085.

Please make known your intention of joining the tour by returning the form below with deposit of \$25, needed for preliminary expenses. Balance due April 15.

Reservation for 18th Annual Battlefield Tour, May 2 to 5, to Fredericksburg, Va. Make checks to CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE, 18 East Chestnut St., Chicago, Ill. 60611

() Full Tour () Join at Fredericksburg () Part of Tour () Dinners

Deposit \$25 () Balance due April 15. () Single () Double

Name _____ Phone _____

(If double, give full name of partner) _____

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City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

(Local Groups: Washington, Richmond, Fredericksburg, Alexandria, and others, joining in lunches or dinners, please make reservations through Registrar Mrs. Margaret April so that caterer can be notified of number to prepare for and payment can be made.)