

# THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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## George Fleming to Speak on 'Political Generals' Fri., Jan. 13

George J. Fleming, long a teacher, researcher, and historical writer, has been a member of the Civil War Round Table for ten years, "and very proud of it." He will speak to our 257th meeting, Friday, January 13, on "Political Generals," with particular attention to Illinois' own John A. Logan.



The meeting will be in the Furniture Club of America in the Furniture Mart and will be preceded by a monthly session of the Executive Committee.  
George is a native Chicagoan with bachelor degree from Loyola University, and graduate degrees (M.A. and Ph.D.) from Catholic University, Washington, D. C. His doctoral dissertation was on the Illinois-Michigan canal and he is thoroughly grounded in Illinois history.

For many years Dr. Fleming has conducted research on Logan as a soldier and politician; Democratic Congressman from southern Illinois before the Civil War, and after the war a Congressman, Senator, leading Republican, and leader in the Grand Army of the Republic.

Logan was prolific in his own writings and kept most of the important letters written to him. Fleming has assiduously pursued Logan's career from his home towns of Benton and Murphysboro to Vicksburg, Atlanta, and Washington, D. C.

Logan raised the 31st Illinois infantry in the summer of 1861, becoming its colonel, and rose during the Civil War to major general and corps command. When James B. McPherson was killed at Atlanta, Logan was temporarily in command of the Army of the Tennessee.

Fleming says, "My talk will try to sketch Logan's war career, with side glances at other aspects of his life, and with special attention to Logan as an example of the political general.."

Logan's wife also did some writing and the two were prominent and colorful figures in the social life of Washington.

Dr. Fleming has been a member of the history departments of Xavier University, Cincinnati, and the University of Detroit. He also has been employed as an editor by textbook and encyclopedia publishers. At present he is associate professor of history and chairman of the department at St. Joseph's College, Calumet Campus, East Chicago, Ind.

In historical circles Fleming has been known for his sharp and incisive questioning of material and viewpoints. He has had vast experience in historical research and is respected for the keenness of his approach to any subject of history. He has been a regular at Round Table meetings and participated in a CWRT panel at a special meeting in Galena.



257th REGULAR MEETING

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George J. Fleming

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"Political Generals"

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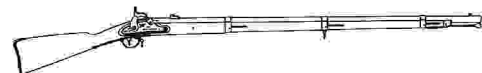
FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 1967

Furniture Club in Furniture Mart  
666 North Lake Shore Drive

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

RESERVATIONS, Please! Send your card in early. If it is necessary to cancel or make a late reservation, call Whitehall 4-3085.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (trustees, officers, past presidents) meets at 4:45 p.m. in Furniture Club.



MAL HOFFMANN, our secretary who is director of special projects for the Illinois Sesquicentennial commission, is chairman of a committee which will determine what the Round Table's participation in the state's 150 anniversary shall be and make arrangements. Mal has named the following committee: E. B. Long, Lloyd D. Miller, C. Robert Douglas, Joseph L. Eisendrath Jr., Brooks Davis, James Coulter, Charles V. Falkenberg Jr., D. J. Lapinski, Allen Meyer, Richard J. Newman, Roland D. Persenico, Gilbert Twiss, and Jerry Warshaw.

JOHN T. HUBBELL, Editor of Civil War History, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Ia., writes, "Please tell your members that if they have difficulty with their subscriptions, write to me personally and I'll look into it . . . Your organization has certainly been loyal supporters of the journal and believe me, the support is gratifying." Some Round Tables "dropped subscriptions with the end of the Centennial, but it seems to me that those truly interested in the Civil War, its antecedents and repercussions, will wish to continue reading about it. Keep the newsletter coming, I enjoy reading it. One of these days I plan to come up for a meeting."

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WALTER TROHAN, CWRT member and Washington bureau chief of the Chicago Tribune, dwelt on seldom recounted sidelights of the Gettysburg Address in an article in the Tribune. Edward Everett, orator of the day, in correspondence with David Wills, the Gettysburg chairman, wrote: "I hope, if possible, that if there is no house in the immediate vicinity of the platform to which I could retire, so as to join the procession very shortly before going to the ground, there might be a tent pitched very near, as I shall have occasion to retire shortly before speaking."

Trohan quoted from Everett's diary concerning the procession, and then: "We reached a tent, pitched at my request in the rear of the platform. I requested and was promised that it should be in two divisions, one for my private use with a pot-de-chambre. On arriving I found, to my dismay, that the tent was not double, and that the canvas front and rear gaped wide, so that all privacy was out of the question, tho the homely utensil was provided, covered with a newspaper.

"Into this tent, thus arranged, I was ushered with 8 or 10 men and women. They, by degrees, comprehended the nature of the position, and left me alone—master of it."

Then, Trohan wrote:

"This was well, for his elocutionary efforts required his public presence in the center of the platform for more than two hours. It may also serve to explain why Lincoln left the grounds with a severe headache, altho he spoke but a little more than two minutes."

Elmer Gertz, a founder of our CWRT, will speak to Salt Creek CWRT (Glen Ellyn) on February 17 on "The Assassination of Lincoln and Kennedy—Jack Ruby's Lawyer Looks at the Slaying of Two Presidents."

from the  
Editor's pen



Seventy-three members and guests heard Frank L. Klement speak December 8, on "Vallandigham and the Civil War." Dr. Klement, professor of history at Marquette University, Milwaukee, and author, told of the difficulty of turning up original material and researching newspapers relating to Clement L. Vallandigham, northern sympathizer for the Confederacy. Klement paid tribute to Dr. Charles H. Coleman of Eastern Illinois University (Charleston) for much research and for lending his collection for use in Dr. Klement's forthcoming book, "Brink of Treason: Clement L. Vallandigham and the Civil War."

Much of Dr. Klement's talk dwelt on the dramatic aspects of Vallandigham's career, particularly his arrest after a trainload of soldiers was sent by Gen. Ambrose Burnside to Dayton, Ohio. Vallandigham then was held in Cincinnati and Newport, Ky. Burnside convened a military commission which convicted Vallandigham, but Lincoln changed the sentence to banishment to the Confederacy. This caused embarrassment because Vallandigham advocated settling the war by compromise and the Confederates wanted independence. Vallandigham was dumped near a Confederate sentinel at a point where the opposing lines were close together at Shelbyville, Tenn.

Jefferson Davis sent an agent to interview Vallandigham, who was then put out of the Confederacy thru Wilmington and Bermuda to Canada at Halifax. Vallandigham was entertained at Quebec and finally reached Niagara where he put up at the Clifton house and his wife joined him. Democrats of Ohio nominated him for governor since it was felt he was a martyr. He campaigned from Canada. There was a surprising display of electioneering in Ohio, but on election day in 1863 he was defeated by 100,000 votes.

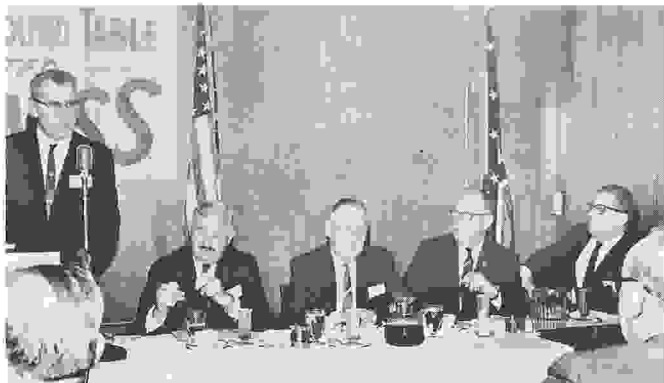
Vallandigham stayed in Canada until June, 1864, then sneaked back to Ohio in disguise. He played a part in the Chicago Democratic convention. However, after the assassination of Lincoln, Vallandigham was genuinely saddened and expressed his horror at Booth's act. Vallandigham himself died by a bullet when he was demonstrating how the victim in a shooting might have shot himself. There was a large funeral for Vallandigham and he was eulogized by orators who spoke of his war-time courage.

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Behind the speaker's table was a banner reading, "The Civil War Round Table Salutes Gil Twiss." At the beginning of the meeting, President Mike Lerner spoke in complimentary terms of the CWRT newsletter.

Charles Wesselhoeft, chairman of the awards committee, then presented to your editor the certificate of Honorary Award life membership in the Round Table. Jerry Warshaw had centered the certificate in a collage

A \$3,500 PRIZE, aimed to produce a new play about Abraham Lincoln, has been announced by Southern Illinois University, the Abraham Lincoln association, and the Illinois Arts Council. The competition is timed with Illinois' 1968 Sesquicentennial observance. The winning play will be produced in the summer of 1968 by S.I.U.'s Lincolnland Drama Festival company, a summer stock group. There will be a second prize of \$1,000 and two honorable mention citations. Deadline for entries will be Jan. 15, 1968. Playwrights and students wishing further details should write to Archibald McLeod, chairman, S.I.U. Theater department, Carbondale, Ill.



Dr. Frank L. Klement, Ralph G. Newman, Elmer C. Brinkman, Gilbert G. Twiss, and Charles D. Wesselhoeft.

of various issues of the newsletter. This was placed under glass in a frame of Civil War style.

Ralph Newman read a paper which he said required much research and turned up the Civil War career of one Ebenezer Twiss, a cavalryman and relative of your editor. Thereupon, Ralph presented a two-foot high metal figure, the plaque reading, "U. S. Cavalry 1865."

Another presentation was a case of what is reputed to have been U. S. Grant's favorite, Old Crow. A telegram from Camp Followers expressing their "ladylike sentiments and our gratitude" was read. Elmer Brinkman and "Pete" Long were the spokesmen.

As your editor said then, and repeats now, we were overwhelmed by the friendship and honor, we're eternally grateful, and we thank you one and all.

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At the beginning of the meeting, Lerner called for introduction of guests and among them was Charles Walker, of Fort Wayne CWRT at the speaker's table. Dr. Stewart McClelland of Indianapolis was one of our out of town members present.

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At the executive committee meeting preceding the regular meeting, trustees favored holding meetings on Thursday or Friday nights rather than spread over all nights of the week. Sentiment also favored the Furniture Club as the meeting place. The schedule available there will place more meetings on Friday night in 1967-68 than on Thursdays. Ver Lynn Sprague was named chairman, to appoint his own committee, to study the possibility of reproducing on records or tape some of our meeting tapes. Treasurer Marshall Krolick announced that a new supply of lapel pins will be available at the January meeting at a price of \$2 each. This represents the increase in cost since the now exhausted supply was obtained more than five years ago. Key chains with the CWRT emblem on a plastic disc are available at 50 cents each along with a few cloth patch emblems also at 50 cents.

Our member Robert C. Robinson is organizing and is president of the Highland Park Historical association.

American History month will be observed in February 1967.

NEW YORK CWRT has issued its 1965-1966 year-book, edited and illustrated by Arnold Gates. The front and back covers have a drawing of the Pry house at Antietam. In the 45 page booklet are a brief history of the New York Round Table, its awards (Fletcher Pratt, Benjamin Barondess, and Centennial), by-laws, programs since founding in 1950, list of officers and members, and a list of other Civil War Round Tables.

#### TO THE LADIES -

On January 13 at 18 East Chestnut Street the Camp Followers will be treated to a cooperative production of "Doc" (the writer) and Ella (the reader) Clausius. Their subject will be "Mary Lincoln After the Tragedy." Gerhard Clausius is a past president and devoted member of the CWRT. Ella's accomplishments with the Girl Scouts and the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs are impressive. Since "Doc" enjoys the Round Table meetings so very much, Mrs. C. has consented to present her husband's paper to the ladies. If you can attend the 6 o'clock dinner meeting, please call Ethel Joseph, evenings, 889-8254. - Barbara Long, program chairman

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Seventeen Camp Followers gathered on December 8 to hear Rosemary (Mrs. Charles) Walker of Fort Wayne speak on Gen. Robert E. Lee. She analyzed the period of Lee's decision to join the Confederacy and his post-war role as president of Washington college. Mrs. Walker made effective use of quotes of the general and left her hearers with the feeling that they had spent a half hour in the presence of this venerated American.

CONFEDERATE MUSEUM in Richmond, Va., has undergone considerable renovation with rooms painted and storage collections cleaned, catalogued and repacked, and its newest period room, the Presidential bedroom, opened. The outstanding feature is a Louis XV half-tester, rosewood bed. The onetime Brockenbrough mansion in which the museum is housed was the Confederate White House and home of President Jefferson Davis from the summer of 1861 to the spring of 1865 when it was seized by Union forces. It was held until 1870 and then returned to the city. In 1893 the mansion was saved from ruin by the Confederate Memorial Literary society, which preserved it as a historic shrine. This year it was accorded recognition as a Registered National Historic Landmark. Currently it has as a public exhibit from its collections 37 representative prints, examples of rare and valuable imprints with sentimental parlor pictures, vicious political cartoons, portraiture prints, and memorial lithographs.

A BILL will be introduced in the Oklahoma legislature to purchase the site of the Battle of Honey Springs, with a view of converting it into a battlefield memorial park. The site is about 16 miles south of Muskogee, a city of 38,000. The battle involved about 9,000 men and was fought over about 25,000 acres of prairie and forest. The CWRT of Oklahoma City is drumming up support for the legislation.

KENTUCKY CWRT heard an address by Stephen Z. Starr of Cincinnati CWRT on "The Other Pickett." He was Col. John T. Pickett, one of Kentucky's most distinguished citizens. He was consul to Vera Cruz in 1853-57 and 1858-61, and at the opening of the Civil War represented the Confederacy as commissioner to Mexico. Later he was on the staff of Gen. John C. Breckinridge and in June, 1862, became an assistant to Gen. Samuel Cooper, adjutant and inspector general of the Confederate army. He next was on the staff of Gen. W. J. Hardee. In 1865 he returned to Mexico as envoy of the Confederate states. After the war he practiced law in Washington, D.C.

## THE NEW BOOKS



Minutes of the Richmond City Council 1863-1865, by Richmond Civil War Centennial Committee (North Carolina Press, Chapel Hill, N.C., \$12.50).

QUINCY IN THE CIVIL WAR, by Carl W. Landrum (Historical Society of Quincy and Adams County, 425 South 12th St., Quincy, Ill., 129pp, paper, \$2).

CONFEDERATE GENERALS: Lee, Jackson, Stuart, A. P. Hill, Longstreet, Pickett, Hood, Ewell; original drawings by Jack Davis; silk screen reproduction and hand colored; on 10" x 26" water color paper ready for framing; each \$5.35; four \$16.95; eight \$29.95 postpaid; Hill Junior College Press, Hillsboro, Tex. 76645.

ROBERT E. LEE, by Jefferson Davis, edited and with an introduction and notes by Col. Harold B. Simpson (Hill Junior College Press, Hillsboro, Tex. 76645, \$5; leather bound \$12.50). First published in January, 1890, issue of North American Review; first time in book form; 16 photos of Lee.

I MARRIED A SOLDIER, by Lydia Spencer Lane, foreword by Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower (Horn & Wallace, Albuquerque, N.M., 220pp, \$6). Story of an army wife whose husband served in New Mexico and Texas from 1854 to 1870.

YANKEE REBEL: The Civil War Journal of Edmund DeWitt Patterson, edited by John G. Barrett (U. of North Carolina, \$6). A boy from Ohio who broke with his Unionist family and joined the Confederates at 19; describes battles of Williamsburg, Seven Pines, Seven Days, Fredericksburg and Gettysburg, and his imprisonment on Johnson's Island in Lake Erie.

REBEL RAIDER: A Biography of Admiral Semmes, by Evangeline and Burke Davis (Lippincott, 149pp, \$3.75).

A YEAR OF STARVATION AMIDST PLENTY, by Richard H. Little (Texian Press, 40pp, \$4.50). A Confederate prisoner's experiences during 17 months in Camp Morton, Indianapolis. Reprint.

SKETCH OF COMPANY K 23RD SOUTH CAROLINA VOLUNTEERS, 1862-1865, by W. J. Andrews (W. E. Brunson, Jr., Sumter, S. C., 33pp, paper, \$2). Has description of the Crater at Petersburg, Va., and the aftermath.

### BOOK NOTES

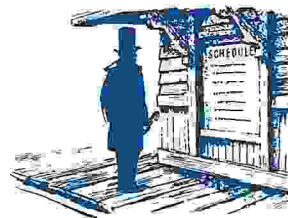
THE JOURNAL of the Confederate Historical Society (Vol. 4, No. 2) has a thorough and interesting article on "The Postal System of the Confederate States of America," by John A. Heflin, Jr. Many Americans are members of the society and others may join by sending \$3.50 dues to Hon. P. J. Whale, treasurer, 35 Melrose Crescent, Orpington, Kent, England.

Edward M. Coffman, of the University of Wisconsin history department, who spoke to our 217th meeting, Jan. 18, 1963, on "The Civil War Career of Capt. Thomas H. Hines," is author of THE HILT OF THE SWORD: The Career of Peyton C. March (Army Chief of Staff from 1918 to 1921), published by University of Wisconsin Press, Madison (400pp, \$10).

Mrs. Lucile A. Raiff, 2250 Henley St., Glenview, Ill., has a 10 volume Photographic History of the Civil War (Miller, Blue Cloth) for sale, best offer.

"Richmond at War" was produced by the city committee of which our Honorary Life Award Member J. Ambler Johnston was chairman. Ambler says, "I think it will be a gold mine of reference for the student of non-military affairs. It contains hitherto unpublished pictures found in the archives in Washington." The Richmond committee had 1,000 copies printed and North Carolina Press added 500 more. Virginius Dabney, editor of the Richmond Times Dispatch, reviewed the book him-

## BULLETIN BOARD



### FUTURE MEETINGS

Tuesday, Feb. 14 - Ladies' Night; Speaker, Alice Hamilton Cromie; Dinner and Theater at Ivanhoe Restaurant.

Monday, March 20 - Col. Harold B. Simpson, "Jefferson Davis and the United States Camel Corps."

April 20-23 - 17th Annual Battlefield Tour, to Wilson's Creek, Pea Ridge, Prairie Grove, Westport, and Lexington (Mo).

Wednesday, April 26 - Fred Benton, Jr., "The Battle and Siege of Port Hudson."

Tuesday, May 25 - Henry Simmons, "Northern Censorship of the Press: Necessary or Needless?"

Friday, June 23 - J. Robert Smith, "Gen. Mike Lawler."

### FUTURE CALENDAR

1967 - Illinois State Historical Society, May 19-21, Spring Tour to Monticello, Ill; Oct. 13-15, Annual Meeting and Tour at Benton.

1968 - Historical Society and Illinois Sesquicentennial, April 18-20, Spring Tour in Chicago; Aug. 25-26, Old State House Days at Springfield; Oct. 4-6, 150 Anniversary of State at Chester (Kaskaskia).

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NEW MEMBERS: Frank S. Adams, 1748 N. Central Park, Chicago 60647; Raymond J. Aimone, 30 High Lake, West Chicago 60185; Roy Bradley, 1105 Maple Ave., Evanston, Ill. 60202; Thomas E. Kearney, 520 S. Gunderson, Oak Park, Ill. 60304; Marshall A. Ruehrdanz, 2111 Spruce Drive, Glenview, Ill. 60025.

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AVAILABLE at meetings: Lapel pin, \$2; Key chain with CWRT emblem, 50¢; Cloth patch of emblem, 50¢.



Though the Edwin C. Bearsses have moved from Vicksburg to Washington, D.C., both are busy with projects linked with the Mississippi valley. Margie is working on Grand Gulf exhibits for the new museum. Ed is making ready a new book on Jenkins Ferry, Poison Spring, and Marks Mill, Ark.

Robert I. Standish and Edwin N. Winge have been named chief and assistant chief of information of the National Park Service.

self, favorably. Ambler hopes to be with us on the Pea Ridge battlefield tour.

"Quincy in the Civil War" is another "city" book. But, along with Cairo, Quincy was one of the bastions that kept the Civil War out of Illinois. It was the western assembly point for Union soldiers fighting in Missouri. The well illustrated book is by Carl Landrum, a member of the Tri-State CWRT of Quincy.