

THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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Gala Four-Star Ladies' Night Program—Friday, Feb. 13



Dr. Philip Jordan

Chicago Civil War Round Tablers and their belles are looking forward to a four-star annual Ladies' Night to be held Friday, Feb. 13, the day after Abraham Lincoln's birthday. Here are the stars of the evening:

Star #1: Dr. Philip D. Jordan, recently retired professor of history at the University of Minnesota and a world renowned authority on Civil War and Western folklore, telling some lively yarns of the war era.

Star #2: Dr. Preston Bradley, beloved founder of the People's Church of Chicago, speaking on "If Lincoln Were Here."

Star #3: Bruce Catton, the greatest of all Civil War historians, who will be a special guest to receive a testimonial from the Chicago Civil War Round Table.

Star #4: The Central Building of the Chicago Public Library, now nearly 100 years old, which will house its first dinner party in almost a century of service to Chicago.

This year's Ladies' Night, a special gala arranged by Ralph Newman, will begin with a champagne reception at 6 p.m. in the second floor rotunda of the Central Building of the Chicago Public Library, Randolph St. and Michigan Ave. Guests are reminded that only the Randolph St. entrance to the library building will be open for CWRT Ladies' Night. A catered dinner, the first served in the library in its history, will follow at 7 p.m.

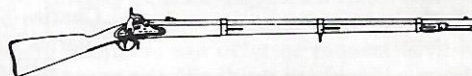
Civil War connections with the library building are numerous. The site was once a public park, part of the Fort Dearborn military establishment. During the Republican convention of 1860 the site was one of the locations where Lincoln's leather-lunged followers campaigned for his nomination. For many years the library has housed the Civil War historical collection of the Grand Army of the Republic and many of the unit standards and emblems of the G.A.R.

Our Ladies' Night speaker, Dr. Philip D. Jordan, will spin Civil War yarns under the title "Bayonets, Bowie Knives and Bloody Jacks" consisting of "lively yarns of unrest and criminal activities caused by the Civil War.

"It touches," Dr. Jordan says of the talk, "upon gambling in the army, upon the role of guerrillas and bushwhackers, upon the rate of crime, upon veterans who went to prison, upon the role of the ex-soldier as a tramp, upon the 'gunboat,' upon the fact that army life mirrored, to an astonishing degree, civilian life.

"There are sufficient case studies to keep (I hope) the audience awake no matter how many martinis they drink before dinner."

Dr. Jordan, endorsed by Pete Long as THE expert on Civil War folklore, received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Northwestern University and his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa. He taught history at Long Island University and Miami



288th REGULAR MEETING

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Gala Ladies' Night

with

Dr. Philip D. Jordan

Dr. Preston Bradley

Bruce Catton

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Friday, February 13, 1970

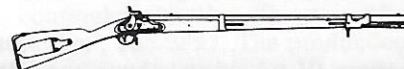
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Central Building, Chicago Public Library
Randolph Street and Michigan Avenue
(Use Randolph St. entrance to get
to second floor rotunda)

Champagne reception at 6 p.m.

Dinner at 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$12.50 per person



University of Ohio for 15 years before joining the faculty of the University of Minnesota as an associate professor of history in 1945. He retired as a full professor last June and now lives in Burlington, Iowa, the city in which he was born.

Among Dr. Jordan's books are "Singin' Yankees," "Songs of Yesterday," "The National Road," "The People's Health," "Uncle Sam of America," "Edward Bonney and the Banditti of the Prairies" and "World of the Historian." He is also the author of more than 450 articles in historical and professional journals.

Recently Dr. Jordan has written introductions to a reprint of the rare edition of James W. Steele's "Frontier Army Sketches" and to Stephan Crane's "Maggie: A Girl of the Streets." The University of Nebraska Press this year will publish Dr. Jordan's "Frontier Law and Order." And a talk he gave to open the National Archives conference on the territories of the United States will appear in the next issue of "Prologue."

Recently elected a fellow of the Royal Historical Society in England, Dr. Jordan is a member of more than a score of historical societies and professional associations, including the Civil War Round Table.

The Honey Springs Battlefield Park Effort Needs Support

By LeRoy H. Fischer
Oklahoma State University

For some years there has been underway in Oklahoma an effort to purchase the 2,993 acre site of the Civil War Battle of Honey Springs for presentation to the U. S. government, with the purpose of developing the location as a national park. The Oklahoma legislature is now making annual appropriations for this purpose, and the effort is fully supported by the board of directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society and supervised by the society's Honey Springs Battlefield Park Commission. The 1970 session of the Oklahoma legislature is being requested to appropriate not less than \$150,000 for the purchase of battlefield land. Your support is urgently needed to accomplish this purpose.

Public awareness of the significance of the Battle of Honey Springs has always been soundly based. From the beginning the battle has generally been recognized as the largest and most important of the 89 combat actions fought during the Civil War in Indian Territory, present-day Oklahoma. Approximately 6,000 Confederates and 3,000 Federals were engaged at Honey Springs. Confederate and Federal troops of the Five Civilized Tribes of Indian Territory as well as forces from Wisconsin, Colorado, Kansas and Texas participated. It was, in fact, not only the largest, but the most significant battle fought at any time in what is now Oklahoma.

It was in both size and importance the Gettysburg of the Civil War in Indian Territory, for it marked the climax of massed Confederate military resistance in the area and opened the way for the capture of Fort Smith, Arkansas, by Federal forces and their control of Indian Territory and much of Arkansas. Perhaps, in terms of results, Honey Springs was the Gettysburg of the trans-Mississippi West.

Although the Battle of Honey Springs is important because it was decisive militarily, it is significant also as one of the first engagements of the Civil War in which Negroes proved their qualities as fighting men. The Negro unit involved was the Federal First Kansas Colored Volunteer Infantry Regiment.

The national, regional, and territorial importance and relationships of the conflict at Honey Springs are pointed up by the fact that it took place on July 17, 1863, during the same month and year in which the major Federal victories occurred at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and Vicksburg, Mississippi. Indeed, the Battle of Honey Springs was also a Federal victory and closely paralleled in terms of results the military scene east of the Mississippi River.

As one of the three most significant Civil War battles fought west of the Mississippi, the Battle of Honey Springs rates in importance with the Battle of Wilson's Creek, which occurred on August 10, 1861, in the southwest section of Missouri near Springfield, and the Battle of Pea Ridge, fought on March 7 and 8, 1862, in northwest Arkansas near Rogers. The sites of the battles of Wilson's Creek and Pea Ridge are now national parks. These battle locations were purchased by the states involved and presented to the U. S. government.

The Civil War in Oklahoma was unique as the Indian theater of operations. Typical of the deep involvement of these Indians during the Civil War was their wide participation in both the Federal and Confederate armies at the pivotal Battle of Honey Springs.

Please write to leaders of the Oklahoma legislature urging that not less than \$150,000 be appropriated for the purchase of Honey Springs Battlefield Park land in 1970.

Club members who know of the death or illness of anyone associated with the Chicago CWRT are urged to promptly contact President Clyde Walton or the CWRT through the Abraham Lincoln Bookshop, 18 E. Chestnut St., Chicago, Ill. 60611.

TO THE LADIES—

Members of the Camp Followers will join members of the Chicago Civil War Round Table at the annual Ladies' Night in the Central Building of the Chicago Public Library, Randolph St. and Michigan Ave., on Friday, Feb. 13, at 6 p.m. for a champagne reception followed by a catered dinner at 7 p.m. Guests must use the Randolph St. entrance. Tickets for the Ladies' Night, at \$12.50 per person, may be purchased through the CWRT at 18 East Chestnut St., Chicago, Ill. 60611.

SWAP SHOP

Our friend Charley Shields suggests a fresh feature for the Chicago CWRT Newsletter: A swap shop or sutler's post exchange where members can offer or request Civil War items they want to swap or sell. We think the idea is a good one and we'll start the swap shop with an item sent in by Charley himself:

WANTED: Vols. 1 through 6 or "Civil War History" (24 issues). C. J. Shields, P.O. Box 148, Frankfort, Ill. 60423, or call 815-469-2593.

Stonewall Jackson Memorial Inc., Charlottesville, Va., invites CWRT members to visit seven Jackson Shrines the organization maintains in Virginia. Among them are Jackson's home in Lexington, his military headquarters in Winchester, and Robert E. Lee's boyhood home in Alexandria. More information may be obtained from Stonewall Jackson Memorial, Inc., 532 Park Street, Charlottesville, Va. 22901. J.W. Johns, president of the memorial, said the group will gladly send literature to CWRT members.

Members may wish to join the Civil War Round Table Associates, P. O. Box 7388, Little Rock, Ark. 72207, which publishes the Civil War Round Table Digest. Memberships, which include subscriptions to the digest, are \$7.50 per year.

June Pyskacek, director of the Kingston Mines Theater, announced to the Newsletter the world premiere production of Robert Hivnor's comedy "The Assault Upon Charles Sumner," is continuing at the Kingston Mines Theater, 2356 N. Lincoln Ave., 525-9893. The production will run on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights for 10 weeks.

The play concerns one of the events preceding the Civil War: the crippling assault on Massachusetts abolitionist Sen. Charles Sumner by Rep. Preston S. Brooks of South Carolina. The assault took place in the Senate chamber on May 22, 1856, after Sumner delivered his "Crime Against Kansas" speech attacking, among others, South Carolina Sen. Andrew P. Butler, the uncle of Brooks.

"The timeliness of the play," said the director, "is found in Hivnor's brilliant representation of the issues over which the Civil War was fought, those issues which were never settled and are still the burning problems of America today."

The play ranges from pre-Civil War days to the funeral of the last slave in Ohio in 1938, moving back and forth in history revealing the exciting events in Charles Sumner's life through a variety of theatrical styles.

Kingston Mines Theater company won its recognition on the Chicago theater scene with the widely acclaimed production of Jean-Claude Van Itallie's "The Serpent," which ran for 14 weeks at the end of 1969.

The building that houses the theater, built in the late 1800's, was originally stable for horse trolleys. Twenty-two young people are members of the company.

THE NEW BOOKS



Beauregard, P.G.T. WITH BEAUREGARD IN MEXICO: The Mexican War Reminiscences of... Ed. by T. Harry Williams. N.Y.: Da Capo, 1969. Reprint 1956 ed. \$10

Clebsch, William A. CHRISTIAN INTERPRETATIONS OF THE CIVIL WAR. Philadelphia: Fortress, 1969. 21p., paper. \$0.85

Genovese, Eugene. THE WORLD THE SLAVEHOLDERS MADE. Two Essays in Interpretation. N.Y.: Pantheon, 1969. \$5.95

Hunt, H. Draper. HANNIBAL HAMLIN OF MAINE, Lincoln's First Vice-President. Syracuse, Syracuse Univ. Pr., 1969. \$9

Knox, Thomas W. CAMP-FIRE AND COTTON FIELD: Southern Adventure in Time of War, Life with the Union Armies and Residence on a Louisiana Plantation. N.Y.: Da Capo, 1969. Abridged republication of first ed., pub. N.Y., 1865. \$17.50

Longstreet, Helen. LEE AND LONGSTREET AT HIGH TIDE; Gettysburg in the Light of the Official Records. N.Y.: Kraus, reprint 1904 ed. \$12

Lord, Francis A. LINCOLN'S RAILROAD MAN: HERMAN HAAPT. Rutherford, N.J.: Fairleigh Dickinson U. Press, 1969. \$10

Lothrop, Thornton K. WILLIAM HENRY SEWARD. N.Y.: Kraus, 1969. First pub. 1896. \$15

Milton, George Fort. THE EVE OF CONFLICT: Stephen A. Douglas and the Needless War. N.Y.: Octagon, 1969. \$15 First pub. 1934.

Parramore, T.C., F. Roy Johnson, E. Frank Stephenson, Jr., editors. BEFORE THE REBEL FLAG FELL. Five Viewpoints of the Civil War by Annie B. Darden, Richard Barnes, Thomas D. Boone, Media Evans, John W. Moore. Murgreesboro, N.C.: Johnson Pub. Co, 1968. \$3.75

Pollard, Edward A. LIFE OF JEFFERSON DAVIS, with a Secret History of the Southern Confederacy... Freeport, N.Y.: Books for Libraries Press, 1969. \$19.50

Schultz, Harold S. NATIONALISM AND SECTIONALISM IN SOUTH CAROLINA, 1852-1860; a Study of the Movement for Southern Independence. N.Y.: Da Capo, 1969. Reprint 1950 ed. \$15.00

Smith, David R. THE MONITOR & THE MERRIMAC: A BIBLIOGRAPHY. Los Angeles: Univ. of Cal. Library, 1969. 35p., paper. \$1.00

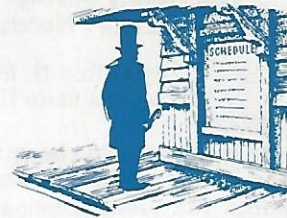
Smith, Edward C. THE BORDERLAND IN THE CIVIL WAR. Freeport, N.Y.: Books for Libraries Press, 1969. Reprint 1927 ed. \$18.50

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Here is the solution to the first Civil War Crossword Puzzle by August Payne that appeared in the January Newsletter:

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BULLETIN BOARD



FUTURE MEETINGS

February 13: Ladies' Night Gala with Dr. Philip Jordan, Dr. Preston Bradley and Bruce Catton in the Central Building, Chicago Public Library.

March 13: Thomas L. Connelly on "Lee and the War in the West."

April 10: Program to be announced.

May 8: Civil War Film Night with Jerry Warshaw.

June 5: Program to be announced.



CIVIL WAR CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Here is the second Civil War crossword puzzle developed by August Payne and prepared for the Newsletter by Jerry Warshaw. Members who are interested in seeing such puzzles in future issues are urged to contact the editor, Dick Bjorklund, at the bookshop. The solution to this month's puzzle will be published next month.

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ACROSS

- Famous hill at 1st Manassas
- Commanded 6th Cavalry at Brandy Station about 1863 (Initials)
- Actress in 'Our American Cousin' (Initials)
- Thomas taught Hood a _____ at Franklin, Tenn.
- Opposite of Volunteer Army (Initials)
- Famous house at 1st Manassas
- Constructed Bridges across Potomac for pursuing enemy. (Initials)
- Captured John Hunt Morgan (Initials)
- Known for the _____ Patch.

DOWN

- CSA Lt. Gen. killed at Petersburg in 1865
- Organized Military Telegraph HQ in Washington, D.C.
- Covered Van Doren's retreat from Corinth.
- His Artillery stopped Pickett's charge.
- Union Secy. of State's Land Deal. (Initials)
- _____ Pond. Battle of Olustee, Fla.
- Gov. of Iowa 1860-1862. (Initials)
- This State tried to stay Neutral. (Initials)