

THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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Dr. Bell I. Wiley - Emancipation Proclamation Centennial - Sept. 21

Our 1962-63 year begins with a dinner Friday, September 21, at a famed old Chicago club, a centennial commemoration of the Emancipation Proclamation at the Chicago Historical Society, and an old friend as speaker.



Dr. Bell I. Wiley

The dinner, for members, their ladies, and guests, is at the Germania Club, on Germania place at Clark street, a short block south of North avenue. The club long has been the social center of one of Chicago's largest ethnic groups. After the dinner, there is only a short walk to the Chicago Historical Society building. The Society has a new Civil War exhibit keyed to events of 1862-63.

The meeting is under the auspices of the Chicago Historical Society and will be held in its auditorium. Co-sponsors are the Illinois and Chicago Civil War Centennial commissions and the American Negro Emancipation Centennial commission.

Dr. Bell I. Wiley, member of the national Civil War Centennial commission, will speak on "Kingdom Coming", the course of events leading up to the Emancipation Proclamation. The meeting is timed to coincide with the national observance of President Lincoln's preliminary announcement (the important one) of the proclamation on Sept. 22, 1862, after the thin Union victory at the Battle of Antietam.

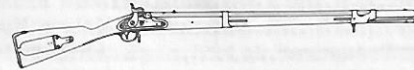
Dr. Wiley, author and professor of history at Emory University, Atlanta, will trace antecedents of the proclamation - Ben Butler's designation of fugitive slaves as contraband, emancipation declarations by Generals Fremont and Hunter (repudiated by Lincoln), abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia, and efforts to gain emancipation in border states with compensation.

As events moved along, there were powerful arguments for and against emancipation, and military necessity proved to be the overruling consideration. Lincoln read a draft of his intended proclamation to the cabinet on July 22, 1862. It was judged then that a northern victory was essential before public announcement. Antietam was judged to be enough of a victory to take the step.

There was a rise of reaction, for and against, but in general the announcement was a boost to northern morale. Slaves, who learned of it secretly, hailed it as the answer to fervent prayer. Southern whites were infuriated. They called it "The Nigger Stealing Proclamation" and reviled Lincoln. Abroad, antislavery sentiment resulted in support for the Union cause.

The proclamation gave a lift in a period of military setbacks. It broadened the North's war aims to Union and Freedom. It was a milestone in the greatness of Abraham Lincoln.

Dr. Wiley is best known for his authorship of "Johnny Reb and Billy Yank." At present he is completing a book



213th REGULAR MEETING

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Dr. Bell I. Wiley

on

"Kingdom Coming"

Commemoration of the Centennial
of the Emancipation Proclamation

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1962, 8:30 P.M.

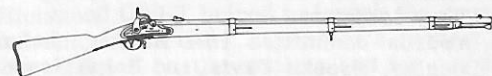
at The Chicago Historical Society
Clark Street at North Avenue

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LADIES INVITED

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

at The Germania Club
Clark Street at Germania Place



ILLINOIS CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL COMMISSION is setting up an awards program to honor deserving individuals and organizations during the centennial years. The awards will be for teachers whose classroom work, lectures, or writings have stimulated young people to a deeper appreciation and understanding of the Civil War period; scholars, ordinary and professional, whose research constitutes a contribution to the general knowledge of the period; individuals whose participation in societies or clubs interested in Civil War history has been exemplary; individuals whose efforts have resulted in the restoration, preservation, or marking of important historical sites, and, organizations which have encouraged interest and imparted knowledge of the Civil War period in their communities. Recommendations will be welcomed and should be sent to Civil War Centennial Commission, State Historical Library, Centennial Building, Springfield, Ill.

on the Confederacy. He has been the speaker to our CWRT on several occasions, and especially on the 1954 battlefield tour to Vicksburg and 1956 tour to Atlanta.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hilarity on the golf course reigned supreme, although rain poured on CWRT members at Jefferson, Wis., on July 28. In spite of this, George Markham shot low net of 38 (prize, a golf shirt), Augie Payne, at the other end, had high gross, 79 (for a putter), and Fred Mitchell, highest score on any hole, 15 (3 golf balls). About 24 others had intermediate positions.

At the Executive Council meeting, plans for meetings during the balance of 1962 were discussed (see Future Meetings).

Hal Hixson and Brooks Davis head the 1963 battlefield tour committee, to the area of Richmond, Va., where J. Ambler Johnston will be co-chairman. Jerry Slechta is their culinary assistant.

The Awards committee (Hal Hixson, chairman, C. Robert Douglas, Brooks Davis, and Ralph Newman) was handed some prospective suggestions. The single committee now governs Honorary Award Membership and Distinguished Service Awards, governed by two committees a year ago. Treasurer Mal Hoffman reported a fairly comfortable balance, with all dues not yet collected, but required by October 1.

Ralph Newman, Carl Haverlin, and E.B.(Pete) Long were selected as a Publications Committee to commence a 25th Anniversary history of the Chicago Civil War Round Table. This will be issued in 1965, and be underwritten by our Round Table.

A banner also is to be selected, and desk flags made available to members if this proves feasible.

See you September 21st.

W.A.R.

Brooks Davis, recording secretary of the meeting, adds the note that President Warren Reeder was awarded 3 golf balls for the best poker hand on his card, three 7's. Margaret and Jerry Slechta were the sparkling hosts to the meeting at Jefferson's Meadow Springs Golf Club.

The Mobile and Pensacola round tables have exchange programs.

from the
Editor's pen



BY COINCIDENCE, the first three meetings of our year are open to ladies. See Page 1 for the first. The second is a joint meeting of Civil War Round Tables of Illinois at Springfield, Oct. 26, at the Hotel Governor. Since women are members of some other round tables, wives of our members will be included, too. James I. (Bud) Robertson, Jr., executive director of the national Civil War Centennial commission is speaker. Members of the Illinois and Wisconsin commissions will attend, and perhaps some of the national commission. It will be a "give and take" meeting to discuss problems. Ideas concerning activities that the Illinois commission should undertake are solicited. Arnold Alexander is chairman of our participation in the meeting and preliminary response is requested in order to reserve the necessary hotel and motel space. For persons staying overnight in Springfield, visits to Lincoln shrines and historic sites will be planned.

The 1961 Ladies Night at Jazz Ltd., proved so popular that the event is being repeated, on Friday, Nov. 16.

At the June 15 meeting, incoming President Warren A. Reeder, Jr., presented outgoing President Gerhard P. Clausius with a gavel - a tradition - and a rare document, a form signed by Gen. Stephen A. Hurlbut, a Clausius favorite. Elliott Wood, of High Point, N.C., a member who attends meetings on the rare occasions that he can, was introduced.

Donald L. Smith, Detroit, author of "The Twenty-Fourth Michigan" addressed the 70 members and guests on that famed regiment of the Iron Brigade.

These members led the list in meeting attendance in the 1961-62 year: Dr. G. P. Clausius, president, Brooks Davis, Hal Hixson, Mort Feigen, Pete Long, William Hartmann, Les Joseph, S. J. Kearney, J. B. Reavley, Jerry Warshaw, Earl Bartholomew, Dr. A. V. Bergquist, Mel Clayton, Frank Curtis, Bob Douglas, Mal Hoffman, Henry Kennedy, Bob Morton, Joseph Pratt, Don Russell, Wilson Smith, Walter Tatsch, and Morrison Worthington.

A roll of 35mm Kodachrome was left on a bus at Gettysburg. Al Meyer had it processed and the owner can obtain it from him.

EZRA J. (BUD) WARNER, longtime member, now a resident of LaJolla, Cal., hopped on us for the item in the June newsletter saying that Buell and Bragg were brothers-in-law. "Who fobbed off this little gem on you," Bud wrote. We just had to admit to Bud that we couldn't substantiate it. Bud is concerned with such things, for he is author of the valuable reference work, "Generals in Gray", and has been assembling data for "Generals in Blue". Bud knows that once a thing like that gets into print, it's the devil to kill.

The CWRT of South Bend, Ind., unanimously passed a resolution in favor of the Code of Ethics for Historical Writers as suggested by Dr. Otto Eisenschiml.

Centennial at Louisville

For 30 days in September, 1862, Louisville, Ky., was menaced by Confederates pushing up from the south and Union troops moving in to bar the way. The city is observing the "Month of Crisis" centennial.

"City of Conflict", by Robert McDowell, Louisville author, describing events in the city when it was occupied by Union General Don Carlos Buell, will be published. Students of Louisville schools will compete in essay and scrapbook contests for \$500 of prizes put up by Louisville CWRT.

Events will reach a climax on Sunday, Sept. 23. The Louisville and Nashville railroad will take dignitaries on a one hour ride on a train pulled by The General. The Kentucky Historical society is sponsoring a tour of historical sites. A 15 by 20 foot terazzo map of the city as it was 100 years ago, designed by Louisville artist Doris Karsell, will be dedicated in the sidewalk in front of the courthouse. The courthouse was state capitol in September, 1862, when Frankfort was in Confederate hands.

Gov. Matthew Welsh of Indiana will return to Gov. Bert Combs of Kentucky a flag which Indiana troops captured from a Kentucky regiment. It is coincidental that 100 years ago Gov. O. P. Morton of Indiana was conferring in Louisville. A dinner on the riverboat Avalon will conclude the day. An exhibit of historic memorabilia will be on display in Louisville. Marking the end of the month of crisis, there will be a commemoration, Oct. 6-8, of the battle of Perryville.

DEATHS: Since the last issue of our newsletter, Frederick Hill Meserve, 97, famed collector of original photographs of Abraham Lincoln, died on June 25. He was an honorary award member of our CWRT. Karl S. Betts, 70, first executive director of the national Civil War Centennial commission, died on June 10. Edward J. Young, a former member of our CWRT, and founder of the Gen. W. H. Withington CWRT of Jackson, Mich., died early in the summer. The Jackson group has been renamed in his honor. One who corresponded with our group, the Hon. Patrick Courtney, secretary-treasurer of the American Civil War Round Table of the United Kingdom, died in England on April 19.

ROBERT DYKSTRA, who became editor of CIVIL WAR HISTORY on July 1 has sent greetings to our CWRT and plans to attend a meeting soon. He calls attention to the Custer article by Jay Monaghan in the September issue, two interesting pieces on the "Russian view of our great conflict" in the December issue, and a special navy issue to be guest edited by V. C. (Pat) Jones next spring.

ROBERT L. LAGEMANN, historian of the Antietam National Battlefield Site, has thoroughly researched the story of Clara Barton's nursing services during the battle, Sept. 16-17, 1862, and afterward. The research discloses that the site was not on the Poffenberger farm, as was long believed. She worked in a cluster of buildings on the Middlekauf farm. This is nearly one-half mile north of the Poffenberger farm, and now, by coincidence, it is owned by a distant descendant, Cecil Poffenberger.

Confederate Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, who surrendered Fort Donelson to Gen. U. S. Grant, was a pall-bearer at Grant's funeral.

BULLETIN BOARD

The annual fall meeting of the Illinois State Historical Society will be held in Chicago, Oct. 12-14. Headquarters will be at the St. Clair hotel. The theme will be "The New Face of Chicago". A tour of the city, other events, and notable speakers will be on the program. Michael S. Lerner is chairman of arrangements, with Ralph G. Newman and Gilbert Twiss as vice chairmen. Support is solicited from Round Table members who are in the state society and others who may wish to join.

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NEW MEMBERS of the Civil War Round Table: E. A. Graham, Marathon Oil Company, Findlay, Ohio; John M. Ryan, 224 Mulberry Lane, Elk Grove Village, Ill.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Robert E. Cleveland to: 521 Surf St., Chicago; Claire E. Graham to: Institute of Biological Sciences, 2000 P St. N. W., Washington, D.C.; William Herzog to: 324 Barranca Ave., Apt. 6, Santa Barbara, Cal.; Leo A. Lerner to: 4300 Marine Drive, Chicago 13; Benjamin Levering to: 118 Ellis Ave., Wheaton, Ill.; Stanton M. Meyer to: 925 Judson Ave., Highland Park, Ill.; Richard A. Oberg to: Route 2, Box 94, Crystal Lake, Ill.; Dr. Dan E. Pickle to: 67-02B 186th Lane, Apt. 3C, Flushing 65, N. Y.; Edward S. Waterbury to: Apt. 52 No. 2 Bayard Road, Amber-son Gardens, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Samuel L. Workman to: 111 N. Wabash, Rm. 800, Chicago 2.

DECEASED: Frederick Hill Meserve (Honorary Award Member).

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

A GROUP OF STUDIOUS PRISONERS of the Virginia state penitentiary has formed, in the Education department, a Civil War Round Table discussion group. Our honorary member J. Ambler Johnston and members of the Richmond CWRT helped to launch the group, provide speakers, and material. At Ambler's request, the group has been placed on the mailing list for our newsletter, for, as he says, "They seem to be so appreciative of any recognition from the outside and it would give them quite a lift to receive your publication....Their library has available space, but is pathetically meager as to books on our subject and so if you have any that you feel disposed to send them, it will be highly appreciated by the group and I believe a real contribution to rehabilitation." Send to Mr. Steward Newsom, secretary, Civil War Round Table, Education Department, c/o Mr. J. F. Featherstone, 500 Spring St., Richmond 19, Va.

Freeman Cleaves, author of a biography of Gen. George Gordon Meade, has become editor of the newsletter, Crossed Flags, of the CWRT of Northern New Jersey.

FRANK PALUMBO'S Civil War collection exhibit will continue indefinitely at the Museum of Science and Industry. Frank has added some guns and other items since the collection has been on view at the museum. Frank reports that on a recent visit to Fort Donelson battlefield he learned that the \$185,000 restoration of Surrender House will begin this fall.

THE NEW BOOKS



HALLECK: LINCOLN'S CHIEF OF STAFF, by Stephen E. Ambrose (Louisiana, 266pp, \$5). The book which Ambrose outlined in speech to Chicago Civil War Round Table on Nov. 12, 1959.

DECISION IN MISSISSIPPI, by Edwin C. Bearss (Pioneer Press, Little Rock, 636pp, \$5.95).

GENERAL LEONIDAS POLK, CSA, The Fighting Bishop, by Joseph H. Parks, (Louisiana, 440pp, \$7.50). First biography of Polk since that by his son more than 50 years ago; adds newly discovered material.

SOLDIERS' BATTLE: GETTYSBURG, by James Warner Bellah (McKay, \$4.50). Moment-by-moment, man-by-man, based on accounts of participants.

LAST NIGHT THE NIGHTINGALE, by Clifford Dowdery (Doubleday, 310pp, \$4.50). Fiction in a Richmond Setting.

LINCOLN THE RAILSPLITTER, by Wayne C. Temple (Willow Press, 2500 S. 30th St., LaCrosse, Wis., \$4). Illustrations by Lloyd Ostendorf.

UNCLE TOM'S CABIN: Or, Life Among the Lowly, by Harriet Beecher Stowe, edited by Kenneth S. Lynn (Harvard, 460pp, \$5).

FAREWELL TO THE BLOODY SHIRT: Northern Republicans and the Southern Negro, 1877-1893, by Stanley P. Hirshson, intro. by David Donald (Indiana, 334pp, \$6.95).

LINCOLN AND HIS PARTY IN THE SECESSION CRISIS, by David M. Potter (Yale, paper, \$1.95). The months between the election of Lincoln and the fall of Fort Sumter.

THE CIVIL WAR IN MINIATURE, by Otto Eisenschiml (Black Cat Press, 32pp, 2"x2 5/8"). Quotations from wartime personalities.

Pamphlet, with map and legend, of 26 markers that tell story of Grant's march through Louisiana in the spring of 1863, Louisiana Civil War Centennial Commission, Old State Capitol, Baton Rouge, La.

LINCOLN AND THE LINCOLN COUNTRY, a guidebook, by Octavo Press, 725 E. Jackson St., Springfield, Ill. (28pp, 95¢).

MIGNON, by James M. Cain (Dial, 246pp, \$4.50). Fiction.

THE IMPACT OF THE CIVIL WAR ON INDIANA (48pp, paper, 25¢, Indiana Civil War Centennial Commission, State Library, Indianapolis 4).

WISCONSIN 1962 BLUEBOOK, a state publication, devotes 80 pages to Wisconsin in the Civil War, by Dr. Frank Klement of Marquette U.

THE BATTLE OF MURFORDVILLE, Ky., Sept. 14-17, 1862, by Col. Hal Engerud, USA, Retd., Bloomington, Ind. (\$1, Civil War Round Table, P. O. Box 1861, Louisville, Ky.)

MAP, Rutherford County and Middle Tennessee, available from Dr. Homer Pittard, Middle Tennessee State College, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

MAP, The Civil War in Louisiana, Civil War Centennial Commission, Old State Capitol, Baton Rouge, La.

ROSTER OF CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS OF GEORGIA, 1861-1865, Vols. 3 and 4, by Lillian Henderson (Longine and Port, Inc., Hapeville, Ga., \$15.39). Vols. 1 and 2 available at the same price.

THE CIVIL WAR IN MOTION PICTURES, compiled by Paul C. Spehr (Government Printing Office, Washington, 60¢). Bibliography of films produced in the United States since 1897.

GEORGE B. McCLELLAN'S statue in Washington, D. C. is at the junction of three streets. McClellan faces down one avenue and has two for retreat.

FUTURE MEETINGS



Friday, Oct. 26 - Assembly of Illinois Civil War Round Tables and Illinois and Wisconsin Civil War Centennial commissions at Hotel Governor, Springfield, Ill. Ladies invited.

Friday, Nov. 16 - Civil War music at Jazz Ltd., Ladies Night. Preceded by buffet dinner at St. Clair hotel.

Friday, Dec. 7 - "Legal Aspects of the Civil War", panel discussion by lawyers, Arnold Alexander, moderator.

Friday, Jan. 18 - Program to be arranged.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sept. 12-15 - Centennial of Siege and Capture of Harpers Ferry.

Sept. 14-17 - Battle of Antietam centennial; Hagerstown, Md., Assembly of Civil War Round Tables, Frank Vandiver, speaker; pageant, "Hills of Glory"; Re-enactment of battle.

Sept. 19 - Battle of Iuka, Miss., Confederate commemorative services.

Sept. 22 - Emancipation Proclamation centennial, at Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D.C., President Kennedy, speaker; Mahalia Jackson sings.

Sept. 23 - Centennial observance at Louisville Ky.

Sept. 25-27 - Springfield, Ill., History workshop, Illinois Historical Society.

Sept. 28-30 - CWRT of Vanderburgh Court House, Evansville, Ind., bus tour of Lincoln country of Illinois.

Sept. 28-29 - Kennesaw, Ga., Annual seminar of Kennesaw Mountain Historical association; lectures and field trips.

Oct. 3 - Battle of Corinth, Miss., commemoration.

Oct. 6-8 - Battle of Perryville, commemoration by Kentucky Civil War Centennial commission and Civil War Round Tables.

Oct. 12-14 - Chicago, meeting of Illinois State Historical Society; headquarters, St. Clair Hotel.



AN EXPANDED HISTORICAL MARKERS PROGRAM has been set up by the Illinois State Historical Society to tell the history of the state to all who use its highways. The new markers will be 4 by 6 feet with about 250 words of text, white letters on a blue background, and placed on state highway right-of-way with parking facilities. Civil War Round Tables have been asked to help in sifting the appropriate sites of state and national interest. Research assistance may be needed for selection and verification. Also, the society would like to know the sites which already have been marked by organizations other than the State Historical Society. Volunteers for this work, or information, can be reported to the Civil War Round Table, 18 E. Chestnut St., Chicago 11, or to William C. Marten, Historical Library, Centennial Building, Springfield, Ill. Marten is supervisor of the marker program.