



# THE CIVIL WAR ROUND-TABLE

CLEVELAND, OHIO

April 30, 1962

2060 Illuminating Building  
Cleveland 13, Ohio

## "CHANCELLORSVILLE"

Time: May 8, 1962 - 6:30 P. M.

Place: UNIVERSITY CLUB, 3813 Euclid Avenue

Speaker: GENERAL STACKPOLE

Soldier, historian and author, General Stackpole has a background of years of research on his subject. His book "Chancellorsville - Lee's Greatest Battle" is an authoritative work on the battle in which Lee, with Jackson's flanking movement, outmaneuvered Hooker and turned what appeared to be a Confederate disaster into a great victory.

## ANNUAL ELECTION

At the meeting, Charles Clarke's nominating committee will report its recommendations for officers for the coming year. After nominations from the floor, the following officers will be elected: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, News Letter Editor and two new members of the Executive Committee.

## 1962 CWRT ASSEMBLY

The Hagerstown Civil War Round Table is making elaborate plans for the 1962 assembly which will be held in connection with the re-enactment of Antietam on September 14 to 16, inclusive.

James Murfin, president of the Hagerstown CWRT, writes that they have reserved 120 motel and hotel rooms and 500 re-enactment tickets for Round Table members. They estimate the total cost for each attendant will not exceed \$20. The fee will include registration, Saturday luncheon, re-enactment reservation, banquet, centennial breakfast and pageant seat. Motel accommodations and other meals are not included.

Those interested in making reservations or securing additional information should write the Hagerstown CWRT, Box 1155, Hagerstown, Maryland.

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## CIVIL WAR COURSE

Cleveland Extension High School - John Hay Branch, East 107 Street and Carnegie Avenue, announces a short course on "The Civil War Story." It will consist of five classes to be conducted by our LES SWIFT. The course will be given on five successive Mondays, April 30 to May 28, inclusive. Subjects are: Why the Civil War Centennial, Bull Rund and the Downfall of a War Correspondent, The Crucial Summer of 1863, The Fifth Column and the Confederate Agents, and Disintegration of the Confederacy. The fee for the course is \$3 for residents and \$6 for nonresidents. Those interested in enrolling can call the school GARfield 1-7700.

## NEWS ITEMS

CHARLES CLARKE addressed the Live Long and Like It Library Club at the Main Library on April 24. His subject was "The Civil War and Its Relevance Today."

LES SWIFT spoke on "A Civil War Fan Visits Shrines and Battlefields" before the Bay Village Historian Society. He gave the same talk, which he illustrates with slides, at the Fairview Park Regional Library on April 11.

On a recent trip south, JACK CULLEN visited the battlefield of Olustee, Florida. The battlefield, maintained by the State of Florida as a park, marks the site where Lincoln's attempt to cut Florida off from the Confederacy met disaster.

DR. FREDERICK TILBERG, who addressed us in April, has been named research historian and will begin a study on the background of the Gettysburg campaign, the battle tactics at Gettysburg, and Lincoln and Gettysburg. The work is expected to require approximately 3 years and the results of the research will be published.

THE CLEVELAND PRESS, on April 24, published an interesting article by Bruce Catton on General Joshua Chamberlain of 20th Maine fame. The article was one of a series titled "Americans in Action."

The Ohio Civil War Centennial Commission hosts a meeting of the National Commission in Columbus, May 4 and 5. All CWRT members are invited. The "General," famous locomotive of the Andrews Raid, will be in Columbus for the meeting.

KANSAS CITY CWRT announces that Edwin C. Bearss's historical survey on the battle of Wilson's Creek has been published by the Iowa State Department of History and Archives, Des Moines, Iowa. Copies can be secured by mailing \$2 to the Department, Historical Building, Des Moines 19, Iowa, with a request for Numbers 2 and 3, Vol. XXXVI of the ANNALS OF IOWA.

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### CLEVELAND WINS AWARDS

THE HALLE BROS. COMPANY and THE PLAIN DEALER have been honored by awards from the Civil War Centennial Commission for their contribution to Centennial commemoration activities.

HALLE'S won the award with the 1961 CIVIL WAR DIARY arranged by Walter Halle in cooperation with Ned Downer and other members of the CWRT as well as other patriotic organizations.

THE PLAIN DEALER published a special illustrated booklet on the Civil War, written by Howard Preston, past president of the Cleveland CWRT.

On May 3, at a special luncheon in HALLE'S lounge, Dr. Bell Wiley, representing the Centennial Commission, will present the awards. Because its members made a contribution to the undertakings which earned this national recognition the Cleveland CWRT may find special gratification in the success of the Centennial in Cleveland and Northern Ohio.

### NORTH-SOUTH SKIRMISH

On June 9 and 10, the 7th OVI will host a national shoot at Camp Warren on Route 306, Kirtland Township, Ohio. Carl Jenson of our Round Table and an officer of the National North-South Skirmish Association states that groups with over one thousand contestants are expected to participate.

Through the cooperation of the Engineers Corps the range is being enlarged, parking space is being provided and a new road for better access is under construction. CWRT members interested in witnessing the events will be provided with tickets. Details will be announced later.

Incidentally, any connection between the name of the Camp where the 7th OVI headquarters and anyone now living (especially in Kirtland Township) is entirely coincidental. Camp Warren was the first Union camp where the 7th Ohio, the "Game Cock Regiment," was billeted on its campaign into what is now West Virginia.

### PORTRAIT OF A GENERAL

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### HOW WRONG CAN YOU BE?

"I have never seen a General more deficient in organizational skill -- brave and able on the field, he (U. S. Grant) has no idea of how to regulate and organize his forces before a battle or how to conduct the operations of a campaign." General John Pope's letter to General Ethan Allen Hitchcock, April 18, 1862 as quoted in "Ye Olde Parrott," HARTFORD CWRT Newsletter for April 1962.

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## FAMILIAR SCENES REVISITED

FREDERICKSBURG where Project '66 shows what can be done to make battle sites real memorials and enduring shrines for future generations. ... ARLINGTON the Custis-Lee mansion with its historic continuity between Washington, Lee, the heroic dead of past wars and pilgrims of the present arriving by bus loads ... GUNSTON HALL where George Mason drafted the Bill of Rights and raised a son who chewed tobacco and was almost a cause of war with England in the Trent affair ... STATFORD where the guest house serves genuine Virginia ham, candied yams, and fried apples for an American lunch that challenges the chefs of the world ... WILLIAMSBURG over-run at this season but still capable of creating the illusion of moving in colonial times. The hot ginger cookies at the Raleigh as tasty as ever ... RICHMOND what Grant couldn't do in 1865, Yankees (many with a Brooklyn accent) are accomplishing in the spring of 1962. The Centennial Museum with its elaborate electrical battlefield maps and recorded discourses provide a thrill even for a veteran field tripper and museum visitor ... LEXINGTON Jackson's home, the Lee chapel and VMI, the graves of Jackson, Sandy Pendleton, and the four guns "Matthew, Mark, Luke and John." Here at the hotel we had to prove we knew what we were ordering before they would serve country ham steak with speckled gravy and mustard greens. The manager explained that too many Yankees preferred what was disdainfully referred to as "Chicago pork dyed red." ... MONTICELLO where the furnishings have been greatly increased in recent years ... ASHLAWN where Monroe wig-wagged to Jefferson in their private code.. HARRISONBURG a current must for the Valley visitor. A recently opened museum has an electric map with a recorded talk on Jackson's Valley Campaign. It is one of the best, any place. Here we met Colonel Benson, active in the work of restoring and marking the historic spots in the Valley. He is especially interested in securing artifacts, photographs and correspondence relating to Ohio troops who fought in the Valley. The Valley people hope to put more emphasis on the Union story. Members of the CWRT who can be of assistance should communicate with Ned Downer who in turn will communicate with Mr. Johns or Col. Benson ... East from Harrisonburg following Jackson route to CROSS KEYS and PORT REPUBLIC ... Back across the Massanutters to NEW MARKET where the cadets from VMI helped Breckenridge defeat Franz Sigel. Here we picked up a fresh supply of country cured Virginia hams -- guaranteed vintage of 1961 ... WINCHESTER and Jackson's headquarters now a public shrine in process of refurnishing under the supervision of Mr. Johns, well known to so many Clevelanders ... HOME by the turnpike still wondering why so many Americans see Europe first -- gratified that many, especially school children, are visiting native shrines, so that crowded motels and eating places had their compensations.

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