



## *News Letter*

# THE CIVIL WAR ROUND-TABLE

CLEVELAND, OHIO

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No. 7

WM. CARLIN TO ADDRESS NEXT CWRT MEETING ON MAY 27TH.

This meeting, to be held at Keefer's Restaurant, will be the last one before fall. Fellow-member Bill Carlin's talk on "The Civil War In Bronze And Stone" will be illustrated with colored slides. Dinner, which will be served at seven o'clock, will be \$3.25 per plate, including tax and tip.

E. T. DOWNER'S TALK ON "JACKSON'S VALLEY CAMPAIGN" WELL-RECEIVED.

Ned Downer did an outstanding job in detailing Stonewall Jackson's operations in the Shenandoah Valley, in addressing the CWRT at its April 18th meeting. With the use of a large map, copies in smaller size were distributed to those present, he graphically followed Jackson's activities from March, 1862 until mid-June when the Stonewall Brigade was sent to the defense of Richmond. We're glad that most of Ned Downer's notes were available for transcription into our permanent records for, at the same time, it was possible to have same copied for distribution to our membership and as per the attached.

At the April meeting, a resolution was offered in memory of the late Kenneth S. Grant and, at this later date, same has been completed and presented to his family. The CWRT also adopted a resolution opposing the encroachment on the Manassas National Battlefield Park under a proposed road building program by the Virginia Department of Highways.

CAPACITY CROWD ATTENDED BRUCE CATTON DINNER.

This is a belated report on the March 21st meeting at which time Bruce Catton addressed a mixed audience of more than 100 members and guests. Catton, who has written and has underway some of the most important books about the Civil War period, spoke with regard to the influence of the War on the social and political pattern of the nation. His numerous anecdotes made the evening an important one in the short history of our group.

CHICAGO CWRT ON FIELD TRIP TO SHENANDOAH VALLEY.

Several of our members have joined with the Chicago group in connection with their Sixth Annual Battlefield Tour, one that takes them to the Shenandoah Valley and Washington over the period May 14th to 19th. A blanket invitation was extended to the Cleveland Round Table and, with a little more advance notice, it is certain that the Cleveland contingent would have been larger. There is talk of a field trip to Gettysburg and vicinity late this summer, or early this fall, a Cleveland CWRT project, and same is being investigated. Interested?



## OHIO HAS TWO OTHER CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLES.

Cincinnati and Chillicothe have active Round Tables and reports that we have received indicate well-rounded programs. Perhaps at some later date, a joint meeting at some centrally located point, i.e., Columbus might be practical. The Cincinnati group was organized in April, 1956, the Chillicothe Round Table held its third meeting on March 10th of this year. The latter is referred to as the General Joshua W. Sill Chapter of the Civil War Round Table in recognition of General Sill who was a resident of Chillicothe and who is buried in a local cemetery. General Sill commanded two Union divisions in the Army of the Cumberland and was killed at Stone's River while leading a brigade in Sheridan's Division.

## TRAPPED GENERALS.

This was a title of an article in a recent issue of Sports Illustrated. It seems that Fort Jackson on the outskirts of Columbia, S.C. has a golf course and not too far from the scene of Sherman's depredations. General Geo. H. Decker, back in 1948, ordered that a course be laid out and to lend a military flavor to the project, he decreed that each hole should be named after a Civil War General - 9 Confederates, 9 Yankees - further, that each hole should be tailored to fit the personality of its namesake. We don't propose to give you a hole-by-hole account, however, No. 1 compliments "Ulysses S. Grant", No. 3 "Stonewall Jackson", etc.

## HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS PRESENTED TO BRUCE CATTON AND RALPH NEWMAN.

While the consensus of the Cleveland CWRT is that we should be on the stingy side in distributing honorary membership cards, it was nevertheless felt that Bruce Catton as our initial out-of-town speaker, and because of his many contributions to the subject of the War Between The States should be so recognized. At the same time, Ralph Newman as the moving influence behind the CWRT and for his helpful suggestions in getting the Cleveland group underway was also felt to deserve this honor. Your secretary presented cards personally to Catton and to Newman on April 12th at a dinner at Fort Wayne, Indiana when the Lincoln Life Insurance Co. was host to members of the CWRT of Chicago.

## "CIVIL WAR HISTORY"

It has been suggested that we remind our members that this quarterly, as published by the Illinois State Historical Library, Springfield, Illinois, is available at the CWRT rate of \$4.00 a year. Regular rate is \$5.00. If interested, make out your check for \$4.00 to the CWRT and mail it to J. W. Cullen, Jr., 3121 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.