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Dr. Harold M. Hyman on "Lincoln's Mars" - Secretary of War Stanton

Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton has come to the fore in recent television and magazine presentations. His relationship with President Lincoln will be the subject of our October 12 meeting.



Dr. Harold M. Hyman

The speaker will be Dr. Harold M. Hyman, an associate professor on the history faculty of the University of California, Los Angeles. The subject is "Lincoln's Mars: Edwin M. Stanton as Secretary of War."

Dr. Hyman spoke at our 136th meeting, Nov. 19, 1954, on "The Loyalty Oath in the Civil War." This was the basis of his first book, "Era

of the Oath: Northern Loyalty Tests During the Civil War and Reconstruction," which won the Albert Beveridge award of the American Historical Association. The theme was expanded in a second volume, "To Try Men's Souls: Loyalty Tests in American History," which won the Sidney Hillman Civil Liberties award.

Early in 1962, Alfred Knopf will publish a biography of Stanton, begun by the late Benjamin Thomas, and carried to completion by Prof. Hyman.

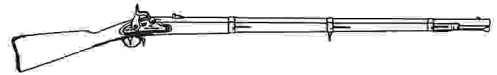
"Not since the Civil War and Reconstruction has Edwin M. Stanton suffered as much in reputation as has been true in the last two decades," Dr. Hyman said. "In 1961, for example, a nationwide television program, adapted from a recent inquiry into the alleged conspiracy around Lincoln's death, left a widespread impression that Stanton had helped to prepare the plot for the tragic murder.

"Stanton's reputation also suffered because of his post-war espousal of Radical Republican principles on racial equality, his involvement in the vexing events that led to Andrew Johnson's impeachment has further complicated the historical picture of the man.

"The result has been that Stanton is considered as a saint or as a devil, all good or bad. The stereotyping surrounding him, apart from preventing an accurate account of his life from being presented, has also beclouded aspects of the lives of men with whom Stanton lived and worked. And for three years, no man spent more time with Lincoln than Stanton.

"Recently, Stanton descendants made available revealing manuscript materials on his life, which, buttressed by the conclusions of scholarship and by the mining of some neglected collections of private and official records, offer new insight into the Lincoln-Stanton relationship. This paper is based on these sources."

Dr. Hyman is a native of New York, holds the Ph.D. degree from Columbia University, where his mentors were Henry Steele Commager and Allan Nevins, and is a World War II veteran of the Marine Corps. He taught at Indiana's Earlham College, Arizona State University, Columbia, and UCLA, and is a regular at the Los Angeles Round Table.



204th REGULAR MEETING

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Dr. Harold M. Hyman

on

"Lincoln's Mars: the Lincoln-Stanton Relationship"

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1961

St. Clair Hotel
162 East Ohio Street

Cocktails at 5:30
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.



CWRT Dinner with N.U. Symposium

Our Civil War Round Table will sponsor a dinner as one event of the Northwestern University Civil War Centennial symposium Oct. 18 and 19.

Four distinguished Civil War historians will present papers at the symposium and other historians will comment and stimulate debate. The papers are at 4:30 p.m. and debate at 8:30 p.m.

The first day Bruce Catten and Charles Roland will discuss "Northern and Southern Military Leadership". The second day, T. Harry Williams and David Donald will discuss "Lincoln and the War".

The lectures will be in Technological Institute auditorium on the Evanston campus. The sessions are open to all interested persons without fee. This is Northwestern's contribution to the centennial and is a rare opportunity for Civil War students of this area.

Our dinner for the symposium participants will be Thursday, Oct. 19, at Town House restaurant, 6935 N. Sheridan road. Cocktails at 5:45 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. It is open on individual payment basis to members, ladies, and friends, and to members of other Round Tables. The message portion of the regular meeting reply card may be used to make reservations. Any further information may be obtained by calling Whitehall 4-3085, or writing Civil War Round Table, 18 East Chestnut St., Chicago 11.

A brochure giving details of the symposium is being sent to members along with this newsletter. Northwestern will publish the symposium papers.

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GETTYSBURG CONFERENCE NOV. 19-21

Gettysburg College has set its Fifth annual Civil War Conference for Nov. 19 to 21. The theme is "Problems of the Confederacy". Prof. James W. Silver, of the University of Mississippi, is program director and will lecture on "Southern Leadership, 1820-1860."

Bell I. Wiley will lecture on "The Confederate Congress"; Clement L. Eaton, "Intellectual Leadership"; Lenoir Chambers, "Military Leadership"; and Rembert Patrick, "The Confederate Administration".

There will be commentators for each of the papers. There is no charge for those who wish to attend. Dr. Robert L. Bloom, Gettysburg College, is in charge of arrangements. Persons interested in receiving further details should write to him.

"CAVE" UNDER LINCOLN MEMORIAL

Rep. Fred Schwengel (Davenport, Iowa), a member of our CWRT and of the national Civil War Centennial commission, and Randle Truett, chief historian for the National Capitol parks, took reporters on a tour of the "cave" under the Lincoln Memorial.

"This", said Schwengel, "is the most visited memorial in the whole world." (2,294,822 visitors for 8 months of 1961, a 13 per cent increase over 1960).

The party went down a ladder to the hole, about 165x60x60 feet. Builders had cleared away a lot of dirt to drive pilings and on the pilings erected huge concrete pillars to support the weight of the memorial. When they were done, there was the cavity, now creating its own stalactites and stalagmites.

Schwengel has asked Conrad Wirth, National Park Service director, for a preliminary estimate of what it would cost to turn the cavern into a museum - and then, with an admission charge start paying for itself.

It would also be a place to hide from atom bombs.

Recently Lincoln Memorial visiting hours have been set at 8 a.m. to midnight, a three hour increase.

President Lincoln had four brothers-in-law who served in the Confederate army.

from the
Editor's pen



Stirring discussion followed Dr. Otto Eisenschiml's paper on "Ethics and the Civil War Historian" on September 15. There were 84 members and guests at the meeting.

After citing various historical writings, Dr. Eisenschiml proposed a code of historical and ethical "don'ts." They drew a quick reaction from the floor.

Two motions were presented and the one adopted was by Judge Joseph Burke. This provides that Dr. Eisenschiml's proposed code be "referred to the Executive Committee with directions to submit a report on the adoption of a suggested voluntary code for historical writers."

If such a code is confirmed by a vote of the membership at a regular meeting, copies thereof and of Dr. Eisenschiml's speech are to be transmitted to other Round Tables "with the request that each consider the advisability of adopting the suggested voluntary code."

Members and others interested may obtain a copy of the speech by writing to Dr. Otto Eisenschiml, 1637 S. Kilbourn Ave., Chicago 23, Ill.

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Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant III, on Sept. 6 at his home in Clinton, N. Y., announced his resignation as chairman and as a member of the national Civil War Centennial commission. Grant, 80, said the resignation was prompted by the serious illness of his wife.

The United Press International dispatch which reported this said:

"A report in Washington linked the chairman's move to the recent commission action in removing Karl S. Betts as executive director and assigning him the job of special consultant. There never has been any public announcement of the commission meeting at which Betts was removed."

Vice Adm. Stuart H. Ingersoll, USN, (ret.) also resigned from the commission. The Daily News, at Newport, R. I., where he lives quoted him as saying he resigned because of the "arbitrary and unwarranted demotion" of Betts. Ingersoll said he sought, in vain, to bring out the reasons for the demotion at the meeting when it was done.

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Gov. Otto Kerner signed the measure for state purchase of the Sangamon county courthouse (old state capitol) for restoration as a permanent shrine to Lincoln, Douglas, Grant and others who appeared there. The appropriation was \$975,000 for purchase of the building and a square block in the heart of Springfield, and \$40,000 for architects' and engineers' plans. The restored building is to house the state historical library and society, and a Lincoln collection. Restoration costs have been estimated at figures from 2 to 10 million dollars, depending on how much restoration is decided upon. Gov. Kerner has asked the public to contribute part of the money and suggested that a group of prominent Americans head a national fund raising group.

VISITS TO STATE PARKS and related recreation areas totaled 259 million in 1960, exceeding by nearly 3.7 million the record set in 1959. Attendance in national parks in 1960 totaled more than 72 million - for a grand total of 331 million, a rise from 114.5 million in 1946.

Fall Tour to Galena



Galena River Front a Century Ago

In tribute to the successful Civil War general, Ulysses S. Grant, our autumn tour will be to his pre-war and post-war home town, Galena, Ill., on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 28 and 29.

The tour will be by private auto, and for combining rides, Chairman Michael S. Lerner and the committee will assist. Galena also is accessible by Illinois Central and Greyhound bus.

Headquarters will be at the DeSoto house, whose proprietor Virginia Carroll is an officer of the Illinois State Historical Society. The DeSoto was Grant's campaign headquarters for the presidency. Before and after the war it was visited by Abraham Lincoln, Stephen A. Douglas, and other famous persons. Overnight housing will be there and at the Palace motel, 2 miles west of Galena.

The Saturday evening dinner will be at the Elks Club. The speaker will be Richard S. Hagen. Dick is historian of the Illinois Department of Conservation. He is a Galena native. He had a large part in the restoration of the Grant home. He has been an officer and active in affairs of the state historical society.

"We are going to try to show you fellows a good time in Galena," Dick said. "We think you will like it!"

Galena's history is too full to relate here. But, with lead mining and processing, more than a century ago it was a boom town before Chicago was. It had nine Civil War generals - Grant, Chetlain, Duer, Maltby, Parker, Rawlins, Rowley, J. C. Smith and John E. Smith. The homes of some of them remain. We will see them, other old homes, churches more than a century old, a typical general store, the Grant leather store, the J. R. Grant store.

There is the historical museum with more than 6,500 Civil War items. And the restored Old Market House, a state memorial which reminds that Galena was a busy river and trading port. But, the lead boom faded. The narrow curving streets and the ridges remain and Galena is the quaint "Town that Time Forgot".

The tour is open to members, wives, families and friends. For the women there are antique shops and such things as the Dowling house which was the locale of the Margaret Ayer Fairbank novel "The Bright Land". Members of other Civil War Round Tables of Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin have been invited to join the tour.

There will be bus and walking tours of the town. With good weather we may be blessed with some of the gorgeous autumn colors of hilly northwestern Illinois.

More details are in a separate announcement that accompanies this newsletter. Make reservations before Oct. 20. Further arrangements can be made by letter to the Civil War Round Table, and to the DeSoto house and Palace motel at Galena.

BULLETIN BOARD

There are announcements in this newsletter concerning the Civil War symposium at Northwestern University Oct. 18-19, and our fall tour to Galena, Oct. 28-29.

The bottom (message) portion of the regular meeting reservation card should be used to make reservations for the Civil War Round Table dinner for N. U. guest speakers Oct. 19. Persons making reservations will be given any further necessary details by letter.

The special Galena tour leaflet has a form for reservation and remittance. Again, any further details will be given by letter.

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NEW MEMBERS: John L. Bates, 8548 Rockefeller Ave., Hollywood, Ill.

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AVAILABLE at Meetings: Gold finished CWRT lapel pin, \$1; Cloth patch of emblem, 50 cents.

--- FLORIDA IN THE CIVIL WAR: 1860 Through Reconstruction, is a unique publishing venture by the CWRT of Pensacola. It has 75 pages of mimeograph sheets, in a 3 hole punch student thesis cover, with a paste-on label. It is neatly done with sketches and maps. It is the more notable because it is the first comprehensive attempt at a history of the Civil War in Florida and that it is done - production and all - by members of the Pensacola CWRT. The edition is a first draft of a permanent work. Additions and corrections are solicited and a second edition is planned in about six months. Then it will be put into a printed edition. Copies of this rare first venture may be obtained for \$1 from Civil War Round Table, P. O. Box 2397, Pensacola, Fla. Also, send information there.

A number of Civil War Centennial items are coming out in booklet form. For examples see IRON GATE TO THE CONFEDERACY and ARMY INFORMATION DIGEST and other listings in THE NEW BOOKS.

THE CIVIL WAR IN VALLEY HISTORY is an attractive color map published by Potomac Edison company, Hagerstown, Md., illustrative of the war in the Potomac and Shenandoah valleys. Members who attended our Sept. 15 meeting received a copy of the map and others may obtain it by writing the company. Potomac Edison also publishes VALLEY NEWS ECHO, a slick paper, 4 page tabloid, covering Civil War news events of the valleys. It is available for \$1 a year from Potomac Edison, Dept. BA, Hagerstown, Md.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA and Twin Cities CWRT are co-sponsors of the University's second Civil War seminar, Oct. 13 and 14. Our own E. B. (Pete) Long is a speaker on "Grant and the War in the West." Rock L. Comstock, Jr., National Park Service historian, speaks on "The Battle of Chickamauga".

THE NEW BOOKS



MINNESOTA IN THE CIVIL WAR, by Kenneth Carley (Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul 1, \$3.95). First specialized history of Minnesota in the war by a longtime Minneapolis newspaperman and a founder of the Twin Cities Civil War Round Table.

THE LIBERTY LINE: The Legend of the Underground Railroad (University of Kentucky, 224pp, \$5). Sets straight much fiction on the subject.

A CIVIL WAR COOK BOOK, compiled by Myrtle Elison Smith, Harrogate, Tenn. (268pp, \$4.95). Introductory essay, "At Lincoln's Table", by Dr. Wayne C. Temple.

A HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES SIGNAL CORPS, by the Editors of The Army Times (Putnam, 192pp, \$5.95).

FIFTEEN DECISIVE BATTLES OF THE UNITED STATES, by O. K. Armstrong (Longmans, Green, 370pp, \$5.95).

THE SAND CREEK MASSACRE (in Colorado), by Stan Hoig (Oklahoma U., \$4).

A CAMPAIGN FROM SANTA FE TO THE MISSISSIPPI, by Theophilus Noel (Stagecoach Press, \$7.50). Reprint of a rare 1865 book.

CONFEDERATE VICTORIES IN THE SOUTHWEST: Prelude to Defeat, from the Official Records (Horn & Wallace, Alguquerque, N. M., 201pp, \$7.50). New Mexico up to the eve of the battle of Glorieta.

ELIJAH P. LOVEJOY, ABOLITIONIST EDITOR, by Merton L. Dillon (U. of Illinois, 208pp, \$4.75).

FORT WORTH IN THE CIVIL WAR, by James Farber (P. H. Bell, Belton, Texas, 58pp, \$2.50).

THE LETTERS OF STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS, edited by Robert W. Johannsen (U. of Illinois, 600pp, \$10). First published collection of letters, 1833 to 1861.

RAGS AND HOPE: The Recollections of Val C. Giles, four years with Hood's Brigade, 4th Texas infantry, 1861-1865, compiled and edited by Mart Lasswell (Coward, McCann, 280pp, \$5.75).

RELUCTANT GENERAL: The Life and Times of Albert Pike, by Robert Lipscomb Duncan (Dutton, 289pp, \$5).

THE BATTLE OF FORT SUMTER AND FIRST VICTORY OF SOUTHERN TROOPS (Charleston, S. C., \$1). Offset reprint, first published in 1861.

THE DIVIDED UNION, by James G. Randall and David Donald (Little, Brown, 572pp, \$6.50). Reprint of an eminent study of Civil War and Reconstruction.

LOUISIANA IN THE CIVIL WAR, a bibliography (16pp, Civil War Centennial Commission, P. O. Box 4095, State Capitol, Baton Rouge, La.)

LINCOLN IN PHILATELY, by Randle B. Truett, 1622 N. Harrison St., Arlington 5, Va. (\$2.75).

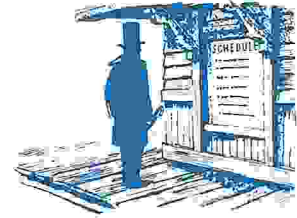
FIRST MANASSAS AND THE WAR AROUND IT, various articles, souvenir of the reenactment (64pp, four colors, \$2, Cooper-Trent Litho, 2625 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Va.)

ARMY INFORMATION DIGEST, August, Special issue on U. S. Army in the Civil War, articles and pictures (128pp, 40 cents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.)

IRON GATE TO THE CONFEDERACY, by Dr. James I. Robertson, Jr. (64pp, \$1, Virginia Civil War Commission, Room 1030, State Office Building, Richmond). Text, maps, and illustrations in a concise survey of campaigns in Virginia.

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FUTURE MEETINGS



Thursday, Nov. 16 - Ladies' Night, Civil War Songs, at Jazz Ltd.

Friday, Dec. 15 - The Medical Service in the Civil War; Dr. A. V. Bergquist, program chairman. January and February, to be announced.

Friday, March 16 - Lloyd Miller on Antietam.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Oct. 7 - Louisville CWRT, Perryville Pilgrimage, from Mackville, Ky., to Battlefield.

Oct. 13-14 - Civil War Seminar, University of Minnesota.

Oct. 13-15 - Illinois State Historical Society meeting at Urbana.

Oct. 18-19 - Civil War Symposium, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

Oct. 21-22 - Evansville (Ind.) CWRT tour to Lexington, Ky., speaker, William H. Townsend on "Cassius Marcellus Clay".

Oct. 28-29 - Chicago CWRT autumn tour to Galena, Ill.

Nov. 19-21 - Gettysburg College, 5th annual Civil War Conference.

April 25-29 - Chicago CWRT, 12th Annual Battlefield Tour, to Gettysburg and Antietam.

CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL

Oct. 1 - Opening of Virginia Civil War Centennial Center at Richmond.

Oct. 31 - Death of Edward D. Baker, commemoration, Baker, Ore.



TO GETTYSBURG-ANTIETAM APRIL 25-29

Chairman H. George Donovan held the first meeting of the 12th annual Battlefield Tour committee on Sept. 15. The tour is to Gettysburg and Antietam battlefields and the dates were set for April 25-29, 1962. The planning began, and from time to time details will be announced. The tour is to include the Cashtown campaign and first day's battle; the second day, Longstreet's march and attack; viewing the new visitor's center, cyclorama and exhibits; Culp's hill, cavalry action, and Cemetery hill, and Pickett's charge; and the third day, Antietam and Harper's Ferry. There will be speakers on one or more nights. Added to the tour committee were E. B. (Pete) Long, S. J. Kearney and Frank Curtis.

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN Historical association, Marietta, Ga., is displaying some recently acquired original sketches by Civil War artist A. R. Waud.

CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY has issued to members a 16 page booklet with the text of "The Meaning of the Civil War", Bruce Catton's address delivered to the society on April 12, 1961.

JUDAH BENJAMIN, secretary of state of the Confederacy, is the subject of a book by S. I. Neiman, Chicago publicity man and Round Table member. It will be published by Bobbs-Merrill in late fall.