

THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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Panel Discussion: "Legal Aspects of the Civil War"-Thursday, Dec. 6

Our December program features an old and popular formula - the panel discussion. It will deal with the theme, "Legal Aspects of the Civil War".



Secretary Arnold Alexander has assembled the panel and will be moderator. Arnold is a graduate of the University of Chicago law school, 1928, and has been in general practice since 1929.

One panelist will be our member Reuben Flacks who has been a frequent participant in discussions from the floor at our meetings. Reuben was graduated from University of Chicago Law school in 1924 and has been in general practice since that time.

Another member on the panel is Judge John V. McCormick, a native of Wisconsin, graduate of University of Wisconsin, and then of University of Chicago Law School. He was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1916 and was dean of the Law school of Loyola University, 1924-1936. In 1936 he was elected a Chicago Municipal court judge, serving until 1953, when he was elected to the Superior court. In 1954 the Illinois Supreme court appointed him to the Illinois Appellate court where he is now serving.

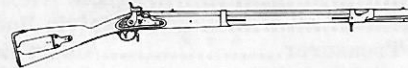
Completing the panel is Philip B. Kurland, professor of law at the University of Chicago. He was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1942 and received his law degree from Harvard in 1944. He was editor-in-chief of Harvard Law Review. He served as law clerk to Judge Jerome N. Frank, 1944-45; law clerk to Mr. Justice Felix Frankfurter, 1945-46; assistant to the attorney general of the United States, 1946-47 and was in private practice in New York City, 1947-50.

Prof. Kurland joined the faculty of Indiana University Law school in 1950; was with the law faculty at Northwestern University, 1950-53, and has been with the University of Chicago Law school since 1953.

In extracurricular activities, Prof. Kurland was an associate general counsel, Economic Stabilization agency, 1951; Guggenheim Fellow, 1949-50, 1955-56; managing editor, Federal Bar Journal, 1945-47; editor of the Supreme Court Review, 1960- ; co-author, Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the United States (1951); co-editor, Mr. Justice (1956); reporter, Illinois Pattern Jury Instructions (1961); author, Religion and the Law: Of Church and State and the Supreme Court (1962), and author of numerous articles for law reviews.

Though the panel has a distinctly University of Chicago flavor, our membership includes judges and lawyers from everywhere.

The panel theme can include a wide range of subjects, such as the Emancipation Proclamation, President Abraham Lincoln's handling of habeas corpus, the Vallandigham case, seizures of persons and newspapers, and civil law versus military law.



216th REGULAR MEETING

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Panel: Arnold Alexander, moderator; Reuben Flacks, Prof. Philip B. Kurland, and Judge John V. McCormick

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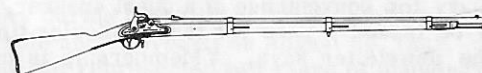
"Legal Aspects of the Civil War"

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1962

St. Clair Hotel
162 East Ohio Street

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



The range is so wide that if the panel does not touch on some subjects, they are certain to be brought up in discussion from the floor.

September, October, and November meetings have been in the nature of special events. With the December meeting we return for the remaining months to the traditional type of meeting with speakers and discussion.

W. O. SLAYMAN, president, writes: "A few months ago several of us got together and formed the Civil War Round Table of Northern California. We now have a membership of about 40, mostly from the business and professional community. So far, our meetings have been oriented to the war, battles, and strategy." Mr. Slayman would be pleased to receive newsletters of other CWRTs; address is, 300 Lakeside Drive, Oakland 12, Calif.

THE BATTLE OF SABINE CROSSROADS, by Jack D. L. Holmes, and THE GUNS OF THE KEOKUK, by Ursula and James F. Harding, are two of a number of appealing articles in the November issue of CIVIL WAR TIMES.

VIRGINIA Civil War Centennial center marked its first full year on October 1 with 156,208 visitors for the year.

STONEWALL JACKSON'S WAY, a 20 minute film, is being produced by the Virginia commission and will be ready in the spring.

Our member EVERETT LEWY spoke November 15 to Milwaukee CWRT on "Chickamauga".

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PRISON CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE, Volume 1, Number 1, October, 1962, Richmond, Va., has arrived and compares well with other newsletters of the CWRT circuit. One-hour meetings are held on Thursdays in the prison school building. "In the event that special time is necessary for convenience of a guest speaker, members will be issued a pass for that particular time and date," the newsletter says. "Membership is open to those inmates who have a genuine interest in the Civil War." Due to limited space, membership is held to about 20, but visitors are permitted. Richmond CWRT is sponsor of the group and has supplied most of the speakers. The newsletter notes that a second prison CWRT has been formed at Iowa state prison. The Richmond group still is in need of books and other material. Mailing address is Prison Civil War Round Table, c/o J. F. Featherston, Education Dept., 500 Spring St., Richmond 19, Va.

WILLIAM H. STAUFFER, editor of the Richmond (Va.) CWRT newsletter quotes a member, Archibald Robertson, for this heretofore unpublished anecdote having come down through his family relating to "Stonewall" Jackson:

"Jackson and other members of his staff stopped by a home on a bitter winter night. They were offered a drink of whiskey by their host before resuming their way. Jackson, reputedly a teetotaler, asked Dr. Hunter Mc Guire if he should indulge in the drink, and when reassured that it would act as a preventive against the near zero weather, poured himself an unusually healthy drink. The march was resumed and presently Jackson was seen to unbutton his greatcoat. A little later he opened his blouse and finally his inner shirt. Thus exposed, Mc Guire protested to the general that in such bitter weather it was extremely hazardous to do this and did the general not realize how cold it actually was. "You are wrong, sir," replied Jackson. "Can you not feel that the weather has considerably moderated?"

from the
Editor's pen



At the assembly of Civil War Round Tables of Illinois at the Hotel Governor in Springfield on October 26, President Warren A. Reeder, Jr., presented our Distinguished Service Award to the State Historical Library (received by Newton C. Farr, a trustee), and another to Sen. Hudson Sours, chairman of the Illinois Civil War Centennial commission. A third award goes to Past Chairman George P. Johns, who was not present to receive it that evening.

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Chicago members who attended the Springfield meeting included Don Gerlinger, chairman of the Wisconsin Civil War Centennial commission; Clyde C. Walton, secretary, and Newton C. Farr, Ralph G. Newman, and Alexander Summers, members, of the Illinois commission; Mrs. and Mrs. Arnold Alexander, Dr. Arthur V. Bergquist, Dr. G. P. Clausius, Miner T. Coburn, Morton B. Feigen, Reuben Flacks, Mr. and Mrs. Malvin Hoffman, Miles Janousek, Frank Kinst, James I. Reeves, Gilbert Twiss, Elmer Underwood, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Morrison Worthington.

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Principal representations from around the state were from Springfield, Bloomington, Peoria, Quincy, Decatur, Jacksonville, Park Forest, Glen Ellyn, and Rock Island. From outside the state came representatives of Milwaukee and CWRT of the Ozarks (Springfield, Mo.). Participants in the Illinois History Workshop also were present.

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Clyde Walton was chairman of the meeting and told of projects of the Illinois Civil War Centennial commission, including participating with Ohio and New York in preparing an edition of Ulysses S. Grant's papers; a book, "The Home Front in the Civil War", by Harold Sinclair of Bloomington, author of "The Horse Soldiers", and "The Military Front in the Civil War," by Victor Hicken, of Macomb. A thumbnail description of Illinois regiments in the war is in preparation.

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Dr. James I. (Bud) Robertson, Jr., executive director of the National Civil War Centennial commission spoke on "The Lagging Civil War Centennial". He explained some of the policies of the national commission: opposition to (1) re-enactments on battlegrounds, (2) inappropriate souvenirs, and (3) poorly done books ("We're reading more and enjoying it less.") Bud told of the works that the national commission is sponsoring in the literary field.

Dr. Bell I. Wiley, a member of the national commission, spoke, giving numerous quotations from soldiers' letters. "Personal documents are the heart of history," he said, and urged that documents be put in places where they are available to scholars.

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At the meeting of the Illinois State Historical Society in Chicago, October 12-14, society awards were made to our members Philip D. Sang and Alexander Summers. Michael S. Lerner was chairman of the general committee, CWRT members served as lecturers on the his-

Dan Sickles' Leg Bone

A feature of the Old Army Medical museum's Civil War centennial exhibit, now on view at 7th St. and Independence Ave., S. W., Washington, D. C. is the amputated left leg bone of Gen. Daniel E. Sickles, commander of the Union Army's 3rd corps at Gettysburg.

Sickles sent the leg bone - shattered by a Confederate ball - to the museum, with his visiting card, shortly after his discharge from a hospital where he was fitted with a wooden leg.

A museum historian said:

"After he sent it to the museum, he visited it regularly - bringing friends with him to see it.

"It has been on public exhibit at various buildings occupied by the museum since that time, but over the years, it gradually became deteriorated.

"So, when plans were in the making for a special Civil War exhibit in line with the museum's centennial observance, the bone was processed and repaired by a technician of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. Now, it looks real good - just as firm as a rock!"

The museum was established in 1862 at the height of the Civil War to house collected specimens of gunshot wounds and other war injuries that were to be used for the instruction of army surgeons.

Various other mementoes of Civil War surgery and medicine are in the centennial exhibit, including the story of Mary Walker, the woman physician who masqueraded in men's clothes so she could attend to Union troops on the battlefield.

The museum also displays slivers of bone from the skull of Abraham Lincoln, and John Wilkes Booth's bullet that felled him.

from the Editor's pen (continued)

torical tour of Chicago, Otto Eisenschiml was one of the chief dinner speakers, and Paul Angle was host to a meeting at the Chicago Historical Society.

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For the second year, the November Ladies' Night meeting was at Jazz Ltd. Bill Reinhardt led his famed band in stirring renditions of Civil War songs. Ruth Reinhardt again was the gracious hostess. A buffet dinner at the St. Clair hotel preceded the Jazz, Ltd. visit. Attendance was about 80.

THE RAILROAD MAIL CAR came into existence as a result of incidents in the Civil War. Confederate guerrillas and partisans in the west harassed the Hannibal and St. Joseph railroad in Missouri. Several days' mail was dumped at St. Joseph, jumping off point of the entire west. The local post office staff was unable to sort it quickly and the assistant postmaster suggested to Washington that special railroad cars be designated in which mail could be sorted en route. The idea was adopted.

THE U. S. GRANT Association, Inc., a nonprofit organization, is arranging for the editing and publishing of Grant's papers. The project will be guided by a 12 member board of directors, and will have an editorial board, with Dr. Allan Nevins, chairman of the National Civil War Centennial commission, as chairman. Headquarters will be in Columbus, Ohio.

A DRIVE TO PRESERVE the site of a rebel armory, first to produce a gun under contract for the Confederacy, is under way at Holly Springs, Miss. It is headed by Wilson Golden, Jr., Mahon Johns, Jr., and Frank Greer, who are trying to raise \$1,500 to buy 6 acres on which are the main points of interest.

BULLETIN BOARD

The National Civil War Centennial commission will hold its sixth annual assembly May 22-24 in the "Deep North", at the Parker House in Boston. Previous assemblies have been held in Washington, Richmond, St. Louis, Charleston, S.C., and Columbus, Ohio. The program will feature panel discussions based on the theme, "The Far-Reaching War". Subjects will concern the Civil War in New England, medicine, foreign relations, and the work of the various state commissions, Boston College will hold a Civil War symposium, to start after the adjournment of the assembly and continuing through the week.

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

100 YEARS AFTER, the monthly publication of the National Civil War Centennial commission, prints this item:

"Wisconsin Civil War Centennial commission, through its chairman, Donald Gerlinger, presented the Manassas National Battlefield Park with two guns, two carriages, and a limber as a memorial to Gibbon's Iron Brigade and Campbell's battery, Federal units that wrote their names in history during the battle of Brawner's farm (also called Gainesville and Groveton) on August 28, 1862.

"The gift represented two years of planning following the acceptance of an idea originated by Francis F. Wilshin, superintendent of the park, on a visit to the Chicago Civil War Round Table in 1960.

"The guns mark the first trailside exhibit in an area expected to develop into one of the most heavily visited sections of the battlefield. Near by stand three aluminum markers, planned and erected by the park, that tell the story of the battle and the units involved. Farther out on the nose of this same rise will be mounted guns to represent the Confederate batteries of Chapman and Reilly, rushed up by Longstreet on August 30, to break Porter's assault on Jackson's line at 'Deep Cut' in the second battle of Manassas."

STORER COLLEGE at Harpers Ferry, W. Va., which operated as an institution of learning for Negroes from shortly after the Civil War until a few years ago, has been acquired by the National Park Service and added to Harpers Ferry National Monument. Some of the college buildings will be converted into a training center for park service personnel.

THE 1963 TOUR OF "THE GENERAL", famous Civil War locomotive, is in the planning stage. The Louisville & Nashville Railroad has stated, "Our Disposition will be to accept proposals for tours on which the sponsor will agree to pay out-of-pocket costs....On the basis of our experience during the first three months of 'The General's' operation, these expenses might be estimated at around \$200 per day."

THE NEW BOOKS



YANKEE IN GRAY, memoirs and correspondence of Henry E. Henderson (Western Reserve Press, Cleveland, \$6.50). Account of service in the Confederate Army by a member of Louisiana Tigers who later was a medical practitioner in Cleveland.

JOURNAL OF THE MISSISSIPPI SECESSION CONVENTION, January, 1861 (98pp, booklet, offset reproduction by the Mississippi Commission on the War Between the States, 502 Pearl St., Jackson, Miss.)

THE LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD, 1850-1959, by Kincaid Herr (234pp, \$3.50, L & N Railroad, P. O. Box 1198, Louisville, Ky.)

BLACK CARGOES: The Story of the Atlantic Slave Trade, 1518-1865, by Daniel P. Mannix and Malcolm Cowley (Viking).

LIFE AND TIMES OF FREDERICK DOUGLASS, intro. by Rayford W. Logan (Collier, paperback reprint).

CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL PROGRAM MANUAL and HEROINES OF THE BLUE AND GRAY, by David J. Harkness (pamphlet, U. of Tennessee, \$1).

THE CIVIL WAR AT SEA: Seapower's Decisive Influence on the Civil War, by E. M. Eller and Dudley W. Knox (pamphlet, Navy Historical Foundation).

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE BATTLE BETWEEN THE CSS VIRGINIA AND THE USS MONITOR on MARCH 9, 1862, by Flag Officer Franklin Buchanan, and **AN EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT OF THE BATTLE**, by Lt. Samuel Dana Green (pamphlet, Navy Historical Foundation).

DARING SEA WARRIOR: Franklin Buchanan, by George Fielding Eliot (Messner, \$3.25).

Bound Volumes **HARPER'S WEEKLY, 1861** (\$25), and **LESLIE'S WEEKLY** (\$30), Living History, Shenandoah, Ia. Reprints.

AMERICANS INTERPRET THEIR CIVIL WAR, by Thomas J. Pressley, Edited by J. S. Ozer (paper, Collier, \$1.50). How the history of the war has been written since it was fought.

AN ANALYSIS AND CRITIQUE OF THE UNION FINANCING OF THE CIVIL WAR, by Bert W. Rein (Amherst College Press, 64pp, paper, 95¢).

CIVIL WAR GUNS, by William B. Edwards (Stackpole, 450pp, \$15).

CONFEDERATE ARMS, by Albaugh and Simmons (Stackpole, \$12.50).

FEDERALS ON THE FRONTIER: The Diary of Benjamin F. McIntyre, 1862-1864, edited by Nannie M. Tilley, (U. of Texas, \$7.50).

LETTERS FROM LEE'S ARMY, Compiled by Susan Leigh Blackford (A.S.Barnes-Perpetua, 312pp, paper, \$2.25).

LINCOLN THE WRITER: The Development of His Literary Style, by Herbert J. Edwards and J. E. Hankins (U. of Maine Library, 117pp, paper, \$1).

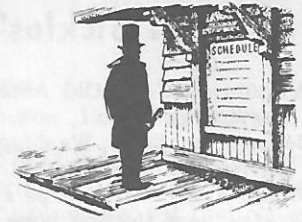
SAM HOUSTON: AMERICAN GIANT, by M. K. Wisheart (Robert B. Luce, \$10; prepublication \$8.95 to Dec. 31).

WEST POINT ATLAS OF THE CIVIL WAR (Praeger, \$12.50; prepublication \$9.95).

University of North Carolina Press: "True Tales of the South at War", edited by Clarence Poe; "A Virginia Yankee in the Civil War," edited by Cecil D. Eby, Jr.; "Four Years in the Confederate Artillery," edited by William H. Runge; "General Lee's Photographer: Michael Miley of Lexington, Va.," by Marshall Fishwick; "Disloyalty in the Confederacy", by George Lee Tatum.

Confederate Publishing Co.: "Confederate Marines", by James C. Gasser; "Colin J. McRae: Confederate Financial Agent", by Charles S. Davis.

FUTURE MEETINGS



Friday, Jan. 18 - Edward M. Coffman, "The Civil War Career of Captain Thomas H. Hines".

Thursday, Feb. 28 - David C. Mearns, "The Gettysburg Address: The Mysteries of the Manuscripts".

March - Col. Allen P. (Ned) Julian.

April - Robert W. Waitt, Jr.

May - James V. Murfin.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Dec. 9-15 - Fredericksburg, Va., commemoration of the battle, Dec. 13; Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, head of American Red Cross, in tribute to founder Clara Barton; open house at visitor center and conducted tour of battlefield; Civil War play, "The Lady of Lyons"; exhibits of the Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac railroad and of Currier and Ives prints.

Dec. 20 - Holly Springs, Miss., Centennial of Earl Van Dorn's raid.

Dec. 31-Jan. 2 - Murfreesboro, Tenn., Centennial of battle of Stone's River.

Dec. 26-Jan. 2 - Vicksburg, Miss., Centennial of Sherman's assault on Snyder's Bluff; "Gunboats 'Round the Bend" and Balfour Ball.

March 22-24 - Boston, Mass., Parker House, Sixth National Assembly of Civil War Centennial commissions.



GEORGE E. PARKS, secretary of the Union County Historical Society, 206 South Main St., Anna, Ill., has sent us two copies of his mimeographed booklet, **THE LONG WINTER**, inscribed "for the Chicago Civil War Round Table, which does much to keep alive the Best American Traditions". The booklet is Parks' study of the affairs of "the famed (or ill-famed) 109th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, of Union county (the regiment that had 28 officers cashiered out and 347 men deserters, after Holly Springs)". Holly Springs, December 20, 1862, was Van Dorn's raid that set back Grant's Vicksburg campaign six months. Persons who are interested in the 109th may obtain a copy of the booklet from Parks gratis.

THE OHIO Civil War Centennial commission has available for free distribution these leaflets on Ohio's part in the Civil War: (1) Buckeyes in Blue, Civil War Losses, Military Camps; (2) The Great Locomotive Chase; (3) The Squirrel Hunters, Hundred Days Men, First in War; (4) Morgan's Raid, First Ohio Invasion; (5) The Copperheads, Lake Erie Conspiracy; and (6) Ulysses S. Grant, Ohio Generals. The leaflets may be obtained by writing to Civil War, Ohio State Museum, Columbus 10, Ohio.

THE WAR 1861-1865, as depicted in Prints by Currier and Ives, a 36 page booklet, is available by writing to its publisher, The Nationwide Insurance Company, 246 N. High St., Columbus 16, Ohio. It contains a selection of reprints from the collection which Murray D. Lincoln, Nationwide's president started in 1937. Text for the 6 x 9 inch booklet is by Richard Harwell, a member of our CWRT who is now librarian of Bowdoin college.