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Charles L. Dufour - "Henry Hotze: Rebel Propagandist" - June 14

On Friday, June 14, Charles L. (Pie) Dufour will speak on "Henry Hotze: Rebel Propagandist." His talk is based on a chapter from his new book, "Nine Men in Gray", which has the biographies of nine Confederate heroes.



Charles L. Dufour

Dufour was our speaker on Ladies' night, December 6, 1960, when he spoke on "The Night the War Was Lost", April 24, 1862, when Flag Officer David Farragut took his Union gunboats up the Mississippi to New Orleans.

Another Dufour book that has popular favor is "Gentle Tiger - The Gallant Life of Roberdeau Wheat," the biography of a soldier of fortune and leader of the notorious "Louisiana Tigers". "Pie" is working on a book on Louisiana for Harper and Row's Regions of America series and "A Compact History of the Mexican War" for Hawthorn Books.

He writes a daily column, "Pie Dufour's - A La Mode" for the New Orleans States-Item and doubles as music critic.

In choosing Henry Hotze for his talk, Dufour will be dealing with the South's most successful public relations expert abroad. Hotze, a young man of Mobile, was sent to Britain to explain and persuade for the cause. Hotze struck up friendships among leading journalists and got a hearing in England's leading papers. Then he established The Index to promote the Confederate cause. This, too, had success. Hotze extended some propaganda to France and Germany.

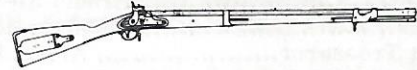
Hotze is the only nonmilitary man in "Nine Men in Gray". The others are Richard Taylor, E. P. Alexander, William Mahone, Turner Ashby, Pat Cleburne, "Savez" Read, Willie Pegram, and Lucius B. Northrop.

Hotze has his echo in present day England. The Confederate Research Club - now the American Civil War Round Table of London - named its publication The New Index.

Dufour is one of the founders of the New Orleans CWRT. Recently he said: "The beauty of our CWRT is that nobody knows where the by-laws are. I wrote 'em, based on Chicago and Washington, and, once accepted, they have disappeared. We endorse nothing, solicit nothing, do nothing except meet at a dinner once a month, hear a talk - about 4 out of 10 are by members, the others by out-of-towners - question the speaker and go home. We also annually make a field trip. We have 80 members in good standing".

"Pie" was born and educated in New Orleans and is a graduate of Tulane university where he is sometimes a lecturer. He started in 1924 as a newspaperman. Later he had a sports radio program. He left for service in World War II. Afterward, he did a stint in advertising before returning to the States-Item.

Officers for 1963-64 will be installed at the June meeting.



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Charles L. Dufour

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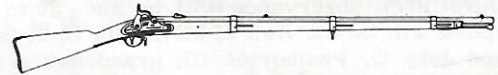
"Henry Hotze: Rebel Propagandist"

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FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 1963

St. Clair Hotel
162 East Ohio Street

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



ABNER DOUBLEDAY is credited with inventing baseball. Whether he did or not, the Civil War Round Table will commemorate his greatest day - and baseball, too. One hundred years ago July 1, the first day at Gettysburg, Maj. Gen. John F. Reynolds, commanding I Corps of the Army of the Potomac, came out of the woods and was killed by a sharpshooter. Maj. Gen. Abner Doubleday took over I Corps and commanded it creditably. July 1, 1963, our Round Table will attend the Cubs-White Sox game at Comiskey park and raise a cheer for Doubleday. Details will be mailed.

MORGAN'S INDIANA-OHIO RAID will be recalled with a boat trip, barbecue, gala decorations, and attire of 100 years ago in a program sponsored by Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio and arranged by the Louisville Centennial committee. Governors of the three states will take part. The Belle of Louisville, a paddle-wheeler, will leave Louisville at 9 a.m. July 13 and arrive in Brandenburg, Ky. about 1 p.m. for barbecue and the main address will be by Dr. A. D. Kirwan, University of Kentucky. Price for entire day \$6. For further information, write Frank G. Rankin, chairman, P. O. Box 1861, Louisville 1, Ky.

TENNESSEE is planning three 1963 centennial observances. The first is a motorcade on July 6, recalling the Chattanooga campaign. It will move from Beech Grove, the first contact between hostile forces, to Seewanee, scene of the last contact. On Sept. 19, the battle of Chickamauga will be commemorated. This is a day before the actual centennial. The Georgia commission is arranging the program for Sept. 20. For the commemoration of the battle of Missionary Ridge, selected students from area high schools, will give brief talks identifying local landmarks with the action.

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VICKSBURG AND GETTYSBURG

Centennials of Vicksburg and Gettysburg come this summer.

VICKSBURG'S observance will be June 30 to July 4. A high point will be the visit of Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant III (ret.) and John C. Pemberton III, grandsons of the two generals in the siege and surrender. Illinois gave Grant more men than any other state. Illinois Civil War Centennial commission provided \$10,000 to clean and tuck-point the Vicksburg Illinois Memorial which is regarded as the most beautiful in any military park.

Attractions at Vicksburg include the military park visitor center and museum, Old Court House museum, the Steamer Sprague, and artifacts from the ironclad Cairo which lies in the Yazoo river.

This year for the first time a person will be able to follow Grant's route from Milliken's Bend all through the campaign. Markers start near Tallulah, La., and go south to St. Joseph, La. A barge ferry for cars and passengers, new this year, leaves once each hour for a point below Bruinsburg where Grant landed on the Mississippi side of the river. Grant's march and historical markers are placed for the Battle of Port Gibson - Windsor ruins, Widow's Creek, the A. K. Shaifer house, the site of Magnolia church, Willow Creek, the plantation road, Willow Springs, Hankinson's ferry, and Rocky Springs - then on to the battles of Raymond and Jackson and back through Clinton, Edwards station, Champion Hill, the Big Black, and Vicksburg.

GETTYSBURG is preparing for huge crowds from July 1 to 4. Parking for 80,000 cars is being arranged at Eternal Light Peace Memorial and the Visitor Center. "Vignettes of History" recalling battle episodes will be presented daily from 9 a.m. to noon. The locomotive "The General" will be on display from June 28 to July 4. The first day, Governors' day, two tracts of battlefield land will be presented to the National Park Service. A grand historical parade will move on the second day. On the third day 1,000 North-South Skirmishers and others will simulate Pickett's charge. Patriotic ceremonies will be held July 4 at the Eternal Light.

*from the
Editor's pen*



Our highest award, honorary life membership, was presented to Newton C. Farr at the May 17 meeting. The presentation was made by Hal Hixson, a new life member himself. Farr was a founder of Chicago CWRT, president in 1946-47, present on almost all battlefield tours, and always has been an active and enthusiastic member.

Dr. Vernon Schick, chairman, reported for the donations committee (see Richmond tour story). A report of the education committee will be made in the fall. Chairman C. Robert Douglas reported for the nominations committee with corrections in the printed slate. The new officers were voted in unanimously (see column 1). The traditional gavel was presented to outgoing President Warren Reeder, Jr., along with a set of Dyer's Compendium. This presentation was made by incoming President H. George Donovan.

James V. Murfin extended the greetings of Hagerstown CWRT of which he is a member and past president and of CIVIL WAR TIMES Illustrated, of which he is business manager. Murfin spoke on the "Importance of Lee's Lost Orders." Murfin asserted that between September 9 and 16 the battle of Antietam was decided. This devolved from the finding on September 13 of Lee's special order No. 191 wrapped around some cigars. The order was written on September 9. The knowledge contained in the order aided McClellan's battle moves. Seventy-five members and guests attended the meeting.

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Brig. Gen. Manus McCloskey (ret.) died May 11 at 89 years in a nursing home in Washington D. C. Funeral services were in Fort Myer chapel and burial in Arlington National Cemetery. He was one of our old time members, well remembered for his ruddy, smiling face, bubbling humor and friendliness. He moved to Washington only a few years ago. He was graduated from West Point in 1898 and had a service career in Cuba, the Philippines, China, the Mexican border, and World War I. He was wounded in the Philippines and France. He had numerous duties in the United States in his 40 year military career, including commands of Fort Sheridan and Fort Bragg. He held numerous military honors. On leaving the army he was superintendent of Cook County hospital from 1938 to 1947. He received national note for an incident in France. A French battery was withdrawing when McCloskey arrived with his battery. The Frenchman suggested retreat. McCloskey's reply was: "Retreat, hell! We just got here!"

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A letter from Stewart W. Newsom, secretary of Prison CWRT, Richmond, Va., said in part: "Thank you very much for visiting us. We all regret that there was not more time available. All of the talks were enjoyed by the entire group. Being presented with the Distinguished Service Award was something entirely unexpected, and is greatly appreciated. When it was handed to me for the group I was so dumbfounded that I was unable to reply, I could only mumble, 'Thank You.' You can be sure that it will be given a place of honor. The Chicago CWRT has been of great help to us."

Prison CWRT has a small, but steadily growing Civil War library. Gift books can be sent to Prison Civil War Round Table, c/o Mr. J. F. Featherston, 500 Spring St., Richmond 19, Va. Prison CWRT does not have the mailing funds to exchange newsletters with all CWRT's but would like to receive any volunteer mailings to the above address.

Surprises on Richmond Tour



J. Ambler Johnston, Jerry Slechta, H. George Donovan, Warren Reeder, and C. Robert Douglas at start of tour from the battlefield visitor center.

Driver, Drive on! That marching order by J. Ambler Johnston sparked the Richmond Battlefield Tour, April 24-28.

Our campaigners flew from Chicago to Baltimore on TWA, but there Eastern lacked spaces for twelve and they had to proceed by various means. They missed the Richmond CWRT cocktail party at the Commonwealth Club, and some missed dinner at Mark Monroe motel headquarters. Tour co-chairmen Hal Hixson and Brooks Davis were toastmasters until the delayed arrival of President Warren Reeder.

On April 25, some women made the Richmond Garden tour and that day and the next some men and women visited Colonial Williamsburg. The main party was welcomed at Richmond Battlefields' Visitor Center by Supt. Wallace T. Stephens and Historian William Kay and given orientation instruction.

Then the "Seven Days Battles" tour began at Chickahominy bluff and continued through Mechanicsville, Beaver Dam Creek, Gaines' Mill, Savage Station, Glendale, White Oak Swamp, Malvern Hill, and Fort Harrison. Box lunch was had at Byrd airport on the site of the Battle of Fair Oaks.

With Warren Reeder presiding at the dinner meeting, Ralph Newman presented Sheppard Confederate soldier prints to the "survivors of Eastern Air Lines scheduling" - Peter Brown, Donald Burhans, Miner Coburn, Robert Douglas, G. J. Gumerman, John Hunter, Lester Joseph, Elmer Pendarvis, Warren Reeder, Jerry Slechta, Elmer Underwood, and John Wilhelm. C. Hobson Goddin spoke on "Richmond, 1861-65", the title of a booklet he wrote.

Friday was a day of pleasant surprises. The old locomotive "The General" was in town and the party was divided into two groups for tours down the line from Broad Street station. Then historic Richmond sites were visited - Battle Abbey, Monument avenue, the Centennial Center of the Virginia Civil War commission, the site of Libby prison, the Confederate White House, and the Medical museum. Lunch was at the Mark Monroe.

At Hollywood cemetery, President Reeder placed a wreath at the grave of Dr. Douglas Southall Freeman. Mrs. Inez Freeman responded, saying that her husband had regarded the Chicago CWRT highly. The group visited the grave of President Jefferson Davis and some others. From a height overlooking the James river and the site of the Tredegar Iron Works, a Johns Hopkins doctoral candidate, Charles Dew, spoke on the plant's operations. A spectacular warehouse fire in the background made an unusual setting.

J. F. Featherston, educational director, welcomed a small party to Virginia state penitentiary for a regular meeting of the Prison Civil War Round Table. Ambler Johnston was master of ceremonies. President Reeder

BULLETIN BOARD

AUTOGRAPHING PARTIES: Saturday, June 8, at 1 p.m., Bruce Catton, author, and E. B. (Pete) Long, director of research, "Terrible Swift Sword", Vol. II of the Centennial History of the Civil War.

Friday, June 14, at 3 p.m., Charles L. (Pie) Dufour, author of "Nine Men in Gray"; Dr. James I. (Bud) Robertson, Jr., author of "The Stonewall Brigade", and S. I. Neiman, author of "Judah Benjamin".

The autographing will be at the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop, 18 East Chestnut St. Robertson is executive director of the National Civil War Centennial commission. Neiman is a member of our CWRT. Dufour is our speaker that evening.

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The present Courtesy mailing list will be dropped after this issue and a new one started in the fall. Persons on the present list are invited to write to the secretary for membership applications.

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HONORARY AWARD MEMBERS: Newton C. Farr, 111 W. Washington St., Chicago 2; Hal B. Hixson, 404 S. Adams St., Hinsdale, Ill.

NEW MEMBERS: Henry B. Goldt, 1029 Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago 40; Otto Kerner, Executive Mansion, Springfield, Ill.; Win Stracke, 411 W. Eugenie St., Chicago 10.

DECEASED: Brig. Gen. Manus McCloskey, May 11, in Washington D. C.

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

introduced members of the party. Gilbert Twiss spoke on the history of the CWRT and newsletters. Ralph Newman spoke on the fascination of Civil War studies. There was a lively question period, mostly on Ben (Beast) Butler. Hal Hixson presented Chicago CWRT's Distinguished Service Award to Chairman U. L. Powell and Secretary Stewart W. Newsom. Editor Willis L. Grove supplied copies of the Prison CWRT newsletter for all of our touring party.

At dinner at the Mark Monroe, President Reeder presented Distinguished Service Awards to the Virginia Civil War commission, the Richmond Civil War Centennial Committee, the Richmond Battlefield Park, and William F. Mallory, C. Hobson Goddin, Jack Stinson, Robert Waitt, and Napoleon E. (Nip) Warriner of Richmond CWRT for aiding the tour. Others who aided as guides were W. W. Jones, James Keller, Julian Bragg, and Stuart G. Christian.

A special award was made to Ambler Johnston, a copy of "Memoirs of the War of '76", by Henry Lee, edited and with a biography by Robert E. Lee and inscribed by him in 1869.

Hal Hixson could only reply, "I am overwhelmed", when he was presented with Chicago CWRT's Honorary Award membership.

Democratic Senator Ralph Yarborough of Texas received the Distinguished Service Award. He spoke on "Some Irregular Notes on the History of the Douglas

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THE NEW BOOKS



THE STRUGGLES OF PETROLEUM V. NASBY, by David Ross Locke, original illustrations by Thomas Nast, abridged edition, selected, edited and with an intro. by Joseph Jones (Beacon Press, Boston, \$2.45).

ULYSSES S. GRANT CHRONOLOGY, by John Y. Simon, intro. by Bruce Catton (The Ohio Historical Society for the Ulysses S. Grant Association and Ohio Centennial Commission, 39pp, paper, \$1.50).

NAVAL SURGEON: BLOCKADING THE SOUTH, 1862-1866, by Samuel P. Boyer, edited by Elinor and James A. Barnes, intro. by Allan Nevins (Indiana U., 400pp, \$10). Diary, life of the fleet, medical practice of the time, and Union's naval efforts.

THE CIVIL WAR IN LOUISIANA, by John D. Winters (Louisiana State, 488pp, \$10).

CONFEDERATE HANDGUNS, by Albaugh, Benet, and Simmons, illus. (Riling & Lewis, 272pp, \$20).

ABRAHAM LINCOLN, by D. W. Brogan (Schocken, paper, \$1.95).

BEARDLESS PORTRAITS OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN, by R. Gerald McMurty (Lincoln National Life Foundation, Fort Wayne, Ind.)

THE BATTLE OF PORT GIBSON, by Edwin C. Bearss (May 2 issue of *The Reveille*, Port Gibson, Miss., 10¢).

MEDICINES FOR THE UNION ARMY, by George Winston Smith (American Institute of the History of Pharmacy, Madison, Wis., 120pp, paper \$2.75).

THE WAR DOG, by John D. Lippy, Jr. (Telegraph Press, Harrisburg, Pa., 38pp, \$1). The 11th Pennsylvania's terrier mascot.

THE ARTILLERY OF NATHAN BEDFORD FOREST'S CAVALRY, by John Watson Morton (Continental Book, Kennesaw, Ga., 374pp, \$10).

BUILDER OF LINCOLN'S HOME: PAGE EATON, edited by Wayne C. Temple (Lincoln Memorial U., Harrogate, Tenn., 8pp, \$1).

A SOLDIER'S LIFE: THE CIVIL WAR EXPERIENCES OF BEN C. JOHNSON, edited by Alan S. Brown (Western Michigan U., Kalamazoo, 122pp, paper \$1).

THE CIVIL WAR LETTERS OF COL. HANS CHRISTIAN HEG, edited by Theodore C. Blegen (Norwegian-American Hist. Assn., Northfield, Minn., \$4). Service with the 15th Wisconsin.

CONFEDERATE LETTERS OF JOHN W. HAGAN, edited by Bell I. Wiley (U. of Georgia Press, paper \$1.50).

MINUTE MEN OF PENNSYLVANIA, by Milton V. Burgess (Morrison's Cove Herald, Martinsburg, Pa., 89pp, \$5). They harassed Lee's march to Gettysburg.

SURPRISES ON RICHMOND TOUR Cont'd from Page 3
Brigade," the only battery from Texas that served east of the Mississippi river.

Saturday's touring began at Marlbourne, the estate of Edmund Ruffin who was one of the first to fire at Fort Sumter. Members viewed his grave on a knoll overlooking the fields where he developed marl as a fertilizer and attained fame as an agriculturist. At the mansion dating from 1840, the party was greeted by A. W. Broadus, a great-grandson of Ruffin, and Mrs. Broadus.

From Cold Harbor visitor center, campaigners walked across the field of fire from the Confederate positions to the Union side and back again. Box lunch was had on the lawn of the Carthright house. From there the tour followed the route of Hancock's corps to Wilcox's Landing, using maps prepared by the Prison CWRT.

Next stop was Berkeley plantation, ancestral home

FUTURE MEETINGS



SPECIAL EVENTS

June 2 - Dedication, Natchez Trace Parkway Visitor Center, Tupelo, Miss.

June 9 - At Fort Delaware, Civil War prison camp on Peapatch island, near Delaware City, Sham battle by 200 members of North-South Skirmish association.

June 13 - Madison CWRT at Jefferson, Wis., speaker James I. (Bud) Robertson, Jr.

June 15 - Philadelphia Lincoln-Civil War Society, field trip to Union Mills, Md.

June 23-30 - Carlisle, Pa., Commemoration of entry of Jeb Stuart's cavalry during the Gettysburg campaign.

June 28-30 - Fifth Annual Assembly of Civil War Round Tables, at Holiday West motel, Junction of U.S. 15 and Pennsylvania turnpike.

June 30-July 4 - Commemoration of Vicksburg surrender.

July 1-4 - Battle commemoration at Gettysburg, Pa.

July 6 - Beech Grove, Tenn., motorcade to Sewanee, recalling the Chatanooga campaign.

July 9 - Surrender of Port Hudson, La.

July 13 - Louisville, Ky., Belle of Louisville steamer trip to Brandenburg, Ky., commemorating start of John Hunt Morgan raid.

Aug. 3 - Illinois New Salem park, evening, dedication of Lincoln Heritage Trail.

Aug. 16-Sept. 3 - McCormick Place, Chicago, American Negro Emancipation Centennial Authority (ANECA) exhibit.

Sept. 19-20 - Chattanooga-Chickamauga commemoration.

Sept. 25 - 150th meeting of Milwaukee CWRT, Bruce Catton speaker.



of the Presidents Harrison, site of the First Thanksgiving, and campground where "Taps" was composed. We crossed the James by ferry to visit the site of Capt. Parker's battery and then the emplacements on Drewry's bluff that turned back the federal gunboats.

At dinner President Reeder presented checks to Virginia Historical Society to use for bookbinding and historical markers, to the Eastern National Park Service for its nonappropriated services fund, and to the Confederate Memorial association for its White House museum. A telegram was read from the Hon. Joseph W. Crovenay, expressing regrets that he could not be present. It was fun night and Bob Waitt took over as master of ceremonies, making many humorous awards. Special music and dancing closed the evening.

After a special Sunday brunch, the party boarded buses which passed historic sites on the way to Baltimore. This time everyone got on the plane.

The Fifth Annual Assembly of Civil War Round Tables will be held June 28-30 at the Holiday West Motel, at the junction of U. S. 15 and the Pennsylvania turnpike, with Dr. Bell I. Wiley as the main speaker. For information write the Harrisburg CWRT, P. O. Box 1091, Harrisburg, Pa.