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Clyde C. Walton on 'Training of the Civil War Soldier'-Friday, March 20

Clyde C. Walton will present an illustrated talk on "Battles by the Book: Training of the Civil War Soldier" to our meeting Friday, March 20.



Cycle C. Walton

"The talk concerns the way in which the Civil War soldier was trained and more particularly the formations and tactics he was taught to use," Clyde says. "There are many slides involved which were taken directly from the military manuals of the period. An effort is made to show that the influence of these training manuals had an effect upon the outcome of a number of battles."

For more than a decade Clyde has been one of our most active members, but this is the first time since our 202nd meeting, Sunday, June 11, 1961, that he has been on a program. Then he and Ralph Newman led a panel discussion, "If the South Had Won the Civil War", a program held at Freedom Hall in Oak Park.

Clyde is a native of Chicago and was graduated from Hyde Park High school. He received his bachelor of arts degree from Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Ia., and master's degree from University of Chicago. From 1950 to 1956 he was curator of rare books and head of the reference department at the State University of Iowa at Iowa City.

Clyde was a member of our battlefield tour to Richmond, Va., in 1953 and at that time disclosed the plan of the Iowa university to launch the quarterly CIVIL WAR HISTORY. Our Round Table pledged its support by including a subscription to the periodical in the annual dues. The first issue came out in March, 1955 and the lead article was an address which Douglas Southall Freeman had delivered to our meeting in Richmond on May 7, 1953, only five weeks before he died.

Clyde became Illinois State Historian and Executive director of the Illinois State Historical Society on Sept. 1, 1956, succeeding Harry Pratt who had died on February 12, that year. Clyde continued to edit CIVIL WAR HISTORY until James I. (Bud) Robertson, Jr., now executive director of the National Civil War Centennial commission, took over as editor in 1960.

Walton is secretary of the Civil War Centennial Commission of Illinois and earlier served in the same capacity with the Illinois Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission. He is secretary of the State Records Commission.

He edited PRIVATE SMITH'S JOURNAL, Recollections of the Late War, brought out as the Lakeside Classic for Christmas, 1963, by R. R. Donnelly & Sons. Other works to which Clyde has contributed or has edited include Eugene Ware's "The Indian War of 1864", "Lincoln Images", "Lincoln for the Ages", "A House Divided", and "An Illinois Gold Hunter in the Black Hills".



229th REGULAR MEETING

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Clyde C. Walton

on

"Battles by the Book:

Training of the Civil War Soldier"

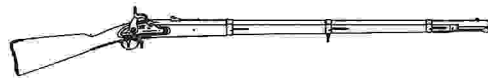
Illustrated with Slides

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FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1964

St. Clair Hotel
162 East Ohio Street

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



BATON ROUGE CWRT, which will be our first host on the battlefield tour April 29-May 4, is having a battlefield tour of its own April 11-12 to the Mansfield and Pleasant Hill battlefields. The first night will be spent at Alexandria, La. Then the group will visit the site of Bailey's Dam just below Alexandria on the Red River and afterward Fort DeRussy at Marksville before heading home. Bob Reilly, our former member who is a co-chairman of our tour, heads Baton Rouge CWRT and has sparked it to a membership of 55 with hopes of 75 before the first year is out.

BATTLE OF MANSFIELD, La., centennial observance will take place April 4-5, on a week-end, rather than Wednesday, April 8, as previously announced. The change permits a large number of Texans to attend. The battle of Mansfield was the turning point in Banks' 1864 Red River campaign. For further information: Mansfield Battle Centennial Committee, P. O. Box 85, Mansfield, La.

He is editor of the JOURNAL of the Illinois State Historical Society.

In 1954 he received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from Lincoln College, Lincoln, Ill. During World War II he served as a combat infantryman in the 10th Mountain Infantry Division in Italy. He is married and has three children.

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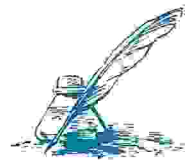


A PORTRAIT IN OILS of William H. Townsend was presented to him on Nov. 18, 1963, at the 10th anniversary of the founding of Kentucky Civil War Round Table and the 10th year of his presidency. It was commissioned by members of the Round Table and in presentation Secretary Hambleton Tapp said, "In my mind he personifies the charm and eloquence of this part of the country more than any man I have known." He called attention to Townsend's "brilliance as a story teller, sparkling humor...and the charm of his personality." Bill is an Honorary Award Life Member of Chicago CWRT and at one of our meetings made his memorable recording of "Cas-sius Marcellus Clay".

BRUCE CATTON spoke to the Chicago Executives' Club on January 31. Speaking in general on the Civil War and how he entered that field of writing, Bruce held the rapt attention of 600 of Chicago's top business men.

THE 6th ANNUAL ASSEMBLY of Civil War Round Tables in Atlanta will have a joint program on June 12 with the 7th National Assembly of Civil War Centennial commissions, including a banquet atop Stone Mountain. On Saturday, June 13, there will be a field trip to Kenesaw Mountain. In Atlanta there will be a reception and a visit to the battle cyclorama.

from the
Editor's pen



State Sen. Paul Simon shattered some long held beliefs about the "Long Nine" when he spoke to our meeting February 7 on "Lincoln the State Legislator".

The Sangamon county group of 6-footers did not always vote together, Lincoln could not be considered the group leader, and the goal was not solely moving the state capital from Vandalia, to Springfield. The internal improvements bill, lucrative in huddle, was the favored measure. Lincoln's honesty withstood this association, Sen. Simon said, but he gave examples of others who succumbed.

Simon from Troy, Ill., is writing a book on Lincoln's four terms (1834-41) as a state legislator because he discovered that no such book was available. Paul himself served four times as a state legislator before winning his way into the senate.

Paul's study of the records showed that Lincoln was neither an outstanding lawmaker or logroller. But, in his second term he served along with Stephen A. Douglas and in his third term with some of the most notable men in Illinois history. The associations built up in his four terms were good for Lincoln's future.

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With President H. George Donovan vacationing in Mexico, Brooks Davis presided over the 70 members and guests present. Perhaps in tribute to Simon's diligence in researching the subject, the audience included three university professors, Harold Hyman of Illinois, Grady McWhiney and Franklin Scott of Northwestern. And from the legislature, Rep. Robert Mann was a guest. The discussion period brought forth numerous comments and from it Simon confessed that he learned several things which he jotted in his notebook.

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In House Debate on the Civil Rights bill, Rep. L. Mendel Rivers (D., S.C.) quoted Abraham Lincoln as having told a New York audience: "Let not him who is homeless pull down the home of another, but let him work diligently to build one for himself."

Rivers told Republicans that in their Lincoln day speeches, proclaiming their votes for the bill, they had better be prepared to answer listeners who pull out his quotation.

This brought Rep. Fred Schwengel (R., Iowa) to his feet with a roar;

"Mr. Chairman," he shouted, "I challenge that statement. The quotation is spurious. He never made it."

Rivers shot back: "I don't yield to Abraham Schwengel!" Rivers said his word was as good as Schwengel's.

Schwengel, regaining the floor, said the quotation was found to be "a 20th century invention" by historians.

Rivers said he got it from the Library of Congress, but added: "If Lincoln did not say this, Abraham Rivers said it."

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Preparations for the 14th Annual Battlefield Tour, April 29-May 4, are progressing smoothly and it is planned to have the tour leaflet and reservation form in the mail about mid-March. Since we will leave the Panama Limited at Hammond, La., to make the swing to Port Hudson and Baton Rouge, arrangements are being made to leave heavy luggage on the train and have it picked up and delivered to the Royal Orleans hotel in New Orleans. It will be in pre-assigned rooms on arrival. Persons wishing to do so, may carry light luggage on the field trip.

Second Prison Round Table

Another Prison Civil War Round Table has been formed. Exchanges of newsletters and books for a library are solicited, to be sent to Antietam Civil War Round Table, The Maryland Institution for Men, c/o Robert McColley, Ass't Supt., Box 2000, Route 3, Hagerstown, Md. Sparked by James V. Murfin of Hagerstown and a speaker, Robert Waitt, of Richmond, Va., and knowing the success of the Virginia Prison CWRT, members of Hagerstown CWRT explained the project to officials and interested men at MIM and it got under way with meetings in November and December. The group is limited to 30, selected from a screening of applications. Officers are Donald George, chairman; John Fulcher, co-chairman, Archangelo Tuminelli, secretary, and Charles Thomas, librarian. Hagerstown CWRT will take the lead in providing speakers.

Randolph Macon College is providing a speaker for one meeting a month at the Prison Civil War Round Table, Richmond, Va.

MIKE LERNER will speak on "The Civil War and the Grand Army of the Republic in Chicago" at the commemorative dinner of the founding of the G.A.R. Saturday, April 4, at the Palmer House. The dinner is sponsored by the Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans organizations. Miner Coburn gave the principal reading from "The Perfect Tribute" at the Lincoln's birthday commemoration of the G.A.R. Memorial association at its hall in Chicago Public Library. Everett Lewy spoke on "Lincoln, Davis, and Military Justice" at the Sons of Union Veterans Lincoln dinner Feb. 8 at the Hotel LaSalle. Joseph L. Eisendrath Jr., spoke on "Myths About Lincoln" at a meeting of the North Shore chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN National Battlefield will have a new visitor center in time for the centennial of the battle in 1964. It will be a structure of four hexagonal areas - an auditorium for audiovisual use, an exhibit area, a lobby for visitor information, and administrative offices. The exterior walls will be of masonry and wood with concrete slab floors and roof.

THE FRAME of one of the sidewheels of the Confederate transport CHARM has been moved to the Grand Gulf Park from the 100 year resting place in the Big Black river. Confederates burned the CHARM, along with the PAUL JONES, DOT and the Big Black bridge to slow down the Yankee crossing and to keep the transports from falling into Yankee hands. Big guns were carried from the railroad bridge near Bovina down the Big Black to the fortifications at Grand Gulf earlier in the war.

--Marge Bearss in newsletter of Mississippi CWRT.

COL. H. B. SIMPSON, USAF (Ret.) has done it again! After organizing CWRT's at Wiesbaden, Germany; Montgomery, Ala., and Waco, Texas, he is sponsor of the CWRT at Hill Junior College, Hillsboro, Texas, where he is in the college history department. Sandra Kay Daniel is secretary of the new group which has 30 members and a newsletter, "The Lone Star Guardian".

EDWIN C. BEARSS, regional research historian at Vicksburg, says that artifacts already recovered from the sunken ironclad gunboat Cairo will more than repay the thousands of dollars invested in her recovery. From these artifacts are being pieced together many heretofore unknown facts about Civil War days; how a Civil War gunboat's guns were loaded; how the men were fed aboard ship. Cannon and mess chests retrieved reveal these facts.

BULLETIN BOARD

JACK R. BROWN, 167 Park Dr., Dayton, Ohio, in a project to photograph the graves of 425 Confederate generals found 390 of them. Now he is working on the burial sites of 650 Union generals. Write him if you can help.

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NEW MEMBERS: Philip Anderson, Wheaton High School, Wheaton, Ill.; John Barum, 7120 S. Millard Ave., Chicago 29; James T. Goodman, 33 E. Cedar St., Chicago 11; Toby Richard Hoffman, 631 E. 100th St., Chicago 28; Kenneth J. Sayce, 5317 Oakview Dr., Lisle, Ill.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Edwin S. Hunt to: 3220 Brendenwood Rd., Rockford, Ill.; Harold G. Mason to: 419 Ames St., Libertyville, Ill.

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

CONFEDERATES had high hopes of breaking the blockade in Mobile Bay when they launched the ironclad gunboat Muscogee on Dec. 22, 1864, at Phenix City, Ala., on the Chattahoochee river. But that was before Union cavalry, raiding through the area under Gen. James H. Wilson, forced them to set the boat afire. The wreck was found in August, 1960, about 25 miles south of Columbus, Ga. The Georgia legislature provided funds for salvage operations. Part of the gunboat is now on display in the Fairgrounds at Columbus and a Confederate naval museum will be built there to house it.

OFFICES of the National Civil War Centennial Commission have been moved to Federal Bar Building, Room 1118, 1815 H Street N.W., Washington, D.C. The quarters that the commission occupied for nearly six years at 700 Jackson Place N.W. on the west side of Lafayette square will become an annex to the Blair House. The offices occupied by the commission will be part of the Protocol Division, Department of State. The new CWCC headquarters is three blocks west of the old, and opposite the Roger Smith hotel.

THE LOG BOOK of the Civil War steamer Alabama was sold at auction at Sotheby's in London for \$3,640 to Alabama's sole woman legislator, Mrs. Clara Stone Fields of Mobile. The 270 page book recounts the adventures of the Confederate warship which destroyed or captured 70 Union vessels and all but eliminated the U.S. merchant marine between July 29, 1862, and June 19, 1864, when the Alabama was sunk. Mrs. Fields sponsored a campaign to raise funds for the book which will be put on display at the Mobile Public Library. Mobile was the home of Adm. Raphael Semmes, the Alabama's skipper. The log book has detailed entries of all of the Alabama's victories and the value of the tonnage it destroyed and the booty taken.

FRIENDS OF CLARA BARTON has been incorporated in Maryland to save the Clara Barton house in Glen Echo, Md., the original headquarters of the American Red Cross. Donations may be sent in care of the First National Bank of Maryland, Poolesville, Md.

If you want to continue the wrangle over "buff", here's another definition: "A Civil War buff is a screwball looking for a Minie ball."

THE NEW BOOKS



THREE PRESIDENTS AND THEIR BOOKS: The Reading of Jefferson, Lincoln, and F. D. Roosevelt, by Arthur E. Bestor, David C. Mearns, and Jonathan Daniels (Illini Books, 120pp, paper 95¢, cloth \$2.50).

VANDALIA: Wilderness Capital of Lincoln's Land, by Mary Burtschi, drawings by Josephine Burtschi (Huston-Patterson, Decatur, Ill., 158pp, \$6.75).

WE THE PEOPLE, The Story of the United States Capitol, Its Past and Its Promise (The United States Capitol Historical Society, Fred Schwengel, president, 144pp, illustrated, paper, and hard cover).

MISSISSIPPI, As a Province, Territory, and State, by J. F. H. Claiborne, foreword by John K. Bettersworth (Louisiana State, 554pp, \$10). Offset edition of work published in 1880.

THE BATTLE OF BRICE'S CROSSROADS, by Claude Gentry, (Magnolia Publishers, Baldwin, Miss., 27pp, \$1).

OHIO COLLEGES IN THE CIVIL WAR, by G. Wallace Chessman (Ohio Civil War Centennial Commission, 75¢. Copies of the 12 previous issues in this series, plus Ohio Handbook of the Civil War and U.S. Grant Chronology may be obtained for \$8.50 from Ohio Historical Society, Columbus 43210).

THE PAPERS OF ZEBULON BAIRD VANCE, edited by Frontis W. Johnston (North Carolina Department of Archives and History, 475pp, \$5).

MILITARY RECORD OF LOUISIANA, Including Biographical and Historical Papers Relating to the Military Organization of the State, by Napier Bartlett, foreword by T. Harry Williams (Louisiana State, 274pp, \$7.50). Reprint of 1875 work.

THE MILITANT SOUTH, by John Hope Franklin (Beacon, paper, \$1.95). A 1956 Harvard study on the touchy temper and violent tendencies of the South after the Civil War.

FETTERED FREEDOM: Civil Liberties and the Slavery Controversy, 1830-1860, by Russell Blaine Nye (Michigan State, 353pp, \$6.50). Revised edition.

THESE MEN SHE GAVE: The Civil War Diary of Athens, Georgia, by John F. Stegeman (U. of Georgia, 196pp, \$4.75).

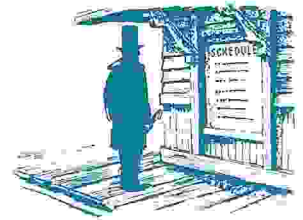
GLORY-HUNTER: A Life of General Custer, by Frederic Franklyn Van de Water (New York, 394pp, \$12.50). Long out of print; limited to 750 copies.

THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS has published a brochure of facsimiles of the five surviving manuscripts of the Gettysburg Address in the handwriting of President Lincoln. The first two copies are in the Library of Congress, the third and fourth versions in the Illinois State Historical Library and at Cornell University, and the final version is in the White House. The folio, titled "Long Remembered", may be obtained from the Library of Congress for \$1.50.

A TOUR GUIDE TO THE CIVIL WAR, by Alice Hamilton Cromie, will be published in May by Quadrangle Books. It is described as the first comprehensive guide to the historic sites, landmarks, relics, museums, and other points of the Civil War, designed for the tourist and student.

PROLOGUE TO CONFLICT, a study of the presidential campaign of 1850, by Dr. Holman Hamilton, is to be published by the University of Kentucky Press in the spring. Hamilton, a native of Fort Wayne, Ind., has been associate professor of history at Kentucky since 1954.

FUTURE MEETINGS



Friday, April 17 - T. Harry Williams, Louisiana State University, on "The Civil War in Louisiana".

April 29 - May 4 - 14th Annual Battlefield Tour to Port Hudson, Baton Rouge, and New Orleans.

Friday, May 15 - Harold M. Hyman, University of Illinois, on "Lincoln's Wartime Education".

SPECIAL EVENTS

March 7 - Washington, D. C., Commemoration of commissioning of Lt. Gen. U. S. Grant by President Lincoln; 2 p.m. in Palm Court, National Gallery of Art, District of Columbia Civil War Centennial commission.

April 4-5 - Mansfield, La., Battle of Sabine Crossroads commemoration.

May 10 - Stuart, Va., commemoration and pilgrimage of Laurel Hill, birthplace of J. E. B. Stuart.

May 14-16 - Lexington and New Market, Va., commemoration of battle in which V.M.I. cadets went into action against Federals.

May 31 - June 7 - Richmond, Va., commemoration of second Battle of Cold Harbor.

June 10 - Baldwin, Miss., Battle of Brice's Crossroads commemoration.

June 10-12 - Atlanta, Americana Motor Hotel, 7th National Assembly of Civil War Centennial commissions.

June 11-13 - Atlanta, 6th National Assembly of Civil War Round Tables.

July 12 - Washington, D. C., Fort Stevens, centennial of Gen. Early's attack upon the capital.

Aug. 2-23 - Mobile, Ala., Battle of Mobile Bay commemoration.

Oct. 25 - Mound City, Kan., Battle of Mine Creek near Fort Scott.



STANLEY F. HORN, our Honorary Award Life Member, has the lead article, "The Battle of Stones River," in the February issue of CIVIL WAR TIMES Illustrated. Another feature article is "Rise and Fall of the Ku Klux Klan", by V. C. (Pat) Jones.

CORBIT'S CHARGE is commemorated in a new marker placed at Westminster, Md. It reads: "Here, June 29, 1863, Capt. Charles Corbit led Companies C and D, 1st Delaware Cavalry, against Gen. J. E. B. Stuart's Cavalry division. Though repelled with overwhelming force, the attack delayed Stuart, and was a factor in his failure to reach Gettysburg battlefield before July 2."

A DONATION of 11 acres of land forming part of the site of the historic Battle of New Orleans has been made to the Department of the Interior by Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical corporation. The land, the second tract donated by Kaiser, will become part of the Chalmette National Historical Park, near New Orleans. A 150th anniversary observance is scheduled there in December, 1964, and January, 1965. The battle fought Jan. 8, 1815, was the last of the War of 1812.