



# THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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## Frank E. Vandiver - 'Toward the Second Centennial' - Friday, June 10

Frank E. Vandiver, who has spoken—boy and man—to our group over a period of almost 20 years, will address us Friday, June 10, on "Toward the Second Centennial."



Frank Vandiver

For the meeting, we return to the wardroom of the United States Naval Reserve armory on Lake Michigan at the foot of East Randolph street. Drive right up to the armory to the ample parking.

Frank, professor of history at Rice University, Houston, Texas, and master of the university's Margaret Root Brown College, plans to survey what has been done in Civil War history during the recent centennial years and project some of the things which seem to need doing in the next 100 years.

A prolific writer, Frank has been doing some thinking on "The Civil War as an Institutionalizing Force" and may add some comments on that. It involves, he says, "applying some of the concepts of Walter Webb to the Civil War and exploring the landfall boom potential of the war years as well as the effect of the war on certain basic human institutions."

In previous appearances, Frank has spoken on "Josiah Gorgas" (67th meeting, Dec. 10, 1947), "Rebel Brass: The Confederate Command System" (battlefield tour, Lookout Mountain Hotel, May 17, 1956), and "The Confederacy and the New South" (200th meeting, April 7, 1961).

Frank's books include: "Ploughshares Into Swords: Josiah Gorgas and Confederate Ordnance" (1952), "Mighty Stonewall" (1957), "Jubal's Raid: General Early's Famous Attack on Washington in 1864" (1960), "Basic History of the Confederacy" (1962 — with W. H. Nelson), and "Fields of Glory: A Pictorial Narrative of American Wars" (1960). He has edited "Confederate Blockade-Running Through Bermuda, 1861-1865", "Proceedings of the Congress of the Confederate States of America," "Narrative of Military Operations" (Joseph E. Johnston), as well as the war diary of Gen. Gorgas and the war memoirs of Gen. Early.

Frank is a native of Austin, Texas. At 16, although his formal education extended only through Junior high school, he published his first article on Confederate history in a scholarly journal. Seven years, two books, and dozens of articles later, he entered the graduate school of the University of Texas, receiving the master of arts degree in 1949. In 1951 he received a Ph.D degree at Tulane university. He was an instructor in history at Washington University, St. Louis, before beginning his career at Rice in 1955. He was Harmsworth Professor of American History at Oxford University, England, in 1963-64.



252nd REGULAR MEETING

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Frank E. Vandiver

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"Toward the Second Centennial"

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FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 1966

U.S. Naval Armory (Wardroom)

Cocktails at 5:30

East Randolph at Lake Michigan

Dinner at 6:30 p.m.



THE U.S. GRANT ASSOCIATION Newsletter for April has an account of "General Grant at the 'Carey Vespers'." This is the name that Henry C. Carey gave to the Sunday evening gatherings at his home in Philadelphia. The account is by a nephew, Henry Carey Baird, who was present along with Col. Adam Badeau, Col. Horace Porter, Judge John C. Knox and four others. The evening discussion roamed over various phases of the Civil war. From Baird's account, John Y. Simon, editor of the newsletter, gives the opinion: "Those who knew Grant well often spoke of him as a gifted conversationalist, thus mystifying those who knew only his brief public speeches and laconic official communications. It was apparently true, nonetheless, that when Grant was with a congenial group he did most of the talking, by mutual consent."

He is president of the Jefferson Davis Association which is assembling the papers of the Confederate president. Frank's awards and honors include Rockefeller and Guggenheim fellowships and the Harry S. Truman award (1965) of the Kansas City CWRT. He has had numerous book reviews, articles in scholarly magazines, and encyclopedias. Work in progress includes "The Confederacy", a biography of Gen. John J. Pershing, and "The Civil War and Reconstruction"

Frank is married and lives with wife and three children at Brown House, Rice University. Besides his speaking engagements, Frank has been with us on battlefield tours and at special events.



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JAMES J. GEARY, who was director of the Centennial Center at Richmond, Va., and now is director of the New Market Battlefield Memorial at New Market, Va., will be a guest at our June 10 meeting to tell of plans for developing the memorial.

The Virginia Military Institute Board of Visitors has approved the design concept and the team of designers. The project is under the development committee of the Collins Fund - V.M.I. The design team has a landscape architect and an exhibit designer (Donovan Worland of Chicago).

Geary writes: "We have about 150 acres of the battlefield about one mile north of New Market. It is a magnificent setting with a high ridge looking out over Massanutten mountain on the east and the beautiful Alleghenies on the west. We own the high ground where (Gen. Franz) Sigel's batteries were and which looks down from a precipice to the North Fork of the Shenandoah river 200 feet below. We plan to restore this area as a historic park, to restore the old Bushong farm house and out-buildings, and to build a half-million dollar museum or visitors' center."

The target date is May 15, 1968 - anniversary of the day Virginia Military Institute cadets fought Sigel's Federals. Geary invites the Round Table to make its battlefield tour to the valley at that time.

STANLEY F. HORN, CWRT Honorary Award Life Member, was honored with a testimonial meeting of the Tennessee Historical Society, in Nashville. Speakers lauded his works as a historian and his 50 years of service in the community. Mrs. Horn unveiled a painting of her husband done by the artist Thomas Casilear Cole. Horn was twice president of the historical society for long periods and was chairman of the Tennessee Civil War Centennial commission. Two of his eight books are "The Army of Tennessee" and the "Robert E. Lee Reader."

from the  
Editor's pen



Robert W. Johannsen, chairman of the history department at the University of Illinois, Champaign, read a paper on "Stephen A. Douglas and the South" at the May 20 meeting attended by 65 members and guests at the Furniture Club. Douglas made friends with Democrats from the South during his first term in Congress, Johannsen said. Douglas married Martha Martin of North Carolina and when she died, he inherited her slaves and then owned two plantations in Mississippi. He was not pro-slavery, but did not regard slavery as a moral question, nor a matter for political discussion. In the climax of the election campaign of 1860, Douglas believed Lincoln would win after the split in the Democratic party. But he spoke to preserve the Union and the Democratic party as the one national party. He believed that with Democratic weight in Congress and the Supreme court, the new Republican administration "would be powerless for evil" and the Democrats might make a comeback in 1864. Johannsen traced Douglas' strenuous campaign tour of 1860 and his unity tour of 1861.

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Johannsen was the sponsor of David E. Meerse, winner of the 1965-66 CWRT college Fellowship Award. Meerse was present and reported progress on his doctoral dissertation on "Patronage Policies of the Buchanan Administration." This deals with the effect on the Democratic party in the North in the four years preceding the 1860 election. Meerse aimed for completion in August, but work on the thesis will run into his teaching term this fall at Fredonia, N.Y. A progress letter from Mary F. Perry, who won a \$500 award in 1965, was read. C. Robert Douglas announced the winner of the 1966-67 fellowship (see page 4).

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Dr. Vernon Schick read the report of the nominating committee and the slate of officers was elected by acclamation (see column 1 of this page).

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President Brooks Davis reported on the meeting of the Executive Committee held prior to the membership meeting. The Trustees decided to increase dues in the coming year to \$20 in Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin, and to \$10 elsewhere. It was also decided that the 1966-67 meetings will be held in one place, but on different nights of the week.

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Co-Chairmen Wilson Smith and Ver Lynn Sprague reported on preparations for the Battlefield Tour to Washington. "Dusty" Berk, pilot of the White Sox plane, was introduced.

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Marshall Krolick reported for the Auction committee (see page 3, column 1). There was an unsold remainder from the auction and this will be sold—with additions—at a date to be announced in the summer.

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While the regular meeting was in progress, ladies of the Unauthorized Personnel met at 18 East Chestnut street and heard Joyce Warshaw speak on "Lincoln - the Long Way Home."

Many of the officers of the Regular army fought for the Southern cause, but only 3 per cent of the enlisted men went over to the South.

Of the 70 names on the panel honoring Princeton University men in the Civil War, 35 are Union and 35 are Confederate.

## Auction Profitable Affair

The Auction held April 30 in the Furniture Club was a gay and successful affair and netted \$1,433.95 for the college Fellowship Award fund.

Augie Payne paid the highest price, \$75, for an item, John O. Casler's "Four Years in the Stonewall Brigade." (Guthrie, Okla., 1893). Two autograph letters brought \$70 each, an 1864 letter from Gen. James McPherson to Gen. Dennis and an 1854 letter from Adm. David Farragut to Adm. Dahlgren. The first was sold to Rodney Miller and the second to the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop. Mike Lerner paid \$50 for a letter signed by Horace Greeley.

One of the happiest buyers was a youth from Hammond, Ind., who obtained a sword for \$27, infantry belt and buckle \$23, and cavalry jacket \$25. A recruiting poster of the Sprague Light Cavalry sold for \$26 and a cartridge box for \$13. Grape and canister balls netted \$7.

The largest number of items were books. Due to the lateness of the hour, the auction was adjourned with many unsold. These will be offered at a time to be announced in the summer or fall. At that time, other donations will be accepted—all tax deductible.

The major donors for the auction were the Chicago Historical Society, Warren Reeder, Jr., Lloyd D. Miller, Robert Robinson, and Ralph Newman. The major buyers were Miller (nearly \$500), Bernard Slepak, the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop, Maurice Fisher, Joe Eisendrath, Bob Douglas, and the individual buyers named above.

Auctioneers were Newman, Eisendrath, Fisher, Lerner, Wilson Smith and Ver Lynn Sprague. Clerks were Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Krolick, Richard B. Cohen, and Mal Hoffman. Treasurer William C. Krone took in the money. Jerry Warsaw did the Auction posters that were sent to members publicizing the affair. Co-chairmen Krolick and Eisendrath were high in their praise of all hands.

Gross receipts were \$2,127.95, including \$25 cash donated by Henry Kennedy. Donors who elected to receive half the sale price of their items received a total of \$639.50. The excellent dinner was handled as a separate cost, but yielded a small profit. After expenses of the dinner and the auction were deducted, \$1,433.95 remained for the Fellowship Award fund. The fund now has a much needed reserve that was lacking before.

Joe Eisendrath contributed 24 savings banks in the form of Union and Confederate kepis which were table decorations, then were awarded as prizes to persons at each table.

Unhappiest man was Clement Silvestro, director of Chicago Historical Society (the biggest donor). The day of the auction Clem fell from a bicycle, broke his arm, and couldn't attend.

RESEARCH activities of the National Parks Service have been concentrated in Washington, D.C. Edwin C. Bearss, who was regional research historian at Vicksburg, has been moved to Washington, with a promotion. His wife, Margie, regretfully gave up her well done job as editor of the CWRT of Mississippi newsletter. Ed, who is an Honorary Life Award member of our round table, and Margie will live at 1126 17th St. South, Arlington, Va. 22202. Mrs. Genevieve Barksdale, 3405 Old Canton Road, Jackson, Miss., is the new editor of the Mississippi newsletter.

REAR ADM. E. M. ELLER, received the Gold Medal of District of Columbia CWRT, at the annual dinner April 14. Presentation was by Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant III. Speaker of the evening was Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor. Adm. Eller is director of Naval History and a past president of the D.C. Round Table.

## BATTLEFIELD TOUR PARTY

Members and guests on the battlefield tour to the Washington area May 26 to 30 were:

CHICAGO AND SUBURBS: Frances D. Ames, Margaret April, Paul C. Behanna, Dr. A. V. Bergquist, Dr. Arthur Bernstein, Louis Bernstein, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Brinkman, Leslie E. Clark, Richard B. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Douglas and Laura, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Eisendrath, Jr., Morton Feigen, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Fisher, Lt. Leonard Fisher, James L. Henry, Harold B. Hixson, Miles Janousek, Peter H. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Joseph, Stanley Kearney, Henry W. Kennedy, Dan J. Lapinski, Mrs. Foreman Lebold, Allen Meyer, Lloyd D. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard D. Moschel, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon L. Nelson and Chris, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Oehmig, Joseph F. Pratt, Dr. Vernon W. Schick, Charles J. Shields, Ward C. Smidl, Wilson A. Smith, Gilbert Twiss, Elmer Underwood, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Warsaw, E. B. Long.

ILLINOIS: Dr. and Mrs. Donald Burhans and Clarence L. Johnson, Peoria; Mr. and Mrs. Ver Lynn Sprague, Cherry Valley; Dr. and Mrs. Gerhard P. Clausius, Belvidere; James L. Capel, Champaign; Dr. W. W. Sauer, Paxton; Roscoe Mathis, Prophetstown; Dr. Raymond E. Mulrooney, Decatur, Gerald Kelsch, Peoria.

WISCONSIN: John P. Hunter, Madison; Rolland A. Kelling, Wauwatosa; Guilbert L. Piper, Racine; Mr. and Mrs. Philip J. Hohlweck, Milwaukee.

INDIANA: Warren A. Reeder, Jr., Hammond; Frank J. Welcher, Indianapolis.

PENNSYLVANIA: William N. Barto, Betty L. Cook, Mrs. Julia Sanders, Lewisburg; Kenneth A. Bidlack, Mifflinburg; Dr. Charles M. Stutzman (all from Lewisburg CWRT).

ELSEWHERE: Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Waterbury and Claire Graham, Washington, D.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bass, Enid, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Will Plank, Marlboro, N.Y.; Albert Jernigan, Dallas, Texas; J. Ambler Johnston, Richmond, Va., Bruce Catton, New York.

## SPEAKERS BUREAU

Elmer C. Brinkman, chairman of the CWRT Speakers Bureau, reports the following who have volunteered to speak on the Civil War and Abraham Lincoln:

MEMBERS: Alan C. Aimone, E. C. Brinkman, L. E. Capek, G. P. Clausius, Miner Coburn, Philip R. Davis, Joseph L. Eisendrath, Morton B. Feigen, Elmer Gertz, Stuart K. Golding, Albert Harris, Jack E. Horsley, E. B. Long, Stewart W. McClelland, Lloyd D. Miller, Warren A. Reeder, Jr., Win Stracke, and Walter K. Tatsch.

ELSEWHERE: Albert Kastel, History Dept., Western Michigan University; LeRoy H. Fischer, Department of History, Oklahoma State University; James A. Huston, Department of History, Purdue University; Stanley I. Kutler, Department of History, University of Wisconsin; Dr. Virgil L. Levy, President, Fort Wayne (Ind.) CWRT; Jonathan Lurie, University of Wisconsin; Haskell Monroe, Assistant Dean, Graduate College, Texas A & M University; Edward Noyes, Department of History, Wisconsin State University; Sister M. Martinice O'Rourke, History Department, Rosary College; John Y. Simon, Ulysses S. Grant Association, Southern Illinois University; Paul Simon, State Senator, Troy, Ill.; John F. Stover, History Department, Purdue University.

Groups interested in making arrangements for a speaker can contact Chairman, Speakers Bureau, Civil War Round Table, 18 East Chestnut St., Chicago, Ill. 60611

Miner Coburn has been the most active speaker to date with appearances at New Trier High School, Skokie Junior High, Sons of Union Veterans and allied orders, and McHenry County Historical Society. A close runner-up has been Walter K. Tatsch.



## THE NEW BOOKS



LIFE IN THE NORTH DURING THE CIVIL WAR, by Winston Smith and Charles Judah (University of New Mexico Press, \$6.50).

### BOOK NOTES

John Y. Simon, director of the Ulysses S. Grant Association, bought for the association, 300 items relating to Grant — first edition books, booklets, manuscripts, wood engravings, letters, sheet music, and photos — from Richard N. Leekley, owner of the B. J. Scott agency, a library bookseller firm at Winthrop Harbor, Ill.

Edward M. Coffman, assistant professor of history at the University of Wisconsin, speaker on "The Civil War Career of Capt. Thomas H. Hines," at our 217th meeting on Jan. 18, 1963, is author of "The Hilt of the Sword: The Career of Peyton C. March," just published by University of Wisconsin Press.

### COLLEGE FELLOWSHIP AWARD

The Civil War Round Table college Fellowship Award winner for 1966-67 is Richard William Iobst of Raleigh, N.C. He is working on the doctoral thesis of "North Carolina Raises an Army, 1861-62." It is a study of the evolution of the state's antiquated militia system into an efficient state army. The thesis begins with John Brown's raid on Harpers Ferry and moves to the effective application of the Confederate conscription act in North Carolina in the spring and summer of 1862.

Iobst, 32, has worked with Dr. Louis H. Manarin, editor of the Roster of North Carolina Troops and the Robert E. Lee papers. Iobst has produced a book on "The Bloody 6th," another to be published is "The Battles of Fort Fisher," and he wrote the booklet, "The Battle of New Bern."

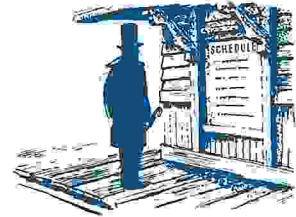
Iobst, a native of Allentown, Pa., received his undergraduate and master's degrees at the University of North Carolina. He is married and the father of two boys.

The fellowship is worth \$3,000 and is financed by funds supplied largely by Lloyd D. Miller and the Round Table's auction and contributions by members and other Round Tables. The award was announced at the May 20 meeting by Co-Chairmen C. Robert Douglas and Miller, and Paul Angle, Clement Silvestro, and Arnold Alexander.

SHILOH MILITARY TRAIL Committee, 751 S. Goodlett, Memphis, Tenn., 38111, is sponsoring Reenactment Hiking Week at the Shiloh battlefield July 2-10. Primarily for Boy Scouts, six trails are set up; two of them Historical, Artillery, Compass Cross County, Confederate Advance, and Lew Wallace Approach. Special events during the week are scheduled for nearby Savannah, Tenn. — the National Catfish Derby, July 2-4, and a parade and grand ball, July 8. The battle reenactment July 9 will be staged by the Union Army of Commemoration and the Confederate High Command. Other hiking trails set up are Nathan Bedford Forrest Trail and Brice's Crossroads in Mississippi and Tennessee Forrest Trail (the Battle of Johnsonville) near Camden, Tenn.

Bish Thompson, Evansville, Ind., newspaper columnist and editor of the newsletter of the CWRT of Vanderburgh Court House, observes: "(the speaker) couldn't be here on the 9th and past experience has taught us it is best to have the crowd there for the same night as the speaker—makes for smoother functioning of the machinery, kind of."

## BULLETIN BOARD



ANNUALLY during the summer the Round Table's mailing list is culled for economy's sake and to keep it correct. Please notify office of changes of address and zip code numbers. Persons who have been receiving courtesy mailings are invited to apply for membership. Mailings of the newsletter to Round Tables which exchange with us will be continued, as well as to some that do not have newsletters. There is no newsletter in July and August. Publication will resume in September.

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BEG YOUR PARDON: An apology to Col. J. Gay Seabourne for an interpolation in his article on the Booth trial in the Battlefield Tour special number. The statement that Dr. Samuel Mudd sold two pistols and a carbine to Booth was not borne out by testimony in the trial of conspirators. The error was due to your editor's unresearched addition to Col. Seabourne's copy.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

- June 11 - Charleston, S.C., Re-enactment of Revolutionary War Battle of Fort Sullivan.
- June 11 - East Orange, N.J. Gathering of Round Tables of area at Upsala College.
- July 2-10 - Shiloh, Tenn., Special hiking program; Re-enactment of the Battle of Shiloh, July 9.

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AVAILABLE at meetings: Gold filled lapel pin, \$1. Cloth patch of emblem, 50¢. Muster roll of 25th Anniversary meeting, \$2 (also by mail).



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE reports that there were 121,312,000 visits to units of the National Park System in 1965, an increase of 9 per cent over 1964. Of units related to Lincoln and the Civil War, Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., was by far the leader with 4,039,900. In the units specifically related to the Civil War, the standing was: Gettysburg 2,325,500, Petersburg 1,278,800, Chickamauga-Chattanooga 1,048,200, Vicksburg 935,300, Harpers Ferry 789,800, Fredericksburg-Spotsylvania 734,000, Fort Donelson 566,000, Arlington 528,800, Kennesaw Mountain 426,400, Manassas 426,200, Richmond 382,900, Shiloh 382,700, Fort Pulaski 261,500, Cumberland Gap 221,500, Appomattox 148,800, Fort Sumter 144,600, Antietam 140,400, Pea Ridge 96,200, Stones River 59,000, Brice's Crossroads 2,700, and Tupelo 800.

THE TERRAIN of the Port Hudson battlefield has been in private hands since the 40 days of siege ending July 9, 1863. Now 669 acres containing a long portion of the Confederate battle lines has been offered for sale. The Committee for the Preservation of the Port Hudson Battlefield, 114 St. Louis St., Baton Rouge, La., is pressing a campaign for its purchase and conversion to public use. Fred G. Benton, Jr., who was one of our guides at Port Hudson on our 1964 battlefield tour, is chairman of the committee. Persons who wish to aid the work of the committee may send contributions to the Baton Rouge address, or for \$2 obtain a membership in the committee.

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The 252nd Regular meeting was held Friday, June 10, 1966, at the U.S. Naval Reserve armory at East Randolph Street and Lake Michigan with 75 members and guests present.

President Brooks Davis reviewed the 1965-66 year. He then introduced the new officers for 1966-67 and presented a gavel to President Michael S. Lerner. On the call of Maurice Fisher, there were three lusty cheers for Brooks.

Wilson Smith told of plans for an outing at Lacon, Ill. (See opposite side)

James J. Geary of New Market, Va., told of plans for the New Market Battlefield Memorial, of which he is director. The memorial is financed by the Collins Fund-Virginia Military Institute, which has a reserve of 3 million dollars. The fund has 160 acres on the battlefield and a museum and visitor center will be built there. Geary expects the work will be done by 1968, and he said, "Come and see us." New Market is notable as the battle in which V. M. I. cadets fought.

There was applause for Peter Johnson who is leaving this summer to take over the Vagabond motel at Phoenix, Arizona.

Ralph Newman, acting for the chairman of the awards committee, told of the planning for the Civil War Round Table in 1940. Those who attended the first meeting, Dec. 3, 1940, have been credited as founders of the CWRT. Some persons participated in the preliminary sessions but could not attend the meeting. To Harry G. Hershenson and Craig R. Johnson, Ralph presented the Honorary Award Life Membership certificate as founders. Another Honorary Life Award was presented to Past President E. B. (Pete) Long, director of research for Bruce Catton's three volume Civil War Centennial history.

President Lerner introduced the speaker, Frank E. Vandiver, who dubbed Newman "the Halleck of the first centennial." Frank recalled the last Civil War Centennial commission meeting and CWRT assembly in Springfield last year, and asked, "Will members of Round Tables 100 years from now have the feeling of what it was like?" Speaking on "Toward the Second Centennial," Frank reviewed the efforts of the first one, such as books, radio and television presentations, and Hollywood efforts. He outlined many subjects which remain for research and writing related to the Civil War.

"We have liked the Civil War and stimulated a continuing interest in it," Frank said. "We still haven't all the basic sources for study...We need more biographies of political figures...The navy is neglected in Civil War writing. ...Civil War biographers have neglected a whole group of people - men of letters, musicians, and artists...We need to know more about what went on in southern cities, population shifts, class support of the war, effect on the national economy, and such things as the founding of the Academy of Science, the Homestead act, and the college land grant act...Let us go forward firm in our affection for the Civil War and honest in our studies."

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Civil War Round Table Golf Outing

We are planning a golf outing and semi-serious Round Table meeting at Lacon, Illinois, Country Club on September 9.

The golf course is a very interesting and challenging one and the club house is perfect for a dinner and meeting. There are numerous people in Lacon very much interested in Civil War history who may be good prospects for membership.

The following day, September 10, is "Old Settlers Day" in Lacon featuring Art Exhibits, Photography Exhibits, Flower Show, Kids Parade and Antique Displays in their store windows. A main parade featuring bands, floats, local celebrities will be led by the 104th regiment I.V. (reactivated), who will also give a fine demonstration of drills and volley firing. The 104th also will hold memorial services in the cemetery at the Piper Monument to honor the unknown Civil War dead.

Lacon is easy to reach from Chicago. Take I-55 (Ill. 66) to Dwight, turn right on Ill. 17 to Lacon. The trip is 135 miles. A legal driver can make it in 2½ hours on good roads with little traffic.

We are lining up quarters for those who wish to stay overnight and a group to prepare the dinner.

Please let me know if you wish to attend so we can work out costs which will be nominal. Members from other Round Tables are welcome.

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