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Edward M. Coffman on the "Notorious Captain Thomas H. Hines"-Jan. 18

THE FIRST MEETING of the new year will present Edward M. Coffman, of the history department of the University of Wisconsin, speaking on "The Civil War Career of Captain Thomas H. Hines".



Edward M. Coffman

This brings in the John Hunt Morgan raid across Indiana and Ohio, imprisonment of the Confederates, their escape, and other activities of "the notorious Captain Hines," including "The Northwest Conspiracy".

Prof. Coffman said: "I will give some attention to Hines' part in Chicago episodes, but I will still devote the bulk of the paper to the

prison escape. I will be glad to answer any questions about the conspiracy. I have a definite interpretation of the Northwest Conspiracy which I will mention."

Coffman is a Kentuckian and his home was within 75 miles of Hines' home. Coffman's study of Hines' career gives the picture that he was a quiet, unassuming man who was athletic, intelligent, and resembled the late author William Faulkner.

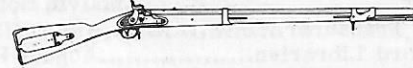
In June, 1862, Hines joined the Morgan cavalry, but he preferred to roam on his own in Kentucky. In February, 1863, he led the first of several groups of Confederates behind Union lines in raids, one being an unsuccessful attempt to capture Andrew Johnson, military governor of Tennessee.

On July 8, 1863, Morgan met Hines at Brandenburg, Ky., on the Ohio river. Hines was placed in charge of an advanced guard going into Indiana. After the raid through Indiana and Ohio, captured Confederates were put in the state prison at Columbus.

Study of two diaries enabled Coffman to pinpoint the prisoners' activities, with details even to cell numbers. Two factors favored an escape: an air passage under Hines' cell which relieved the problem of concealing dirt from the escape tunnel and a conflict through dual authority on the part of military and prison officials, which led to laxity of security and curtailed inspection. Hines obtained information on the length of corridors, height of walls, and other details.

All save two of the six men who escaped were successful in their flight south. In 1864, Hines made several trips to Canada with the hope of organizing the "Northwest Conspiracy", but it did not materialize. When the war ended he was in Kentucky and later in Canada. He was a lawyer, newspaper editor, and ran for governor of Kentucky, but was defeated. He died at 59.

Prof. Coffman attended the University of Kentucky and then served for 23 months as an infantry officer in the United States, Japan, and Korea. He returned to Kentucky to complete work on his doctorate and then taught at Memphis State university. He spent a year as research associate with the George C. Marshall foundation in Washington, D. C. He is in his second year at the



217th REGULAR MEETING

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Dr. Edward M. Coffman

on

"The Civil War Career of
Captain Thomas H. Hines"

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 1963

St. Clair Hotel
162 East Ohio Street

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



BATTLEFIELD TOUR PLANS JELL

Hal Hixson and Brooks Davis already have completed the general outline of our 13th Annual Battlefield Tour, April 24-28, to Richmond, and as the new year opens things will be quickly pinned down to details.

Takeoff by plane is Wednesday, April 24, then checking in at the Mark Monroe motel in Richmond. Richmond CWRT will be host at a cocktail party at Virginia House preceding dinner. Richmond CWRT and the National Park Service will provide guides for a tour of Seven Pines and Seven Days battlefields on Thursday. Friday will have tour of Richmond historical spots and Centennial Center. The dinner speech will be a briefing on Grant's 1864 campaign. Saturday the tour will start at Grant's crossing of the Pamunkey, a stop at Engleside plantation, Cold Harbor battlefield, and onward, stopping short of Petersburg, and returning through Fort Darling and Drewry's bluff of the 1862 campaign. A visit to Hollywood cemetery will be one of the features of the Sunday program before the flight home.

MEMBER JOSEPH BURKE was one of three judges of the Illinois Appellate court for the 1st district who were honored November 27 at a meeting of the Chicago Bar Association. The three had a combined judicial service of 105 years. Judge Burke was admitted to the bar in 1909, and has been on the bench ever since he was first elected to the Municipal court in 1922.

University of Wisconsin. His specialty is American military history. He is completing a biography of Peyton C. March, World War I U.S. army chief of staff.

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Markham to Compile Index

J. Ambler Johnston, chairman of the Richmond Civil War Centennial committee and an honorary member of our CWRT, announced in Chicago on December 10, the formation of a group to undertake indexing the "Papers of the Southern Historical Society". These are composed of 52 volumes of the writings of participants and historians of the Confederacy and are the most valuable source of published but non-indexed Confederate material. The Richmond committee is the sponsoring agency and members of the group are Johnston, George F. Markham, of Oconomowoc, Wis., E. B. (Pete) Long, and Ralph Newman, all members of Chicago CWRT, and Robert W. Waitt, Jr., executive secretary of the Richmond committee.

Markham will do the indexing. The work is projected as a 500 page book with more than 300,000 index references, and is scheduled for completion in November, 1964, with publication in June, 1965. Expense of production of the index (from \$25,000 to \$30,000) is being borne by the group itself. The cost of publication (about \$10,000) is yet to be financed. The group hopes that others will wish to share in the cost of publication.

Ambler believes "the index will be of lasting value to scholars and students for generations to come". Ralph Newman said, "This project is likely to be one of the three major permanent projects to come out of the Civil War Centennial, the other two being the 'Assembly of Letters of Jefferson Davis' and the 'Collected Writings of Ulysses S. Grant'".

James I. (Bud) Robertson, Jr., executive director of the national Civil War Centennial commission said, "The papers are especially important as a collection of personal reminiscences by the high and low in the Southern armies. As those in the field know painfully, however, using them for research purposes has to date been both laborious and exasperating."

Historians Bill I. Wiley and Frank Vandiver also lauded the project.

MONROE F. COCKRELL of our Round Table will speak to the March meeting of the Dayton (O.) CWRT.

from the
Editor's pen



For the December program, a panel discussion of "The Legal Aspects of the Civil War", the meeting hall was full of lawyers who gave of their talents freely in hurling questions at the panelists. Participants and spectators enjoyed the fray. To put it mildly, the discussion was spirited.

Due to withdrawals because of illness and other demanding obligations, the announced panel was not intact. Moderator Arnold Alexander and panelist Reuben Flacks were on hand as billed and Past President Elmer Gertz leaped into the breach to make it a troika.

Flacks and Gertz covered the range of suspension of writs of habeas corpus, trial of civilians by the military, the legalities of secession, and the Emancipation Proclamation. Panelists and questioners from the floor brought up numerous interesting cases that evolved from the war.

Ralph Newman, a member of the Civil War Centennial Commission of Illinois, announced that the commission at a meeting in Peoria had decided to supply funds for necessary restoration of the Illinois Memorial at Vicksburg, to put in good shape for the Vicksburg centennial in June and July.

The meeting pointed up a continuing difficulty. Only 55 reservations had been made, but 70 persons were present. This resulted in deficiencies in some courses of food. Please make a reservation or call WH-4-3085 if you plan to attend. Call to cancel if you cannot attend.

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Since the 5 cent postage rate was not effective until January 7, it was possible to mail this issue under the old rate. In this consideration, no cut was made in the mailing list. The cut will be effective in February. Members not paid up, please do so or send in notice of resignation. Persons on the courtesy list are invited to apply for membership. As is customary, the interim dues of \$7.50 for January 1 to June 30 is in effect. Members also are reminded that this is the time to propose new members.

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The Civil War Centennial Commission of Illinois on December 6 granted its Award of Merit to The Civil War Round Table of Chicago "for stimulating a deeper understanding of the Civil War period, for contributing to the general knowledge of the era, for encouraging patriotism, and for inspiring pride in our great American heritage." The award was signed by the commission chairman, Senator Hudson R. Sours.

PRISON CWRT, Richmond, Va., presented J. Ambler Johnston with an excellent replica of a Civil War Cannon skillfully put together by B. J. Wingo, a member. The cannon is a scale model of the 12 pound Napoleon. Friend Ambler helped Prison CWRT get started and has been a speaker several times. Joseph P. Cullen of Fredericksburg National Military park was a recent speaker. Members of Prison CWRT can't visit battlefields as others do. Recently dirt was brought into the penitentiary for a fill in the recreation yard. When the dirt was being raked, up came grape shot, a hand forged hook, a hand forged wagon spike, and a shell fragment. The dirt had been hauled in from an area of the Seven Pines battlefield.

CHILLICOTHE, Ohio, CWRT will visit DAYTON CWRT on February 5 in an exchange meeting and Truman Morris of Chillicothe will be the speaker on Robert E. Lee.

Firearms of the World

Members of Chicago Civil War Round Table are invited to Lincoln Federal Savings and Loan association on Sunday afternoon, January 13, 1963 to view an exhibit of "Firearms of the World" and hear a descriptive speech by our member Arnold Chernoff, owner of the collection of historic firearms.

This is the kind of program that is too extensive for one of our regular meetings and is a special project that can be viewed and enjoyed in the prepared setting.

Gun collecting is a hobby that many members admire, but cannot afford to pursue. Arnold has made it more than a hobby and at this gathering will share his possessions and knowledge with fellow members.

The collection includes fine examples of rifles and side arms, carving, engraving, and ornamentation. One is a very rare two shot over-and-under Kentucky rifle. Another is a gold inlaid derringer. There is an example of the Spencer repeating rifle which was introduced into the Civil War. And there are the Colts.

Chernoff is a native of Chicago and attended Marshall high, Wright junior college, and Roosevelt University. He has been a collector of antique firearms since the age of 11. He is known as a "collector's collector", he has assembled collections for museums, he has prepared many exhibits, he is a contributing editor and writer for gun magazines.

Our member Frank J. Kinst, head of Lincoln Federal, is host to the January 13 meeting. Refreshments will be served. In order that Frank may know how many to prepare for, there is a special reservation form included on the current reservation reply card.

NEW YORK STATE and THE CIVIL WAR, September-October number, has a full account of Emancipation Proclamation Centennial events that were carried on in New York, at Antietam, and Washington, D.C. The booklet prints an architect's design of the permanent shrine for New York's copy of the proclamation in Abraham Lincoln's writing that will be placed in the rotunda of the state library at Albany.

In telling of the Ulysses S. Grant association founded by the Civil War Centennial commissions of New York, Ohio, and Illinois to collect and publish a two volume selection of Grant's letters, it is pointed out that Grant was born in Ohio, left Illinois to enter the Civil War, and lived, died and was buried in New York. Our CWRT founder Ralph G. Newman is association president. Vice Presidents include Bruce Catton, David C. Means, and T. Harry Williams, our Clyde C. Walton is treasurer. Carl Haverlin is secretary of the board of directors. Allan Nevins heads the editorial board.

SALT CREEK CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE, whose members are mainly from Lombard and Glen Ellyn, is issuing a one page mimeograph newsletter. Secretary is Mrs. Howard E. Steele, 316 Anthony St., Glen Ellyn, Ill. Membership at present is about 35, but the group is seeking more. For its January 24 meeting SC CWRT will visit Freedom Hall in Oak Park.

ROBERT S. HARPER, 63, executive secretary of the Ohio Civil War Centennial commission died of a heart ailment, December 5. He prepared a number of pamphlets recently published by the centennial commission and the Ohio historical society.

A MONUMENT to Christopher Gustavus Memminger, first secretary of the treasury of the Confederate states, has been dedicated in the churchyard of St. John-in-the-Wilderness at Flat Rock, N. C., where he is buried. Memminger was born in Wuertemberg, Germany.

BULLETIN BOARD

A group of CWRT stalwarts have been gathering Thursday noons for luncheon at Chicago Press Club and talking over Civil War and Round Table subjects. Other members are welcome to join the group when the time is convenient. Ralph Newman and other CWRT members who are Press Club members are hosts. And the check is Dutch treat.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Robert E. Cleveland to: 29 S. LaSalle St., Chicago 3; August Payne to: 2806 N. Keating Ave., Chicago.

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DECEASED: Dr. Charles W. Olsen, Dec. 1, 1962.

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

ROBERT CROMIE, Chicago Sunday Tribune Magazine of Books editor, is quite a toastmaster. A listener complimented him with the remark, "Your introduction was better than the speaker's address."

The remark got into the conversation at home.

Son Ricky, who, like his mother, Alice, has a considerable devotion to the Civil War, piped up:

"Lucky for Mr. Lincoln that Pop wasn't at Gettysburg."

TENTATIVE PLANS for the centennial of the Battle of Gettysburg call for a four-day program beginning on July 1 with an address by the governor of Pennsylvania and ending July 4 with an address by President Kennedy. July 2 will be devoted to an official parade and to rededications by individual states. On July 3, a symbolic commemoration of Pickett's charge will be held.

A VISITOR CENTER AND MUSEUM is under construction at Fort Pulaski in Georgia. When completed next summer, it will have 20 exhibits telling the running story of the military activities on Cockspar Island from the period prior to the war up to the present. The road system and parking area have been done over under the direction of Ralston B. Lattimore, National Park Service superintendent.

EDITORIAL OFFICES of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review, journal of the country's largest American history association, will move to Indiana University next July 1. Oscar O. Winther and Chase C. Mooney, senior professors in American history, will edit the quarterly. Editorial offices have been at Tulane University, New Orleans for 16 years. The quarterly is distributed to 5,400 members.

BUGLES IN A DREAM is the title of a scholarly monograph on Du Page county in the Civil War, written by Dr. Royal J. Schmidt, professor of history and political science at Elmhurst college. The title is a phrase from B. F. Taylor's Civil War writings. Acknowledgements include credits to our members Fred Evers and E. B. (Peté) Long and to Helmut A. Berens, long the mainstay of historical study in Du Page county. There is a limited number of copies of the 32 page booklet for sale at \$1.25 from the Du Page County Historical Society, 134 S. Kenilworth Ave., Elmhurst, or at the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop.

THE NEW BOOKS



BY SEA AND BY RIVER: The Naval History of the Civil War, by Rear Adm. Bern Anderson (Knopf, 303pp, \$5.95).

THE CONFEDERATE VETERAN, By William W. White (Limited edition, 128pp, paper, \$4, Confederate Study No. 22, Tuscaloosa, Ala.)

ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND THE JEWS, by Naphtali J. Rubinger (Jonathan David, New York, 75pp, \$3.75).

FLORIDA BREEZES: Florida, New and Old, by Ellen Call Long (U. of Florida Press, 401pp, \$8.50).

RINKAN (Lincoln), by Toshiko Yamanushi (Populussha, Tokyo, 177pp). Biographical tales for Children.

A.P.HILL, by William W. Hassler (Garrett & Massie, revised edition).

BILLY YANK, by Bell I. Wiley (Bobbs-Merrill, Charter paperback, \$2.45).

MADAME CASTEL'S LODGER, by Frances Parkinson Keyes (Farrar, Straus & Cudahy, 471pp, \$5.50). A fictionalized biography of Beauregard.

WORLDWIDE LINCOLN STAMPS AND COVERS, edited and sold by Col. Randle Bond Truett, 1622 N. Harrison St., Arlington, Va. (35pp, for stamps of 15 countries, \$4).

HENRICO HOME FRONT, by James H. Bailey (300pp, paper, \$3, Information and Research Officer, Henrico County, 22nd and Main St., Richmond, Va.) Life in the county from May, 1860, through April, 1865, based on minute books of Henrico county court.

GUIDE TO FEDERAL ARCHIVES RELATING TO THE CIVIL WAR (721pp, \$3, Supt. of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C.)

THE ORIGIN OF THE LAND-GRANT COLLEGES AND STATE UNIVERSITIES, by Allan Nevins (29pp, free, National Civil War Centennial commission, 700 Jackson place, N. W., Washington 25, D.C.)

TENNESSEE IN THE CIVIL WAR, 28 minute film, State Centennial Commission, Library and Archives Building, Nashville, Tenn.

TEXANA, quarterly, articles on Texas history, Robert Davis, editor, Col. H. B. Simpson and Sam Lanham (\$3, Davis Bros. Publishing Co., Box 1684, Waco, Tex.)

MEADE'S PIPE CREEK LINE, 1863, by Frederick S. Klein, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa. Klein, who is curator of Union Mills Homestead in Westminster, Md., presents a study of Meade's detailed plans for a showdown with Lee which were then abandoned as the Battle for Gettysburg unfolded. As Klein put it, "Meade faced more problems in his first 48 hours as commander than any other Civil War General."

CIVIL WAR TIMES Illustrated for December had a feature article, "How Porter's Flotilla Ran the Gantlet Past Vicksburg", by Edwin C. Bearss and Warren E. Grabau, with full detail and illustrations. Among other notable articles were a profile on Frederick Douglass by Larry Gara and "Johnston vs. Sherman" by Allan Keller.

EFFIE MONA MACK, a Nevada historian, calls attention to her state's part in the Civil War: "Thirteen forts and camps were there, soldiers keeping open the only transcontinental road and guarding gold and silver from local mines going forward to the U. S. Treasury - and - Nevada's premature assumption of statehood to give President Lincoln three congressional votes needed to adopt the 13th amendment".

FUTURE MEETINGS



Thursday, Feb. 28 - "The Gettysburg Address: The Mysteries of the Manuscripts", David C. Mearns, Chief of Manuscript Division, The Library of Congress.

Friday, March 22 - "Snake Creek Gap: The Historians and the Principles of War", Col. Allen P. (Ned) Julian, director of Atlanta Historical Society.

Thursday, April 11 - "Sin and the Civil War, or the Kinsey Report of the War", Robert W. Waitt, Jr., executive secretary, Richmond Civil War Centennial committee.

Friday, May 17 - "Antietam", James V. Murfin, business manager, Civil War Times Illustrated.

SPECIAL EVENTS

January 13 - "Famous Firearms of the World", speech by Arnold Chernoff and display of his collection at Lincoln Federal Savings and Loan association, 6635 Cermak Rd., Berwyn, Frank J. Kinst, host.

February-March - United States Marine Corps Civil War exhibit in Centennial Center, Richmond, Va.

March 22 - Boston, Mass., Parker House, 6th National Assembly of Civil War Centennial commissions.

April 7 - Mansfield, La., commemoration of the battle; living sons of Confederate and Union veterans will be featured.

April 18 - Fayetteville, Ark., centennial of the battle.

April 24-28 - 13th Annual Battlefield Tour of Chicago CWRT, to Richmond, Va., and area.

May 1 - Port Gibson, Miss., centennial of the battle.

May 4 - Commemoration of the battle of Chancellorsville; premiere showing of film, "Stonewall Jackson's Way"; dedication of new National Park Visitor Center; May 5 - Battlefield tour; May 10 - Ceremonies honoring Jackson at Virginia Military Institute; May 11 - at Guiney's Station; May 12 - at Richmond, opening of exhibit at Centennial Center.

May 31 - Dedication of Pea Ridge National Military Park, Rogers, Ark., Supt. John T. Willett, Historian Dwight E. Stinson.



IN THE 1930s, Chris Walker of the Melbourne Sun purchased a Confederate flag at Gettysburg and took it back to Australia with him. He became known for the flag that he carried with him everywhere. In World War II allied troops moved into North Africa, among them Chris Walker. His squad was wiped out by artillery fire and all of the men so badly mutilated that none could be identified. All except one. A Confederate flag on the body of one of the soldiers identified Chris Walker.

The CWRT of LONDON, England, has issued Supplement No. 1, which is a paper on Nathan Bedford Forrest, "The Good Fighter", read by A. H. Hall at the London Round Table's meeting on Aug. 26, 1961.