

THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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Assembly of Illinois Civil War Round Tables at Springfield, Oct. 26

The first assembly of all Civil War Round Tables of Illinois will be held Friday evening, October 26, at the Hotel Governor in Springfield. The Civil War Centennial Commission of Illinois is sponsor of the assembly and has invited members of the Iowa and Wisconsin commissions to attend.



Dr. James I. Robertson, Jr.

The Civil War Round Tables of Chicago, Springfield, Peoria (National Blues), Decatur, Rockford, Rock Island-Moline (Quad Cities), Danville (Ward Hill Lamon), Quincy (Tri-State), Glen Ellyn (Salt Creek), La-Salle (1861-65 Civil War Society), Lyons (Gray and Blue), Park Forest, Jacksonville, and McLean County (Bloomington) are receiving this newsletter as announcement of the assembly.

Dr. James I. (Bud) Robertson Jr., executive director of the National Civil War Centennial Commission will speak on "Billy Yanks from Iowa: An Example of Midwestern Gallantry." Another member of the national commission, Dr. Bell I. Wiley, author of the books "Johnny Reb" and "Billy Yank," also will be on the program.

"Bud" Robertson, who is known to many as editor of CIVIL WAR HISTORY from September 1959 to July, 1962, and by a number of speaking appearances, will concentrate on the feelings and experiences of the young Iowa farm boys who were caught up in the conflict of the 1860's.

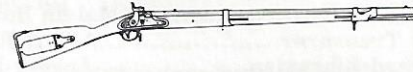
"I shall attempt to show their reaction to Lincoln's initial call for troops, the chaos and humor attendant to the first days of army life, the emotions present when the men steamed down the Mississippi, and individual acts of gallantry and sacrifice in those battles in which Iowa troops were involved," Robertson said.

"Although my talk will center on Iowa soldiers, I am sure that their deeds and exploits epitomized all men from the Midwest who journeyed to far away battlefields to preserve the Union," he said.

Robertson is a native of Danville, Va., and inherited an interest in the Civil War from his great-grandfather, Capt. Joel C. Compton, who was Gen. Robert E. Lee's cook and reputedly the champion wrestler in the Army of Northern Virginia.

Robertson received his undergraduate degree from Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va., and graduate degrees from Emory University, Atlanta, where he taught and studied under the direction of Dr. Wiley. He took up his duties with the national Civil War Centennial commission on December 4, 1961. He also is an associate lecturer in history at George Washington University.

Robertson has edited a new edition of Walter H. Taylor's FOUR YEARS WITH GENERAL LEE, just published by Indiana University Press. For Indiana he also edited Sarah Dawson's A CONFEDERATE GIRL'S DIARY, and James Longstreet's memoirs, FROM MANASSAS TO



214th REGULAR MEETING
Chicago Civil War Round Table
ASSEMBLY OF ILLINOIS
CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLES

Hotel Governor
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Friday, October 26, 1962

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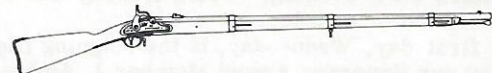
"Billy Yanks from Iowa:
An Example of Midwestern Gallantry"

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Meeting Sponsored by
Civil War Centennial Commission of Illinois
Discussion of Activities Related to the Centennial

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Cocktails at 6 p.m.
(cash bar) Hotel Governor
Dinner at 7 p.m. (\$5) 418 E. Jefferson St., Springfield
(Phone: 527-7851)



APPOMATTOX. Robertson wrote VIRGINIA, 1861-1865; IRONGATE OF THE CONFEDERACY, and is researching for a critical survey of northern bibliography which will be published under the title, THE NORTH TO POSTERITY.

A cocktail hour will precede the dinner. After the formal speech, the meeting will be opened for "give and take" discussion. Clyde C. Walton, secretary of the Illinois commission, said: "We want an idea of what the Civil War Round Tables are doing and ways in which the state commission can help. We would like your ideas concerning what activities the state commission should undertake."

Members of the commission are Sen. Hudson R. Sours, Peoria, chairman; Rep. J. W. (Bill) Scott, Bloomington, vice-chairman; Ralph G. Newman, Chicago, vice-chairman; Rep. Lycurgus J. Connor, Chicago; Newton C. Farr, Chicago; Rep. Walter E. Hill, Canton; George P. Johns, Decatur; Sen. Everett E. Laughlin, Freeport; Sen. James O. Monroe, Collinsville; Philip D. Sang, River Forest; Glenn H. Seymour, Charleston, and Alexander Summers, Mattoon.

Civil War Round Tables are asked to have their secretaries make their reservations directly with the Hotel Governor, Springfield. Persons who stay overnight can plan visits to Lincoln shrines the next day or sign up for the Civil War History Workshop (see page 3).

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1962 BATTLEFIELD TOUR APRIL 24-28

Hal Hixson and Brooks Davis, co-chairmen, have made a fast start in planning for the 1963 Battlefield Tour to the Richmond, Virginia, area. The dates selected, April 24-28, coincide with Historic Garden Week in Richmond.

Transportation is to be by jet plane to Baltimore and local plane to Richmond, round-trip. Headquarters will be a centrally located modern motor lodge in Richmond. In tradition, command posts and programmed dinners will feature each evening. Field touring will be in air conditioned motor coaches.

The first day, Wednesday, is the outgoing flight. On Thursday our Honorary Award Member J. Ambler Johnston, our Richmond co-chairman, will guide a tour of the Seven Days Battles, with luncheon in the field.

Friday will be in Richmond with details arranged by a committee of Richmond CWRT and a feature being the Civil War Centennial Center. Saturday will be devoted to the 1864 campaign, following General Grant from the Pamunkey river to the James, through Butler's bottleneck to Fort Darling, and thence back to Richmond. Saturday is the traditional Fun Night.

Sunday morning will be "on your own" and any other details are to be arranged, followed by the return flight. The committee is working to keep the total cost, excluding breakfasts, below \$200. Total attendance will be limited to 90, but as usual the tour will be open to ladies and guests.

THE INDIANA CENTENNIAL COMMISSION and local committees are erecting and dedicating 13 Civil War markers at Camp Allen, Fort Wayne; Camp Morton, Indianapolis; Hines' Raid, Perry County; Civil War hospital, Jeffersonville; U. S. Military Hospital, Evansville; Camp Tippecanoe, Lafayette; Camp Wabash, Wabash; Camp Vigo, Terre Haute; Morgan's Raid, Harrison; Lincoln's Boyhood Home, Lincoln City; Oliver P. Morton home, Centerville, and Lane Place, Crawfordsville.

from the
Editor's pen



Honorary Award memberships in The Civil War Round Table were presented to three men at our September 21st meeting. One was to Fred C. Evers, one of the founders of the Round Table. Another was to Paul M. Angle, member for many years and director of the Chicago Historical Society. The third was to Dr. Bell Irvin Wiley, author, professor of history at Emory University, Atlanta, and our speaker on a number of occasions.

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The dinner in the Germania Club had an attendance of more than 140. President Warren A. Reeder, Jr., introduced a number of guests, among them Rep. Corneal Davis, chairman of the American Negro Emancipation Centennial commission, and Rep. William Robinson and Mrs. Edith Sampson of the commission; Sen. Hudson Sours of Peoria, chairman of the Civil War Centennial Commission of Illinois; Dr. Lawrence Towner, new librarian of the Newberry Library, and Robert Dykstra, new editor of CIVIL WAR HISTORY.

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From the dinner, members and guests walked to the Chicago Historical Society building and joined society members in the auditorium there. Dr. Wiley spoke on "Kingdom Coming" in observance of the 100th anniversary of President Lincoln's announcement of the Emancipation Proclamation. Dr. Wiley traced the course of events leading up to the declaration which promised freedom to the slaves. He told of reactions to it among people, North and South, and in foreign lands.

Afterwards, the audience moved through the exhibit rooms viewing the permanent and current displays, particularly of Civil War relics and costumes. Refreshments were served.

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In the afternoon a number of members attended an impressive ceremony in the council chambers of Chicago City Hall, conducted by the American Negro Emancipation Centennial commission. The highlight was the presentation by Gov. Otto Kerner to Mayor Richard J. Daley of a copy of New York state's original in Lincoln's handwriting of the draft of the Emancipation Proclamation. Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York sent the copy to Illinois. The framed document will be displayed in the rotunda of City Hall.

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The preliminary survey of members from Chicago who will attend the Assembly of Civil War Round Tables at Springfield on October 26 indicated that at least 35 will be present for the dinner with about 25 staying overnight. The final reservation card is included with this newsletter.

C. VANN WOODWARD, Sterling professor of history at Yale university, will lecture on "The Centennial of the Emancipation Proclamation" at 8 p.m., Wednesday, October 17, in Fiske hall auditorium at Northwestern university, Evanston. The lecture is open and free to all persons who are interested. It is the first of the James Alton James lectures. Among the books Dr. Woodward has written are "Origins of the New South, 1876-1913," "The Strange Career of Jim Crow," and "The Burden of Southern History."

Civil War History Workshop

The third annual History Workshop will be held in Springfield, Ill., October 25 to 28 on "Materials of the Civil War" - a quick, but intensive, survey of the "relics" of the war and what local museums can do about them. The subject was chosen as fitting to the October 26 Assembly of Civil War Round Tables.

The workshop is sponsored by the Civil War Centennial Commission of Illinois, the Illinois State Historical Society, the American Association of State and Local History, and the Illinois Department of Conservation.

Advance registration and a social evening with a special showing of the film "Birth of a Nation" will be held Thursday, October 25, in the Hall of Flags of the Centennial Building.

Friday morning and afternoon sessions at the Hotel Leland will be devoted to lectures and discussions, particularly on military and civilian costume, medical techniques and instruments, transportation, technological changes, artifacts, the decorative arts and architecture.

The workshop groups join with the assembly of round tables for the dinner at the Hotel Governor (see page 1).

On Saturday the workshop group will go to New Salem state park, the scene of Abraham Lincoln's young manhood. Students will help prepare a "Soldier's Mess" for the noon meal. In the afternoon the Chicago group representing the "reactivated" 104th Illinois Infantry regiment of the North-South Skirmish association will give a drill and musketry demonstration. In the evening there will be a musical program in which original Civil War instruments will be played.

Sunday morning will be devoted to Civil War newspapers, documents, letters, diaries, and pictures. Emphasis will be on care and display. After luncheon, students will be invited to present specific discussion problems to the faculty. Students are invited to bring sample collections from their own museums.

Among members of the faculty will be Col. Frederick P. Todd, director of the West Point museum; Gillett Griswold, director, U. S. Army Artillery museum, Fort Sill; Marvin Schwartz, curator, Decorative Arts, Brooklyn Museum; Herbert Henkel, M.D., on Civil War Medicine, and William B. Edwards, author of CIVIL WAR GUNS.

The workshop fee is \$25, which includes dinners, luncheons, coffee breaks, admissions, and transportation, but not breakfasts or lodging.

Persons interested should write to Richard S. Hagen, Room 100, State Office Building, Springfield, Ill. Early action is urged since some facilities are limited.

DR. HAMBLETON TAPP, secretary of Lexington, Ky., CWRT, is author of "The Confederate Invasion of Kentucky, 1862, and the Battle of Perryville, Oct. 8, 1862." It has been mimeographed and its nearly 50 pages bound in paper, with a map of the battlefield tipped in, in a severely limited edition.

A NATIONAL JOURNALISM HALL OF FAME was projected at a meeting of representatives of seven journalism organizations with Gov. J. Millard Tawes of Maryland at South Mountain on Sept. 13. The site will be Gathland state park where stands an enormous fieldstone arch erected in 1896 as a memorial to the 157 correspondents and artists who covered the Civil War for the North and South. The arch was put up by George Alfred Townsend, who used the pen name GATH in his wartime dispatches to the New York Tribune and the Chicago Tribune.

BULLETIN BOARD

The Susquehanna CWRT, Lewisburg, Pa., has voted approval of Dr. Otto Eisenschiml's suggested code of ethics for historical writers - "a code certainly long needed," said Secretary William N. Barto.

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

A DIORAMA at the Grand Gulf museum depicts the first known armored railroad car. It was used on the Port Gibson & Grand Gulf RR. More than 2,500 persons have visited the new Mississippi state park museum since its opening May 6, 1962. The roads to the park are now being paved. The wrecks of two Confederate transports, the Paul Jones and the Charm, have been found in the Big Black river.

COLUMBUS, IND., CWRT is urging the states of Tennessee, Illinois, and Indiana to work together to promote preservation of the Union battle lines in the battle of Fort Donelson. It is noted that the National Park Service has preserved the fortifications and has built a fine museum near the Confederate battlements, but nothing has been done to preserve the Union lines and historical sites where Union officers may have maintained headquarters, particularly Lew Wallace, McClernand, and Grant.

THE ANTIETAM CENTENNIAL observance drew crowds of about 25,000 each day and participants in the battle reenactment numbered about 2,000. The weather was ideal.

ROBERT REILLY, the principal designer of our newsletter, has moved to Baton Rouge, La., where he has a new position with an ad firm.

EDWIN C. BEARSS, author of "Decision in Mississippi," is speaking Oct. 22 at Toledo CWRT and the next night at Cleveland CWRT.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL R.R. has scheduled a five day tour, Oct. 17-21 to Jackson, Miss., Natchez, Port Gibson, Grand Gulf, and Vicksburg. Further information may be obtained at any Illinois Central ticket office.

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE CWRT has been formed. It was at V.M.I. that Thomas Jonathan Jackson served as professor of natural and experimental philosophy and artillery tactics from August, 1851, to April 21, 1861.

THE NEW BOOKS



ARMS AND EQUIPMENT OF THE CIVIL WAR, by Jack Coggins (illus., Doubleday, 16pp, \$5.95).

A BORDERLAND CONFEDERATE, by William Lyne Wilson, edited by Festus P. Summers (U. of Pittsburgh, 138pp, \$3.50). Service with the 12th Virginia Cavalry.

CENTENNIAL TALES: Memoirs of Col. Chester S. Bassett French, Army of Northern Virginia, compiled by Glenn C. Oldaker (Carlson, N. Y., 150pp, \$3).

CITY OF CONFLICT, by Robert McDowell (300pp, \$5). Louisville in the war.

A DIARY OF BATTLE: The Personal Journal of Col. Charles S. Wainwright, 1861-65, edited by Allan Nevins (Harcourt, \$8.75).

4,000 CIVIL WAR BATTLES, compiled by J. Worth Carnahan, from Manual of the Civil War (Frontier, 128pp, paper, \$2).

FOUR YEARS WITH GENERAL LEE, by Walter H. Taylor, edited by James I. Robertson, Jr. (Indiana U., 224pp, \$5.75). Appeared first in 1877, by a key member of Lee's staff, incorporates material from Taylor's later work, General Lee, 1861-1865.

DIARY OF A UNION LADY, 1861-1865, edited by Harold Earl Hammond (Funk & Wagnalls, 395pp, \$6). Story of Mrs. Charles Patrick Daly, wife of a New York judge.

DICKISON AND HIS MEN, by Mary Elizabeth Dickison (U. of Florida, \$6). Reprint, reminiscences of the war in Florida.

THE SYMBOL AND THE SWORD: Civilian Life in Washington, D. C., 1860-65, by Scott Hart and Lt. Col. Joseph Mitchell (35 photos, District of Columbia Civil War Centennial Commission, 25¢).

THE GREAT SECESSION WINTER OF 1860-61, and 13 other Essays, by Henry Adams, edited by George Hechfield (Perpetua, paper, \$2.25).

GRIERSON'S RAID: A Cavalry Adventure of the Civil War, by D. Alexander Brown (U. of Illinois, 268pp, paper, \$1.75). Reprint of 1954 book.

A GUIDE TO CIVIL WAR STORE CARD TOKENS, by George and Melvin Fuld (Whitman, Racine, Wis., 96pp, paper, #1).

LEROY POPE WALKER: Confederate Secretary of War, by William C. Harris (U. of Alabama, \$4).

LINCOLN, by Roy P. Basler (Grove-Evergreen, 192 pp, paper, 95¢). Mostly from Lincoln's own writings.

REFLECTIONS OF THE CIVIL WAR IN SOUTHERN HUMOR, by Wade H. Hall (U. of Florida, 82pp, paper, \$2).

RESPECTS TO ALL: Letters of Two Pennsylvania Boys in the Civil War, edited by Aida Craig Truxall (U. of Pittsburgh, 108pp, \$3.50).

SEA DOGS OF THE SIXTIES, by Jim Dan Hill (Perpetua, paper, \$1.95).

SHERIDAN: The General Who Wasn't Afraid to Take a Chance, by Col. Red Reeder (Duell, 238pp, \$3.95).

SHERMAN'S CIVIL WAR, selected and edited from his memoirs, with a foreword by Earl Schenck Miers, 509pp, (Collier, 209pp, \$1.50).

THE SWEETHEART OF THE CIVIL WAR: The True Story of the song "Lorena," by Ernest K. Emurian (Natick, Mass., \$2).

THE TRAGIC ERA: The Revolution After Lincoln, by Claude G. Bowers (Houghton-Mifflin, 576pp, paper, \$2.35).

REGIMENTAL PUBLICATIONS & PERSONAL NARRATIVES OF THE CIVIL WAR: A CHECKLIST, compiled by Charles E. Dornbusch (New York Public Library, \$15).

FUTURE MEETINGS



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

Thursday, Dec. 6 - "Legal Aspects of the Civil War," Panel discussion by lawyers; Arnold Alexander, moderator.

Friday, Jan. 18 - To be Arranged.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Oct. 12-14 - Illinois State Historical Society meeting in Chicago, headquarters at St. Clair hotel.

Oct. 19-20 - University of Cincinnati symposium, "The Ohio Valley in the Civil War." Speakers include Bruce Catton, Fielder Meyers, and Dr. William Carlson, chairman of Ohio centennial commission.

Oct. 25-27 - Indianapolis CWRT, battlefield tour to Gettysburg, Harpers Ferry, South Mountain, and Antietam.

Nov. 13 - Armed Forces dedication of Civil War centennial exhibit at Old Army Medical museum, 7th St. and Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D. C.

Nov. 19 - Dedication of Visitor Center-Cyclo-rama building, Gettysburg, Pa., and Lincoln address observance at national cemetery.



UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY is urging Civil War Round Tables to appeal to Postmaster General J. Edward Day (Washington 25, D. C.) for issuance of a 4 cent Jefferson Davis stamp. Stamps have been issued in memory of Gen. Robert E. Lee and Gen. Stonewall Jackson. Miss Desiree L. Franklin, chairman of the U.D.C. Centennial Committee, 600 W. 136th St., New York 31, N. Y., points out that Davis was a soldier on the American frontier, in the Mexican War, and served in Congress and as secretary of war prior to the Civil War.

GEN. MANUS McCLOSKEY, a member of the Civil War Round Table for 19 years and well remembered as a sharp, witty speaker and engaging personality, has resigned due to advancing years and residence outside the city. He would enjoy a letter or card from acquaintances at his present residence, The Westchester, 4000 Cathedral Ave., N. W., Washington 16, D. C.

MONROE F. COCKRELL, a Chicago CWRT founder, spoke at Fort Wayne CWRT on "General Nathan Bedford Forrest."

CIVIL WAR MAPS, Library of Congress collection, prepared by Richard W. Stephenson (Government Printing Office, \$1).

Publications of the Ohio Civil War commission: Ohio Agriculture During the Civil War, by Robert L. Jones, 25pp, 50¢; Ohio Forms an Army, by Harry L. Coles, 26pp, 50¢; Ohio Negroes in the Civil War, by Charles H. Wesley, 46pp, 50¢; Ohio Politics on the Eve of Conflict, by Henry H. Simms, 34pp, 75¢.