

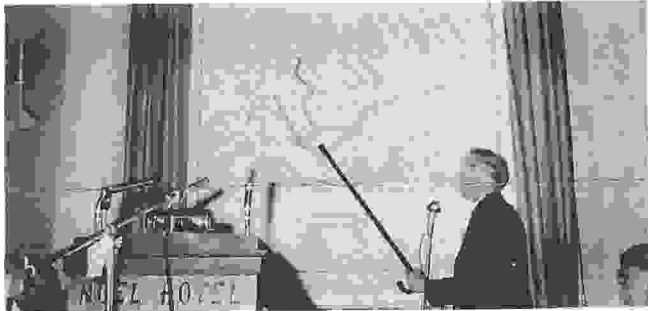
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Stanley F. Horn Speaks on 'The Battle of Nashville' - Friday, December 4



Stanley Horn at map of Battle of Nashville

Stanley Horn, a renowned Civil War author-historian and an Honorary Award Life Member of our Round Table, will speak to our meeting Friday, December 4. He will speak on "The Battle of Nashville". His book, "The Decisive Battle of Nashville" is the authoritative work on the subject.

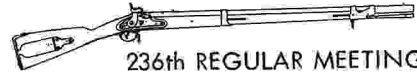
Due to a conflict of reservations at our usual meeting place, the December meeting will be at the Allerton hotel, Michigan Avenue at Huron Street. It is in the Venetian room, just off the lobby.

The Battle of Nashville was fought December 15 and 16, 1864. George H. Thomas slowly and surely marshalled his forces—so slowly that Lincoln, Stanton, and Grant were perturbed at his inaction. John Bell Hood brought his Confederate forces up to the city, but they were gravely weakened from the Battle of Franklin.

When Thomas was ready, he struck December 15. The main effort was by Smith and Wood, a secondary attack by Steedman, Schofield with an adequate reserve, and cavalry to screen his flank. Hood's troops were extended over a longer line than their strength warranted, he did not have a general reserve, and his cavalry was absent on a minor mission.



Ralph Newman (right) presenting Civil War Round Table Honorary Award Life membership to Stanley F. Horn, at Noel Hotel, Nashville, May 17, 1958. In background, Mr. and Mrs. Sims Crownover (Ruth Horn) and Marshall Rissman, CWRT President.



236th REGULAR MEETING

Stanley F. Horn
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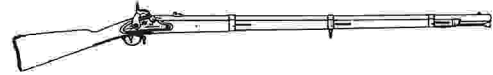
"The Battle of Nashville"

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1964
(Note Location)

Allerton Hotel, Venetian Room
701 North Michigan Avenue

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

(Parking at City garage on East Superior Street near Hotel)



Thomas' attacks were successful. Hood formed a new line in the Brentwood Hills after dark, covering the two main roads by which he could retreat to the south.

Thomas' troops engaged in probing actions the next day. The decisive action started about 3:30 p.m. Wilson's dismounted troopers drove back the Confederate cavalry division of Chalmers. Federal artillery brought on an enfilade fire. Hood's left was crushed and his entire line forced into retreat. His army was broken.

Of the 49,773 Federals, there were 387 killed, 2,562 wounded, and only 112 missing. Of the 23,207 Confederates, Horn says the killed and wounded probably did not exceed 1,500. But Thomas reported capturing 4,462, including three Confederate generals, Edward Johnson, T. B. Smith, and H. R. Jackson.

Stanley Horn, with the aid of a large map, will describe the tactics of the battle, with a brief outline of the military activities leading up to the battle.

At our 8th meeting, on Nov. 12, 1941, Stanley spoke on "The Army of Tennessee", the title of his book which has become one of the standard works on the Civil War. He was chairman of our 16th meeting, Oct. 17, 1942, at the dedication of the Civil War library of Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tenn. He was present as an author at our 36th meeting, Oct. 18, 1944, at a dinner celebrating publication of important books by Round Table members. He was one of the hosts of our 8th Battlefield Tour in 1958 and on May 17 spoke on "The Battlefields Around Nashville".

Stanley was born near Nashville and spent many years in writing. He is editor of the Southern Lumberman and a co-owner of the firm that publishes it. He is chairman of the Tennessee Civil War Centennial Commission and will guide the centennial observance of the Battle of Nashville.

His other books include: "Boy's Life of Robert E. Lee" (1935), "The Hermitage, Home of Andrew Jackson" (1938), "Invisible Empire" (1939), "This Fascinating Lumber Business" (1943), "Gallant Rebel, The Cruise of the Shenandoah" (1947), and "Robert E. Lee Reader" (1957).

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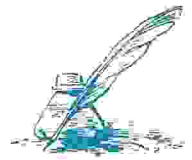
Directors of the Ulysses S. Grant Association met November 9 at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant III (ret.) was guest of honor at a dinner given the evening before by S.I.U.

A contract for publication of "The Collected Works of U.S. Grant" (probably 15 volumes) was submitted to the association by the S.I.U. press and will be signed soon. Dr. John Y. Simon, executive director of the association, took members on a tour of his office in the Morris library and they were impressed by the generous way in which the project has been welcomed to S.I.U.

It is probable that the first volume of the Grant papers will be delivered to the publishers around June 15, 1965. The association also is preparing a new edition of Grant's "Memoirs" and a comprehensive bibliography. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has contributed \$800 to the association to further its publishing projects. The association was set up in 1962 by the Civil War Centennial Commissions of Illinois, New York, and Ohio.

The Illinois Civil War Centennial Commission also held a meeting at S.I.U. The commission employed E. B. (Pete) Long as the final editor of the book "Illinois in the Civil War", which is to be published next year. The book, written by Victor Hicken, of the Western Illinois University (Macomb) faculty, then will be turned over to a publisher. The commission discussed plans for the May 1-4, 1965, meeting in Springfield, marking the end of the Civil War centennial.

from the
Editor's pen



Lloyd D. Miller, member since April 23, 1941, and president in 1948-49, was made an Honorary Award Life Member at our November 12 meeting. In characteristic fashion, Lloyd told C. Robert Douglas, awards committee chairman, that he appreciated the honor, but "I'm gonna pay dues!"

Miller, speaker of the evening on "The Battle of Franklin", used a new 6 by 8 foot map board, the drawing by Barbara Long. Lloyd had special lighting for the board and used markers which he moved into proper position on the magnetized board. He also had some of the charts he had used in his speech on the same subject on February 28, 1945.

The Battle of Franklin, November 30, 1864, was outlined in the last newsletter. Lloyd presented it in detail of troop, cavalry, and gun movements of the Confederate John Bell Hood and the Federals of John McA. Schofield. Lloyd emphasized the great Confederate losses in the first hours of the battle and said it was "the greatest massacre of men engaged in the war. There the Army of Tennessee lost its backbone and guts."

Meeting attendance was eighty-eight, including a number of members and guests from Fort Wayne, Ind. Among them were members Dr. Louis A. Warren, R. Gerald McMurry, and F. Jay Nimtz.

Miller already has engagements to give the Franklin speech in Battle Creek, Louisville, Madison, St. Louis, Huntsville, Vicksburg, Baton Rouge, New Orleans, and Houston. Walter Tatsch spoke in Peoria on November 23 and is scheduled in Madison on December 15. "Pete" Long couldn't attend our November 12 meeting because he was speaking in Madison.

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Commendations of the \$3,000 Fellowship Award financed by Lloyd D. Miller and offered by The Civil War Round Table continue. Harry T. Williams said in a letter, "This is a most meritorious idea and an eminently sound expenditure of money."

The Newsletter of CWRT of the District of Columbia said, "The highly imaginative, ever alert Chicago Round Table has established one of the finest Civil War fellowships yet to go on record."

BATTLE LINES of Atlanta CWRT said, "This undoubtedly is the most commendable undertaking yet attempted by a Round Table."

A MARKER, placed on the Tapp farm at the Wilderness battlefield in Virginia by the state of Texas, honors Texans, particularly Hood's division which came up Plank road when Lee's forces were badly in need of aid. Douglas Southall Freeman wrote that Lee, seeing the Texans, was so carried away that he attempted to lead them into the thick of battle. The Texans refused to go forward until Lee went safely to the rear.

The Dinwiddle Civil War Centennial commission hopes to erect a suitable marker at the junction of the Five Forks battlefield before the end of the Centennial.

A marker placed on the Indiana state house grounds at Indianapolis indicates the site of a Civil War arsenal.

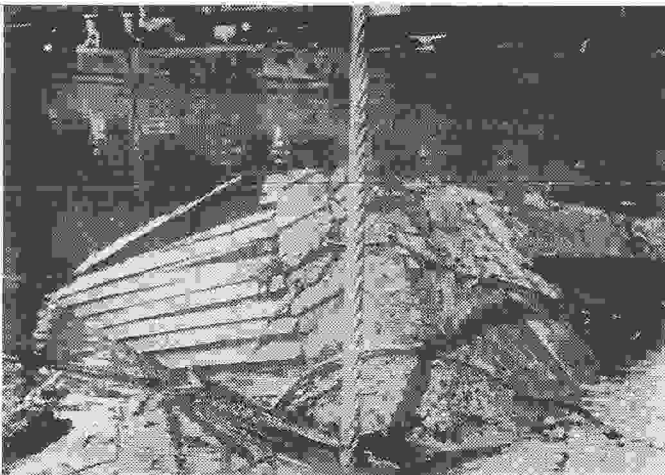
CIVIL WAR TIMES Illustrated for December will feature "The Campaign for Nashville". Our December speaker, Stanley F. Horn, heads the panel of experts contributing articles to the issue. The November CWRT featured "Stonewall Jackson in the Shenandoah", by Edward J. Stackpole; "Montgomery Meigs" - a Personality Profile, by Russell F. Weigley, and "Canada and the Civil War", by Allan Keller.

Cairo Breaks in Two

The effort to raise the 175-foot ironclad gunboat Cairo from the muddy Yazoo river north of Vicksburg has been creating a story more colorful than its Civil War career.

In lifting operations from October 29 to 30, the starboard casemate section showed six feet above the water. The bow and some of the paddle wheel also could be seen. But two support cables had sliced into the Cairo's bottom and work was slowed. Low water in the Yazoo also was a deterrent.

On November 8 when salvage experts tried to lift it, the gunboat broke in two. The two pieces were held in cables slung from four big winches mounted on river barges. The cables had cut through the aged timbers. Accumulated mud and sand added to the strain.



Starboard casemate section that showed above water - about 2 to 3 feet high and plated with railroad iron.

Capt. W. A. Bisso, Jr., of New Orleans, the salvager, then prepared to lift each part of the gunboat separately onto an underwater barge - the barge then to be floated.

Edwin C. Bearss, who with two other Vicksburg men discovered the Cairo in 1956 after it had been under water since December 12, 1862, said that the silt deposited by the Yazoo probably had raised the Cairo's weight to 850 tons compared with its 51.0 ton displacement afloat. This was even after many tons of silt had been suctioned out. Ed will tell the story of the Cairo when he speaks to our meeting January 15.

The saddest happening of the Cairo story was the loss of Dr. Walter Johnston, one of the most enthusiastic persons in the recovery operation. He was swept to death one night at a high stage of the river.

AN ESSAY CONTEST for Wisconsin high school students is being sponsored by the Wisconsin Civil War Centennial commission. Ten prizes of \$50 each will be awarded for the best essay on "The Meaning of Appomattox". Two of the ten winners will receive an extra \$12.50 from the Madison CWRT.

COL. HAROLD B. SIMPSON, after retiring from the air force, is well along on a new career. He is instructor in American and Texas history, faculty advisor for Hill Junior College Civil War Round Table, and director of the Confederate Research center at the college in Hillsboro, Texas. Hill Junior College Press has just published its first book, "Touched with Valor" (see THE NEW BOOKS). Col. Simpson first organized a Civil War Round Table at Wiesbaden air force base in Germany, then another at Montgomery, Ala., and then Waco, Texas. Books he has written include "Brawling Brass" and "Gaines' Mill to Appomattox".

BULLETIN BOARD

FIVE YEARS of the CWRT newsletter, from September, 1959, through June, 1964, have been assembled from file copies. Only ten sets are available, and at \$5 per set will go to the first ten persons sending checks to Secretary Elmer Underwood, 18 East Chestnut St., Chicago, Ill. 60611.

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PLEASE put the names of your guests on the reservation cards you send in. This will be a great help to the treasurer in making out dinner tickets.

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COCKTAIL PARTY for Stanley Horn at apartment of Mr. & Mrs. J. Brooks Davis, 18 E. Chestnut Street, 4:30 P.M. Friday, Dec. 4.

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NEW MEMBERS: Malcolm Macht, 209 Westwood Drive, Park Forest, Ill. Raymond S. Tate, Jr., 4920 N. Marine Dr. Chicago, Illinois 60640.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Charles J. Bednar to: 616 Iowa St., Oak Park, Ill.; William C. Krone to: 2 S 361 Seneca Drive, Wheaton, Ill. 60187; John P. Murray to: 6207 N. Legett St., Chicago.

DECEASED: A. B. Westerland, 5409 W. Melrose, on Oct. 10 in Hackensack, N.J. at 79 years.

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

CONFEDERATE MUSEUM at Richmond, Va., had a 17,887 attendance to October 1, a 4.8% increase over 1963. A renovated Virginia room is to be seen. The new library is nearly complete with cataloging continuing. Exterior stucco and woodwork have been painted. Two gas lights have been installed in front, similar to those when the building served as the actual White House of the Confederacy. A new Confederate Museum descriptive folder has been published. The field desk used by Gen. John B. Floyd is a museum acquisition. The Robert E. Lee house had 2,162 visitors during the summer.

PENSACOLA CWRT (Fla.) is taking part in classes arranged by the Junior College there. Twelve Civil War films will be shown. Classes are the first Thursday night of each month with an hour devoted to showing and an hour to discussion. The college wishes to stimulate an interest in Civil War history. Earle Bowden and Alan Rick of the CWRT are conducting the film series and CWRT members have been invited to the classes.

APPOMATTOX: Tentative plans for observing the centennial of the surrender, April 9, 1965: Virginia Civil War commission, with the National Park Service, plans a simple ceremony at Appomattox Court House, with a speaker of national renown. The park service plans tours of the restored village. Work is being done on a number of reconstruction and restoration projects which, when completed, will round out essentially the restored village as it existed in 1865. Appomattox Heritage, Inc., will attempt to raise and donate the funds necessary for the original installation and synchronized sound and light recording for a permanent Sound-and-Light program at the scene of surrender. The cost is estimated at \$250,000. The park service will operate the program after its installation and have control of the script and production. It is not expected that this will be completed by the 100th anniversary. "Soldier's Story of the Civil War," a film, will be released at the time of the Appomattox commemoration.

THE NEW BOOKS



FORT UNION AND THE WINNING OF THE SOUTHWEST, By Chris Emmett (U. of Oklahoma, 464pp, \$5.95). The final objective of the Confederates in the advance into New Mexico.

SWORD AND OLIVE BRANCH, Oliver Otis Howard, by John A. Carpenter (U. of Pittsburgh, 379pp, \$6). Biography of the general who is identified with the founding of Lincoln Memorial University.

TOUCHED WITH VALOR, Hood's Texas Brigade, edited and with a biography of Gen. Jerome Bonaparte Robertson, by Col. Harold B. Simpson (Hill Junior College Press, Hillsboro, Tex., \$5.95; special edition, boxed \$12.95). Important wartime papers and casualty reports of the brigade. Robertson commanded the brigade longer than any other officer.

CIVIL WAR AND RECONSTRUCTION IN FLORIDA (Davis) and **CARPETBAG RULE IN FLORIDA**, by an ex-slave, John Wallace (U. of Florida reprints).

MY DEAR WIFE . . . The Civil War Letters of Davis Brett, edited by Frank P. Deane (Pioneer Press, Little Rock, 137pp, \$5). A cannoneer in one of the famous units of the Army of the Potomac.

REBELLIOUS RANGERS, Rip Ford and the Old Southwest, by W. J. Hughes (U. of Oklahoma, \$5.95). A frontier doctor who served as soldier in the Mexican war and against Mexicans and Indians in the Civil War.

AN HISTORIAN AND THE CIVIL WAR by Avery Craven (U. of Chicago, 233pp, \$6.95). Essays written over a period of 30 years demonstrate a continuous refinement of the historian's thought.

OHIO'S BOUNTY SYSTEM IN THE CIVIL WAR, by Eugene C. Murdock (Ohio State Museum, 59pp, paper, 75¢).

THE MIGHTY REVOLUTION: Negro Emancipation in Maryland, 1862-1864, by Charles L. Wagandt (Johns Hopkins, 304 pp, \$6.50). Adoption of Maryland constitution abolishing slavery.

CIVIL WAR MAPS IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES (Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 127pp, 75¢). Lists and indexes 8,000 maps, charts and plans; largest body of cartographic items pertaining to the Civil War in existence.

PROFILES AND PORTRAITS OF AMERICAN PRESIDENTS, by Margaret Bassett (Bond Wheelwright, \$4.95).

PICTORIAL HISTORY OF AMERICAN PRESIDENTS, by John and Alice Durant (Barnes, \$7.95).

CONFEDERATE IMPRINTS IN THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA LIBRARIES, edited by Richard B. Harwell (Georgia, paper, \$2).

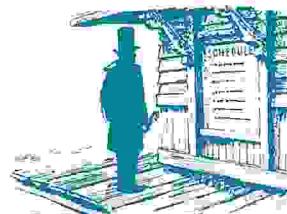
FOUR YEARS IN THE CONFEDERATE NAVY: The Career of Capt. John Low on the CSS Fingal, Florida, Alabama, Tuscaloosa, and Ajax, edited by Williams Stanley Hoole (Georgia, \$5).

ONE NATION INDIVISIBLE: The Union In American Thought, 1776-1861, by Paul C. Nagel (Oxford, 328pp, \$7).

ABEL PARKER UPSHUR: Conservative Virginian, 1790-1844, by Claude H. Hall (State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, 271pp, \$5.50).

BELLE GROVE, a colonial estate south of Harrisonburg, Va., on the battle ground of Cedar Creek and which served as headquarters for Gen. Phil. Sheridan, has been given to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, along with a \$200,000 operational fund. Belle Grove is said to be where Dolly Madison spent her honeymoon. Beginning in 1965, Belle Grove will be open to the public in the summertime only.

FUTURE MEETINGS



Friday, Jan. 15 - Edwin C. Bearss, "The Ironclad Gunboat Cairo".

Friday, Feb. 19 - Ladies' Night, at Racquet Club; "Red Badge of Courage" at Chicago Historical Society.

Friday, March 12 - Jim Dan Hill.

Friday, April 9 - Frank Vandiver.

Friday, May 14 - Glenn Tucker.

Friday, June 11 - T. Harry Williams.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Nov. 29-30 - Battle of Franklin, Tenn.

Dec. 11-13 - Battle of Nashville, Tenn.

April 9 - Appomattox Court House, Va. - Commemoration of surrender.

April 30-May 4—Springfield, Ill. - Centennial of Abraham Lincoln funeral; Special meetings of national and state Civil War Centennial commissions, Civil War Round Tables, and Illinois State Historical Society.



FORT McALLISTER, situated on Genesis Point, on the south bank of the Ogeechee river, 10 miles east of Richmond Hill, Ga., protected Savannah's "back door". For nearly four years its guns prevented the enemy from using the river as an approach to the city. Fort McAllister has been partially restored by the Georgia Historical commission and is open to the public. A paved road leading east from Richmond Hill, 14 miles south of Savannah on U.S. highway 17, makes the fort and its museum easily accessible.

JEFFERSON DAVIS CASEMATE MUSEUM at Fort Monroe, Va., has acquired the brass cannon that stood for years on the green of the National Soldier's Home on the shore of Hampton Roads. The cannon now stands with three others in front of the casemate museum. The core of the museum is Casemate No. 2 where Jefferson Davis was imprisoned in 1865.

"Unlike most of our outside guest speakers, he was relaxed and as much at ease on his first appearance as any member of the group," from newsletter of Prison Civil War Round Table, Richmond, Va.

If you have a Civil War book to give away, send it to the library of Marist High School, 4100 West 115th Street, Chicago.

PROF. GEORGE W. ADAMS of Southern Illinois University, speaking to the Rotary club at Carbondale said: "A very large proportion of Kentucky's bourbon export went, via railroad, to the populous northeastern states. When Kentucky was asked to choose between the North and South, its influential and monied distillers wanted to remain friends with their customers and were able to have Kentucky proclaim neutrality." Adams is author of "Doctors in Blue," the medical history of the Union army.