George B. Hartzog, Jr., is Speaker; Ladies Invited:

‘An Endangered Species: Our Civil War National Parks’

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. Hartzog 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,
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 Westminster,” 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:


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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.
OBITUARY

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 Middleboro which he has served as elder. He was also an ordained minister of the Christian Church, a member of the Middleboro 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 administration 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.

HERE AND THERE

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 157. Dr. Meyer will help 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 foreign paintings. Represented among paintings, watercolors and graphics are Whistler and W. M. Chase. Also offered are 18th century antique furniture, Georgian and other silver, porcelain, and oriental carpeting. Auctioneers are H. O. McNierney, Stalker & Bros., Inc., 975 E. Maple Road, Birmingham, Mich. 48011.

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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 36th 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.”

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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.

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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.B. Stuart, Commodore Matthew Maury, and 18,000 Confederate soldiers.

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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 Green- ville 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)


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


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FUTURE MEETINGS

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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.

Virginia 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.

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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.