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Col. Allen P. Julian on 'Gallant John Hood' - Tuesday, November 15



Ned Julian (center) talking to Hal Hixson (left) and Dr. A. V. Bergquist at Atlanta.

Again we have the pleasure of welcoming Col. Allen P. Julian of Atlanta as a speaker. Ned, an Honorary Award Life Member of our CWRT, will speak on "Gallant John Hood." The meeting is on Tuesday, November 15, in the Furniture Club of the Furniture Mart and will be preceded by a meeting of the Executive Committee.

Ned has sharp views on some aspects of the Civil War and one of them is on Hood's appointment to command in place of Joseph E. Johnston at the Battle of Atlanta. Col. Julian loves a verbal tussle with those who disagree.

Ned will touch on Hood's West Point influences, junior officer experiences, and his rapid rise in the Confederate service to regimental, brigade, and division command. "His talents were fully equal to the responsibilities he bore in those grades, and he enjoyed physical and mental health," Ned says.

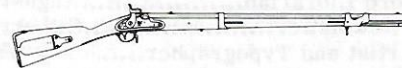
"The loss of the use of his left arm at Gettysburg does not appear to have affected him, but the loss of his right leg at Chickamauga changed him from a gallant, popular Richmond beau, to a cripple on crutches."

Recuperating in Richmond, Hood became a favorite of President Jefferson Davis and a confidant of Davis and Braxton Bragg. He was promoted to lieutenant general and sent to the Army of Tennessee.

"No longer the frank, loyal Hood of the preceding years, his behavior under Johnston, and the circumstances of the latter's relief from command at Atlanta, lead to the suspicion that Hood had been sent to the army with the understanding that he would become its commander when Davis could risk public opinion to make the change," Ned says.

Col. Julian's speech will trace the psychological changes in Hood after Chickamauga to account for his out-of-character behavior in 1864.

Ned comments: "In order to clarify the reasons for John B. Hood's failures as an army commander, it must be considered that generals come in all sizes, temperaments and degrees of usefulness. Only the best of them rise to the top (as in civil endeavors) and become responsible for the conduct of large military operations



255th REGULAR MEETING

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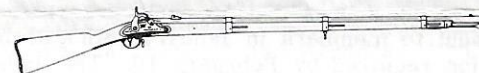
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1966

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

RESERVATIONS, PLEASE: The first two meetings have had attendance of 20 to 30 persons more than the number of reservations made — a difficult situation for the restaurant manager. Please make reservations early by card to avoid postal delay. For late reservations, call Whitehall 4-3085. Also call if it is necessary to cancel.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Trustees, officers and past presidents) called to meet at 4:45 p.m. at the Furniture Club prior to the regular meeting. Committee chairmen are invited to attend.



unless, as in Hood's case, one is elevated to such status because of friendship, politics or reason other than pure professional competence. Many a top flight brigade, division or even corps commander is unsuited for independent command, as in Hood's case."

Ned Julian first spoke to our group at the 151st meeting on May 4, 1956 on "The Atlanta Campaign." Since then he has appeared several more times, been our companion on battlefield tours, been host and guide on tours to Atlanta, and major domo of the memorable tour to Charleston and Savannah.

Ned was born in Dixon, Nebraska, but consider himself a Hoosier since he grew up there and his parents were natives of Indiana and spent most of their lives there. Both his grandfathers were in Indiana units in the Civil War. Ned entered the Indiana National Guard in 1921 and was in military activity until 1956 when he became director of the Atlanta Historical Society, the position he holds now. The society's building houses the

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COL. ALLEN P. JULIAN

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foremost Margaret Mitchell collection and she inscribed a copy of her "Gone With The Wind" to Ned Julian, "Commanding Officer of the Last Federal Garrison in Georgia."

Ned is one of the most widely traveled and honored speakers on the Civil War. He was a founder of the Atlanta CWRT and yields to no one on the good points of the Confederacy and the War.

CHARLES V. FALKENBURG, Jr., chairman of the 17th Annual Battlefield Tour to Missouri and Arkansas April 20-23, announces that an early reservation form will be sent to members in January with a declaration of intention required by February 10. This is because one leg of the air transportation must be notified of reservations 60 days in advance. The leg is from Fayetteville, Ark., to Kansas City, Mo., on Central Airlines. Central uses 30-place planes and must know in advance if an extra plane is needed.

TREASURER MARSHALL KROLICK reports that dues renewals passed 250 soon after October 1. This compares with 292 members for the whole year of 1965-66. No doubt some of the drop is due to the increase in dues from \$15 to \$20. In recent years the usual dropout has been about 10 per cent and the addition of new members about the same. Thus, the need of the moment is an alertness to enroll new members.

MORT FEIGEN, membership chairman, has sent letters and copy of the newsletter to the heads of history departments of all colleges in the Chicagoland area calling attention to the schedule of our meetings and issuing a welcome to professors and students to attend.

Ralph Newman gave some novel and humorous turns to the Ben Butler story when he addressed eighty-three members and guests at the October 12 meeting.

Butler was a master of words, Ralph said. He had a ready flow of language — more evident in his writings than in his speaking, but he understood an audience and knew how to take advantage of every favorable turn.

Comparing Butler with Lincoln, Ralph said both came from the people, both understood the people, both appealed to the people, both knew the value of humor. The difference was in character and what words with character will do, the career of Lincoln shows.

Butler was candid, though, and all the worthwhile pro- and anti-Butler material is in his autobiography, "Butler's Book." Butler said, "All my life I have done nothing but good," But the historian John Ford Rhodes called him "a spoilsman of the lowest order."

Butler couldn't get an appointment to West Point and he bore lifelong hatred of the academy—even though his youngest son went there and had a good record. At Waterville (Me.) college (now Colby) Butler saw the merits of a legal profession and from then on became a master of every angle. He was often accused of sharp practice.

Butler was a delegate to every national Democratic convention from 1848 until 1860. At the 1860 convention in Charleston, S.C., he voted 57 times for Jefferson Davis. In the election he supported Breckinridge and ran for governor of Massachusetts on the same ticket. He got 6,000 votes out of 169,000 cast. A campaign gibe was: "Of all the sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these, we might have Ben."

Butler loved military pageantry and rose to brigadier general in the Massachusetts militia. When the war came he commanded troops which landed at Annapolis and then secured Baltimore, protecting Washington. He was made a major general for it—the senior in the service. In his first field actions he declared Negroes coming into the Union lines "contraband" — a designation that proved useful later.

Butler commanded the army in the New Orleans occupation in April 1862. The people were hungry and he fed them; the streets were filthy and he had them cleaned. Andrew Jackson Butler arrived and people said Ben's brother was his graft handler. Women insulted Ben's soldiers, so he issued General Order No. 28, saying they would be treated as "women of the town plying their vocation." This raised a storm, but Ben had order in New Orleans.

Ben commanded the Army of the James and at Bermuda Hundred became "bottled up Butler." Gen. Baldy Smith said he was as "helpless as a child on the field of battle and as visionary as an opium eater in council." Butler had another failure at Fort Fisher and Grant asked Lincoln to remove him. Perhaps Lincoln had a frightening thought: If anything happened to Grant, Ben was the senior officer in the army and enough of an opportunist to step in.

In the House of Representatives Ben was leader of the impeachment trial of Andrew Johnson. Later he was governor of Massachusetts, the first one who didn't receive a degree from Harvard. His political rival, Sen. George Hoar, was president of the board of trustees. Walking around Harvard yard, Butler noted the names of houses and said, "I know of one senator after whom they won't name a house." Butler died Jan. 11, 1893. Asked if he would attend the funeral, Hoar said, "No, but I approve of it."

We are indebted to Bob Douglas for the report of the meeting.

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Illinois Sesquicentennial

Plans for Illinois 150th anniversary in 1968 are under way, with Ralph G. Newman as chairman of the state sesquicentennial commission and our member Ver Lynn Sprague as vice president. Paul M. Angle, CWRT Honorary Award Life member, is director of publications.

At a meeting in Freeport Oct. 2-3, Newman reviewed the 100th anniversary observance in 1918. Sprague said an effort is being made toward a sesquicentennial committee in every county. Any county that doesn't have one he threatened with a visiting motorcycle brigade.

The sesquicentennial coincides with the 50th anniversary of the end of World War I. The steps toward Illinois statehood were in the making in 1817. Fifty years after that time the University of Illinois was founded. The U. of I. will mark its centennial with an address by Allan Nevins, an illustrious alumnus.

These are some of the Illinois Sesquicentennial publications planned:

Illinois as seen in the writings of travelers, from 1818 to date.

An anthology of the best writings in state historical societies publications.

A one-volume popular history of Illinois for the general reader (Milburn P. Akers, retired editor of the Sun-Times is doing it).

A narrative chronology of the state, by Margaret Flint, of the state historical library.

An Illinois Fact Book and Historical Almanac, by John Clayton.

A new Illinois Guide and Gazetteer, by Hal Foust.

The 1918 Centennial History of Illinois will be brought up-to-date. "Illinois in 1818" by Solon J. Buck will be reissued. The first three volumes of the Centennial History will be reprinted with notes by Paul Angle. Volumes IV and V will be replaced by three new volumes—one 1865 to 1900, another 1900 to 1929, and the third, 1930 to the present.

County histories will be brought up-to-date. The commission will make use of radio and television—which were not available for the 1918 centennial. Historical materials will be provided for children in schools. A calendar of sesquicentennial events will be published. Historical assemblies will be held in various regions of the state. The climax of the sesquicentennial will be the opening of the restored Old State House in Springfield.

Brooks Davis is speaker November 18 to Salt Creek CWRT in Glen Ellyn Public Library. He will discuss "The Seven Days Battles" and show slides.

The DEPARTMENT of INTERIOR asked Congress to authorize acquisition of Appomattox Manor in Hopewell (City Point), Va., on the banks of the Appomattox and James rivers about 5 miles from the Petersburg battlefield. From June 15, 1864 to March 29, 1865, the manor was headquarters of Gen. U.S. Grant. President Lincoln visited there in June 1864 and again in March and April 1865. For two of the last three weeks of his life, Lincoln had his executive office there. The property is part of an original land grant by King Charles I of England to Capt. Frances Eppes in 1635 and has been in the Eppes family for 330 years. Some of the native and exotic trees and shrubs planted before the Civil War survive.

The same legislation would authorize conveyance to Virginia of 258 acres of land in the Petersburg National Battlefield, consisting of the Flank and Defense roads. The park tour route does not include the area and the adjacent land has become highly urbanized. The City of Petersburg is willing to annex the 258 acres and retain the tract's parklike character.

Another provision of the legislation would reduce the land acquisition at Five Forks battlefield from 1,200 to 600 acres — the amount needed for the site.

TO THE LADIES —

"A Southern Potpourri," reminiscences of a New Orleans girl, will be the theme of Bobette Burhans' talk to the Camp Followers at 6 p.m., November 15, at 18 East Chestnut street. Bobette owns the manuscripts of many of the delightful stories of Elizabeth Harrison Binford, who recorded her young impressions of life in the Confederacy. Bobette is a veteran of battlefield tours, an experienced and knowledgeable campaigner, and a moving spirit of the Peoria CWRT, the National Blues. If you plan to attend, please call Molly (Mrs. Allen) Meyers, 784-6020.

--Barbara Long, program chairman

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Mary Lynn McCree's talk, "Hors de Combat," on October 12 covered the subject of prostitution in the Civil War as related to soldiers in camp and in the cities and towns. Mary Lynn went to manuscript sources to bring an insight into the ubiquitous concomitant of armies, and her liberal quotes from old letters and records added spice to an already spicy subject. The 19 ladies present heard a scholarly and yet lively exposition of "Sin in the Sixties."

CWRT Speakers

Co-Chairmen Elmer C. Brinkman and Brooks Davis report that the CWRT Speakers Bureau is on a firm basis for the coming months. Speaker's dossiers of background and subjects have been received on a wide variety of fields of activity (two are from women). Most of the men are identified with university, college, and high school history departments and some of them historians and students. Others who offer their services as speakers are business men, industrialists, lawyers, physicians, insurance men, realtors, and retired teachers—as well as a legislator and a balladeer.

Some will require a fee for speaking, but most of them only traveling expenses. Some will travel within a short distance of their home base with no charge.

Here is a selection from the many subjects listed in the dossiers:

"Civil War in Minnesota," "Union General Benjamin M. Prentiss," "Music and Literature of the Civil War," "Civil War Nurses," "Harriet Beecher Stowe," "Women Spies," "Civil War in the West: Quantrill and His Bushwackers," "Lincoln and the Boy Scout Laws," "Civil War in Missouri and Arkansas," "Chattanooga and Atlanta" (and other campaigns), "Foreign Reaction to the Civil War," "The Civil War and Reconstruction in the Indian Territory," "Civil War Journalism," many Lincoln subjects, "Civil War Logistics," "The Irish Brigade" (New York), "The Spring Hill Affair," "The Papers of Jefferson Davis," "The Papers of U.S. Grant," "Religion in the Confederacy," and "Lincoln's Four Terms in the Illinois Legislature."

There are movies on several subjects, talks with weapons and equipment, slide lectures on Lincoln shrines and battlefields, "Songs Lincoln Loved" and "Songs of the Civil War".

For information and assistance, write: Speakers Bureau, Civil War Round Table, 18 East Chestnut St., Chicago, Ill. 60611.

SPRINGFIELD (ILL.) CWRT held its October meeting in the Lincoln Depot Museum, 10th and Monroe streets. This is the station from which Abraham Lincoln departed for Washington on Feb. 11, 1861.

THE NEW BOOKS



HARDLUCK IRONCLAD: The Sinking and Salvage of the Cairo, by Edwin C. Bearss (Louisiana State, 240pp, \$5.95). The story of the Cairo, sunk in the Yazoo river on Dec. 12, 1862, and the salvage operations; with 24 pages of pictures.

A SHOWER OF STARS: The Medal of Honor and the 27th Maine, by John J. Pullen (Lippincott, 296pp, \$5.95). The story of the Congressional Medal of Honor by the author of "The Twentieth Maine."

THE AMERICAN NAVAL REVOLUTION, by Walter R. Herrick, Jr. (Louisiana State, 264pp, \$7.50). Development of the United States Navy after 1865.

MUSIC IN NEW ORLEANS 1791-1841, by Henry A. Kmen (Louisiana State, 304pp, \$7.50). The musical city of America in its day. To be followed with a book on New Orleans music to 1900.

ROBERT TOOMBS OF GEORGIA, by William Y. Thompson (Louisiana State, 288pp, \$7.50).

APPOMATTOX: The Last Campaign, by Burleigh Cushing Rodick (Philosophical Library, New York, 23 Bank St., 10014, \$6.20).

THE PROBLEM OF SLAVERY IN WESTERN CULTURE, by David Brion Davis (Ithaca, N.Y., 505pp, \$10).

JEFFERSON DAVIS: Private Letters 1823-1889, edited by Hudson Strode (Harcourt, Brace & World, \$7.50).

U.S. GRANT ALBUM, by Lawrence A. Frost (Superior Pub. Co., 192pp, 550 photos, \$12.95).

JOHN LETCHER OF VIRGINIA, by F. N. Boney (U. of Alabama, \$6.95). The state's Civil War Governor.

BONNET BRIGADES, by Mary Elizabeth Massey (Knopf, 416pp, \$7.95). Impact of Civil War Series.

BOOK NOTES

The National Civil War Centennial commission has announced in a prospectus the "Military Operations of the Civil War: A Guide-Index to the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies, 1861-1865," compiled by Dallash Irvine, Senior Specialist in Military Affairs for the National Archives; a five volume work to relieve the cumbersome and inadequate indexing system of the Official Records. Publication date not announced.

Ray Allen Billington, formerly of Northwestern University and now senior research associate of Huntington Library in San Marino, Cal., is author of "America's Frontier Heritage" (Holt, Rinehart & Winston, 502pp, \$7.95). It is the first in an 18-volume series, The History of the American Frontier, of which he is general editor. Prof. Billington spoke to our 169th meeting, March 7, 1958, on "Frontier Origins of the Civil War."

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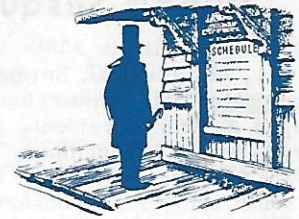
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Wilson Smith spoke of the encroachment of construction beside the Gettysburg National cemetery. He called on members to write letters of protest to their congressmen and senators and the National Park Service. Earl Bartholomew has reported observing encroachments at Antietam and Fredericksburg. Ron Persenico reports that the Sons of Union Veterans is active in opposing encroachments.

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It was announced that Ladies' Night at Ivanhoe restaurant will be \$15 per couple for dinner and the theater show.

BULLETIN BOARD



FUTURE MEETINGS

Thursday, Dec. 8 - Frank Klement, "Clement L. Vallandigham."

Friday, Jan. 13, 1967 - George J. Fleming, "Political Generals."

Tuesday, Feb. 14 - Ladies' Night, Speaker Alice Hamilton Cromie; dinner and theater at the Ivanhoe restaurant.

Monday, March 20 - Col. Harold Simpson, "Jefferson Davis and the United States Camel Corps."

April 20-23 - Battlefield Tour to Wilson's Creek, Pea Ridge, and Westport.

Wednesday, April 26 - Fred Benton, Jr., "The Battle and Siege of Port Hudson."

Tuesday, May 25 - Henry Simmons, "Northern Censorship of the Press: Necessary or Needless?"

Friday, June 23 - J. Robert Smith, "Gen. Mike Lawler."

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CORRECTION: Benjamin B. Collins in directory should be George B. Collins.



THE GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP AWARD FUND and membership dues are income tax deductible. Members are invited to send contributions to the fund to the treasurer. Another book and relics auction for the fund will be held in the spring. When anyone learns of a good student candidate for a fellowship award, please report to Chairman Clement Silvestro.

THE ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY at its meeting Oct. 1-2 in Freeport elected as one of its directors our member Dr. W. W. Sauer of Paxton. Newton C. Farr finished his year as president and is chairman of the board for a year. The new president is J. Robert Smith of Carmi, who is our speaker next June. Senior vice president of the society is Philip D. Sang. Among vice presidents of the society are Brooks Davis and G. P. Clausius, CWRT past presidents, and John Y. Simon, editor of the U.S. Grant papers. One of the state society's awards of honor went to State Sen. Paul Simon for his book on "Lincoln's Preparation for Greatness," his legislative years. Sen. Simon addressed our group on that subject.