



News Letter

THE CIVIL WAR ROUND-TABLE

CLEVELAND, OHIO

2060 Illuminating Building
Cleveland 13, Ohio

December 5, 1960

PAMUNKEY-CHICKAHOMINY EXPEDITION

Time: 6:30 P.M. December 13, 1960
Place: UNIVERSITY CLUB, 3813 Euclid Avenue
Speaker: Neville Bayless

Neville's Description of Stuart's raid around McClellan will be accompanied by maps and colored slides. In addition to a detailed account of the trip itself, some of the points to be covered include: the reason for the reconnaissance, the leaders of the expedition, the Latane incident, Stuart's decision to "complete the circle" around McClellan, the crossing of the Chickahominy, and reactions to the expedition's success-immediate and long term.

RETURN THE CARD

Help make the meeting a success. Let the Secretary know whether you will attend and, if you are bringing guests, signify the number. Advance preparation for the attendance avoids delay and facilitates service.

LADIES NIGHT

Reserve Tuesday evening, January 17, 1961, for the annual ladies night. The program chairman promises a speaker of note on a subject that will be of special interest to members and their guests. As usual, the meeting will be at the University Club. Have your lady note the event on her social calendar - if any.

CLEVELAND 100 YEARS AGO

Bloch and Company, 1010 Euclid Building, Cleveland 15, Ohio, publishes an interesting pamphlet "News of This Week In Cleveland 100 Years Ago". It is published for public distribution and is distributed free of charge by various local business organizations. During the Centennial it will contain news of Civil War Activities in the city. Information relative to the publication can be obtained from the publishers.

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PORTRAIT OF A GENERAL

General A. P. Hill to Dorsey Pender and Maxey Gregg, December 1862: "He (Ambrose Penrose) was quite a fellow. Ambrose Penrose is now my enemy. I think, gentlemen, that in a few days we shall destroy his great army. General Lee is sure we shall if he attacks Fredericksburg. I know Burnside. He is not the type of general whom Napoleon would select for the science of war. But he is a brave man. He will attack!" From General Harry Heth's unpublished MSS.

WIDOW OF MOSBY RANGER DIES

Sophia Ralls Hazlett, grandmother of William Ralls of our Round Table, died during November 1960. Her first husband, Bill's grandfather, was a member of Co. B. 43rd Virginia Cavalry. He died in 1910 and is buried, with other veterans of Mosby's Command, in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Front Royal, Virginia. His widow born in 1854, died at the age of 106 and Bill believes she was the last surviving widow of a Confederate veteran in Northern Virginia.

OHIO IN THE CIVIL WAR

On April 13, 1861, the news from Fort Sumter reached Oxford, Ohio. After services in the college chapel, students of Miami University with Union sympathies organized the University Rifles and chose Ozro J. Dodds as captain. Within a week, the University Rifles were accepted by Governor William Dennison and ordered to report at Camp Jackson, Columbus, Ohio, where they formed the nucleus of Company B, 20th OVI.

Before leaving Oxford, each member of the University Rifles was presented a red flannel shirt made by the girls from the three nearby female seminaries. The company flag was made by the women of the town, out of silk rushed from Cincinnati.

Of the University Rifles, Nathan P. Dunn was killed in action at Chickamauga and Joseph H. Wiley at Stone's River. From the ranks there rose one brevet brigadier, Robert Adams, who commanded the 2nd Brigade, 2nd Division, XVI Corps in the Atlanta Campaign. His regular rank was colonel of the 81st OVI. He was wounded in action at Jonesboro.

The University Rifles also supplied the Union Army with a Lieutenant Colonel, two majors, five captains, and three adjutants. ("Miami Years" by Walter Havighurst and Civil War Dictionary.)

NEWS OF OTHER ROUND TABLES

Chicago was addressed by Co. Allen P. Julian who is scheduled for our May meeting. Chillicothe Round Table members visited Camp Sherman rifle range for a demonstration of the firing of a Civil War cannon owned by a member. Dayton was addressed by Dr. Womack on the evening before his excellent talk in Cleveland. Detroit. The Round Table of Michigan gave its members copies of Prof. Williams booklet "Michigan Soldiers in the Civil War". Additional copies may be secured from the Michigan Historical Commission, Lansing, Michigan, for \$1 each. Evansville conducted a field trip to Shiloh. Richmond recommends "Lee's Last Campaign" by Clifford Dowdey. It states "If a better account of Lee's last campaign of maneuver is to be written its author will have to find documentation that neither the Official Records or any other now known sources thus far have yielded up". Los Angeles. The Round Table of Southern California was addressed by Nick Adams, star of the TV show "The Rebel". St. Louis. James H. Williams, a member, presented the Missouri Historical Society with a new gallery in which will be displayed extensive Civil War exhibits.

THUMBNAIL REVIEWS

Grant's "Memoirs": Vini, vidi, vici!

Sherman's Memoirs: Shake the hand that refused to shake the hand of the Secretary of War.

Sheridan's "Memoirs": We shoulda won in a walk, but I couldn't be every place at once.

J. Davis, "Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government":
We wuz robbed!

Kantor, "If the South had Won the Civil War" (LOOK, November 22, 1960). This Iffey should win the Leg Fuller prize for 1960.

FATE OF CONFEDERATE CABINET From Richmond Newsletter

We are indebted to Mr. W. Roland Galvin for the following research on what happened to members and ex-members of the Confederate Cabinet after the collapse of the Confederacy. It will be noted that certain items are missing and if any of our readers can fill in these gaps Mr. Galvin would be grateful for such advice.

Jefferson Davis arrested at Irwinsville, Georgia on May 10, 1865; brought by way of Macon, Atlanta, Augusta, Savannah by boat to Fortress Monroe. Released on bail of \$100,000 on May 13, 1867.

Vice-President Alexander H. Stephens arrested May 11, 1865; placed in Fort Warren, Boston Harbor; freed in October 1865.

Judah Philip Benjamin, who served as Attorney General, Secretary of War and Secretary of State, escaped by way of Bimini, Nassau, and Havana to England.

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