

THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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Everett Lewy to Speak on "Battle of Chickamauga" - Friday, May 11

Our May 11 meeting returns to a Round Table tradition - a paper prepared and delivered by a member, and then, as usual, questions and discussion from the floor.



Everett Lewy

The speaker is Everett Lewy, attorney, whose interests have been directed toward the western campaigns and ordnance and maps of the Civil War. His subject will be the Battle of Chickamauga.

"In July of 1863, after two years of the hardest fighting, the forces of the Union were masters of the West and final victory seemed to be in sight," Lewy notes. "Ten weeks

later Rosecrans' Union Army of the Cumberland and Bragg's Confederate Army of Tennessee met in the valley of West Chickamauga creek, about 10 miles south of Chattanooga. By noon on September 20, the northern army was in headlong flight. The disaster seemed to be complete - a compromise peace recognizing the Confederacy appeared to be a possibility. But Rosecrans' army was not destroyed and no compromise peace was made.

"The Union defeat was indirectly caused by Rosecrans' earlier overaggressiveness, the lack of unity of command in the west, and the failure of Washington to reinforce Rosecrans' army after the fall of Vicksburg had made adequate troops available.

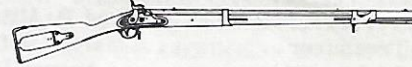
"Although Rosecrans did a remarkable job of regrouping his army, after nearly losing it in detail the preceding week, he never quite recovered his balance. This led to the direct cause of the Chickamauga disaster - a confusing and misunderstood order, improperly given by Rosecrans to Brig. Gen. Thomas Wood, a division commander. This order was instantaneously obeyed, without thinking, when it should have been questioned.

"Wood's action opened a hole in the Union center large enough for Longstreet's corps to walk through and almost led to the destruction of the entire Union army."

"The most remarkable feature of the battle happened after the Confederate breakthrough - the stubborn resistance by the remnants of the Union center on Snodgrass hill and Horseshoe ridge. The courage and resourcefulness of the men and of the citizen-officers commanding divisions, brigades and lower units gave George H. Thomas, the only senior officer who didn't panic, his name - "The Rock of Chickamauga."

"In few battles in history have soldiers on both sides absorbed as heavy casualties or demonstrated such bravery. Few battles have so much to teach us about tactics, the techniques of command and what makes the soldier fight."

Our speaker knows something of what makes the soldier fight, for he was a combat colonel in World War II. He was born in Chicago and was graduated from the University of Chicago and its Law School. In World War II he was a field artillery officer in the Asiatic-Pacific



211th REGULAR MEETING

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Everett Lewy

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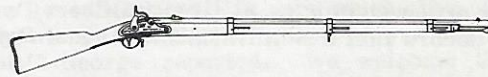
"The Battle of Chickamauga"

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FRIDAY, MAY 11, 1962

St. Clair Hotel
162 East Ohio Street

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



SPRING TOUR OF MADISON (Wis.) CWRT

On Saturday and Sunday, June 16-17, Madison Round Tablers will make a tour to Monticello, Ill., and New Salem. Leaving at 7 a.m. by bus, the party will arrive for lunch at Allerton House, in the heart of famed Robert Allerton park, now the property of the University of Illinois. The afternoon will be spent roaming the grounds, after dinner there will be a speaker from the University. The party will spend the night at Allerton. After breakfast and church, the party will drive to lunch at New Salem. The afternoon will be spent inspecting the restored village of Abraham Lincoln's young manhood. A stop will be made for dinner on the way home. The fee is \$20 (excluding the last dinner) and \$10 is required with reservations to Civil War Round Table, P. O. Box 377, Madison 1, Wis. The number of reservations may be limited to the facilities available.

theater, serving in Okinawa and Japan. Prior to going overseas he was an instructor in tactics at the Field Artillery school at Fort Sill, Okla.

Col. Lewy firmly believes that the army pays its soldiers, officers and enlisted men, to think for themselves. In his talk, he will endeavor to explain how he reconciles this with the requirements of discipline and the lawful exercise of command.

The slate of Round Table officers presented by the nominating committee at the April meeting will be voted upon.

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REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1962-63 slate of officers, proposed for election at the annual meeting of the Civil War Round Table on Friday, May 11, 1962:

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Respectfully submitted,
NOMINATING COMMITTEE: C. Robert Douglas,
Chairman, Elmer Gertz, Lloyd D. Miller.



LIBBY PRISON, Richmond, Va., a six page leaflet, has been issued by the Richmond Civil War Committee. Pictured are front and side views as the prison stood in Richmond and a full page picture of "Libby Prison War Museum" as it stood in Chicago, Wabash avenue between 14th and 16th streets, from 1889 thru the 1893 World Columbian Exposition. Afterward brick and other materials from the prison were used in the building of the Chicago Coliseum. A portion of wall and a door are exhibited at Chicago Historical Society. In Chicago the museum housed the collection of Charles F. Gunther, much of which is in the historical society. The present site of Libby prison in Richmond is a junk yard, but an historical marker has been placed there to tell the story of the prison.

WILLIAMSBURG, Va., William and Mary College, Colonial Williamsburg, and the National Park Service will commemorate the battle of Williamsburg, May 5, 1862. The calendar will include lectures, with Bruce Catton being one speaker, exhibits at the college, the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art collection exhibit, and dedications of a monument at Fort Magruder and marker on the Colonial parkway.

*from the
Editor's pen*



EIGHTY MEMBERS AND GUESTS attended the April meeting for Dr. Richard Dyer Mudd's talk on his grandfather, Dr. Samuel Mudd, who set John Wilkes Booth's leg. With the aid of 150 slides, the grandson spoke on the assassination of President Lincoln, the flight of Booth, Samuel Mudd's doctor-patient relationship with Booth, the capture of Booth, and the trial, conviction, and punishment of the alleged conspirators. He spoke of his own efforts to obtain the complete exoneration of his grandfather. Dr. Otto Eisenschiml introduced the speaker.

C. Robert Douglas read the report of the nominating committee (see column left). Ralph Newman spoke on the traditions and history of a unique traveling trophy that has to be seen to be appreciated. Chairman H. George Donovan outlined the final details of the Gettysburg tour. President G. P. Clausius gave a preview of future meetings.

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PROF. NORMAN A. GRAEBNER, who spoke at our 186th meeting, Dec. 11, 1959, on "Lincoln and the National Interest," has been named 1962 outstanding teacher of the University of Illinois. He is chairman of the history department. Graebner was selected by the Men's Independent association and will be honored formally at the group's Awards banquet, May 1. The Men's Independent association is composed of 1,742 students living in 57 organized housing units on the U. of I. campus. Graebner, member of the faculty since 1956 and department head since September, 1961, is a foreign policy expert.

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CIVIL WAR TIMES ILLUSTRATED has made its debut as a 52 page, slick paper magazine. Particularly good are Glenn Tucker's feature article on "Longstreet: Culprit or Scapegoat?" and Ashley Halsey Jr's article on "South Carolina Prepared for War in 1851." A center page spread has a striking composite photograph of wartime Richmond. With its added pages the magazine has more feature articles than before and a sizeable list of regular features. In a foreword, Editor Robert H. Fowler promises a continuing flow of articles of the Tucker calibre and some "first time anywhere" pieces.

PEA RIDGE NATIONAL PARK dedication, originally scheduled for this May, has been postponed until May 30-31, 1963. In local observances of the centennial of the Pea Ridge battle, March 6-11, fifteen markers were erected at historic sites, a 100 page brochure about the battle was distributed, and Benton County Historical society issued a special edition of its PIONEER. Pea Ridge Memorial association sponsored a program at the Baptist church and afterward a short ceremony at Elkhorn tavern which was used as a hospital during the battle. In Bentonville a marker was placed at the old Eagle Hotel, now the Town House, where Union Gen. Franz Sigel was chased from the breakfast table by Confederates on March 6, 1862.

ST. LOUIS CWRT will make its annual field trip to Vicksburg, May 18-20. The group will have the skilled guidance of our friends, Historians Al Banton and Ed Bearss of Vicksburg. Headquarters will be Holiday Inn, which our Chicago group initiated a year ago. St. Louis' first day "march" by bus will take in Grand Gulf, Bruinsburg, Port Gibson, Raymond, Champion Hill and the Big Black. Sunday, May 20, will take in Vicksburg Military park, Old Court House museum, the steamboat Sprague, and McRaven house.

Meeting of Commissions

The fifth national assembly of the Civil War Centennial commission will be held May 4-5 at the Deshler Hilton hotel, Columbus, Ohio. Chairman Allan Nevins will make the keynote address at a luncheon May 4. There will be four panels on major fields of endeavor. Our recent speaker, Dr. William M. Lamers, of Milwaukee, heads the panel on Civil War in Schools. Our member Richard B. Harwell, now of Bowdoin college, heads the panel on the Civil War in Music. The panel on Civil War in Mass Media is headed by Eugene Patterson, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, and our Carl Haverlin is a panel member. Our Honorary Award Member Dr. Avery O. Craven heads the panel on the Civil War in Books and Sources. Panelists include our members E. B. (Pete) Long, Ralph G. Newman, and Clyde C. Walton. There will be an opening plenary session and then a closing session to hear reports of panel chairmen, and floor discussion. Events include a concert by the Ohio State University band, the Virginia Civil War commission's movie, "Manassas to Appomattox," a reception by the Ohio Civil War Centennial commission, and exhibit of the locomotive, The General. Various groups will have exhibits on the mezzanine floor of the hotel.

LOUISIANA-MISSISSIPPI COMMEMORATION

On Saturday and Sunday, June 2 and 3, the Civil War centennial commissions of Louisiana and Mississippi will hold a joint commemoration. It will begin at the Parish (County) Court House at Tallulah, La. Then there will be a tour of Gen. Grant's route through Louisiana on the way to Vicksburg. The original line of march is newly marked. In the afternoon there will be a parade of Louisiana and Mississippi Greys in Vicksburg followed by tours of the National Military park and the city of Vicksburg. In the evening there will be a fireworks display, simulating the bombardment of gunboats of the shore batteries in Vicksburg. The musical drama "Gunboats 'Round the Bend" will be presented in Vicksburg auditorium, followed by Louisiana-Mississippi Confederate balls. Sunday morning there will be a memorial service honoring the Confederate soldiers of Louisiana and Mississippi. Wreaths will be placed on the two state monuments in the Vicksburg military park by the governors of the two states. A large group can arrange a package tour, over the Illinois Central Railroad, and including Jackson and Natchez.

CONFEDERATE MEDICINE, reprint of October, 1961, of The Virginia Medical Monthly, with eight articles, among them, "An Account of the Wounding and Death of Stonewall Jackson," written three years later by Dr. Hunter McGuire, who attended him from his wounding to his death; the medical history of General Lee, a history of Chimborazo hospital, the largest military hospital ever to be operated in all time, with a capacity of 8,400 beds and high percentage of patient recoveries; surgeons and surgical care of the Confederate States army, can be obtained from The Virginia Medical Monthly, 4205 Dover Road, Richmond, Va., 50 cents.

THE SOUTHERN CROSS OF HONOR, a token of esteem for valor, presented to Confederate veterans by the United Daughters of the Confederacy, will be given recognition. A national drive is under way to locate the medals which were not buried with veterans. Each U.D.C. chapter has been asked to place those found on display in museums, public libraries, and other suitable places.

BULLETIN BOARD

ATTENTION is called to some special events - three on the same week-end, May 4-6, so make your choice: The meeting of the Illinois State Historical Society at Quincy, the Fifth Annual National Assembly of Civil War Centennial commissions at Columbus, Ohio, and the dedication of the new Grand Gulf Military Monument park near Port Gibson, Miss. Looking forward: the special events at Vicksburg through the Memorial day week-end to June 3. Virginia has a number of interesting events scheduled from late May through June.

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NEW MEMBER: Christian C. Zillman, 111 W. Washington St., Chicago 2.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Dr. Charles W. Olsen, 4817 W. 83rd St., Oak Lawn, Ill.; Ronald F. Spiller, 420 Raleigh Pl., Tower Lakes Estates, Barrington, Ill.

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AVAILABLE at meetings: Gold filled lapel pin, \$1; Cloth patch of emblem, 50¢.

CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT has let a contract for \$7,425 to restore the Augustus St. Gaudens statue of Gen. John A. (Black Jack) Logan in Grant park. It was unveiled July 22, 1897, at 9th St. and Michigan Ave. Raised bronze letters and other ornamentation at the base fell prey to vandals.

MEMBER GEORGE A. BARCLAY attended a meeting of the South Mississippi CWRT at Gulfport, Miss. "This group (co-educational) is very much alive and growing; it draws its membership from towns along the Gulf coast," George reported. We welcome them to our mailing list.

OUR MEMBER WALTER HEBERT, of Houston, will be speaker May 8 to Waco CWRT on "Lee's Second Lieutenants" - among them John B. Gordon, Billy Mahone, Dodson Ramseur, Robert E. Rodes, and Dorsey Pender. Wallie is known among us as author of "Fighting Joe Hooker."

NEW YORK CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL COMMISSION'S Silver Medallion was bestowed on Dr. Harlan Hoyt Horner for his deed of 1911 when he saved the original manuscript draft of the Emancipation Proclamation from the Albany state capitol fire. The draft will be returned to Washington for a national ceremony at Lincoln Memorial Sept. 22, the centennial date of its promulgation by President Lincoln. The final, autograph draft of the Emancipation Proclamation was destroyed when the Chicago Fire burned the Chicago Historical society building.

THE ATLANTIC COAST STORM of late winter uncovered a Civil War relic of 1862, a ship's hull which was in the location where the Modern Greece, a blockade runner went down. Navy frogmen brought up 40 rifles (some .57 caliber English Enfields), fifteen 12 pound Whitworth shells, bayonets, a number of metal sheets believed to be armor plating, and thirteen 170 pound lead ingots (for bullets) with the manufacturer's name: Baggett Works, Newton Keats Co., Liverpool. The items go to Fort Fisher museum.

THE NEW BOOKS



ABRAHAM LINCOLN: HIS SPEECHES AND WRITINGS, edited by Roy P. Basler, with intro. by Carl Sandburg (Grosset, paper, \$2.65). More than 200 items.

APPOMATTOX ROSTER, intro. by R. A. Brock, foreword by Philip Van Doren Stern (Barnes & Noble, 376pp, \$22.50). Facsimile of volume published in 1887 listing the paroles issued to the 28,231 men of Gen. Lee's army.

THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC: A TRILOGY, by Bruce Catton (Doubleday, 3 vols., boxed, \$12.50). New edition of Mr. Lincoln's Army, Glory Road, and a Stillness at Appomattox.

A BASIC HISTORY OF THE CONFEDERACY, by Frank E. Vandiver (Van Nostrand, 192pp, wrappers, \$1.25).

BEAUREGARD: NAPOLEON IN GRAY, by T. Harry Williams (Collier, paper, \$1.50).

THE CIVIL WAR IN VIRGINIA, by Joseph P. Cullen (Garrett & Massie, paper, \$1).

COLIN J. MCRAE: CONFEDERATE FINANCIAL AGENT, by Charles Shepard Davis (Confederate Centennial Studies, Tuscaloosa, Ala., 101pp, wrappers, \$4).

THE CONFEDERATE RAMS AT BIRKENHEAD: A CHAPTER IN ANGLO-AMERICAN RELATIONS, by Wilbur Devereux Jones (Confederate Centennial Studies, \$4).

DECISIVE BATTLES OF THE CIVIL WAR, by Joseph B. Mitchell (Fawcett, 224pp, paper, 75¢).

FESSENDEN OF MAINE: CIVIL WAR SENATOR, by Charles A. Jellison (Syracuse U., 294pp, \$5.50).

GRANT'S CIVIL WAR, edited by Earl Schenck Miers (Collier, paper, \$1.50). Selections from Grant Memoirs.

JEFFERSON DAVIS: PATRIOT: A Biography 1808-1865, by Eric Langhein (Vantage, \$2.50).

THE JEWISH SOLDIER FROM MICHIGAN IN THE CIVIL WAR, by Irving I. Katz (Wayne State U., 72pp, \$1.50).

LADIES OF RICHMOND, by Katherine M. Jones, intro. by Clifford Dowdey (Bobbs-Merrill, 352pp, \$6). Collection of women's writings.

LINCOLN AND THE EMPERORS, by A. R. Tyrner-Tyrnauer (Harcourt, 176pp, \$4.50).

LINCOLN AND THE NEGRO, by Benjamin Quarles (Oxford, 275pp, \$6.50).

LINCOLN AS THEY SAW HIM, edited and abridged by author, Herbert Mitgang (Collier, paper, \$1.50).

PATRIOTIC GORE: STUDIES IN THE LITERATURE OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR, by Edmund Wilson (Oxford, 850pp, \$8.50). Appraisal of writing produced by the Civil War.

A PICTURE STORY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN, by Lloyd Ostendorf, illus. by author (Lothrop, Lee and Shepard, New York, 159pp, \$3.50).

PRELUDE TO GREATNESS: LINCOLN IN THE 1950's, by Don E. Fehrenbacher (Stanford U., 205pp, \$4.75).

TERRY'S RANGERS, by C. C. Jeffries, (Vantage, 139pp, \$2.75). Texas cavalry regiment.

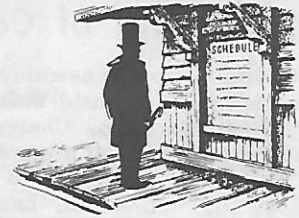
WILLIAM CLARKE QUANTRILL: His Life and Times, by Albert E. Caster (Fell, New York, 250pp, \$6).

WISCONSIN IN THE CIVIL WAR, by Robert W. Wells (Milwaukee Journal, 102pp, 75¢).

OLD JUBE, by Millard K. Bushong (\$5.75) again available, from the author at Arcadia Farm, Route 2, Berryville, Va.

HISTORY OF THE NEW YORK AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1793 to 1962, by Frank E. Edington (Published by the church, 1313 New York Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C., 470pp, \$4.70). Church which Lincoln attended.

FUTURE MEETINGS



Friday, June 15 - Donald L. Smith on "24th Michigan of the Iron Brigade." Installation of officers.

SPECIAL EVENTS

May 4-5 - Columbus, Ohio, Fifth Annual National Assembly of Civil War Centennial Commission at Deshler Hilton hotel.

May 5-6 - Quincy, Spring tour of Illinois State Historical society.

May 6 - Port Gibson and Grand Gulf, Miss., Dedication of new Grand Gulf Military Monument park.

May 14 - Lexington, Va., Virginia Military Institute, lectures, Jackson's Valley Campaign.

May 15 - Richmond, Va., Dedication of exhibits at Fort Darling.

May 17-20 - New York CWRT, 5th annual battlefield tour to Mosby country of Virginia. Headquarters, Willard's hotel, Washington, D.D.

May 18-20 - St. Louis CWRT, tour to Vicksburg, Port Gibson, Grand Gulf, Raymond, Champion Hill and Big Black. Headquarters, Holiday Inn, Vicksburg, Miss.

May 19-20 - Reenactment, Battle of Front Royal, Warren County, Va.; Blue-Gray ball.

May 30 - Richmond, Va., the Birth of Military Aviation in America, dedication of memorial at Byrd airport to balloonists of the Civil War.

Through May to June 2 - New Orleans, Exhibit of photographs, letters, artifacts, and other items in Gallier hall, the building that served as City hall at the time of Farragut's conquest in April, 1862.

June 2-3 - Tallulah, La., and Vicksburg, Miss., Joint commemorative programs of the Louisiana and Mississippi centennial commissions.

June 15-17 - Retracing of Stuart's Ride Around McClellan, Virginia.

June 16-17 - Madison CWRT tour to Monticello and New Salem, Ill.



THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CWRT 1962 Gold Medal Award winner was Garnet Wolseley Jex, one of the four original "Crack-pates" who organized the Washington group. Jex is a distinguished artist and has done many paintings of Civil War actions. Speaker of the evening was Dr. Francis B. Simpkins of Longwood College, Farmville, Va.

THE CIVIL WAR, Mercury Records, Cincinnati, tells the story of the war through its music and the men who made the music; bandmen use authentic Civil War instruments.

CONFEDERATE CAVALRY WEST OF THE RIVER, by Stephen B. Oates (U. of Texas, 234pp, \$4.50).

DESERT DREAM OF THE SOUTH, the Story of Arizona's Part in the Civil War (Arizona Civil War Centennial Commission, Tucson, \$1).

The National Guard Association of Texas began a quarterly, **TEXAS MILITARY HISTORY**, in May, 1961. The subscription is \$3.50 and back copies \$1 each. Address is Texas Military History, Box 9453, Allandale Station, Austin, Texas.