

THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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Harry H. Anderson on the Sioux Campaign of 1862

What became of Maj. Gen. John Pope after Second Manassas? If you fail on that question in our quiz program, you will find the answer in our talk scheduled for Friday, February 19, 1971. The speaker will be Harry H. Anderson, executive director of the Milwaukee County Historical Society and his subject "The Sioux Campaign During the Civil War Years."

The Indian problem suffered much neglect in Congress during the early months of the Civil War. The Frontier



Harry H. Anderson

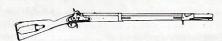
and its demands seemed remote while Confederate guns boomed a few miles away across the Potomac. Treaties with Indians were forgotten as were appropriations to carry out their promises. The result was an outbreak of the Santee Sioux in Minnesota in 1862. Many settlers in the new state, admitted in 1858, were killed and captured. Troops both federal and state, were diverted to this campaign as the hostiles spread westward to Montana and Wyoming, where the Santee Sioux won support from the Teton Sioux and other relatives and allies. Military action continued from 1862 to 1865, and while it was small scale compared to the campaigns in the East, it required troops, supplies, and equipment that otherwise would have been used against the Confederates.

These campaigns were a precede to the Indian wars that continued to the end of the 19th century involving many Civil War personalities—Sherman, Sheridan, Crook, Terry, Gibbon, Hancock, Grierson, and of course the one everyone remembers, Custer. Indian policy, or the neglect of it, during the Civil War contributed to the troubles that continued to afflect the Frontier.

Harry Anderson has been executive director of the Milwaukee County Historical Society since 1963. He was educated at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota, received his M. A. at the University of South Dakota, and his Ph. D. at Northwestern University where he studied under Ray Allen Billington, one of the foremost Western historians. Harry served on the staff of the Chicago Historical Society and on that of the South Dakota Historical Society.

For two years he served as sheriff of Chicago Corral of The Westerners, the only presiding officer of that organization whose residence was outside the Chicago area. In 1962 he was called as expert witness before the United States Claims Commission backing a Sioux successful claim for compensation for several million acres of land in the Dakotas.

He is author of more than 60 articles in historical journals and works of reference on such subjects as the Sioux and Cheyenne Indians, the fur trade, Custer, and other studies in the history of the Trans-Mississippi West. He is editor of a volume of correspondence of German immigrants, including their reaction to the outbreak and early years of the Civil War, which is scheduled for early publication.



298th REGULAR MEETING

Harry H. Anderson Executive Director Milwaukee County Historical Society on

The Sioux Campaign During the Civil War Years

Friday, February 19, 1971

Chicago Bar Association 29 South LaSalle Street, Chicago

Cocktails at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner at 6:30 p.m.



HERE AND THERE

Commander Eugene E. Wilson, U.S.N. retired was scheduled to address the Hartford, Connecticut, CWRT November 16 on "Birth of the Carrier Task Force," in which he will compare Civil War naval tactics with those of the present, including Vietnam. Commander Wilson is a 1908 Naval Academy graduate, and is president of United Aircraft.

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George Extrom gave a slide talk on Gettysburg, Antietam, and Fredericksburg, and John Patrick Hunter and Bill Neill reported on the Chicago CWRT trip to Galveston and Savannah at the Sept. 10, 1970, meeting of Madison, Wis., CWRT at Simon House. Omar N. Kussow is commanding general.

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JOURNAL FROM ENGLAND

The Journal of the Confederate Historical Society is published quarterly and enquiries concerning membership should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, K. M. Broughton, 19 Montague Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, England. The Spring, 1970, issue opens with a disscussion by Richard M. McMurry on "Two Great Abolition Nations: A Dissenting View on England, France, and the Secession Crisis." Col. H. M. Campbell's "Robert E. Lee, A Victim of Circumstances" is accompanied by a full-length portrait. In the Summer, 1970, issue a portrait of Grant accompanies Fred Holcroft's "Ulysses S. Grant, Fighter or Failure?" Continuing series in both issues include "Uniforms of the Confederacy" with full-page drawings and "A Young Texan Goes to War: A Collection of Personal Letters by Captain Thomas Jewett Goree, C.S.A., Aide-de-Camp to General James Longstreet."

from the Editor's pen



Hobart G. Cawood, superintendant of the Richmond National Battlefield Park, gave us a rundown on the Battle of Cold Harbor that provoked long discussion that no one walked out on. Grant had crossed the Rapidan in May, 1864, with overwhelming numbers; 118,000 against some 61,000 in the Army of Northern Virginia, but took heavy losses in the battles of Wilderness, Spotsylvania, and North Anna. After each of these battles he continued his campaign by a flanking move to his left. Sheridan's cavalry was first to reach Cold Harbor, and at Grant's order, held it with the aid of Spencer repeating carbines until the infantry could come up. However, the movement was slower than Grant had hoped, and the delay enabled Lee to man his battle line thinly, but with no reserve. However, he had the advantage of rough ground; the Union forces were in the open. Because of bad ground in their front, three federal corps made divergent attacks. A frontal assault, 28 men deep, resulted in heavy casualties, 7,000 men in 30 minutes. Cawood faulted the corps commanders for not making reconnaissance as they had been ordered, and Meade for ordering the attack renewed, although Grant had authorized him to call if off if it was impracticable. Both Hancock and Baldy Smith refused to continue the attack. In later years Grant admitted the frontal assault as an error.

Cawood posed his own question: Was it worth it? He felt that Grant's subsequent move to the James and Petersburg justified the campaign as planned, and as ultimately successful.

One sidelight was the explanation of the meaning of the place name. Cold Harbor is an English term for a stagecoach station where there might be rest and refreshment (liquid?) but no hot meals. Lloyd Miller noted that many early accounts made it Coal Harbor, probably a corruption. (Your editor suggests that local or Negro pronunciation Col' Harbor might have made it come out Coal or Cole.) Another question was whether this was the Second Battle of Cold Harbor. We note that J. Ambler Johnson refers to "Gaines Mill or First Cold Harbor" as one of the Seven Days' Battles, 1862. Incidently Cawood brought us greetings from Ambler Johnson who is going strong although nearing 86 years of age, but apologized for not sending us all Christmas cards.)

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This was the first meeting at which Miner Coburn took over the quiz program—and he had to mention his predecessor Marshall Krolick to provoke the customary boos. Miner had a tough quiz, and only the head table was able to muster 8 and a fraction out of 10.

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Copies of the group picture taken at Fort Sumter on the Battlefield Tour last year are available. If interested, see Al Meyer at the meeting or telephone him at Wa 2-3800.

The Battle Creek, Michigan, CWRT started its 13th year Sept. 21 with a program of films, "The True Story of the Civil War," and "Robert E. Lee." Dudley K. Hill is president and Thomas E. Brelsford is vice president and program chairman.

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The Civil War Roundtable of Decatur, Illinois, opened the fall season Sept. 10, 1970, at Blue Mill Restaurant with a talk by Ivan Light of Shirley, Ill., on the Confederate cruiser Alabama. Thomas H. Carter is president.

CWRT WELCOMES:

As new members-31 to start with-dedicated Civil War enthusiasts who have enlisted for three years or the war and promise to re-enlist as veteran volunteers if they are made welcome—so see that they are. As a conversational starter we list their specific interests when stated. The listing is in alphabetical order, includes mailing address and phone number, and will be continued.

Ivar F. Anderson, 5449 N. Christiana av., Chicago 60625, phone, 463-0782; Lincoln, Army of the Potomac, Western campaigns.

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the Potomac, the Iron Brigade, the 16th Wisconsin.

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Jerome T. Paul, 3 Woodley Manor, Winnetka 60093,

phone HI 6-2044; Confederacy.

Barry S. Pokorny, 744 W. Aldine av., Chicago 60657, phone 348-3620; Lincoln, Grant, Sherman, A. S. Johnston, Western campaigns.

H. D. Richardson, 2311 Hazeltine Drive, Long Beach, Michigan City, Ind. 46360; interests: all concerning the Civil

Edward J. Rohter, 6145 N. Bernard St., Chicago 60645, phone 463-3456; Confederacy, Political history.

Henry D. Rossi, Jr., 432 E. North St., Peotone, Il. 60468, phone 312 258-6101; Grant, Lee, Political history.

Charles J. Seils, 2556 W. 116th St, Chicago 60655, phone 233-2381; Armies of Northern Virginia and the Potomac.

Walter J. Valters, 6786 W. Ardmore, Chicago 60631, phone 763-0787, sponsored by Lloyd Miller, interests: all concerning the Civil War.

TO THE LADIES-

The Program: The Camp Followers Dramatic Combination and Stock Company presents the premiere (and perhaps derriere) performance of an original drama

THE SISTERS

a romantic tragedy written in the style of the 1860's, offering a star-studded cast, and sparing no cost in stupendous production. Declared by critics to be so bad that it is magnificent.

SEE the heartbreak of separation.

WARM to the depiction of sororeal love and devotion.

THRILL to the courage and fortitude of the women who can only wait.

SHARE in the enobling inspiration of Patience and Lenore and the undying steadfastness of handsome, bold, courageous Jonathan as he goes off to the wars.

NOTE: This production will POSITIVELY be staged whether or not the chosen thespians Joyce Warshaw, Lenore Fleming, and George Fleming show up for rehearsals or performance.

The Time: Friday, February 19, 1971.

The Place: The Book and Bottle at 17 East Chestnut Street, across the street from the Abraham

Lincoln Book Shop.

And the Girl to call for reservations (no Annie Oakleys) is Joyce Warshaw, 1319 Crain Street, Evanston, Ill., 60602, phone 866-6667, who will take the part of Patience, take tickets at the door, and raise the curtain.

Curtain Time: 5:30 p.m., promptly.

Last Meeting: For the record, the meeting of January 8 last was canceled because of bad weather.

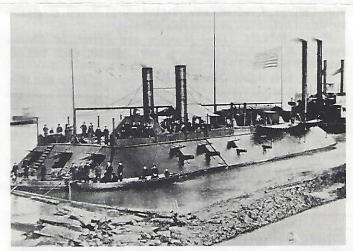
Charles H. Vial, 240 Sunset av., LaGrange 60525, phone 352-0187; Army of the Tennessee, Vicksburg.

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Thomas A. Young, 8905 Highland St., Highland, Ind. 46322, phone 219 838-5492; Lincoln, Naval and Political history.



MISSISSIPPI RIVER GUNBOAT? Your art editor submits this entry for the Civil War quiz program. This picture turned up with no indication of what it is or where it came from. Perhaps some of you can identify it. But it is a good gunboat picture.

THE NEW BOOKS

(Compiled by Dick Clark)



Bentley, George R. A History of the Freedmen's Bureau. N.Y.: Octagon, 1970. \$9.50

Brooks, Noah. Washington, D.C., in Lincoln's Time. Edited with an introduction by Herbert Mitgang. Chicago: Quadrangle Books, Inc., 1970. \$7.00

Campbell, Stanley W. *The Slave Catchers*; enforcement of the fugitive slave law, 1850-1860. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press [1970]. \$8.50

Cox, Samuel Sullivan. Three Decades of Federal Legislation, 1855 to 1885: Union—Disunion—Reunion... Freeport, N.Y.: Books for Libraries, 1970. \$24.50. First published 1885.

Cunningham, Horace Herndon. Doctors in Gray: The Confederate Medical Service. Gloucester, Mass.: Peter Smith, 1970. \$6.00. Originally published by Louisiana State University Press in 1958.

Dicey, Edward. Spectator of America. Edited with an introduction by Herbert Mitgang. Chicago: Quadrangle Books, Inc., 1971. \$7.95. Originally published London, 1863, as Six Months in the Federal States.

Foner, Eric, editor. Free Soil, Free Labor, Free Men: The Ideology of the Republican Party before the Civil War. N.Y.: Oxford, 1970. \$8.50

George, Henry. History of the 3rd, 7th, 8th and 12th Kentucky C.S.A. Lyndon, Ky.: Mull-Wathen Historic Press, 1970. \$15.00. Originally published in 1911.

Johnson, John. The Defense of Charleston Harbor, Including Fort Sumter and the Adjacent Islands, 1863-1865. Freeport, N.Y.: Books for Libraries [1970]. \$24.50. First published 1889.

Resolution of the [Confederate] Congress [In Kentucky] 1861. Lyndon, Ky.: Mull-Wathen Historic Press, 1970. Ltd 500 copies. Wrappers. \$7.50

McMorries, Edward Young. History of the First Regiment, Alabama Volunteer Infantry, C.S.A. Freeport, N.Y.: Books for Libraries [1970]. \$7.50. First published 1904.

Maddex, Jack P. The Virginia Conservatives, 1867-1879; a Study in Reconstruction Politics. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press [1970]. \$8.50

Martin, Christopher. Damn the Torpedoes! N.Y.: Abelard-Schuman, 1970. Popular biography of David Farragut. \$6.95 Meltzer, Milton. Freedom Comes to Mississippi; The Story

of Reconstruction. Chicago: Follet [1970]. \$4.95

Mitgang, Herbert, editor. Abraham Lincoln: A Press Portrait. Chicago: Quadrangle Books, Inc., 1971. \$9.00. Originally published as Lincoln as They Saw Him.

Pierce, Edward Lillie. Memoirs and Letters of Charles Sumner. N.Y.: Arno, 1969. 4 vols. \$69.00; each \$22.00. Originally published 1877-1882.

Pryor, Sara Agnes (Rice). Reminiscences of Peace and War. Revised, enlarged edition. Freeport, N.Y.: Books for Libraries [1970]. Reprint 1908 edition. \$14.50

Sterkx, H.E. Partners in Rebellion: Alabama Women in the Civil War. Rutherford, N.J.: Fairleigh Dickinson University Press [1970]. \$10.00

Wilbur, Henry Watson. President Lincoln's Attitude Towards Slavery and Emancipation, with a review of events before and since the Civil War. N.Y.: Biblo & Tannen, 1970. Reprint of 1914 edition. \$8.50.

Edwin C. Bearss, our October speaker, opened the fall season for Lexington, Kentucky Civil War Round Table September 21; his subject: "The Attacks at Vicksburg." Dr. Holman Hamilton was re-elected president of the Kentucky CWRT unanimously. He has served since 1964.

BULLETIN BOARD



FUTURE MEETINGS

Regular meetings are held at the Chicago Bar Association, 29 South LaSalle Street, 11th floor, second Friday in each month except as noted.

February 19: Harry H. Anderson on "The Sioux Campaign During the Civil War Years."

March 12: Harry Caudill on "The Guerrilla War in Kentucky."

April 2: 300th Meeting and Ladies Night. A special program

is being arranged.

April 29-May 2. The annual Battlefields Tour: The Shenandoah Valley including the three Winchesters, Cross Keys, Port Republic, Front Royal, Kearnstown, New Market, Cedar Creek, Fisher's Hill. Tour leaves O'Hare Field Thursday morning for Dulles Airport; Thursday and Friday nights at motel in Winchester as headquarters; travel up the Valley Saturday, spending night at Harrisonburg; Sunday we take the Skyline Drive to Second Manassas and back to Dulles Airport, arriving in Chicago Sunday night.

May 14: Frank Rankin on "Morgan's Raid."

June 11: To be announced.



An unpublished memoir by Maj. John H. Woodward, "Herding Beef for the Union Army," and contemporary material on "The Dark and the Light Side of the River War," edited by John D. Milligan, are features in the December issue of Civil War Times Illustrated. Also in this issue: William C. Davis on General Jubal A. Early, Vernon H. Crow on "Justice for General Frazer," who surrendered Cumberland Gap to General Ambrose Burnside; and William J. Smith, "The Destruction of the Crisis," an Ohio Copperhead newspaper, edited by James L. Burke.

Dr. Phillip R. Shriver, president of Miami University, Oxford, spoke on "Ohio's Civil War Prisons" November 11 at the Hamilton, Ohio, CWRT. Scheduled for January 13 was Miss Althea Scholl on "Confederates in South America After the War."

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Frank L. Klement of Marquette University spoke on "Civil War Dissent and Civil War Dissenters" at the CWRT of New York December 4. Speaker November 18 was Dr. Albert Castel on "Lee and His Critics."

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Stephen Z. Starr, past president of Cincinnati CWRT and author of "Grenfell's Adventures" to be published by Louisiana State University Press, was scheduled speaker for the December 8 meeting of CWRT of Milwaukee on "St. Leger Grenfell, the Camp Douglas Conspiracy, and the Cincinnati Military Trials." Coming up January 14, Harry H. Anderson of the Milwaukee County Historical Society on the "The Sioux Campaign During the Civil War."