

THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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Virgil C. Jones on 'Union Naval Errors,' Friday, October 11

Virgil Carrington (Pat) Jones, author of the definitive naval history of the Civil War, will speak on "How Not to Start a War - Union Naval Errors" at our meeting on Friday, October 11.



Virgil Carrington (Pat) Jones

Pat Jones, who serves as secretary to Virginia Congressman William M. Tuck, promises to tell us about the errors made at Washington in the early stages of the war, errors that allowed the South to develop into a belligerent. "The first six months of the war was a Navy war," Jones asserts, "and the men of the Army had stacked their guns and gone home before the last Confederate ship surrendered. More than once the Navy saved the day, and twice it saved the Union army fighting along the Mississippi River."

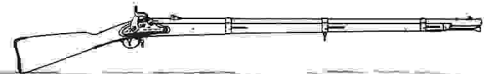
His summation of this phase of the war is: "Never in history has there been such a period of indecision, of vacillation, as there was on the part of the Union at the start of the war. Several grave mistakes were made. All of these errors involved the Navy, and they came at an important time, for the Navy was the dominant force on the Union side throughout the war."

One of the frightful Union errors cited by Jones, among four or five major blunders, was the Union's failure to block the South from taking over central port facilities, including the Norfolk Navy Yard. "Material taken at Norfolk showed up in the war for months afterward," Jones comments. His talk on October 11 will concern the Union blunders in the period from Fort Sumpter into 1862.

Pat Jones is exceedingly well qualified to present material on the naval war as author of "The Civil War at Sea," three volumes published by Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1960-62. "I worked very closely with the Navy Department," Jones tells, "but in return for using its archives, the department insisted that it keep close watch on the technical accuracy of what was written."

Jones is also the author of "Ranger Mosby," "The Hatfields and the McCoys," "Gray Ghosts and Rebel Raiders," "Birth of Liberty" and the television series "The Gray Ghost." He was editor of "100 Years After," the newsletter of the U.S. Civil War Centennial Commission from 1958-63. Jones was the narrator of the First Manassas battle reenactment in 1961 and the Front Royal battle reenactment in 1962. He conducts tours of Civil War trails in Northern Virginia.

Prior to becoming administrative assistant to Congressman Tuck in 1963, Pat Jones was a newspaperman for the Huntsville (Ala.) Times, the Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch, the Washington Evening Star and the



274th REGULAR MEETING

Virgil Carrington Jones

on

How Not to Start a War -

Union Naval Errors

Friday, October 11, 1968

Furniture Club in Furniture Mart

Executive Committee at 4:45 p.m.

Cocktails at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner at 6:30 p.m.



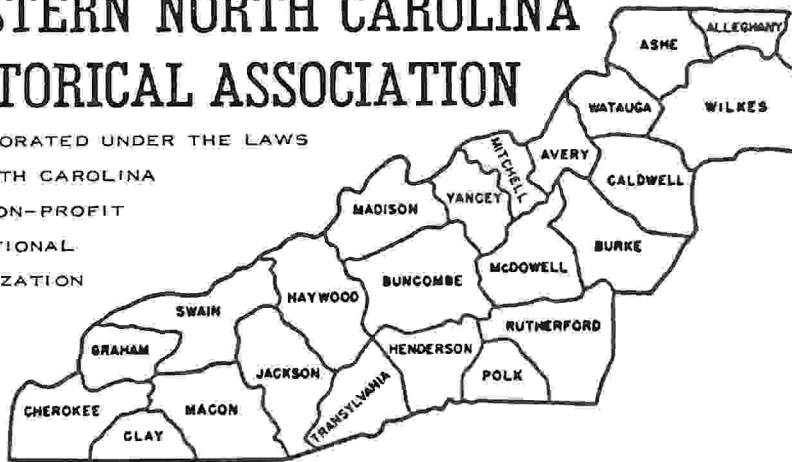
Wall Street Journal. From 1945 until 1961 he was Washington office manager for Curtis Publishing Co. His honors include the Sigma Delta Chi scholarship award and a gold medal award for meritorious writing from the Civil War Round Table of the District of Columbia.

Our October 11 speaker was born in Charlottesville, Va., on June 7, 1906, and was married in 1934 to Geneva Carolyn Peyton. They have a son and a daughter. Pat Jones was graduated magna cum laude in journalism from Washington and Lee University in 1930. Now a resident of Centreville, Virginia, he is a Democrat and a member of the Christian Church, as well as the Masons, Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Delta Chi and Pi Delta Epsilon.

His hobbies, when he is not on lecture tours or making television appearances, include reading and vegetable gardening.

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The Civil War Round Table
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Gentlemen:

I am sending by separate cover a copy of my approved and completed doctoral dissertation—"North Carolina Mobilizes: Nine Crucial Months." This is a small token, but is an expression of my appreciation for your wonderful kindness in giving me the 1966-1967 graduate fellowship award. If I had not received that money I would have been unable to continue in graduate school at the University of North Carolina, and would never have received my Ph.D. degree. I only hope that I can prove worthy of your gift—both in the college teaching profession and in the research field.

I am currently editing the Papers of Governor Henry T. Clark, one of North Carolina's leaders during the early period of the war (July 7, 1861—September 9, 1862). This work is being done under the auspices of the North Carolina Department of Archives and History, Dr. Christopher Crittenden, Director. I am currently serving as the vice-president of the Western North Carolina Historical Association and as a member of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association. Recently, I was elected president of the latter group. I plan to continue my work in Civil War History. My current status here at Western Carolina University is Assistant Professor of History.

Hoping to attend a meeting of the Round Table sometime in the coming year I am,

Very cordially yours,
Richard W. Iobst
Richard W. Iobst
Assistant Professor
of History

THE NEW BOOKS



FIGHTING CONFEDERATES. by Curt Anders. (Putnam, \$6.50)

THE EIGHTEENTH MISSOURI. by Leslie Anders (Bobbs-Merrill, \$5.95) A regiment that served at Shiloh, Corinth, Atlanta.

ANATOMY OF AN ASSASSINATION: THE MURDER OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN. by John Cottrell. (Funk & Wagnalls, \$5.95)

BLACK HISTORY: A REAPPRAISAL. ed. by Melvin Drimmer. (Doubleday, \$6.95). Black participation in American history from Colonial times to present.

THE MAKING OF BLACK AMERICA: STUDIES IN AMERICAN NEGRO LIFE. ed. by August Meier and Elliott M. Rudwick. (Atheneum, \$12.50)

PLOTS AGAINST PRESIDENTS. by John M. Potter. (Grosset, \$4.95)

TO BE FREE: STUDIES IN AMERICAN NEGRO HISTORY. by Herbert Aptheker. (Internat'l Pubs. Assoc., \$5.95; paper \$1.95)

GEORGIA BOYS WITH "STONEWALL" JACKSON. by Aurelia Austin (Univ. Georgia, \$3.00). Wartime letters from Co. H, 11th Georgia Vols.

GENERAL STERLING PRICE AND THE CIVIL WAR IN THE WEST. by Albert Castel. (Louisiana State U., \$8.95).

CIVIL WAR IN THE MAKING, 1815-1860. by Avery O. Craven. Paperback, (Louisiana State U., \$1.45)

SOLDIERS AND CIVILIANS: THE MARTIAL SPIRIT IN AMERICA, 1776-1865. by Marcus Cunliffe. (Little, Brown, \$12.50). On the American military tradition.

THE POLITICS OF RECONSTRUCTION, 1863-1867. by David Donald. Paperback (Louisiana State U., \$1.45).

THE ANTISLAVERY VANGUARD: NEW ESSAYS ON THE ABOLITIONISTS. ed. by Martin Duberman. Paperback (Princeton, \$3.45)

THE NEGRO AMERICAN: A DOCUMENTARY HISTORY. ed. by Leslie H. Fishel and Benjamin Quarles. (Morrow, \$6.95)

ROBERT TODD LINCOLN. by John S. Goff. (U. Oklahoma, \$7.95).

CIVIL WAR TOKENS AND TRADESMEN'S STORE CARDS. by George Hetrich and Julius Guttag. 3rd ed. (Typkoyne, 1730 Summit Ct., Deerfield, Ill., \$15.00)

ARRIVAL: 12:30. by Alan Hynd. (Nelson, \$3.50). The Baltimore plot against Lincoln. Ages 12 and up.

MARCHING TOWARD FREEDOM: THE NEGRO IN THE CIVIL WAR 1861-1865. by James M. McPherson. (Knopf, \$3.95). Ages 11 and up.

A BIBLIOGRAPHY: THE CIVIL WAR AND NEW JERSEY. by Donald A. Sinclair. (Friends of the Rutgers Univ. Lib., \$6.50)

MEDICAL-MILITARY PORTRAITS OF UNION AND CONFEDERATE GENERALS. by Paul E. Steiner (Whitmore, \$6.00). 10 generals studied.

THE BURDEN OF SOUTHERN HISTORY. by C. Vann Woodward. (Louisiana State U., \$4.95; paper \$1.95)

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Gil Twiss, regular editor of this newsletter, is getting compliments from around the country for his article on the state of the Roundtables in a recent issue of *Civil War Times Illustrated*. Gil is recovering and would appreciate cards and notes (but no visitors, please) at Passavant Hospital, 303 E. Superior St., Chicago, Illinois 60611.



TO THE LADIES—

The Camp Followers' fourth season of meetings got off to a rousing start with an overflow crowd turning out to enjoy Win Stracke's colorful presentation of "Civil War Music."

The October 11 meeting of the Camp Followers will be held at the home of Juanita Bernstein, 860 Lake Shore Drive, Apt. 10 J. Dan Lapinski will speak on "Island 10." The meeting time will be the usual 5:30 and reservations should be made with Juanita Bernstein, WH 3-0403 (or Eleanor Sprague, SU 7-7349), who will have information about parking and so forth.

BULLETIN BOARD

NEW MEMBERS: John S. Butler, 1139 Wolfram St., Chicago, Ill. 60657; Sander B. Friedman, 8117 Parkside, Morton Grove, Ill. 60053; Terry Orr, 202 Illinois St., Joliet, Ill. 60436; David B. Reno, 30 N. LaSalle, Room 808, Chicago, Ill. 60602.

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DECEASED: John R. Fugard.



Attendance at National Military parks in 1967 had this pattern: Lincoln Birthplace, Ky. 403,700; Antietam, 241,600; Appomattox, 122,000; Arkansas Post, 70,800; Brices Cross Roads, 2,300; Chickamauga-Chatanooga, 1,250,000; Cumberland Gap, 237,200; Custis Lee Mansion, 252,600; Fort Davis, Texas, 121,600; Fort Donelson, 902,500; Fort Jefferson, Fla., 22,100; Fort Sumter, 134,400; Fort Union, N. M., 13,700; Fredericksburg-Spotsylvania, 775,700; Grant Memorial, N.Y., 18,900; Gettysburg, 2,463,200; Harpers Ferry, 955,500; House Where Lincoln Died, 137,000; Kennesaw Mountain, 196,100; Lincoln Boyhood Home, Ind., 137,800; Lincoln Memorial, 3,519,600; Manassas, 543,400; Natchez Trace, 6,781,700; Pea Ridge, 127,600; Petersburg, 1,505,500; Richmond, 315,300; Shenandoah park, 2,133,100; Shiloh, 501,300; Stones River, 81,100; Tupelo, 1,100; Vicksburg, 905,300; Wilson's Creek, 41,400.

DR. ERIC F. GOLDMAN, who spoke to our touring group when we visited the White House in May, 1966, is author of "The Tragedy of Lyndon Johnson: A Historian's Personal Interpretation" (publication July 8, Alfred Knopf). Dr. Goldman, Rollins professor of history at Princeton University, worked at the White House for more than two years as special consultant to the President before resigning in September, 1966.