



## *News Letter*

# THE CIVIL WAR ROUND-TABLE

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TUESDAY, MARCH 18TH IS DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Member William A. Ralls will talk on "I Remember Mosby" at our next meeting. If there is any question about his sincerity where the above subject is concerned, glance over the attached letter as received by your ex-secretary shortly before the February meeting. Here is a true Virginian with an ax to grind. Yes, the meeting will be at Kiefer's Restaurant with dinner being served promptly at 7 o'clock.

### GUY DI CARLO ON "THE LAST HOME OF JEFFERSON DAVIS"

None of our member-produced programs has been more warmly received than Guy DiCarlo's illustrated talk on this subject at the February 17th meeting. We use the word "warmly" advisedly as zero weather cut almost in half the crowd that had made dinner reservations. Anyway, it was an excellent talk and the colored slides of "Beauvoir", interior and exterior, were almost professional in their quality. Your editor's reaction was that the very first time he is in the vicinity of Biloxi, a visit to the Confederate shrine is a "must". There is an excellent Civil War Museum in the area under the main house. We were interested, too, in the fact that a grandson of Davis is still living and with his home at Colorado Springs, Colorado. His name was originally Jefferson Davis Hayes, but it was legally changed to Jefferson Hayes Davis so to carry on the family name.

### NEW OFFICERS - NEW MEMBERS

The slate of officers detailed in the last News Letter was voted in at the above mentioned annual meeting. Retiring President George Farr Jr. figuratively handed over the gavel to John W. Cullen Jr., your ex-secretary. Other officers for next year are: Wm. Lee Schlesinger, Vice President; Edward T. Downer, Secretary; and, Rex F. Corfield, Treasurer. Elected to the Executive Committee for two-year terms were Richard C. House and Howard K. Preston. William D. Hughes and William D. Gaul continue on the Committee for another year.

Five new names were added to the CWRT muster roll concurrent with this meeting. They are John T. AuWerter Jr., Charles D. Gentsch, Arthur S. Hecker, Dr. Robert M. Hosler and Fred Kopf Jr. We will look forward to having these new members at our future meetings.

### STATEMENTS COVERING DUES

Instead of your Treasurer sending out printed statements, this News Letter item is to be the CWRT's way of telling you that your check for \$10 to cover dues for the period ending February 28, 1959 should be sent to Rex F. Corfield, 2991 Scarborough Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Make your checks out to the Civil War Round Table of Cleveland. Your new membership card will be mailed to you promptly.



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# FIRESIDE CHATTER

Our compliments to the CWRT of the District of Columbia for their very fine 1958 Yearbook. It is a handsomely printed booklet and along with other worthwhile data, includes a roster of the some 49 national and international Round Tables. Two years ago there were less than half that number.

The CWRT at Chillicothe, Ohio refers to itself as the General Joshua W. Sill Chapter. The name is carried as a part of their new and attractive letterhead. We won't attempt to cover the accomplishments of this Union general whose name is indelible in the minds of many modern day soldiers. The answer - Fort Sill.

There are rumors about that a federation of CWRTs is to be sought. There are many pros and cons on this subject and your Executive Committee takes the position that it will just sit tight and see what happens. Wasn't it federalization that brought on the War Between the States?

We can't help but get enthused about the plans being made by the Chicago CWRT for its 8th Annual Field Trip. This year they will visit Tennessee - May 15th-18th. Included in their itinerary are the battlefields of Franklin and Murfreesboro, etc. We're for anything that will get us away from this Cleveland weather.

On January 14th-15th, the Civil War Centennial Commission adopted some far reaching resolutions. Among them were recommendations of the National Park Service providing for a by-pass around Shiloh National Military Park and for the acquiring of sufficient land to protect the historic battle area at Antietam. Those of the Cleveland group that visited Sharpsburg (Antietam) last fall were impressed by their hosts, the Hagerstown CWRT, that this latter move is most important.

W. A. Swanberg's new book, "First Blood" is well worth a few hours of your reading time. It's the story of Fort Sumter with a good touch on the political background at Washington. It reminded us, among other things, of a recent conversation with one of our more learned members. Said authority brought out there has really been very little written about Major Robert Anderson. What was his later contribution to the cause of the North?

Down in Columbus, they're re-organizing the Second Ohio Volunteer Infantry. A group of Civil War enthusiasts have gotten together as a part of the North-South Skirmish Association and will participate in national Blue and Gray marksmanship matches. The unit plans to march in patriotic parades and will be clad in Northern blue and carry original equipment. Columbus doesn't have a CWRT but it does have an active Lincoln Society.