



THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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SONGS of the CIVIL WAR at JAZZ, Ltd. - LADIES' NIGHT



Bill ~~Mary~~ Reinhardt, leader; Freddie Kohlman, drums; Joe Wiedman, trumpet; Blanche Thomas, singer; Quinn Wilson, sousaphone; Dave Rasbury, trombone.

LADIES' NIGHT, Thursday, November 16, has an exciting program. There will be CIVIL WAR SONGS at the famed JAZZ, Ltd. Members and guests are invited to join in the regular Thursday night buffet dinner of the Chicago Press Club.

Jazz, Ltd. is a night club devoted to the jazz of the '20s and the World War I era. It is also known for its fine musicians. These men have entered into the spirit of the evening. They have had the music of the appealing Civil War songs for some weeks. Their musicianship is bound to produce as fine an evening as any of their jazz shows. There will be jazz, too, and dancing.

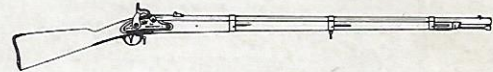
Among the songs will be "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "The Battle Cry of Freedom," "Dixie," "Yellow Rose of Texas," "Georgia Camp Meeting," "Tenting Tonight," "Just Before the Battle, Mother," "Marching Through Georgia," "Jine the Cavalry," and "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, the Boys are Marching."

Ralph Newman will give a commentary on each of the Civil War songs. These include songs by Root & Cady, Chicago publishers who were kings of the Civil War Tin Pan alley. Some of the original scores will be exhibited, from the collection of Broadcast Music, Inc. These were assembled by our member Carl Haverlin, who is president of B.M.I.

Bill and Ruth Reinhardt are proprietors of Jazz, Ltd. — and have been since it started June 11, 1947. Bill plays clarinet and leads the band. Ruth is hostess and genius of lighting effects.

Men of the band are Freddie Kohlman, drums; Rozelle Claxton, piano; Dave Rasbury, trombone; Joe Wiedman, trumpet; and Quinn Wilson, sousaphone. Blanche Thomas of New Orleans is singer. Lawrence Dixon, banjo, will be special for the evening. Though Thursday is the band's regular night off, all of the cast will be on hand for our night. Records made by the Jazz, Ltd. band are available on the premises.

Bill Reinhardt is the only member who has been with the band through all its years, but its changing member-



LADIES' NIGHT

205th REGULAR MEETING

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"Civil War Songs

at

JAZZ, Ltd.

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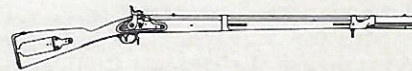
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Jazz, Ltd.
164 East Grand Avenue

Doors Open 9 p.m.
Music at 9:30

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Buffet Dinner, Chicago Press Club, 6 to 8:30 p.m.
22nd Floor, St. Clair Hotel, 162 East Ohio Street



ship has included Muggsy Spanier, Marty Marsala, Pete Fountain, Doc Evans, Big Chief Moore, Sidney de Paris and the late Miff Mole and Sidney Bechet.

George Frazier, leading jazz critic and writer, said, "Jazz, Ltd. is just about the pleasantest jazz temple now holding services in the United States."

Will Leonard of the Tribune said: "Bill (Reinhardt) got out of the navy with enough money to invest in a place that would offer the kind of music he liked to hear and play. Quidnuncs estimated its life span at anything from a fortnight to a month. As it turned out, Bill accomplished as much in a few years as any man associated with Dixieland."

Bill Reinhardt was born in Chicago, attended Lake View High school and the University of Illinois, and has been in music ever since. He married Ruth Sato 20 years ago. She was in Broadway shows and was hailed as the most beautiful Eurasian (Japanese-Irish) in the country at the time.

Since Jazz, Ltd. serves only drinks, Chicago Press Club, through President Frank Hughes and members who are also members of the Civil War Round Table, has extended the invitation to join in the club's regular

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SHORT SHOTS ON THE CIVIL WAR FRONT

Our member Sen. Paul H. Douglas will speak to Decatur CWRT Nov. 17 on "The Other Senator Douglas." Reservations (\$4) can be sent to David Cramers, 1480 W. Macon St., Decatur, Ill. ... Among Honorary Award members, Ralph Newman spoke Oct. 16 at Fort Wayne, Ind., and Otto Eisenachiml spoke Oct. 6 at LaSalle, Ill. ... Dr. Eisenschiml's suggested code for Civil War historians has been sent to all Civil War Round Tables ... Chicago CWRT action is expected at the next full executive committee meeting. ... Kansas City CWRT has published meeting speeches of Stephen E. Ambrose on "Gen. Henry W. Halleck" and of Allan Nevins at the Harry S. Truman award presentation. ... Copies are sent to members for \$1 each. ... Dr. Nevins has been appointed a member of the national Civil War centennial commission. ... Allen E. Oakey, member of Madison (Wis.) CWRT, who participated in many of our events, died Sept. 23. He was a member of the Wisconsin Civil War Centennial commission.

Ladies' night (continued from page 1)

Thursday evening buffet. It will be an occasion to visit the club's beautiful quarters on the top (22nd) floor of the St. Clair hotel. Visitors will see the inspiring view on all four sides and will be welcome at the bar, in the lounge, dining room, and library.

The buffet consists of roast prime beef, chilled Columbia river salmon, beef stroganoff, chicken-a-laking, salad, rolls, coffee, and sherbet. The fee is \$2.50 and tax. Members will pay their own checks and bar bills. The same applies to Jazz, Ltd. where the minimum is \$2.50 and tax, with no cover charge.

For persons who may want a steak or a la carte dinner, the Corona restaurant at the corner of Grand avenue and Rush street is recommended.

The entire locale is convenient to city parking garages at the corner of Grand and St. Clair and Grand and Rush.

from the
Editor's pen



LADIES' NIGHT, November 16, offers one of the most unusual programs ever arranged by a Civil War Round Table. Jazz, Ltd. is noted for jazz. In its field it attracts the finest musicians. They are intrigued with the idea of presenting Civil War songs and music in the best manner to a discriminating audience. Hosts Bill and Ruth Reinhardt long have had Union and Confederate flags on the bandstand with PEACE above them. The evening also offers an opportunity to see the Chicago Press Club's beautiful quarters and join with members in their regular Thursday evening buffet.



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A gathering of 75 members heard Dr. Harold M. Hyman speak on "Lincoln's Mars" at the Oct. 12 meeting. Dr. Hyman went thoroughly into the relationship of President Lincoln and his Secretary of State Edwin M. Stanton. This was a preview of his book to be published by Alfred Knopf in February, 1962.

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October was a busy month — regular meeting, dinner for Northwestern University symposium speakers, and tour to Galena. Fifty members had reservations for the dinner (Arnold Alexander, chairman) at the Town House restaurant to honor Bruce Catton, T. Harry Williams, David Donald, and Charles Roland. Chicago CWRT Honorary Award memberships were presented to Catton and Williams, both of whom have spoken to our meetings several times and have shown continued friendly interest in our group.

There were 40 reservations for the tour to Galena arranged by Mike Lerner's committee.

An event to look forward to is the December meeting which will be held in the brand new Water Tower Inn. Dr. A. V. Bergquist who is arranging the program on Civil War medical service will have panelists and a number of slides to show.

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Your attention is directed to the NEW BOOKS listings in this issue. It contains some titles by our members, friends, and former speakers.

DR. KARL A. MEYER was honored by 1,000 friends at a dinner Oct. 25 to raise funds for his favorite charity, the Chicago Foundlings Home. ... All of us are familiar with Dr. Meyer's work as head of Cook county medical institutions, so we enjoyed the item in his biographical sketch which said that at 12 years he was hailed as the best shoe shine boy in his home town of Gilman, Ill.

WILBUR E. LAYMAN, of Lincoln, Ill., a new member of our CWRT, has been appointed vice president of Lincoln College, a post recently created by the board of trustees. He will be primarily concerned with planning for campus growth and college development, and will assist President Raymond Dooley.

Report on Civil War Weather

When our Joe Eisendrath began compiling data on Civil War weather, following up a suggestion by Douglas Southall Freeman, Joe knew it was a long and hard task. But he has been making progress. The news of it got around and one response was a bonanza. Here's a summary of Joe's words:

"Dr. Philip Van Doren Stern kindly sent to me a meteorological diary kept by an observer in Georgetown, Washington, D. C., for a period which included all of the war years. This man took eight or ten temperature readings a day, noted the wind and condition of weather. Thus, I have acquired a remarkable record — perhaps unequaled.

"I have close to 5,000 card references for weather throughout the country, and enough on certain days on different places to pretty well visualize the weather conditions over a larger area than just the local observation.

"The weather picture is beginning to emerge. But, I will need a lot of help and many thousand more references. Anyone who may help will earn great appreciation from me. I have been fortunate in finding weather references for some of the larger battles and I imagine that whatever comes out of this will slant towards them."

Here's how it's done. Joe has some 4 x 6 cards with blanks for pertinent data. When reading familiar or rare Civil War literature, fill in any data mentioned on weather. Enlist with: Jos. L. Eisendrath, 350 N. Deere Park Dr., Highland Park, Ill.

CIVIL WAR NAVAL CHRONOLOGY, 1861-1865, Part I, has been published by the Navy Department's History Division. The series seeks to present a clearer understanding of the dominant part played by sea power's relentless pressure during the Civil War. Part I carries through to the end of 1861. Yearly increments will be published until finished. E. M. Eller, rear admiral USN (Ret.), director of Naval History said that assistance has been received from centennial commissions, Civil War Round Tables and individuals. He seeks further assistance for the years 1862-1865. Part I is available from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington 25, D. C. Send 25 cents.

PORT GIBSON-CLAIBORNE COUNTY Historical society, our hosts on last spring's battlefield tour, are proceeding with setting up a museum at Grand Gulf and have Marge and Ed Bearss helping them. ... Ed also has been commissioned by the Mississippi centennial commission to write a history of the Civil War in Mississippi.

A SKIRMISH at West Bend (Wis.) Oct. 15 drew 75 shooters from Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan. As an advance on Civil War technique, Battery B, 1st Michigan Light Artillery used cement filled beer cans as "solid shot".

\$5,000 LITERARY AWARD for an unpublished book-length literary production on the Civil War or events leading to it has been offered by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. Competition is open to all writers. The award will be made to the winner at Gettysburg, July 3, 1963, at which time the Loyal Legion will contribute a 13 acre tract to the park. Entry blanks are available at 1805 Pine Street, Philadelphia, and must be filed before Dec. 1, 1961.

BULLETIN BOARD

DUES: This is the last newsletter to be sent to all 1960-61 members. If you have received a second dues notice and not renewed, please do so at once.

An Executive Committee meeting will be called soon by phone or mail.

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HONORARY AWARD MEMBERS: Bruce Catton, 551 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.; T. Harry Williams, 353 Nelson Dr., Baton Rouge 2, La.

NEW MEMBERS: Elmer C. Brinkman, 9031 Knox Ave., Skokie, Ill.; Claire E. Graham, 604 S. Waiola Ave., LaGrange, Ill.; Robert Kirschten, 11611 S. Bell Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Wilbur E. Layman, 131 Tenth St., Lincoln, Ill.; Robert G. Walter, 1725 N. 76th Ave., Elmwood Park, Ill.; Charles D. Wesselhoeft, 624 Prospect Ave., Lake Bluff, Ill.

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AVAILABLE at meetings: Goldfinished CWRT lapel pin, \$1; Cloth patch of emblem, 50 cents.

LONG MISSING PAPERS OF DON CARLOS BUELL

Long missing papers of Maj. Gen. Don Carlos Buell turned up in Houston, Texas. Mrs. H. A. Tschumy phoned our friend Frank Vandiver of Rice Institute and disclosed that her uncle, Henry Lee Buell, a nephew of the general, had them. Mrs. Tschumy also had some. Vandiver and research assistants set to work. The papers were in an old trunk in a shed in the rear of the Buell house. The Buells were in Texas because they had drifted there from Ohio. Gen. Buell is buried in St. Louis, in the same cemetery (Calvary) with Gen. Sherman.

The collection contains letters from Lincoln, Grant, Sherman, McLellan and Andrew Johnson among others. There are some copies of Buell's letters. There is a 200 page transcript of Buell's hearing before an army board of inquiry in 1862-63 (on his leadership against Bragg in Kentucky in 1862). Buell retired after that.

"The papers will be valuable in giving a picture of the administration of a Union field headquarters — this is an area we need to know more about", said Syd Nathans, a research assistant. For example, there is a handwritten table of rocket signals used by Buell's army in combat. A letter from Grant requests Buell to bring up his army to reinforce Grant at Shiloh.

MORMON TABERNACLE CHOIR of Salt Lake City has made its contribution to the Civil War centennial commemoration. It is a record, distributed by Columbia Records, reproducing 13 of the most popular Civil War songs sung by the choir.

CROSSED FLAGS is the new name of the newsletter of the CWRT of Northern New Jersey. It dropped GRAPE AND CANISTER after discovering that Wilmington (Del.) CWRT had used that title for some time. CROSSED FLAGS, edited by Dean F. Ritzman, of Upsala College, East Orange, had 30 letter size pages, mimeographed, single space, in its September issue — perhaps the most extensive CWRT publication.

THE NEW BOOKS



THE COMING FURY, Vol. 1, Centennial History of the Civil War, by Bruce Catton, with E. B. Long, Director of Research, and maps by Rafael Palacios (Doubleday, 565pp, \$7.50).

THE CIVIL WAR LETTERS OF HENRY C. BEAR: A Soldier in the 116th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, edited by Wayne C. Temple (Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tenn., 54pp, \$3). Limited edition.

HISTORY OF THE CIVIL WAR, 1861-1865, by James Ford Rhodes, edited with an introduction by E. B. Long (Fred Ungar, 486pp, \$6.50). Reissue of a standard work.

LEE, by Douglas Southall Freeman, abridgment by Richard B. Harwell of the four volume R. E. Lee (Scribner, 601pp, \$10).

OLD GENTLEMEN'S CONVENTION: The Washington Peace Conference of 1861, by Robert Gray Gunderson (U. of Wisconsin, 168pp, \$5).

LETTERS OF A CIVIL WAR SURGEON, by Maj. William Watson, edited by Paul Fatout (Purdue, 112pp, paper, \$2.25).

LINCOLN AS A LAWYER, by John P. Frank (University of Illinois, 224pp, \$4.75). Study of Lincoln's 25 years of legal practice.

ROSS' TEXAS BRIGADE, by Victor M. Rose (Continental Press, Kennesaw, Ga., 185pp, \$7.50). Reprint of 1881 work on Laurence Sullivan Ross's brigade.

THE BOLD BRAHMIN: New England's War Against Slavery, 1831-1863, by Lawrence Lader (Dutton, 318pp, \$5).

CAVALIER AND YANKEE: The Old South and American National Character, by William R. Taylor (Braziller, 384pp, \$6).

FROM SHILOH TO SAN JUAN, The life of "Fightin' Joe" Wheeler, by John P. Dyer (Louisiana, 275pp, \$5). Reprint of 1941 edition.

JOSEPH WHEELER, THE MAN, THE STATESMAN, THE SOLDIER, by T. C. DeLeon (Continental, 142pp, \$6).

A DIARY FROM DIXIE, by Mary Boykin Chesnut, edited by Ben Ames Williams (Houghton, 572pp, \$2.45). Paperback reprint.

THE FIGHT FOR THE UNION, by Margaret Coit (Boston, 160pp, \$3). Stories of men who helped shape the war.

THE GARFIELD HONOR, by Frank Yerby (Dial, \$3.95). Texas' untamable women and a wounded Civil war veteran.

WILDERNESS, By Robert Penn Warren (Random, 310pp, \$4.95). Fiction.

LEE'S MAVERICK GENERAL: DANIEL HARVEY HILL, by Hal Bridges (McGraw-Hill, 323pp, \$7.50)

A WISCONSIN BOY IN DIXIE, The Selected Letters of James K. Newton, edited by Stephen E. Ambrose (U. of Wisconsin, 188pp, \$4.50).

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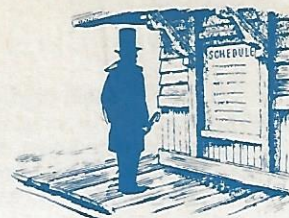
COLONEL JOHN PELHAM, by William Woods Hassler (Garrett & Massie, 185pp, \$3.50).

THE FAIRBROTHERS, by Clark McKeekin (Putnam, 288pp, \$3.95). Post-war yearn spinning in Kentucky.

GUIDE TO 24 CIVIL WAR BATTLE AREAS, Washington Star, Washington, D.C. (40 cents).

DUNKER CHURCH Reconstruction Fund committee, Chairman Page T. Otto, Sharpsburg, Md., is raising funds for interior furnishings for the building which is being restored on the Antietam battlefield. Each donor will receive a certificate recognizing his assistance.

FUTURE MEETINGS



Friday, Dec. 15 — The Medical Service in the Civil War; Dr. A. V. Bergquist, program chairman. Meeting at Water Tower Inn.

Friday, Jan. 12 — "Braxton Bragg: Misplaced General", by Dr. Grady McWhiney.

Friday, Feb. 15 — "Some New Lights on the Lincoln - Pickett Relationship," Rev. Landry Genosky, O.F.M.

Friday, March 16 — Lloyd Miller on Antietam.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Nov. 7 — Battle of Belmont, local observance at Columbus, Ky.

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

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



CENTENNIAL CENTER OPENED IN RICHMOND

Virginia's Civil War Centennial Center was opened in Richmond on October 1. Two Virginia flags, captured by federal troops a century ago, were lent by New York for display in the center. Mrs. Lila Acheson Wallace, a member of the New York commission and co-publisher of Reader's Digest, made the presentation, a Virginia flag and a guidon of the 5th Virginia cavalry.

The center is the orientation point for visitors and will emphasize visits to Virginia's five great National Battlefield parks and other Civil War shrines. Travel information is available at an information booth. The remainder of the ground floor is occupied by exhibits, many of them animated by light and sound.

The second floor is devoted to the unique 32 minute color-sound film telling Virginia's Civil War story. The film is in 4 minute segments, projected on eight screens. The visitor sees the whole film by moving around the building from screen to screen. Admission on the balcony level is 50 cents for adults, 25 for children, and 15 for children in teacher guided groups. The lower floor is free. Hours are 9 to 5 daily, and 2 to 5 p.m., Sunday.

Virginia Civil War commission has published a pocket size booklet for free distribution to motorists. It's 48 pages have the texts of 194 historical markers dealing with the Civil War along Virginia highways. The texts have the key numbers of the markers and the motorist can orient himself to sites and read the message without leaving the car. The booklet may be obtained free by writing the Virginia Civil War commission, Centennial Center, Richmond 19, Va.

THE BATTLE CRY OF FREEDOM, an autograph copy by composer George F. Root, is reproduced in the September issue of New York Centennial commission's monthly bulletin. The song was published by Root & Cady, 95 Clark St., Chicago. The manuscript copy is in the archives of Broadcast Music, Inc., which is directed by our member Carl Haverlin. Root was also composer of "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, the Boys are Marching" and "Just Before the Battle Mother". The songs were introduced in Chicago by the Lumbard brothers, Frank and Jules.