

THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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"Chickamauga", by Glenn Tucker, Newsman and Author, Friday, May 14

Glenn Tucker, a Hoosier who had a full career as a newspaper correspondent and advertising man before he attained new fame as a writer on historical subjects, will speak to us Friday, May 14, on "Chickamauga", the title of one of his finest books. This will be something of a preview for our 15th annual Battlefield Tour which will be October 13-17 to Chattanooga, Chickamauga, and Cumberland Gap.



Glenn Tucker

For his publisher, Bobbs Merrill of Indianapolis, Tucker has written "Poltroons and Patriots" (1954), an account of the War of 1812; "Tecumseh" (1956), the clashing interests of Indians and settlers on the frontier; "High Tide at Gettysburg" (1958); "Hancock the Superb" (1960), biography of the fine general; "Chickamauga" (1961); "Front Rank" (1962), the story of North Carolina's role in the Confederacy, and "Dawn Like Thunder" (1963), the Barbary wars and the development of the American navy.

Our friend, John R. (Rebel) Peacock, organizer of the Civil War Round Table in North Carolina, said of "Chickamauga": "...the most readable book on the Civil War in the past decade. I enjoyed it more than any book dealing with 'The Late Unpleasantness' I have read in ten years or longer."

Bell Wiley said: "Glenn Tucker, author of the best book on Gettysburg, has told interestingly and well the story of Chickamauga, Gettysburg's western counterpart. Mr. Tucker is an admirable historian. He does a thorough job of research." Another reviewer said, "Tucker is a writer enormously concerned with accuracy". And another said, "Tucker combines a masterful grasp of the intricate and simultaneous action with a sense of the dramatic and heroic. The individual is not lost in the maze of detail; nor is mere mythologizing ever permitted to overcome fact."

All of Mr. Tucker's books have been well received by historians for their wealth of detail and his superb writing quality.

Thus, for Chickamauga, a difficult subject, we will have a master.

Glenn Tucker was born at Tampico, Indiana, and grew up at Greencastle. He is a graduate of DePauw University and of Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. He served as a captain of infantry in France in World War I.

He covered the White House for the old New York World during the late Wilson and the Harding and Coolidge administrations. Later he worked on some of the country's leading advertising accounts.

From DePauw he has received the Distinguished Alumni citation and the honorary degree of Doctor of Literature. In 1963, at the Silver Anniversary observance of the Columbia School of Journalism, he was named on



241st REGULAR MEETING

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Glenn Tucker
on
"Chickamauga"

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FRIDAY, MAY 14, 1965

St. Clair Hotel
162 East Ohio Street

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



Eisenschiml Presentation

At a reception before our April 9 meeting, the late Dr. Otto Eisenschiml's library of 1,700 books was presented to DePaul university.

With CWRT President Arnold Alexander presiding, Benjamin J. Gingiss, son-in-law of "O.E." made the presentation of the \$14,000 collection on behalf of the Eisenschiml family. He spoke of new construction at DePaul which will include a library and said the Eisenschiml collection will be part of it.

The Very Rev. John R. Cortelyou, C.M., president, received the gift for DePaul. He expressed appreciation and said the collection will be well used by students and faculty and will be available to all people of Chicago.

E.B. (Pete) Long and Ralph G. Newman, both of whom had collaborated with Otto on books, gave character sketches of "O.E.". Pete emphasized that books were only important to Otto for what was in them. Ralph stressed Otto's impact as a historian.

Otto, a founder of the Civil War Round Table, a speaker at many round tables, and a most loved honorary award member, died December 7, 1963.

The reception, tendered by DePaul university was held in the St. Clair hotel in a room near our meeting room.

the school's 50-year honor roll. He received the Fletcher Pratt Award, presented by the New York CWRT, for the Civil War book judged best for the year, awarded for "Chickamauga" in 1961. "Dawn Like Thunder" was judged the best book of the year (1963, nonfiction) by an Indiana writer.

Tucker and his wife, Dorothy, who assists in research, reads copy and draws the maps for his volumes, live at their orchard farm, Filibuster Hill, Route 1, Flat Rock, N.C., where they grow apples. He is president of the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association and of the Western North Carolina Historical Association.

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CWRT Fellowship Winner

The winner of the Civil War Round Table annual \$3,000 graduate fellowship award for significant research in Civil War History was announced at our April 9 meeting.

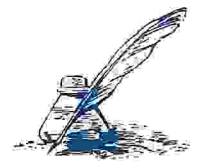
The award for a year of graduate study goes to David Edward Meerse, a student at the University of Illinois. He will work toward his doctoral degree on the dissertation, "Patronage and Policies of the Buchanan Administration." He is a native of Ogallala, Nebraska, received his B.A. degree at Doane college, Crete, Nebr., and his M.A. at American University, Washington, D. C. He is married. The principal of the fellowship award was given by Lloyd D. Miller, one of our earliest members and a former president.

A prize of \$500 was awarded to Mary Frances Berry, a graduate student at the University of Michigan. She will work toward her doctoral dissertation on "The History of Four Free and Freed Negro Regiments". She is a native of Nashville, Tennessee, received her undergraduate degree at Fisk University there and master's at Howard university, Washington, D.C. The prize money was contributed by members of the Round Table and \$100 of it was from the CWRT of Madison, Wis. Some funds and operating costs for the fellowship contest were supplied from our treasury.

Announcement of the fellowship last September 17 created interest all over the country. A number of excellent entries were sponsored by university professors who are familiar with our own and other Civil War Round Tables. The selection board included Lloyd Miller, Ralph G. Newman, Clement Silvestro, Grady McWhiney, Clyde C. Walton, Harold M. Hyman, and Arnold Alexander.

GRAND GULF state park near Port Gibson, Miss., has been improved with an observation tower built at the highest point - between the cemetery and the gun emplacements. The old Grand Gulf jail has been returned to the park. For many years the one room cage-like building was the jail in the town of Grand Gulf. Several new cases of exhibits have been placed in the museum.

from the
Editor's pen



Victor Searcher, author of "The Farewell to Lincoln", traced the route of the 16th President's body from the Peterson house to the White House and to Springfield when he spoke to the 70 members and guests at our meeting Friday, April 9.

Highlights included some details not included in his book. These dealt with technicalities of the autopsy and embalming. He gave descriptions of the body lying in state and the sounding of guns and bells as the cortege moved in Washington's streets. A Negro regiment marching to its place, found it was marching into the cortege, turned about face and became the head of the procession. Mr. Searcher reviewed events of each of the ten stops on the railroad journey. The body reached Chicago at 10 a.m. on the 10th day of travel and was taken to the City hall. The last lap was to Springfield.

Mr. Searcher passed around maps showing Lincoln's route to Washington and the body's route home. Also he exhibited a copy of the picture in New York's City Hall, the only one showing Lincoln in the coffin. A most interesting point of the discussion period involved the silence concerning the body from the time it was taken to the White House until nearly four days later when it was exhibited to the public.

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President Arnold Alexander opened the meeting with a call for introduction of guests. Then he named Al Meyer, chairman, Robert Douglas, and Elmer Pendarvis as nominating committee to present a slate of officers for the 1965-66 year to the May 14 meeting. Michael Lerner and Newton Farr reported on preparations for the Springfield events of April 30-May 4. Brooks Davis announced the Appomattox ceremony at the Grant statue in Lincoln Park for April 11. Secretary Elmer Underwood read proposed changes in the CWRT articles of state incorporation and by-laws. Ralph Newman announced winners of the fellowship award and prize. These two subjects and the DePaul reception are reported more fully in stories elsewhere in this newsletter.

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There were some quips during the DePaul reception. Ben Gingiss, who is proprietor of a dress suit rental establishment, said that he might have insisted that the occasion be a "black tie affair". When Arnold Alexander made an unguarded reference to Loyola University, the Very Rev. John R. Cortelyou, DePaul President, took note that an item of the Eisenschiml collection was a study of "evidence" that Jesuits (the Loyola order) were involved in the Lincoln assassination plot.

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Apologies to John W. Barriger. His name slipped through proofreading of last month's newsletter as John W. Barrier.

JAMES I. ROBERTSON, JR., executive director of the national Civil War Centennial Commission since December, 1961, has announced that he will resign about June 15 to become associate professor of history at the University of Montana. "Buddy" thus will wind up the outstanding job he has done for the centennial "to resume full-time academic life...where my heart lies". He is author of "The Stonewall Brigade" and other books and editor of others. He took his graduate work under Bell I. Wiley at Emory university. Our members first became acquainted with "Buddy" when Bell brought him to our 1956 battlefield tour to Chattanooga and Atlanta. Buddy was the principal speaker at our 214th meeting which was held as an assembly of round tables in Springfield, October 26, 1962.

Adopt Two Propositions

The CWRT board of trustees submitted two important propositions to the meeting of April 9 and the membership present voted approval. The first is an addition to the state articles of incorporation which clarifies the Civil War Round Table's status as a nonprofit corporation under the terms of Internal Revenue provisions:

The Civil War Round Table is an organization

"To promote social, historical, educational and literary activities by its members; to emphasize and implement the study of persons and events associated with the history of the United States, and particularly that period referred to as the 'Civil War'; to create publications of literary and historical value dealing with the history of the United States; to bring together for mutual benefit students of history of the United States, and to do all acts necessary and convenient for the promotion of said purposes; and to carry on the work heretofore carried on under the name 'Civil War Round Table'.

"No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private member or individual within the meaning of Section 501 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code as now in force or afterwards amended.

"Upon dissolution of this corporation, its remaining assets, if any, shall be distributed to one or more organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) or the Internal Revenue Code as now in force or afterwards amended, as the trustees of this corporation shall determine.

"This corporation shall not be operated for the primary purpose of carrying on an unrelated trade or business as defined in Section 513 of the Internal Revenue Code as now in force or afterwards amended."

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The second proposition transfers to the board of trustees the authority to act in behalf of the membership. This was done to allow quicker action on matters affecting the Round Table. To Article V, Section 3, this provision was added:

"These by-laws, or any of them, may also be altered, amended, modified, repealed or the operation thereof suspended, at any meeting, regular or special of the Executive Committee, by the affirmative vote of a majority present. A quorum for this purpose shall consist of a majority of the Board of Trustees."

Bell I. Wiley, professor of history at Emory university, Atlanta, has been appointed Harmsworth professor in American history at Oxford university for 1965-1966.

Robert E. Lee and Abraham Lincoln never met, although Lee was responsible for the protection of Lincoln at Lincoln's first inauguration.

VALLEY NEWS ECHO, which the Potomac Edison Company published for five years to tell the story of the Civil War as fought in the Potomac and Shenandoah Valleys, sent out its final issue in April. It carried the full stories of the surrenders and the Lincoln assassination. The ECHO was one of the finest efforts of the centennial. The final issue was Vol. 6 No. 4 and Donald L. Whipp the editor.

CIVIL WAR TIMES Illustrated is sponsoring tours of eastern battlefields. Beginning and ending at Gettysburg, the tours will go along the route of Frederick, Leesburg, Manassas, Culpeper, Fredericksburg, Richmond, Petersburg, Appomattox, Lexington, Harrisonburg, New Market, Winchester, Harpers Ferry, and Antietam. The eight-day tours will be June 12-19, July 3-10, July 24-31, August 7-14, and August 21-28. Dr. Frederick S. Klein of Franklin and Marshall College will be the tour guide. Each tour will be on a 37-seat bus and fee \$195.

BULLETIN BOARD

PAUL J. SEDGWICK, chairman of the District of Columbia Civil War Centennial commission, invites Round Table members to attend the Civil War Grand Review re-enactment, which will feature a parade down Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D. C., on Saturday, May 29. The department of defense has approved the participation of five companies of 81 men each from each branch of the Armed Forces with appropriate band and color guard. There will be many states represented by re-activated Civil War groups in Union Blue and Confederate Gray.

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NEW MEMBERS: James P. Dillie, 816 Forest Ave., Evanston, Ill.; Sol H. Polk, 8311 W. North Ave., Melrose Park, Ill. 60160; Julian P. Van Winkle, Jr., 5 Woodhill Rd., Louisville 7, Ky.; Bradford A. Wignot, 826 Washington, St., Evanston, Ill.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Philip R. Davis to: Suite 1805, 1 N. LaSalle St., Chicago.

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AVAILABLE at meetings: Gold filled lapel pin, \$1; Cloth patch of emblem, 50¢. File of CWRT newsletters, September, 1959, to June, 1964, by mail or at meetings, \$5.

RICHMOND CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE, of which our honorary award member J. Ambler Johnston is chairman, has voted to conclude its activities by June 30. The committee plans to wind up publications with Gen. Godfrey Weitzel's report of occupied Richmond and a collection of historical sketches on military units from Richmond and adjoining areas, and a large map of wartime Richmond.

FOR ROUND TABLERS who may be touring Britain and Europe this year, the meetings of the Confederate Historical Society are on Wednesdays, May 5, June 16, July 21, September 1 and 29, November 3, and December 15. All are in the room above the Ordnance Arms, 75 York Road, London S. E. 1 (near Waterloo station). Persons who may wish to offer themselves as speakers should write to Kenneth M. Broughton, secretary, 19 Montague Ave., Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, England, U.K.

THE INGALLS SHIPBUILDING CORP. at Pascagoula, Miss., will dismantle the Civil War ironclad U.S.S. Cairo, as a first step toward its preservation and eventual restoration, the Mississippi Agricultural and Industrial Board has announced. Various portions of the Cairo will be moved by barge from Vicksburg to Pascagoula. The first step will be to separate metal sections from wooden sections to begin the work of preserving both. The metal parts will be cleaned and sprayed with a protective paint. At the advice of officials of the Smithsonian Institution, wood will be saturated with a salt water solution to prevent further deterioration. Each metal and wood part is to be marked for future re-assembly. Foundry and experienced personnel of Ingalls will duplicate various metal parts from the Cairo which apparently were lost during the salvage operation. Ingalls officials will make a survey to determine the cost of the restoration of the Cairo.

Most recent artifacts recovered from the Cairo were three direct sighting devices for the Cairo cannon. There are the only ones known to be in existence. They were found in the ordnance store room. The work of recovering artifacts from the ironclad goes on.

THE NEW BOOKS



THE ERA OF RECONSTRUCTION, by Kenneth M. Stampf (Knopf, 229pp, \$4.95).

FREEDOM BOUND, by Henrietta Buckmaster (Macmillan, 185pp, \$3.95). On reconstruction.

LINCOLN'S SCAPEGOAT GENERAL, by Richard S. West, Jr. (Houghton Mifflin, 462pp, \$7.50). Ben Butler biography.

MASK FOR TREASON, by Vaughan Shelton (Stackpole, 480pp, \$14.95). New research and conclusions on the Lincoln murder conspiracy trial. Dedicated to the late Otto Eisenschiml.

RELIGIOUS STRIFE ON THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER, by Walter Brownlow Posey (Louisiana State, 144pp, \$4).

THE CIVIL WAR IN THE SOUTHWEST, by Arthur A. Wright (Big Mountain Press, Denver, 214pp, \$5).

THE SPIRIT OF THE SIXTIES, A History of the Civil War in Song, by Paul Glass, intro. by John Hope Franklin (Educational Publishers, \$7).

SONGS AFTER LINCOLN, by Paul Horgan (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$3.95).

DEAR BELLE: Letters from a Cadet and Officer to His Sweetheart, 1858-65, edited by Catherine S. Crary (Wesleyan University Press, 256pp, \$5.95). Letters of a West Pointer who was a classmate of Custer.

LYMAN TRUMBULL: Conservative Radical, by Mark M. Krug (Barnes, \$7.50). Story of an Illinois Civil War senator by a Chicago CWRT member.

FROM SAYLER'S CREEK TO APPOMATTOX, by Scott Hart, historian for U.S. Civil War Centennial commission (Randolph House, Inc., P. O. Box 528, Farmville, Va., \$1.35).

CAMP FORD, C.S.A., by F. Lee Lawrence and Robert W. Glover (Texas Civil War Centennial Advisory committee, P. O. Box 2276, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas). The history of one of the Confederacy's prison camps.

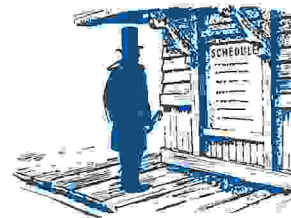
JOSEPH RUSSELL JONES, by George R. Jones (Galena Historical Society, Galena, Ill., 93pp, paper \$2, hardbound \$4). Biography of a United States marshal for northern Illinois who worked to advance fortunes of Ulysses S. Grant and became minister to Belgium.

SETS OF FLAGS of the Civil War, one Union and four Confederate, each 4" x 6" except the Confederate battle flag, 5-3/4" square, with an ebonized stand for mounting, Mrs. Willis Maxwell, 311 W. Par Ave., Orlando, Fla., \$2.50 per set.

THE NATIONAL CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL COMMISSION has announced that our E. B. (Pete) Long has agreed to serve as compiler of the "General Works" section of the commission's bibliography. Pete thus joins fourteen other editors who are working on, or have completed, sections of this first annotated listing of Civil War volumes. Pete has been researcher for Bruce Catton's three volume Civil War history.

MARYLAND HEIGHTS, a tract of 763 acres, has been added to Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. The scenic land across the Potomac river from the West Virginia section of the park, was deeded to the United States by the State of Maryland in 1963, but formal transfer was held up pending clearances of technical title matters. The Potomac Edison Company and the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad retain certain rights of way. During the Civil War, Maryland Heights was occupied by both Confederate and Union forces. Development of the heights will emphasize preservation of scenic and historic values.

FUTURE MEETINGS



Friday, June 11 - T. Harry Williams, "The Valley Campaign of 1864".

Oct. 13-17 - Chicago CWRT 15th Annual Battlefield Tour to Chattanooga and Cumberland Gap.

SPECIAL EVENTS

May 1-2 - Chicago Light Artillery, two demonstrations daily at Des Plaines Outdoor show, Rand park, Des Plaines. Midwest region, North-South Skirmish association infantry and artillery shoot, Franklin, Ind.

May 1-21 - Richmond, Va., Vignettes of the Civil War, each Friday evening, Richmond Civil War Centennial Committee.

May 1-30 - Richmond, Va., Centennial Center, Petersburg to Appomattox exhibit.

May 1-June 30 - Richmond, Va., Battle Abbey, Virginia Historical Society exhibit honoring Col. John Singleton Mosby.

May 11-12 - Brownsville, Tex., Battle of Palmetto Hill, commemoration.

May 20-23 - New York and Hartford CWRT battlefield tour to Petersburg and Appomattox.

May 22-23 - Baton Rouge CWRT battlefield tour to Port Gibson, Grand Gulf, and Vicksburg.

May 29-31 - Washington, D. C., Commemoration re-enactment of Grand Review and Heroes day.

June 10 - Madison CWRT meeting at Jefferson, Wis.

June 19 - Lincoln-Civil War Society of Philadelphia battlefield tour to Manassas.



CIVIL WAR NAVAL CHRONOLOGY, 1861-1865, PART V, has been issued by the Naval History Division. It covers operations in 1865 - the amphibious operation to take Fort Fisher, guarding the approach to Wilmington, N.C.; the roaming Shenandoah, the ironclad Stonewall, and northern naval assistance to the armies. At these rates, Part I (1861) 25¢, Part II (1862) 60¢, Part III (1863) \$1, Part IV (1864) 75¢, and Part V (1865) 75¢ can be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., 20402. A final part of the Chronology, containing a complete index and several appendices, is being readied and will be available later in the year. The chronology was produced under the direction of E. M. Eller, Rear Admiral USN (Ret.), director of naval history.

THE MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY that passes through Antietam National Battlefield will be relocated, the department of interior has announced. This will provide a new 1-1/2 mile road permitting through, non-park traffic to bypass the historic area away from visitor congestion. The old route of the highway is to be retained, with portions of it incorporated into the battlefield's road system for visitor use. The contract also calls for the construction of two bridges - one over Antietam Creek and the other to permit traffic to pass under Rodman Avenue - and the paving of Burnside Bridge bypass.