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DATE: TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 1969

SPEAKER: EDWIN C. BEARRS

SUBJECT: GRANT & MCCLERNAND CONTROVERSY AT VICKSBURG

PLACE: THE HERMIT CLUB, DODGE COURT

PRELIMINARIES: 6 PM DINNER 7 PM

EDWIN C. BEARRS

We are indeed lucky to have Ed Bearrs return to our Roundtable for a third time. Ed's topic for the coming meeting should invoke quite and interesting evening as he has some pretty definite views on one particular Ohio General.

A happy combination of circumstances found Edwin C. Bearrs stationed at the Vicksburg Mississippi National Military Park as regional research historian of Region I of the National Park Service when the Civil War Centennial began. His contributions to the efforts of those engaged in the commemoration in Mississippi, and in Vicksburg, and especially his work for the Vicksburg Centennial Commemoration Commission, has been invaluable.

He began a life long romance with the Civil War when as a boy of ten, he named cows on his father's ranch after Civil War generals. He studied at Georgetown Univ., and later, at Indiana University, where he received his M.A. in history. During WWII he was with a Marine raiding battalion in the invasions of Guadalcanal and New Britain.

His wife, the former Margie Riddle, is a native of Mississippi. Their daughter Sara, now four years old, has probably played on more Civil War battlefields than any other child her age. The "Littlest Rebel," Edwin Cole II, was born in Sept., 1962.

Mr. Bearrs was the organizer of the Civil War Roundtable of Mississippi. He has made an intensive study of the Vicksburg campaign, and the wide areas of activities related thereto, and has made a number of discoveries that add to the general knowledge of the subject and incidentally, refute some historians.

He has also made intensive studies of Stones River, Five Forks, Wilson's Creek and Fort Donelson operations. He made an historical survey of Pea Ridge National Military Park at Rogers, Arkansas, and of the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield for the National Park Service. He, and Vicksburg companions, located the sunken Union gunboat, CAIRO, in the Yazoo River. They are also responsible for raising her.

Mr. Bearrs received the Harry Truman Award for Meritorious Service in the Field of Civil War History. Previous Truman awards were given to Bruce Catton, editor of AMERICAN HERITAGE, and to Dr. Allan Nevins, Chairman of the National Civil War Centennial Commission and Pulitzer Prize winning historian.

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NEW MARKET BATTLEFIELD MEMORIAL

The New Market Battle field Memorial Development Committee has announced that constuction is underway for a new million dollar museum to capsule the Civil War as it evolved over four years. When completed, visitors will find within its walls a graphic introduction, through exhibits and motion pictures, to the military operations of the entire conflict.

The museum will be operated as a non-profit venture through a private bequest to Virginia Military Institute, whose cadets of 1864 it memorializes. It will also serve as a visitor center for the 160-acre New Market Battlefield Park which opened in 1967. The park, lying in the northern part of the Shenandoah Valley, is within three hours driving distance of all the major Civil War battlefields in Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania.

"I know of no existing museum which attempts so panoramic a view of the Civil War as we will give here," said James J. Geary, park director. "While military developments in Virginia will receive major emphasis, our exhibits will relate them to the overall strategy of both sides."

The museum will be called the Hall of Valor and is scheduled for completion in the spring of 1970. It will be dedicated to youthful courage in all of the nation's battles as exemplified by the legendary performance of the "VMI New Market Cadets." The 247 cadets left their classrooms to march 80 miles in rain and mud to this site for their first experience under fire. Their part in the May 15, 1864, battle of New Market may well have turned the tide in a desperate struggle by 10,000 men for the Shenandoah Valley. Fifty-seven cadets were wounded, ten fatally.

"The building will combine native stone and 'weathering steel' for a monumental effect that will nevertheless harmonize with the park's rural landscape," according to William W. Moseley, architect partner-in-charge for Marcellus Wright & Partners of Richmond, Virginia. "The unusual shape of the structure suggests movement to memorialize the battle charge of the cadets and to create an exciting walking experience for visitors within."

A circular central unit will have all-steel exterior casing. The steel will weather to a rich dark rust color. Inside, in a theater will be shown the 12-minute motion picture, "New Market....A Field of Honor," which already has won two international awards.

A flanking wing of stone and precast concrete will contain the large two-story Virginia Room. Here, colorful two and three-dimensional exhibits will trace in chronological order the Civil War's military events in the state of Virginia. Exhibits are being designed by a New York organization known as Quorum 5. Another wing will house the visitor's reception area and a memorial dedicated to the cadets will connect the three sections.

The battlefield site and a fund of nearly three million dollars for a museum and other improvements were bequeathed to the Virginia Military Institute by an alumnus, Mr. George R. Collins of Charleston, West Virginia. His will stipulated that the fund be used for memorial and educational purposes.

Until the Hall of Valor is completed, the ante-bellum farmhouse which survives on the battlefield, will continue to serve as the visitor center. The feature motion picture is shown there daily the year around.

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PAST PROGRAMS
OF
THE CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE OF CLEVELAND, OHIO
1957 - 1958

President: Ken Grant (died April, 1957) President: George Farr Jr. (1957-58)

1	January	8	*CIVIL LAW IN SOUTHERN COURTS	George Farr Jr.
2	February	19	*PEA PATCH ISLAND (FORT DELAWARE)	Preston Rutter
3	March	21	CIVIL WAR-INFLUENCE ON SOCIAL & POLITICAL OUTLOOK	Bruce Catton
4	April	18	*STONEWALL JACKSON'S SHENANDOAH VALLEY CAMPAIGN	Edward Downer
5	May	27	*THE CIVIL WAR IN BRONZE AND STONE	William Carlin
6	September	18	*DRED SCOTT - AGENT OF DECISION	Albert Woldman
7	October	8	SUNDRY EXPERIENCES IN REFIGTING THE CIVIL WAR	Ralph Newman
8	November	2	THE GALLANT MRS. STONEWALL	Harnett Kane
9	December	3	THE LETTERS OF BILLY YANK AND JOHNNY REB	Bell I. Wiley
10	January	20	*GETTYSBURG: I'D HAVE SACKED THEM BOTH	Harrison Frost
11	February	17	*THE LAST HOME OF JEFFERSON DAVIS - BEAVOIR	Guy Di Carlo Jr.
12	March	18	*I REMEMBER MOSBY	William A. Ralls
13	April	15	MOVIE NIGHT: "ROBERT E. LEE" & "THE TRUE STORY OF THE CIVIL WAR	Otto Eisenschiml
14	June	4	WHY THE CIVIL WAR?	

Fieldtrip: 1957 - September 12-14 To Antietam, Harper's Ferry & Winchester

1958 - 1959

President: John W. Cullen Jr.

15	October	13	COMMAND DECISIONS: JULY 2 & 3rd AT GETTYSBURG	Frederick Tilberg
16	November	11	*PANEL: THE TURNING POINT OF THE CIVIL WAR	Edward Downer
			Charles Clarke, Rex Corfield, Paul Geunther	
17	December	3	THE STRATEGY OF THE CIVIL WAR	U.S. Grant III
18	January	16	WHY THE SOUTH LOST THE CIVIL WAR	Bell I. Wiley
19	February	24	*THE BATTLE OF NEW MARKET	Neville Bayless
20	March	17	*THE ASSASSINATION OF LINCOLN	Thomas Hamlin
21	April	6	JOHN HUNT MORGAN AND HIS RAID ACROSS OHIO	Herbert Hawkins
22	May	18	FREMONT, LYON AND WILSON'S CREEK	E.B. "Pete" Long

Fieldtrips: 1958 - September 6 - Johnson's Island, Sandusky, Ohio
September 12-14 - To the Fredericksburg Battlefield Area

EDITOR'S NOTE: THOSE PROGRAMS MARKED WITH AN ASTERISKS ARE PROGRAMS GIVEN BY
MEMBERS OF THE CLEVELAND ROUNDTABLE

1959 - 1960

President: Howard K. Preston

23	October	19	FAMILY REMINISCENCES OF THE CONFEDERACY	Rt. Rev.
24	November	17	*THE MISSISSIPPI CAMPAIGN	Robert E. Warren Sr.
25	December	14	MOVIES: "SEILOH-PORTRAIT OF BATTLE" & "THE CIVIL WAR"	
26	January	18	LITTLE KNOWN FACTS ABOUT OHIO IN THE CIVIL WAR	Colin Montis
27	February	16	BRANDY STATION: PRELUDE TO AN INVASION	Col. Jay Seaborne
28	March	8	JAMES LONGSTREET: MAN WITHOUT A COUNTRY	James I. Robertson
29	April	18	* PANEL: BEST & WORST UNION GENERALS	Thomas Knickerbocker Lester Swift George Farr Don Hamill Bill Rothe Lawrence Sagle
30	May	18	THE BALTIMORE & OHIO IN THE CIVIL WAR	

Fieldtrip: October 8-11, 1959 To the Shenandoah Valley
1960 - 1961

President: Charles F. Clarke Jr.

31	October	18	* OHIO TROOPS IN THE CIVIL WAR	Edward T. Downer
32	November	15	THE WAR IN TENNESSEE	Robert J. Womack
33	December	13	* PAMUNKEY-CHICKAHOMINY EXPEDITION	Neville Bayless
34	January	17	UNION WOMEN UNDER THE GUNS	Mrs. S. Dannett
35	February	14	* SURGERY AND MEDICINE IN THE CIVIL WAR	Dr. Wm L. Schlesinger Dr. Paul Schildt
36	March	14	WHAT PRICE GETTYSBURG	Col. Harry Campbell
37	April	11	* LEGEND INTO HISTORY -GEORGE A. CUSTER	William West Samuel Wang
38	May	9	THE BATTLE OF ATLANTA	Col. Allen P. Julian

Fieldtrip: September 15-17, 1960 To Brandy Station & Second Manassas

1961 - 1962

President: Edward T. Downer

39	October	10	* LaFAYETTE C. BAKER & THE SECRET SERVICE	Guy Di Carlo Jr.
40	November	20	THE LAST WAR BETWEEN GENTLEMEN	James I. Robertson
41	December	12	* CIVIL LAW IN SOUTHERN COURTS	George Farr
42	January	16	CIVIL WAR AND PSYCHIATRY	Dr. David M. Rein
43	February	20	FACTS ABOUT OHIO IN THE CIVIL WAR	Robert S. Harper
44	March	13	ANTIETAM	Frederick Tilberg
45	April	10	CIVIL WAR TRIVIA AND TRAVAIL	E.B. "Pete" Long
46	May	8	CHANCELLORSVILLE	General Stackpole

Fieldtrip: September 22-24, 1961 To Gettysburg

1962 - 1963

President: Paul E. Guenther

47	October	23	VICKSBURG	Edwin C. Bearss
48	November	19	LINCOLN AT GETTYSBURG	Gerald McMurtry
49	December	17	*HOMICIDES - BLUE & GRAY	Lester L. Swift
50	January	15	*LITTLE MAC	Donald A. Hamill
51	February	12	RUTHERFORD B. HAYES	Watt Marchman
52	March	19	MOVIES: ROBERT E. LEE & A TIME OUT OF WAR	
53	April	23	*MANUFACTURING METHODS OF ARTILLERY	Frank Gillen
54	May	21	*CIVIL WAR ARMS AND EQUIPMENT	Carl Jensen

Fieldtrip: September 21-23, 1962 To the Richmond Battlefield areas

1963 - 1964

President: Guy Di Carlo Jr.

55	October	8	GARFIELD THE SOLDIER	General S.H.A. Marshall
56	November	12	GENERAL WILLIAM S. ROSECRANS	William M. Lamers
57	December	10	ZOLLICOFFER & BATTLE OF MILL SPRING	Gerald McMurtry
58	January	14	COUNTERINTELLIGENCE	Robert Dykstra
59	February	11	GENERAL NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST	Joseph Nunley
60	March	10	FROM GALENA TO APPOMATTOX: WASHBURN & GRANT	John Simon
61	April	14	FROM BATTLEFIELD TO BEDROOM: GEN DAN SICKLES	Mrs. Robert Morris
62	May	12	CHICKAMAUGA	Glenn Tucker

Fieldtrip: September 12-15, 1963 To the area of Central Kentucky

1964 - 1965

President: Lester L. Swift

63	October	13	WHERE THEY LIE	Jack R. Brown
64	November	10	OLD JUBE: GENERAL JUBAL EARLY	Millard K. Bushong
65	December	8	THE NORTHWEST CONSPIRACY	Stephen Z. Starr
66	January	12	*PANEL: PICK YOUR GENERAL	James K. Ramsey Jr.
				John Stevning
				Guy Di Carlo Jr.
67	February	9	*GENERAL GEORGE H. "PAP" THOMAS	Effloe A. Plazer
68	March	9	THE LINCOLN ASSASSINATION	J. Stuart Torrey
69	April	13	A SOUTHERN NOVELIST TAKES A REALISTIC VIEW OF THE CIVIL WAR	Mrs. Maggie Davis
70	May	11	CONFEDERATE GENERALSHIP AT GETTYSBURG	James K. Flack

Fieldtrip: October 1-4, 1964 To the Antietam, South Mountain area

1965 - 1966

President: Donald A. Hamill

71	October	12	West Point And The Civil War	Dr. Stephen Ambrose
72	November	9	*Thaddeus Stevens, Villain or Hero	Charles F. Clarke Jr.
73	December	14	Lincoln, The Paradox	James Hulse
74	January	11	Germans in the Civil War	James Barnett
75	February	8	*The Strange Parallel in the Careers of Generals Warren & Pickett	Judge Milton D. Holmes
76	March	8	Tennessee Guerrillas During the War	Joseph Nunley
77	April	12	Richmond During the Civil War	Mrs. Robert Morris
78	May	10	The Founder of the Signal Corps	Dr. Paul Scheips

Fieldtrip: September 29 thru October 2, 1965 - Chattanooga & Chickamauga

1966 - 1967

President: Dr. William L. Schlesinger

79	October	11	Side-lights of the Confederate Navy	Mr. Ralph W. Donnelly
80	November	8	*Benjamin R. Hanby-The Stephen Foster of Ohio	Judge Earl R. Hoover
81	December	13	*Civil War Humor & Post War Humor	Howard K. Preston
82	January	10	Cincinnati During the Civil War	RT. REV. Edward J. O'Brien
83	February	14	*Stonewall Jackson's Shenandoah Valley Campaign: A Prelude to Fame	Edward T. Downer
84	March	14	The Civil War-A View From Altitude 780 Feet	Lawrence A. Pomeroy
85	April	11	*John Brown & The Harper's Ferry Raid	Dr. Kenneth R. Callahan
86	May	9	The Fighting McCooks	Mrs. Vilma Griffin

Fieldtrip: September 28 thru October 2, 1966 - Nashville-Stone's River

1967 - 1968

President: Frank A. Moran

87	October	10	*The Campaign of Chancellorsville	Judge Milton D. Holmes
88	November	14	The March To The Sea	Colonel Allan P. Julian
89	December	12	Reconstruction	Mr. Fritz Lattin
90	January	9	Turner Ashby: Knight of the Confederacy	Dr. William Mahoney
91	February	13	The Cairo	Mr. Edwin C. Bearss
92	March	12	*The Blockade	Mr. James Chapman
93	April	16	*A Report From A West Virginia Boy	Mr. John D. Drinko
94	May	21	The Doves of Parliament	Dr. Edgar B. Moore

Fieldtrip: September 21 thru 24, 1967 -- Fredericksburg Area

1968 - 1969
President: Donald A. Heckaman

95	October	8	Lincoln Assassination	Dr. Richard D. Mudd
96	November	12	The Draft System During the Civil War	Dr. Eugene Murdock
97	December	10	*Defense of Longstreet at Gettysburg	Dr. Ken R. Callahan
98	January	14	Ohio Battle Flag Restoration Project	Col. Wm. B. Haines
99	February	11	*First Civil War Monument: Howard Brigdon	Frank Gillen
100	March	11	Movies: Fredericksburg & Gettysburg	Dr. William Mahoney
101	April	8	Grant & McClellan Controversy at Vicksburg	Edwin C. Bearss
102	May	13	The Real Margaret Mitchell	Col. Allan P. Julian

Fieldtrip: October 3-6, 1968 - West Point Academy & Saratoga Springs

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMS

Twelve Years and One Hundred Two Programs

A. Breakdown of the programs by types of speakers:

1. By Members	33	32%
2. By Non-Members	62	61
3. Panels	3	3
4. Movies	4	4

B. Breakdown of the programs by categories:

1. Battles, Tactics, & Strategy	21
2. Personalities	37
3. Political & Social	9
4. Ohio & The Civil War	7
5. Logistics	3
6. Reconstruction	1
7. Miscellaneous	24

C. Breakdown of programs by topics:

1. Union		2. Confederate	
a. Generals	16	a. Generals	16
b. Politicians	9	b. Personalities	4
c. Personalities	3	c. Politicians	3
d. Private Soldier	2	d. Cavalry	2
e. Navy	2	e. Artillery	2
f. Cavalry	1	f. Private Soldier	1
g. Artillery	1	g. Navy	1
h. Miscellaneous	7	h. Miscellaneous	6

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D. Breakdown of the non-member speakers:

1. Civil War Authors	18
2. Members of Other Roundtables	16
3. Private Individuals	10
4. Historians	8
5. History Educators	6
6. Park Historians	4

CIVIL WAR AUTHORS AS SPEAKERS

Catton, Kane, Wiley, Eisenschiml, Robertson, Dannett, Harper, Stackpole, Bearss, Marshall, Lamers, Dykstra, Simon, Tucker, Davis and Donnelly.

In contrast to our programs we are presenting the program schedule of the Chicago Civil War Roundtable for the past five years. These programs cover a period of time from September, 1964 to June, 1969. Perhaps you will find a few interesting titles among their programs.

1. Another View of Adam Gurowski
2. Military Occupation, 1865-1866
3. The Battle of Franklin
4. The Battle of Nashville
5. Ironclad Gunboat Cairo
6. Film: Red Badge of Courage
7. Command Structure in Civil War Navies
8. Lincoln's Last Journey
9. Chickamauga
10. The Valley Campaign of 1864
11. The Union Leagues in the Civil War
12. James Shields, Illinois General
13. Milroy is Gobbled Up
14. America's Wars
15. Grierson Raid
16. Grant & Lee - Clairvoyants'
17. Reappraisal of Trans-Mississippi War
18. The War As A War
19. Stephen Douglas and the South
20. Toward the Second Centennial
21. Judah P. Benjamin
22. Benjamin Franklin Butler
23. Gallant John Hood
24. Vallandigham and the Civil War
25. Political Generals
26. Serendipity and the Civil War
27. Jeff Davis and the U.S. Camel Corps
28. Battle and Siege of Port Hudson
29. Northern Censorship of the Press
30. General Mike Lawler of Illinois
31. Lincoln and Kennedy and Jack Ruby
32. Abraham Lincoln and Lyman Trumbull
33. Readin, Writin and Round Tables
34. Justice in the Confederacy
35. Illinois in the 1850's
36. The Faces of Abraham Lincoln
37. Grant Comes to Washington
38. Blitzkrieg! Wilson's Selma Cavalry Operations
39. The Civil War in Today's Perspective
40. A Yank At Oxford
41. The 2nd Day At Gettysburg
42. Union Naval Errors
43. First Bull Run
44. Weapons & Tactics
45. Custer in the Civil War
46. History in Miniature
47. Battle of Perryville
48. McClellan
49. Illinois' Wartime Capitol
50. The Blue and the Gray in Mexico

May I draw your attention in the forgoing list of programs to several that concerned themselves with events prior to the Civil War and some much more contemporary in scope. Also many topics that we have enjoyed over the years. Again this list was reproduced more for the edification of our membership so they can see what other buffs are listening to in the way of speakers and subjects.

MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

It has been five years since your Roundtable last sent out a questionnaire to determine the feelings of the membership. This questionnaire is dedicated to the proposition of obtaining more and better programs for the members. Your program chairman and Vice President wants you all to be happy. Therefore if you will kindly fill out this form and return it to our Secretary who will tabulate the returns.

I. PAST PROGRAMS:

A. If you would like to see a past program repeated, please encircle the proper number below: The numbers correspond with the past meeting:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21
22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40
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60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78
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98 99 100 101 102

B. Balance of Speakers: I would prefer:

1. More out-of-town speakers _____
2. More speakers from our Roundtable _____
3. Keep a balance between the two _____

C. Types of out-of-town speakers: I would prefer:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Civil War Authors _____ | 4. History Educators _____ |
| 2. Members of other Roundtables _____ | 5. Park Historians _____ |
| 3. Historians _____ | 6. All of these _____ |

D. Subject matter of speakers: I prefer those who speak on:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

E. PANEL DISCUSSIONS: I would prefer:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Out-of-town Panelist _____ | 3. Either type of Panels _____ |
| 2. Local Members Panel _____ | 4. I do not like Panels _____ |

F. Membership Participation as Speakers:

1. I can give a talk on a particular subject if called on:

SUBJECT: _____

YOUR NAME: _____

G. Close Connections with speakers:

1. I have such a connection with a speaker: YES _____ NO _____

2. Names of the speaker (s)

a. _____

b. _____

3. I would be willing to use my influence to bring these speakers before our Roundtable if asked by the Program Chairman:

YOUR NAME: _____

H. Chicago Roundtable Programs: I find the following programs interesting and would like them for our roundtable (circle as many as desired)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20
21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38
39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50

- I. I PREFER: Use this space to express your opinion on any phase of our Roundtable you wish to criticize or praise..... It's your ball now carry it.

PLEASE USE SELF ADDRESS ENVELOPE TO RETURN YOUR REPLY...DO IT NOW...ONLY A FEW MINUTES OF YOUR TIME IS REQUIRED