

THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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Gilbert E. Govan - "The President and The General" - October 25

Gilbert E. Govan, author of several books who was our guide at Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, and Missionary Ridge on our 1956 battlefield tour to Chattanooga and Atlanta, will speak to our meeting on Friday, October 25. He is librarian emeritus of the University of Chattanooga, having retired last year after 28 years' service.



Gilbert E. Govan

His paper, "The President and The General", will be a discussion of Jefferson Davis and Joseph Eggleston Johnston. He notes that "Johnston as a Confederate general in command first of the Army of Northern Virginia and then of the Army of Tennessee was the only general to have command of both the principal armies of the Confederacy".

Johnston's career, Mr. Govan says, "reflects the difficulties experienced by all Confederate commanders about supplies, transportation and communication."

"But for most students of the war, the greater interest goes to the clash of temperament or personality between these two great southern figures. Were their differences based entirely on an enmity of long standing? And what was the evidence of them? How did they influence decisions in Richmond and in the field?"

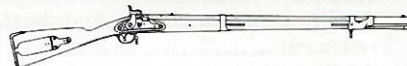
These are some of the questions Mr. Govan proposes to discuss.

He is co-author with Dean James W. Livingood of the University of Chattanooga of "The University of Chattanooga: Sixty Years," "The Chattanooga Country, 1540-1962, from Tomahawks to T V A" (a new edition was published last June to bring it up to date), and "A Different Valor: The Story of General Joseph E. Johnston, C.S.A." Govan and Livingood edited and annotated "The Haskell Memoirs: The Personal Narrative of a Confederate Officer."

Mr. Govan is a native of Atlanta, although with antecedents reaching back to South Carolina, Virginia, Massachusetts and New Hampshire. He has been book editor of the Chattanooga Times since 1931. He is a member of the Tennessee Historical commission and the Tennessee Civil War Centennial commission.

THE \$150 DONATION by Chicago CWRT at the time of the battlefield tour to Richmond, is forming what may be called "seed corn" for marking purposes, J. Ambler Johnston writes. "With several ramifications, it has finally been turned over to the United States government's National Park Service, earmarked for development of Parker's battery," Ambler says. "In my years of experience with such things, I have seen such seed grow to maturity and all that this Parker's battery site needed was a little recognition."

Reconstruction of the old Appomattox Court House is in progress.



224th REGULAR MEETING

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Gilbert E. Govan

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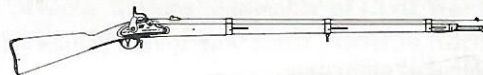
"The President and The General"

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1963

St. Clair Hotel
162 East Ohio Street

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



DR. WAYNE C. TEMPLE, editor of the Lincoln Herald, was awarded the Lincoln Diploma of Honor, at the commencement exercises of Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tenn., on June 3. He is director of the department of Lincolniana. Congressman Fred Schwengel was the commencement speaker and received the Algeron Sydney Sullivan Medallion and scroll in recognition of his public works.

CENTENNIAL CENTER, Richmond, Va., September through November, has a special exhibit on Civil War prisons. Prominent are three of the most notorious prison doors - one from Libby prison, Richmond, on which scores of Union officers carved their names or initials; the iron-barred door of the casemate at Fortress Monroe where Jefferson Davis was imprisoned, and the door to the cell aboard the ship from which Mary Surratt was taken to be hanged for complicity in the assassination of President Lincoln. Also to be seen are the implements used by Gen. John Hunt Morgan to dig his way out of the Ohio State prison and the bathrobe Davis wore during his imprisonment.

A HALF YEARLY rate of \$1.50 for the period ending Dec. 31 is in effect for membership in the Confederate Historical Society. Persons interested can send the dues to Secretary Kenneth M. Broughton, 2, Fairleigh drive, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, England. The annual rate is \$3. The society's tie, black, with narrow stripes of cadet grey and old gold, may be purchased for \$1.50, and the lapel badge, a reproduction in gilt and enamels of the Great Seal of the Confederacy, is available at \$1.

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BATTLEFIELD TOUR, April 29-May 3, 1964,
to Baton Rouge and New Orleans - C. Robert
Douglas and Ralph G. Newman, co-chairmen; all
officers are members; Al Meyer and Brooks
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chairman, T. Harry Williams and Edward Cun-
ningham; New Orleans - Charles L. Dufour, chair-
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JAMES I. ROBERTSON, Jr., executive director of the
National Civil War Centennial Commission, has relin-
quished his section, The Continuing War, in CIVIL WAR
HISTORY. He began doing the section five years ago when
he was editor of the quarterly. Now it is being taken over
by Robert Dykstra, the current editor.

STONEWALL JACKSON'S WAY, a 27 minute film,
portrays the career of Jackson from his arrival at Har-
pers Ferry in May, 1861, to his death in 1863. Title of
film is from wartime marching song. Sound track has
For information on rental or purchase, write Virginia
Civil War Centennial commission, Centennial Center,
Richmond 19, Va. Also available, a 15-minute film,
"The Character of Robert E. Lee."

A HOOKER-MEADE souvenir half-dollar, commem-
orating the June 28, 1863, shift of command of the Army
of the Potomac from Gen. Joseph Hooker to Gen. George
C. Meade, has been issued by the Frederick (Md.) County
Civil War Centennial, Inc. The medals are 50¢ each, plus
an additional 25¢ mailing charge for five or less. Orders
should be sent to Civil War Headquarters, Francis Scott
Key Hotel, Frederick, Md.

from the
Editor's pen



The attendance of 169 members and guests, one of the
largest in our history, was the salute to Bruce Catton,
speaker at the September 26 meeting. Bruce responded
in his easy, pleasant, "at home" style, talking on "Politi-
tics and the Army of the Potomac." The army was held
in Washington too long and got enmeshed in politics. It
had intense devotion to Gen. George B. McClellan - a
faith nurtured in camps, not based on victory. He resisted
the efforts of government figures to push him into action.
McClellan himself leaned to the conservative leaders of
the Democratic party. He preferred victory deferred to
a triumph for the abolitionists. The Emancipation Procl-
amation was a crisis - soldiers and leaders who had been
fighting to restore the union now had the added aim to
destroy slavery. The army retained its loyalty to McClel-
lan even after he was removed in 1862. Even Gen. Grant
found that he couldn't do with the Army of the Potomac
what he could do with his victorious western armies. Fi-
nally, the army shed its McClellan loyalty in 1864 when
he ran against Lincoln. The discussion period was under-
standably brisk, with more than 20 questioners address-
ing queries to Bruce.

At the beginning of the meeting President H. George
Donovan told of the success of the "Letter to Mr. Lin-
coln" contest. Frank G. Rankin, a new member of our
round table and chairman of the Louisville Civil War
Centennial committee told of plans for the Battle of Per-
ryville trail trek. Miner Coburn introduced two guests
from New Trier High school. Members and guests from
far away included Justin Turner of Los Angeles, Dr.
A. M. Giddings of St. Mary's, Ohio; Bob Schultz of St.
Joseph, Mich., Father Landry Genosky of Quincy, and
Robert Dykstra of Iowa City, editor of CIVIL WAR
HISTORY.

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E. B. Long has appointed to act as our liaison with
persons arranging for the meeting of Civil War Centen-
nial commissions at Atlanta next June and at Springfield,
Ill., in 1965.

Quoting ROBERT CROMIE, Sunday Books editor of
the Chicago Tribune: "It was in Jackson's former head-
quarters in Winchester, Va., that our hostess, a southern
matron, mentioned the remark of an earlier visitor, who
knew antiques, that 'Stonewall Jackson would turn over in
his grave if he knew that Lincoln rocker were here.'
I said I didn't think he'd mind, and our hostess agreed.
'I don't either,' she said earnestly. 'He'd be too happy
to be back.'"

ALAN NOLAN, lawyer, author, and a founder of In-
dianapolis CWRT, has been named to the Indiana Civil War
Centennial commission to replace Dr. A.W. Crandall, De-
Pauw professor and expert on Gettysburg and Missouri
in the Civil War, who died on May 1, 1963.

PARK FOREST CWRT is touring to Chattanooga,
Sherman's march to Atlanta, and the Battle of Atlanta
Oct. 26 to Nov. 1. Park Forest already has signed up
Pete Long for its annual dinner speaker June 19, 1964.

THE LINCOLN GROUP of Boston, with Milton Beecher
as fund chairman, raised \$3,295 to add to its previous
gift of \$2,039.95 to the Lauriston Bullard Scholarship
Fund at Lincoln Memorial University.

The Battles of Chattanooga

The Centennial of the battles around Chattanooga will come to a climax Nov. 23-25 with ceremonies in the city, at Lookout Mountain, and at Missionary Ridge. The Tennessee Antiquities Society will be host at a costume tea at the Cravens house on Nov. 24. The next day there will be a walk-through of the battle of Missionary Ridge with cadets from high schools taking part. It will begin at Orchard Knob and finish at the top of the ridge. The battle of Chickamauga was commemorated with Gov. Frank G. Clement of Tennessee speaking on September 19, and Col. Allen P. (Ned) Julian speaking on Georgia day, September 20.

On October 20, Philadelphia, Tenn., will commemorate the cavalry action that took place there. The siege of Knoxville will be observed with special reference to Longstreet's assault on Fort Sanders, November 27. That same day at Pulaski, Tenn., there will be a memorial to the execution there of Sam Davis, a captured Confederate scout.

CWRT of MISSISSIPPI newsletter, in an article by Margie Bearss, gives details of the July 4, 1863, wall-paper edition of the Vicksburg Citizen.

"While ransacking dugouts in captured Vicksburg, some soldiers came upon the underground one room emergency printing office of The Daily Citizen. Everything in the makeshift plant was as it had been abandoned by J. M. Swords, the editor, on July 2, 1863. There was a two foot stack of already cut and wet-down wall paper. There were three different patterns of wall paper.

"Those Yankee soldiers removed the last paragraph of type (from a form that was standing). Sergeant Lanfield of Company G, 97th Illinois, wrote that item (that Gen. Grant was in Vicksburg and had dined). William T. Gardner of the 97th Illinois set up the type of the item and did the press work on an old Franklin press.

"Mr. Gardner described this in his diary. He sent home one of the original papers. This copy is now framed between glass. The pattern has a cream background, with flowers and leaves of dull green and the center dot reddish brown. The information, diary and newspaper clippings were furnished by Miss Ruth MacGregory of Marshfield Hills, Mass., whose Uncle Will set the type for one of the most famous paragraphs in newspaper history."

Mrs. Bearss also discloses that remains of the Confederate boat Dot have been found. "Dot was used as a bridge across Big Black river then soaked with barrels of turpentine and burned by the Confederates on May 17, 1863. Divers have found her chimneys and burned timbers".

A PROPHECY BY JOHN ESTEN COOKE

John Esten Cooke, who was one of Jeb Stuart's famous cavalymen and author of the classic, WEARING OF THE GRAY, made this prophecy more than 90 years ago:

"I think those dear, coming grandchildren will take an interest in my adventures. They will belong to the fresh, new generation, and all the jealousies, hatreds, and corroding passions of the present epoch will have disappeared by that time. Simple curiosity will replace the old hatred; the bitter antagonism of the partisan will yield to the philosophic interest of the student, and the events and personages of this agitated period will be calmly discussed by the winter fireside. How Lee looked, and Stuart spoke - how Jackson lived that wondrous life of his, and Ashby charged upon his milk-white steed - of this the coming generations will talk, and I think they will take more interest in such things than in the most brilliant arguments about secession."

BULLETIN BOARD

NEW TRIER CWRT is in operation and would like to have speakers from our group. Persons interested, please contact the vice president of the group, Michael D. Hoffman, 1150 Mohawk Road, Wilmette, Ill.

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NEW MEMBERS: L. E. Clark, 640 Thornmeadow Rd., Deerfield, Ill.; James B. Phillips, 570 Sunset Rd., Winnetka, Ill.; Frank G. Rankin, P. O. Box 1861, Louisville 1, Ky.; Arthur Saloveish, 5401 Hyde Park Blds., Chicago 15.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Dr. A. M. Giddings to: St. Mary's, Ohio; Samuel A. Waterman to: 6510 N. Francisco Ave., Chicago 60645; Elliott S. Wood to: Route 2, Asheboro, N. C.

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

PRISON CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE has taken a step up to printer's type for its newsletter. Gift books and exchange newsletters can be directed c/o Mr. J.F. Featherston, Education Dept., 500 Spring St., Richmond, Va. The newsletter expressed gratitude to Chicago CWRT for the Distinguished Service Award. Photo copies of the award were made for members to have or to send to relatives or friends.

AMERICANA MOTOR HOTEL will be headquarters for the Seventh National assembly of Civil War Centennial commissions to be held in Atlanta, June 10-12, 1964. The eighth and final assembly will be held in Springfield, Ill., in 1965 in honor of Abraham Lincoln. The first six national assemblies were held at Washington, Richmond, Charleston (S.C.), St. Louis, and Columbus, O. The sixth assembly of Civil War Round Tables, and the first to be held coincidentally with an assembly of Civil War commissions, will be held in Atlanta June 11-13 with Atlanta CWRT as sponsor. The first was held at Fredericksburg, Va., in 1958, then Richmond, 1959; Hagerstown, 1960 and 1962, and Harrisburg, Pa., 1963.

ROBERT M. REILLY, former member of Chicago CWRT and chief designer of our newsletter has succeeded in forming a Round Table at Baton Rouge, La., where he lives now at 376 Magnolia Wood drive. With a nucleus of 25 persons, the first meeting was held Sept. 19 and it was expected that more members would be added. The group insisted that Bob carry through the first year as president. Our Honorary Award Life Member T. Harry Williams is one of four on the executive committee. Another executive member is Edward Cunningham, author of the recent book, "The Campaign of Port Hudson". Reilly, Williams and Cunningham have been added to our battlefield tour committee for the Baton Rouge leg and it is likely that Cunningham, a Louisiana State University history graduate student, will be our guide.

THE WOODRUFF CANNON, manufactured at Quincy, Ill., in 1860, fired a 2 pound ball. The cannon weighed 230 pounds and with carriage 450 pounds. An advantage was that it could be drawn by men if horses were lacking or killed. It was claimed the cannon could do the work of a 6 pounder.

THE NEW BOOKS



THE CIVIL WAR: A NARRATIVE, Fredericksburg to Meridian, by Shelby Foote (Random House, \$12.50).

CIVIL WAR COLLECTOR'S ENCYCLOPEDIA, by Francis A. Lord (Stackpole, 450pp, pre-pub \$15, after Oct. 15 \$17.50). Weapons, clothing, equipment, 350 photos and drawings, 35 patent drawings.

RICHARD KEITH CALL: Southern Unionist, by Herbert J. Doherty, Jr. (U. of Florida, \$5.50).

WORLDWIDE LINCOLN STAMPS AND COVERS, by Randle Truett (1622 N. Harrison St., Arlington 5, Va.).

THE LIBERATOR: William Lloyd Garrison, by John L. Thomas (Little, Brown).

FOUR YEARS IN REBEL CAPITALS, by Thomas C. De Leon, intro by E. B. Long (Collier Civil War Classics).

AFTER APPOMATTOX: The image of the South in Its Fiction 1865-1900, edited by Gene Baro (Corinth Books, 287pp, \$5.75).

A TREASURY OF CIVIL WAR HUMOR, by Sylvia G. L. Dannett (Yoseloff, \$10).

SLAVERY, by Stanley M. Elins (Grossett, paper, \$1.65). Reprint.

THE CIVIL WAR AS THEY KNEW IT, edited by Pierce G. Fredericks (Bantam, paper, \$1.25). Lincoln's words and Brady photographs.

A CONFEDERATE MARINE, by Henry Lea Graves, edited by Richard Harwell (Confederate Pub. Co. Tuscaloosa, \$4).

A JOHNNY REB BAND FROM SALEM: The Pride of Tarheelia, by Harry H. Hall (Raleigh, N. C., paper, \$1.50). The 26th North Carolina Infantry.

THE DIPLOMACY OF THE CONFEDERATE CABINET OF RICHMOND AND ITS AGENTS ABROAD, by Paul Pecquet du Bellet (Confederate Pub. Co., \$4). Notes taken in Paris, 1861-65.

THIRTEEN DESPERATE DAYS, by John Mason Potter (Obolensky, \$3.95). The Baltimore plot to assassinate Lincoln.

JUBAL'S RAID, by Frank Vandiver, (McGraw-Hill, 262pp, paper, \$2.45). Jubal Early's raid on Washington.

THE PLAIN PEOPLE OF THE CONFEDERACY, by Bell I. Wiley (Quadrangle, Chicago, paper, \$1.45).

ARKANSAS IN THE WAR 1861-1865, by Marcus Joseph Wright (Batesville, Ark., \$5).

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WADE, by Hans Louis Trefousse (Twayne, 404pp, \$6.50).

JEWISH PARTICIPANTS IN THE CIVIL WAR, by Harry Simonhoff (Arco, 336pp, \$5).

ENCOUNTER AT HANOVER, the Stuart-Kilpatrick Clash (Hanover (Va) Chamber of Commerce, 274pp, \$5).

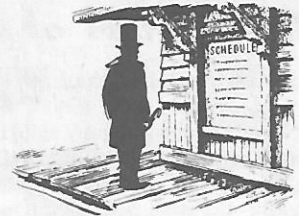
THE ALABAMA CONFEDERATE READER, edited by M. C. McMillan (U. of Alabama, 468pp, \$7.75).

MR. LINCOLN AND THE NEGROES: The Long Road to Equality, by William O. Douglas (Athenaeum, New York, 256pp, \$4.95).

THE LINCOLN COUNTRY: IN PICTURES, by Carl and Rosalie Frazier (Hastings House). From Kentucky to New Salem.

GIANT SIZE enlargements of drawings in Frank Leslie's Illustrated History of the Civil War are being produced by Endacom Graphics, Inc., P. O. Box 342, East Hartford 8, Conn. They are suitable for large wall display. The prints are \$2.64 by mail. Endacom is also doing large Civil War murals from steel engraving, in black and white, and color.

FUTURE MEETINGS



Friday, Nov. 15 - Shelby Foote on "Grant's Seven Failures Above Vicksburg".

Sunday, Dec. 8 - Ladies' Night, at Chicago Press Club, songs by Win Stracke.

Friday, Jan. 17 - John Y. Simon on "From Galena to Appomattox; Elihu B. Washburne and Ulysses S. Grant During the Civil War."

Friday, Feb. 7 - Illinois Senator Paul Simon on "Lincoln the Legislator".

April 29-May 3 - 14th Annual Battlefield Tour to Baton Rouge and New Orleans.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Oct. 5 - Battle of Perryville trek and dinner, Louisville CWRT.

Oct. 11-13 - Evansville (Ind.) CWRT tour to Chattanooga.

Oct. 26-Nov. 1 - Park Forest CWRT Battlefield tour, Chattanooga to Atlanta.

Oct. 25-27 - Confederate State Centennial conference, San Antonio, and bus trip to Mexico.

Nov. 19 - Gettysburg, Lincoln Address centennial.

Nov. 23-25 - Chattanooga, Lookout Mountain, and Missionary Ridge centennial.

Jan. 13 - Washington, Interior Department Auditorium, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address commemorative program.

April 8 - Mansfield, La., centennial of battle.

June 10-12 - Atlanta, Seventh assembly of Civil War Centennial commissions.

June 11-13 - Atlanta, Sixth assembly of Civil War Round Tables.



MORRISON WORTHINGTON, a member of our CWRT and also of Tri-State at Quincy, will speak there on Oct. 16 on "A Civil War Buff and Battlefield Tours". Morrison lives at New Canton, Ill.

THE TENNESSEE COMMISSION has prepared "A Directory of Civil War Memorials and Monuments in Tennessee." It has halftones and short descriptions of the 70 extant monuments, Federal and Confederate, in the Volunteer State. "The Military History of Tennessee in the Confederate War" is in preparation. Commission Chairman Stanley Horn is preparing an anthology of Tennessee writings during the conflict.

THE FIRST of 12 volumes of a new history of the United States has been published by Time, Inc. The two volumes covering the 1850-1876 period will be written by T. Harry Williams of Louisiana State University.

VIRGINIA Civil War Commission will publish "A Guide to Virginia Military Organizations". It will be out next spring. Lee Wallace, Jr., of Arlington will do the research work and write the booklet. The Centennial Center in Richmond had its 300,000th visitor in September.