



News Letter

THE CIVIL WAR ROUND-TABLE

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ANNUAL MEETING - ELECTION OF OFFICERS - FEBRUARY 17TH

The Annual Meeting of the Cleveland CWRT will be held at Kiefer's Restaurant on Monday, February 17th at seven o'clock. In addition to the election of officers for 1958, there will be a talk with colored slides by member Guy DiCarlo on "The Last Home Of Jefferson Davis." DiCarlo was stationed in the "deep south" while doing his stint in the Army and, with his interest in the Civil War, made it a point to visit the Davis home. His slides, backed up by considerable research, will be of real interest to our membership. Please send in your dinner reservations promptly.

As regards the officers' slate for the coming year, Neville Bayless, chairman of the nominating committee, submitted the following names: President - John W. Cullen, Jr.; Vice President - William L. Schlesinger; Secretary - Edward T. Downer; Treasurer - Rex F. Corfield; Executive Committee - Richard C. House and Howard K. Preston. It should be mentioned that other nominations may be made by petition of any ten members. Such petitions must be in the hands of the secretary ten days before the annual meeting.

Statements covering dues for the period commencing March 1st will be in the mails shortly. Membership cards will be prepared and sent to you as checks are received. Incidentally, is there any member who does not have a copy of the CWRT constitution and by-laws? Extra copies are available at the secretary's office.

JACK FROST TALK ON GETTYSBURG MOST INTERESTING

Everyone who attended the January 20th meeting, and there were some 33 members and guests present, has spoken with enthusiasm of Harrison C. (Jack) Frost's comments anent "Gettysburg: I'd Have Sacked Them Both." In his talk, Frost chronologically covered the movements of both the Union and Confederate armies and with comments on tactics that might better have been employed. It was the sort of program that rates high with our membership and possibly for the reason that it permitted full participation by the audience. Other meetings with this same type of spirited question and answer period have been suggested.

CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

The last several weeks have seen further activity along the lines of getting the Civil War Centennial Commission on its way. At a meeting in the Department of the Interior on December 20th, Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant, III was elected chairman and Rep. William M. Tuck vice chairman. The latter is a former Governor of Virginia while Grant, a grandson of the Union general, needs little introduction.

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The membership of the Commission is made up of several classes as follows:

Appointed by President Eisenhower: Bruce Catton, John A. Krout and William S. Paley, New York City; Alvin L. Aubinoe, Bethesda, Md.; Consuelo N. Baily, South Burlington, Vt.; Avery O. Craven, Chestertown, Ind.; Norman Fitzgerald, Jr., Milwaukee, Wis.; Ulysses S. Grant III, Washington D.C.; Aksel Nielsen, Denver, Colo.; Bell I. Wiley, Atlanta, Ga.; and two Department of Defense representatives, Assistant Secretary of War Dewey Short of Galena, Mo., and Vice Adm. Stuart H. Ingersoll, president of the Naval War College, Newport, R. I.

Appointed by Vice President Nixon: Senators Clinton P. Anderson (D-N.M.), Joseph C. Mahoney (D-Wyo.), John W. Bricker (R-Ohio), and Edward Martin (R-Pa.).

Appointed by Speaker Sam Rayburn: William M. Tuck (D-Va.), Frank M. Coffin (D-Me.), Wint Smith (R-Kans.) and Fred Schwengel (R-Iowa).

Statutory members: Conrad L. Wirth, director of the National Park Service, and David C. Mearns, chief of the manuscript division, representing the Librarian of Congress.

Ex Officio: President of the U.S., President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House.

ONE OF SEVERAL LETTERS OF A UNION SOLDIER

A friend of ours recently gave us a package of letters written by his grandfather. The latter was a member of a Connecticut volunteer regiment but, subsequently, turned to Cleveland for fame and fortune. We thought you'd be interested in the letter reproduced below:

Headquarters Co C 13th Regt C.V.
Redoubt C. Hookers Mill, Va.
May 30th 1863

Friends at home

Imagine me at my temporary writing desk composed of a pile of the boys boxes some filled with clothing others containing crockery or eatables. and all used as store aways for soldiers nicknacks. Quite a novel table aint it? Well I am seated thus, endeavoring to collect and control my scattered senses, while compelled to listen to the discordant note of thirty sleeping soldiers. Well we have been paid off once more, but we only got two months pay so I will enclose with this letter one twently dollar bill as I told you I would send you ten dollars monthly.

We are all well and enjoying good health. George is well and he has carried himself as strait as a man could. I am not with the company now, I am staying at Headquarters now. The cleanest man out of each company was picked out to go there and I happened to be the one in Company C. I was picked out by A.A.A.Gel. I am on duty one in four days and the next day have a pass from eight AM until eight PM and the other two day lay off. This from your son, J.R.B.