

THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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George B. Hartzog, Jr., is Speaker; Ladies Invited: 'An Endangered Species: Our Civil War National Parks'



George B. Hartzog, Jr.

All of us have been deeply concerned by continuing commercial developments that threaten the integrity of Civil War battlefields in our National Parks system. No one knows more about this subject than our speaker at the Civil War Round Table meeting of Friday, June 8, 1973, at the Chicago Bar Association. Because of wide general interest in the subject, and in honor of our distinguished speaker, ladies are invited to this regular meeting of the Round Table.

George B. Hartzog, Jr., was employed for more than a quarter century by the National Park Service and was its director from January 6, 1964 to December 31, 1972. Principal

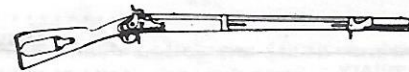
assignments include assistant superintendent of Rocky Mountain National Park, 1955-1957, and of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, 1957-1959, and superintendent of Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, St. Louis, 1959 to 1962. He was executive director of Downtown St. Louis, Inc., from July, 1962 to February, 1963, then returned to the National Park Service as associate director, retaining that post until appointed director, January 6, 1964. He also served as attorney for the National Park Service during all of his administrative appointments, and is now a practicing attorney in the firm of Ragan & Mason, 900 17th Street, Washington, D.C. 20006.

As attorney-at-law he was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of South Carolina, December, 1942; Supreme Court of the United States, October, 1949; Supreme Court of Missouri, January, 1963; and United States District Court for the District of Columbia, September, 1970.

Mr. Hertzog was born March 17, 1920, in Colleton County, South Carolina. He served in the army from September 16, 1940 to May 23, 1941, and from March 18, 1943, to March 10, 1946, and served briefly with the Bureau of Land Management of the Department of the Interior before joining the National Park Service. In 1947 he was married to Helen Carlson of Arlington, Massachusetts, and they have three children, George, Nancy, and Edward. Their home is at 1643 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, Virginia 22101.

He was graduated with a B.S. degree from The American University, Washington, D.C., and has received the following honorary degrees: LL.D. Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri (June 1971); LL.D. Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina (May 1972); L.H.D. Lincoln College, Lincoln, Illinois (May 1972); LL.D. University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona (May 1972).

Special awards and honors include: Meritorious Award,



322nd REGULAR MEETING

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George B. Hartzog, Jr.

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An Endangered Species:

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Friday, June 8, 1973

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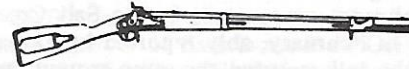
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Cocktails at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner at 6:30 p.m.



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William A. Jump Memorial Foundation, Washington, D.C. (June 1956); Special Service Award, Greater St. Louis Federal Business Association, St. Louis, Missouri (July 1962); Distinguished Service Award, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. (December 1962); Appreciation Plaque, Downtown St. Louis, Inc., for "outstanding contributions to Downtown St. Louis" (1963); Alumni Recognition Award, The American University, Washington, D.C. (May 1966); Distinguished Service Award, American Institute of Park Executives (1966); Honorary Membership, Society of Archi-

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*from the
Editor's pen*



The Battlefield Tour delayed the May meeting a week, and because of our tight schedule for getting this Bulletin in the mails to you — and allowing time for the mails to get your reservation cards back — no report on the tour or on the May meeting can be given in this issue. However, our May speaker, Edward C. Johnson, gave a talk to the Salt Creek Civil War Round Table in February, ably reported by Donald Sikorski, so assuming the talk covered the same ground, and assuming that Ed Johnson actually made the talk on May 18, here is a summary:

Edward C. Johnson made an excellent presentation on the development of the funeral process in America. A few items will, I hope, summarize them.

Ante-bellum period:

(A) Undertakers performed no embalming.

(B) Casket makers were mere tradesmen and cabinet makers.

(C) A lead coffin was used in January 27, 1841 for a Lt. Sherwood who was killed in Florida by the Seminole Indians.

(D) During the Mexican War, no federal funds were allocated to transport bodies from Mexico. The surviving family had to provide metallic coffins. However, the bodies were transported without charge via public transportation from Mexico to certain points such as New Orleans. If there was no public transportation from these points to the home of the deceased, his friends or family had to pay the cost from that point.

Civil War Period:

(A) Embalming became a widespread practice. Embalmers were either honorable or unscrupulous men. There evidently was no standard setup to train persons for embalming. Doctors trained undertakers, who, in turn, trained anyone who wanted to volunteer. A cavalryman was embalmed and sent back home to Texas. His Negro servant stayed with the embalmer, who trained him to become an embalmer. The embalming process took about one hour. During General Butler's coastal campaign, his troops complained that an embalmer passed out advertisements to permit him to embalm them in the event they were killed in battle.

(B) The Army did not hire professional embalmers, but on March 18, 1865, General Order No. 35 authorized the Provost Marshal to issue license only to proven embalmers. — Survivors, however, hired embalmers for \$15.00, but the 1000 bed hospital in Washington, D.C. used embalmers, who charged \$10. The family was not obligated to pay, if it could not afford it.

(C) On September 11, 1861, General Order No. 75 directed the commanding officer to forward a record to the Quartermaster of those who died.

(D) On April 3, 1862 Special Order No. 33 directed the commanding General to designate the burial ground on each battlefield.

(E) Doctors Brown and Alexander were prominent embalmers, but little is known about them.

(F) Dr. Thomas Holmes, a New York surgeon at Columbia Medical College became interested in embalming. He experimented with chemicals to embalm.

(G) When Colonel Ellsworth was killed, he was shipped to the Washington Naval Yard. Dr. Holmes embalmed him and he did such a good job that Ellsworth's father held him in high esteem.

(H) Henry P. Cattell, an employee of Drs. Brown & Alexander, embalmed Lincoln for \$100. He and an assistant served 16 days at \$10 per day to preserve Lincoln's body. — Our speaker, Mr. Johnson, showed us the bill for \$260 dated May 12, 1865, written by Mr. Cattell for services rendered. Evidently, Mr. Cattell did a remarkable job. Around the turn of the century, prominent persons who viewed Lincoln's body for the last time, found it to be very well preserved.



Another John Booth

John Ventura, editor of Crossfire, the journal of the American Civil War Round Table of the United Kingdom, continues his interest in tracing the Booth family (see CWRT Bulletin, May, 1972) and sends an item from the "Record of Old Westminsters," Volume I. Westminster School is oldest public school in England, established before William the Conqueror, although its present foundation dates to Queen Elizabeth I. The item:

Barton Booth: youngest son of John Booth, a Lancashire Squire, nearly related to the Earl of Warrington. Born 1681, at school 1689-95. Acted in "Sineca", 1693, in Andria 1695. Actor 1698 in Dublin, Lincolns Inn Fields, Haymarket, Drury Lane (1708), becoming manager 1727, of others. Built Barton and Cowley Streets, London SW1., wrote poems and author of a masque. Married 1st in 1704, Frances, 2nd daughter of Sir William Barkham; 2nd in 1719 Hester Gantlow, a dancer. Died May 10th 1733—monument in Poets' Corner, Westminster Abbey.

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Decatur, Illinois, CWRT scheduled Professor Robert W. Johannsen of the University of Illinois on "Stephen A. Douglas and the Crisis of the Union" for the March 9 meeting.

A brief notice of the death of Dr. Herbert Livesay, president of Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tennessee, appeared in the May issue of the Bulletin. We have since received the obituary following, which outlines his career:

Dr. Herbert Y. Livesay, who served LMU for 37 years died Wednesday, February 28 in Claiborne County Hospital, following a heart attack the Saturday before.

He had served as LMU's 12th president since June, 1967. An educator of note, Dr. Livesay has spent his lifetime in aiding young people in their growth and development.

Before coming to LMU, he served as classroom teacher, elementary principal and high school principal. During his 37 years at LMU he held several positions including professor of sociology, college chaplain, dean of men, administrative dean, comptroller, vice president of the university, treasurer of the board of trustees and president of the college.

It was during his administration that considerable development of the college was attained. While on leave of absence from the university he filled a position in the Tennessee State Department of Education, Nashville, as the coordinator of higher education and special schools.

Dr. Livesay was a member of the First Christian Church of Middlesboro which he has served as elder. He was also an ordained minister of the Christian Church, a member of the Middlesboro Kiwanis Club and Shriner. Among the many honorary fraternities which have recognized him are Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Delta Kappa, Tau Kappa Alpha, and Alpha Phi Omega, a national service fraternity.

Dr. Livesay was born in Inman, Va., April 24, 1909, but lived most of his life in Tennessee. A graduate of Milligan College, he also earned the master of arts degree and a doctor of education degree from the University of Tennessee summa cum laude. He did advanced studies in religion, history, and sociology at Vanderbilt University.

Dr. Livesay is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lanta Strunk Livesay, associate professor of business education at LMU, and a brother, the Rev. Paul W. Livesay, pastor of the Christian Church, Carrolton, Ky. A number of nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 3, at Duke Hall on the LMU Campus with burial in Harrogate Cemetery.



MONUMENT TO THE UNKNOWN DEAD in Arlington Cemetery, from an old photograph taken in the 1890s. It seems to have received little attention in comparison with the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of World War I. It reads: "Beneath this stone repose the bones of 2,111 unknown soldiers gathered after the war from the fields of Bull Run, and the route to the Rappahannock. Their remains could not be identified, but their names and deaths are recorded in the archives of their country; and its grateful citizens honor them as their noble army of martyrs. May they rest in peace. September AD 1866."

An auction of books, antiques, and artwork, collected by the late Dr. Karl A. Meyer, pioneering surgeon, director of Cook County Hospital, and long-time member of the Civil War Round Table, will be held June 9 to 11 at Dr. Meyer's Kam Lake Farm in Gilman, Illinois, about 20 miles south of Kankakee and 81 miles southwest of Chicago on route I-57. Dr. Meyer willed his collection and his farm at Gilman to Lincoln College, of which he was trustee. Lincoln College will benefit from the sale. Dr. Meyer had 6,000 volumes, including Lincolniana and the Civil War, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Mark Twain, Audubon, Lewis Carroll, and Kipling; many letters and documents signed by Presidents; art books, and foredge paintings. Represented among paintings, watercolors and graphics are Whistler and W. M. Chase. Also offered are 18th century antique furniture, Georgian and other silver, porcelains, and oriental carpeting. Auctioneers are H. O. McNierney, Stalker & Bros., Inc., 975 E. Maple Road, Birmingham, Mich. 48011.

A program commemorating the 160th anniversary of the birth of Stephen A. Douglas was held Monday, April 23, at 11 a.m. at the Douglas Tomb State Memorial, 636 East 35th Street, under the auspices of Mayor Richard J. Daley and the City of Chicago, who joined with the Chicago Historical Society for a program and reception at the society's building at 5 p.m. The principal address was given by Paul M. Angle on "Stephen Arnold Douglas, American Patriot."

District of Columbia CWRT scheduled a field trip to Antietam battlefield May 12, 1973. An information sheet provided three maps and the order of battle of the Army of Northern Virginia and the Army of the Potomac.

Alexandria (Virginia) CWRT scheduled a spring overnight field trip June 2 and 3, 1973, to Richmond Museums, including Robert E. Lee home, capitol, Valentine Museum, Confederate White House Museum, and Battle Abbey, concluding with a service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church and a visit to Hollywood Cemetery, burial place of Presidents Monroe and Tyler, Jefferson Davis, J.E.B. Stuart, Commodore Matthew Maury, and 18,000 Confederate soldiers.

Houston CWRT scheduled an unusual subject March 15 when William E. Sawyer of East Texas State College discussed "Martin Hart, Civil War Guerrilla." Hart recruited the Greenville Guards, an independent cavalry troop, in Hunt County, Texas, was commissioned a Confederate captain, then took his company to Springfield, Mo. and was commissioned in Union forces.



SONS OF CIVIL WAR VETERANS

Are there any sons of Civil War veterans hereabouts?

Ben R. Violette, past president of the South Bend CWRT, would like to know. He was born when his father, Benjamin Violette, a veteran of the 74th Indiana Infantry, was in his 70s, and he would like to correspond with anyone whose father served in the war. His address is 2169 Berkley Place, South Bend, Ind. 46616.



THE NEW BOOKS

(Compiled by Dick Clark)

Dickert, D. Augustus. *History of Kershaw's Brigade, with complete Roll of Companies, Biographical Sketches, Incidents, Anecdotes, etc.* Introduction to new edition by Dr. Wm. Stanley Hoole. [Dayton, Ohio] Morningside Bookshop, 1973. \$20.00 Original of 1899.

Eby, Cecil D., Jr. "Porte Crayon": *The Life of David Hunter Strother*. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press [1973]. Reprint of 1860 edition. \$12.00

Goldsborough, William W. *The Maryland Line in the Confederate Army, 1861-1865*. With an introduction by Jean Baker and index prepared by Louis Q. Lewis. 2d ed. Port Washington, N. Y.: Kennikat Press [1972]. \$22.50

Hunter, Robert M. T. *Correspondence of Robert M. T. Hunter, 1826-1876*. Edited by Charles Henry Ambler. New York: Da Capo Press, 1971. Reprint of 1918 edition. \$17.50

Johannsen, Robert W. *Stephen A. Douglas*. New York: Knopf, 1973. \$19.95

Kinchen, Oscar A. *Women Who Spied for the Blue and the Gray*. Philadelphia: Dorrance, 1972. \$5.95

Thompson, Ed Porter. *History of the Orphan Brigade*. Second edition, introduction by William C. Davis. Dayton, Ohio: Morningside Bookshop [1973]. Reprint of 1898 revision. \$32.50

Trueblood, Elton. *Abraham Lincoln: Theologian of American Anguish*. New York: Harper & Row [1973]. \$4.95

Warch, Richard, compiler. *John Brown*, edited by Richard Warch and Jonathan F. Fanton. Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Prentice-Hall [1973]. \$6.95

White, Richard Grant, compiler. *Poetry, Lyrical, Narrative, and Satirical, of the Civil War*. Selected and edited by . . . New York: Arno Press, 1972, c.1866. \$16.00

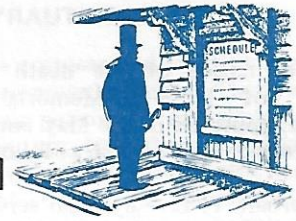


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tectural Historians, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (February 1967); Cornelius Amory Pugsley Gold Medal Award, American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society, New York (January 1968); Distinguished Service Award, National Recreation and Park Association, Washington, D.C. (September 1969); Honorary Membership, American Society of Landscape Architects, Washington, D.C. (June 1972).

Memberships include Board of Directors, Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts; Board of Trustees, National Recreation and Park Association; D.C. Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; American Bar Association; National Park Service Employee and Alumni Association; Member Emeritus, Washington National Monument Society; Associate Member, Boone and Crockett Club.

Ralph Newman announced a partnership with Daniel Weinberg in the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop at an open house commemorating the 184th anniversary of the inauguration of our first President, George Washington, Monday, April 30. The Book Shop also opened a new Presidential Department, displaying books, letters, and manuscripts relating to the Presidents. The Book Shop will be open every Thursday evening for Caucuses on history and politics, of course not neglecting Abraham Lincoln.



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FUTURE MEETINGS

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

June 8: George B. Hartzog, Jr., Former Director, National Parks Service, on "An Endangered Species: Our Civil War National Parks."

Every Monday: Informal noon luncheon meetings at LaSalle Hotel coffee shop; all members invited.

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BICENTENNIAL SOCIETY

The U.S. Bicentennial Society, a private corporation headed by five distinguished Americans from several fields of arts and letters, has been organized to observe the nation's 200th anniversary by issuing commemorative objects of high artistic and historic value.

Virginius Dabney, historian, Pulitzer Prize winner and former editor of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, is chairman of the society's board of trustees. Other trustees are: Gregory Peck, Academy Award-winning motion picture actor and a trustee of the American Film Institute; Samuel Eliot Morison, Pulitzer Prize-winning historian at Harvard University; R. Buckminster Fuller, one of the nation's leading architects and designers, and H. Lester Cooke, curator of painting at the National Gallery of Art.

Mr. Dabney noted that the society was formed "in response to the government's policy of encouraging participation in the bicentennial observance by private citizens and organizations, as well as by local and state governments." The purpose is to assure that articles conforming to the highest standards of artistry and workmanship will be available to commemorate the bicentennial year, 1976.

A re-enactment of the Battle of Pea Ridge will* be undertaken by the 2nd Arkansas Mounted Rifles (Co. D) July 11 to 14, 1973. Lewis L. Fitzgerald, Box 81, Pea Ridge, Arkansas 72751, is in charge.