FRANK E. VANDIVER ON JEFFERSON DAVIS

Opening our fall season is a speaker who, in the traditional words of introducers "needs no introduction" to the Civil War Round Table. Frank E. Vandiver, our annals record, addressed us December 10, 1946, on "Josiah Gorgas," and at that time he was a very young historian, indeed. We have observed his progress since, recalling Otto Eisenschiml's assessment, "This boy is a comer," and hope we have given him a bit of encouragement along the way, until he has become one of the country's leading Civil War historians and provost of Rice University, Houston, Texas. His subject is Jefferson Davis at the meeting of Friday, September 14, 1973, at the Chicago Bar Association. We are happy to be able to present a brief biography and bibliography.

Frank Everson Vandiver was born December 9, 1925, in Austin, Texas, the son of Harry Schulz Vandiver, a mathematician, and Maude Everson Vandiver. He was educated at the University of Texas, M.A., 1949; Tulane University, Ph.D., 1951; and Oxford University, Honorary M.A., 1963. He was married to Susie Smith, and they have three children, Nita, Nancy, and Frank Alexander. Their home is at 6134 Chevy Chase, Houston.

He was U.S. Civil Service historian, San Antonio, Tex., 1944-45; Air Force Historian, Montgomery, Ala., 1951-52; instructor of history, Washington University, St. Louis, 1952-53; assistant professor, 1953-55. In 1955 he became assistant professor at Rice University; associate professor, in 1956, and professor of history, 1958. He was Harmsworth Professor of American History at Oxford University, 1963-64, and was named Harris Masterson, Jr. Professor of History at Rice University in 1965; Master of Margaret Root Brown College, 1965-66; Chairman of the Department of History, 1962, 1968-69; acting president of Rice University, 1969-70, and provost since 1970.

He was awarded the Carr P. Collins Prize of Texas Institute of Letters for "Mighty Stonewall," 1958; Harry S. Truman Award, 1966; Jefferson Davis Award of the Confederate Memorial Literary Society, and the Fletcher Pratt Award of the New York Civil War Round Table, both for "Their Tattered Flags," in 1971.

He has been counselor and president of the Texas Institute (continued on page 4)
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ours is the oldest Round Table in the country. Like others, it started as a small unit on December 3, 1940, when Ralph Newman and a few buff's sat down and started what was eventually known as the Civil War Round Table of Chicago.

Much has happened through the years and with outstanding leadership, we have achieved the position of No. 1 Round Table.

Different activities have been formulated. The Battlefield Tour became an annual pilgrimage to some famous Civil War conflict. Each year it grows in interest and attendance and this past year we completed our 23rd with our largest crowd of more than 100.

We were the first group to grant college scholarships for outstanding students in American History.

We have not only furthered and established a greater interest in "Our" war, but have created an air of comradeship and fellowship.

I would like to extend to those members who have not been in attendance lately, a most warm welcome to join us again. An interesting year is planned with two excellent tours scheduled.

I urge all members to look around their communities for new recruits, without which this organization cannot survive. So much depends upon our willingness to bring the work of the Round Table to the attention of others.

Membership applications are available from Don Sikorski, 41 W. 55th Place, Westmont, Ill. 60559 or Gerry Edelstein, 44 Barton, Evanston, Ill. 254-6000 or the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop.

Become involved and support your Round Table. An organization is only as strong as its members.

Gordon Whitney
JULY 4 IN CENTENNIAL PARK

Newspaper reports covering Independence Day activities in the area failed to mention the picnic in (and around) Centennial Park. The program started at 12 p.m. with a toast to the day. Round Table members Ralph Newman, Arnold Alexander, Dan Weinberg, Brooks Davis; Camp Followers Pat Newman and Betsy Davis; and guests were present. A gourmet picnic followed.

Park size American flags were distributed and the toasts continued. The need for a bit of exercise became apparent, so Betsy Davis led a nature tour of the park, to the amazement of the other eleven in attendance. Brooks Davis then put the day in historical perspective by reading the Gill Twiss account of the formal dedication of the park, October 6, 1965. The immortal ballad "The Biggest Little Park in the World—(Centennial Park on Chestnut Street)" words and music by the likewise immortal Win Stracke was sung to the amazement of pigeons and passersby.

Pat Newman informed the group of the news of a smaller park, but this challenge was quickly refuted by Mr. Newman. Betsy Davis then presented a Perryville award to Mrs. Newman anyway. Mr. Newman gave the patriotic address of the day, somewhat paraphrasing Mr. Lincoln's remarks about Mr. Washington. The group, emotionally overcome, retreated to the Book and Bottle for a game of pool. Said game continued for some time until the participants determined that the sun simply was not going to set and that we had best light sparklers anyway. Toasts were quickly produced and the day's observance was concluded.

Dr. Mulrooney Recuperating

Dr. Raymond E. Mulrooney, who apparently suffered a stroke, followed by cardiac arrest while on the battlefield tour, is now recuperating at home. Heroic action by Dr. John Margreiter of St. Louis and the CWRT president, Gordon Whitney, saved his life. Surgery was performed at the Hershey Medical Center, when it was discovered that Dr. Mulrooney's illness was caused by pressure on the brain due to a bilateral subdural hematoma. The paralysis which existed is almost entirely gone now and a complete recovery is predicted.

TO THE CAMP FOLLOWERS (LADIES)

One of the most interesting stories of the Civil War will come to light Friday evening September 14th when JOHN PATRICK HUNTER of Madison, Wisconsin, brings to life the famous Frank A. Haskell and his memorable account of the Battle of Gettysburg.

JOHN HUNTER, associate editor of the Madison Capital Times, is one of Wisconsin's best-known reporters and political writers. A World War II war correspondent, Hunter has been a member of the Madison daily since 1951. He has covered Wisconsin politics for more than two decades. A well-known student of the American Civil War, John has served twice as president of the Civil War Round Table of Madison.

This is to be a very, special evening and a program that the women would especially appreciate and enjoy. We would like to see a lot of old and new faces and we're sure you won't be disappointed.

This first meeting of the year will be held at Stauffers Restaurant, 35 East Randolph at Wabash at 5:30 P.M. Call or write to Margaret April 787-1860 or 17 East Chestnut St., 60611. Reservations have to be made by September 5th.

GETTYSBURG TOUR GROUP AT CARLISLE, The 23rd Annual Battlefield Tour, designated the Gen. Schimmelfennig Memorial Tour spent three days visiting Gettysburg Battlefield, then took off for Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and the U.S. Army War College. This group lined up in front of a building identified as the Hessian Guard House Museum.
ORDERS AND AMMUNITION

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of Letters; president of the Jefferson Davis Association and chief advisory editor for "The Papers of Jefferson Davis;" and member of the Advisory Council, Department of the Army, Office of the Chief of Military History; and of the American Committee on the History of the Second World War; and Chairman, The U.S. Army Military History Research Collection Advisory Committee.


BULLETIN BOARD

FUTURE MEETINGS

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

September 14: Frank A. Vandiver on Jefferson Davis.

October 12, 13, and 14: Fall tour to Springfield, Illinois.

October 19: Dr. Gerhard Clausius on General Hurburt.

November 9: Dr. Frank Klement on Copperheadism in the Midwest.

December 14: The Future of the Early Prussian Army by Rt. Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen.

January 11: Dr. Albert Castel on Guerrilla Warfare in the West.

February 8: Ladies Night, Richard Blake program, "A Look at Lincoln."

March 8: Marshall Kroll on Lee and Longstreet.

April 12: Robert Wommack on the Battle of Murfreesboro (not confirmed).

May 2, 3, 4, and 5: Annual Battlefield Tour to Chattanooga and Chickamauga.

May 10: To be scheduled.

June 14: Annual Award Dinner and Installation of Officers;

program details to be announced.

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

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October 12 to 14, 1973, open to members, their families, and friends. Included will be tours of Lincoln College, Camp Butler, Lincoln's home in Springfield, the Lincoln tomb, the Old State Capitol, Lincoln's Law Office, the Illinois State Historical Library, and New Salem State Park.

The weekend tour opens Friday, October 12, with a cocktail reception hosted by J. Richard Stoltz, president of Lincoln College, Lincoln, Illinois, followed by a Civil War Round Table dinner featuring as speaker Paul Simon, former lieutenant governor.

A tour of Lincoln College on Saturday will be followed by visits to the library, Lincoln Museum and Performing Arts Center, and the site of Camp Butler. Lunch will be at the Mansion View Motel, Springfield, followed by a tour including the Old State Capitol, and Illinois State Historical Library; Lincoln's home; and the Lincoln Law Office. Dinner will be at the Sangamo Club.

On Sunday, after a visit to Lincoln's tomb, there will be a tour of the reconstructed village of New Salem, including a special buffet lunch in the park vicinity. Cost of the tour, including motel, all meals except breakfasts, registration and gratuities is $50 a person for double occupancy; $15 additional for single occupancy; $20 additional for each child under 14 occupying same room. Send in your reservation NOW to Margaret April, phone 787-1860.