SYMPOSIUM on "BATTLEFIELDS OF VIRGINIA" - April 8

190th REGULAR MEETING

Symposium on Battlefields of Virginia to be visited on 10th Annual Battlefield Tour, April 27 - May 1

Moderator - Ralph G. Newman;

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 1960

St. Clair Hotel 162 East Ohio Street
Cocktails at 5:30  Dinner at 6:30


It was produced by the Public Affairs department of WBBM-FM of Chicago, in cooperation with the School of Music of Northwestern University and the Chicago Historical Society. The music features the WBBM-CBS Orchestra and the Northwestern University Men's Glee Club and soloists, including Frank Hamilton, banjoist and guitarist, and Paul M. Angle and Earl Schenck Miers collaborated on the script and Hal Stark is narrator.

John Mies, a director of our CWRT, and Art Thorsen, a former director, both associated with CBS, arranged the recording for our show. The program first was featured locally on WBBM-FM and on March 13 was played on the national network of CBS.

E. B. (Pete) Long has been elected an associate member of the Wisconsin Civil War Centennial Commission. Other out of state associate members are your editor and TV Singer Peggy King.
GEORGE F. TURNER, AUTHOR, MEMBER DIES

Letter addressed to President Slecht:

"This is to advise you of the passing of my father, Mr. George F. Turner, a member of the Chicago Civil War Round Table.

"His membership in your organization was a source of great pride to him though he had not been active since his retirement in 1948. Honor done him on the publication of his book VICTORY RODE THE RAILS was one of his cherished memories. (He spoke to the Round Table on that subject on September 15, 1953.)

"He passed away on February 27 in New Castle (Ind.) and was buried in Rushville, Putnam county, Indiana, his boyhood home where he first became interested in the Copperhead movement - which was, I believe, his classification for Round Table membership.

"I write this letter in the belief that he would want me to do so.

"Sincerely yours,
(Signed) George R. Turner"

Maj. Joseph Mills Hannon, one of the four founders of the CWRT of the District of Columbia, died February 11 at his home in Manassas, Va. He was superintendent of the Manassas Battlefield for 10 years, retiring in 1947. He wrote a number of books, including "Build Run Remembers." His library was willed to the Manassas Battlefield Park. He won the Washington CWRT Gold Medal in 1956.

The Tennessee Civil War Centennial commission is planning an educational program to include observances commemorating the most important events among the 689 which took place on Tennessee soil during the war. Stanley F. Horn, an honorary member of our CWRT, is chairman of the Tennessee commission.

from the Editor's pen

More than 100 members and guests were attracted to the March 11 meeting to hear James I. (Bud) Robertson, Jr., speak on "Jackson's Stone Wall - The Stonewall Brigade." It proved to be one of the high points of the year. "Bud" was barraged by questioners and came off competently.

The March issue of CIVIL WAR HISTORY is at hand. It is the first number completely in the hands of Dr. Robertson since he became editor in September, it has some attractive changes in typography. The content is excellent. "Bud" says that further improvements are planned.

The outdoor season for Civil War Round Tables is just ahead. Our tour to the battlefields of Virginia is April 27 to May 1. We have made note of field trips planned by some other CWRTs.

A preliminary event is the statewide meeting of the Illinois Civil War Centennial Commission at Starved Rock State Park Lodge on Sunday and Monday, April 3 and 4. Speakers for a dinner the first day and a luncheon the second day will include Bell Irvin Wiley, Paul M. Angle, Richard Harwell, and E. B. (Pete) Long. The meetings are open to any interested persons.

TOURS OF OTHER YEARS

Chicago CWRT battlefield tours of other years have been:

1951, May 31-June 4 - Nashville, Franklin, Stones River, Chattanooga area, Knoxville, Cumberland Gap, and Lincoln Memorial University, Harragon, Tenn.
1952, June 20-24 - Martinsburg, Charles Town, and Harper's Ferry, W. Va., Antietam and Frederick, Md., and Gettysburg.
1954, May 13-17 - Jackson, Tenn.; Shiloh; Jackson, Miss.; Champion Hill, Big Black River, Vicksburg, Haines' Bluff, Chickasaw, Bay, Port Gibson and Raymond.
1955, May 11-15 - Fredericksburg, Chancellorville, the Wilderness, Spotsylvania Court House, and Arlington National cemetery.
1956, May 16-21 - Chattanooga area, the March to Atlanta, Kennesaw Mountain, and Battle of Atlanta.
1959, April 22 - May 3 - Charleston, Fort Sumter, Sullivan's Island, Fort Moultrie, Beaufort, Hilton Head, Savannah, Fort Pulaski, and Fort McAllister.
"A CENTENNIAL FOR ALL AMERICANS"

The theme for the third national assembly of the National Civil War Centennial Commission at the Sheraton-Jefferson hotel in St. Louis, May 5 and 6, will be "A Centennial for All Americans".

It is expected that every one of the 40 state commissions will be represented, Civil War Round Tables and all other organizations interested in the Civil War are invited. There is no limitation on number of representatives.

Karl S. Betts, executive director of the national commission, will review its operations to date. Other speakers will discuss the federal government's participation in reenactments, the role of the military services, where to look for and how to identify Civil War material, the National Park Service's preparations to receive visitors at battle sites, and battlefield restorations, and plans by transportation agencies.

The church's role will be detailed by Dr. Charles Wesley Lowry, Chairman of the Foundation for Religious Action. Another speaker will discuss the part to be played by women of America in the observance. There will be exhibits of Civil War relics, military and civilian.

The formal opening date for the national Centennial observance was shifted from January 1 to Sunday, January 8, 1961, in order to avoid conflict with New Year's day. Services in churches and at military establishments will predominate. The next day, Charleston, S.C., will mark the centennial day of the Star of the West incident.

THIRD ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF ROUND TABLES

Hagerstown (Md.) has virtually completed plans for the Third Annual Assembly of Civil War Round Tables. Registration ($1) will be at 8 a.m., Friday, May 6, at Venice motel, headquarters, on U.S. 40, east of Hagerstown. There will be a reception and showing of special films.

At 9 a.m., May 7, there will be a tour to South Mountain (Turner's Gap, Fox's Gap, and Reno monument), lunch at Crampton's gap, Gathland state park, and on to Harper's Ferry ($4.50 including lunch). At a banquet ($4) at the Venice motel, Dr. David S. Sparks of the University of Maryland will speak. Then there will be an informal meeting of Round Table officers and representatives to discuss mutual problems and exchange ideas.

At 8:30 a.m., May 8, there will be a tour ($2) to Antietam battlefield.

Members of the famed Sharpsburg Rifles, the Washington County Artillery, 4th Maryland Confederate, the Washington County Cavalry, and Company K, 5th Virginia Infantry regiment, will be on hand.

For detailed information write Civil War Round Table, P.O. Box 1155, Hagerstown, Md.

HOTEL JOHN MARSHALL AT RICHMOND

Our headquarters for the first two nights on the 10th Battlefield Tour will be the Hotel John Marshall at Richmond. It was also our headquarters on our 3rd tour in 1955. It was there that Douglas Southall Freeman made a great speech on five of the difficulties that a historian of the Civil War encounters. Plans for the quarterly CIVIL WAR HISTORY were announced at the Richmond meeting. Dr. Freeman's speech was printed as the opening article of Volume I, Number 1 of CIVIL WAR HISTORY in March, 1955. We were guests of Dr. Freeman at a garden party at his home. He passed away five weeks later.

The John Marshall is the largest hotel in Virginia with the addition of a new wing with 144 modern new rooms. Of the guest rooms, 350 are air-conditioned. The ten meeting rooms have public address systems and are named for famous Virginians. The hotel is in the heart of downtown Richmond.

THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE
THE NEW BOOKS

A notable issue for April is THE FALL OF RICHMOND, by Rembert W. Patrick (148 pp, Louisiana State University Press, $4). Illustrated, with notes and index, it recounts in vivid detail the last three days of the Confederate capital, April 2 to 4, 1865.

Also listed for April are two by Indiana University Press. One is A CONFEDERATE GIRL'S STORY, by Sarah Morgan Dawson, edited with foreword by James L. Robertson, Jr., our March 11 speaker and editor of CIVIL WAR HISTORY (328 pp, illus, $7.50). The other is A HISTORY OF MORGAN'S CAVALRY, by Basil W. Duke, edited with introduction by Cecil Fletcher Holland (608 pp, maps, $7.50).

CIVILIANS UNDER ARMS, edited by Herbert Mitgang (218 pp, Pennington press, $3.95), stories and poems from Stars and Stripes, the soldier's newspaper, reaching from Korea back to the Civil War.

THE FIRST BOOK OF CIVIL WAR LAND BATTLES, by Col. T. N. Dupuy (96 pp, New York, $1.55), presentation of decisive land engagements, with maps.


LETTERS OF WARREN AKIN: Confederate Congressman, edited by Bell Irvin Wiley (Athens, Ga., $3.75), giving insight into procedures and personnel of Congress and life in Richmond, 1864-65.

THE NUMISMATIST, edited by Elston G. Bradfield, Abraham Lincoln member, December, 1959 (100 pp, paper, 50 cents, American Numismatic Association, P.O. Box 577, Wichita, Kansas).

PALIMPSEST, January, 1960, special Civil War issue on “John Brown Among the Quakers” (at Springdale, Iowa, winter of 1857) (paper, State Historical Society, Iowa City, 50 cents).

PEA RIDGE A NATIONAL MILITARY PARK

The 4,400 acre Pea Ridge (Ark.) Civil War battlefield became federal property on March 31. In ceremonies at Pea Ridge, Gov. Orval S. Faubus handed the deed to the property to Conrad Wirth, head of the National Park Service, who said that more than $500,000 will be spent on Pea Ridge, the first national military park west of the Mississippi river. The park service expects to begin work in July.

WASHINGTON GOLD MEDAL DINNER

The CWRT of the District of Columbia will hold its eighth annual Gold Medal dinner on April 19. Richard Bales will receive the medal for his work in Civil War music. Col. Robert S. Henry, a former medal winner, will present the medal. Sigurd Anderson, former governor of South Dakota and member of the Federal Trade Commission, will speak on “Lawyers in the Civil War”.

ANNUAL DIRECTORY OF WASHINGTON CWRT

The annual directory of the CWRT of the District of Columbia has been issued. It is an 8-1/2 x 11 inch, slick paper two color booklet. It lists the 571 members—largest group in the nation—and has a roster of Civil War Round Tables, probably the most complete to date.