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DATE:	TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1964
SPEAKER:	GLENN TUCKER
SUBJECT:	CHICKAMAUGA
PLACE:	HERMIT CLUB - DODGE COURT
PRELIMINARIES:	6:00 P.M. DINNER: 7:00 P.M.

FUTURE MEETINGS & SPEAKERS

THE ROUNDTABLE WILL ADJOURN FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS. SPEAKERS AND DATES WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN COMING NEWSLETTERS.

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Ladies' Night a Great Success

Reports filtering back to the editor indicate that the last meeting was enjoyed by all who were so fortunate as to be able to attend. We were among the absent but your editor wishes we were there to have been ready to spring to Gen. Sickles' personal defense, should it have seemed necessary, or should we have felt so bold. A man whose record is so controversial after the passage of so many years, and whose life story can yet arouse strong questions could be all bad.

For a more complete rundown of the last meeting we recommend the President's Message on the next page. He was there, and moreover he knows what he is talking about.

Why Study History?

History is the enlargement of the personal life. It is life extended backward in time, and away off on either side, too. History will add more years to a life than Medicine. It fits ears to the mind more sensitive than Electronics can. It is a thousand eyes through which to see life. It is a letter from great, great grandpa, even better, it is a letter from your brother who lived one hundred years ago—or more.

History is like a vast supermarket through which you wander, as a child, with a dollar to spend. The choice of a purchase is as superficial as a child's choice—and as rewarding.

History is as terrible as the anger of the universe; as trivial - and mean - as neighborhood gossip. It will sharpen your skinning knife or sing your baby to sleep.

History is a helping hand extended by a host of mild and bookish men, diffident and aloof, but vastly good-hearted and willing. It is a mine-field sown by troubled men long dead—a field as yet imperfectly swept and cleared, with infernal machines, rusted yet capable of harm, still planted here and there.

History is personal. It is uniquely yours. It is a baggy suit made by a tailor who didn't have your measurements. Pins are available, and with just a little hurried preparation you can be ready for a picnic, if not for a wedding. But, don't be proud and stay home. Wear it loosely, if you can, or tight in the crotch, but by all means wear it.

Scrambling through the smoke-blued woods of Chickamauga with a powder-fouled gun in hand, or hearing the thunk of the pontoon bridge over the Rapidan beneath your horse's hooves can bring you properly to the Grand Review in Washington—to really see the Glory. Or put you on a red-clay road in tattered gray with those who afterward hitched up mule to plow fields for a new country on the wreckage of an aborted one, dearly lost.

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Chronology of Ohio Troops

May, 1864

Early in May, Grant's "grand strategy", simultaneous advances on all fronts, had begun to roll.

But, in Grant's mammoth army which crossed the Rapidan River on May 3rd, 1864, there were from Ohio only six infantry and two cavalry regiments, one battery, and some sharpshooters. Nevertheless, in the Battle of the Wilderness, the Fourth Ohio and the Eighth Ohio played an important part in checking the drive of Longstreet's Corps to break through Hancock's line on the Brock Road.

However, in Sherman's three armies which advanced to Atlanta, the figures tell a different story. In Sherman's command were seventy-eight Ohio infantry regiments, twelve batteries, and ten cavalry regiments. An estimated 25,000 Ohioans were about one-fourth of the total number of troops. The commanding general, two army, two corps, and five division commanders were all from Ohio. On this campaign Ohio soldiers played a conspicuous role and won their greatest triumphs.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Gentlemen, this month I promised you a report on the project of offering our services and artifacts to the Cleveland school system or any educational body that wished to use them. Alas, I must report that the wheels of the system move very, very slowly and it will be many months before anything definite is accomplished.

However, member Stuart Cramer and his wife are doing something at Shaw High School along the lines I have mentioned. Possibly at the next meeting we can have him give us a brief resume of his work at Shaw.

With relatively little to say in this month's message, it delights me to talk about our ladies' night meeting.

It is always a pleasure to say nice things about the fair sex. For those of you that could not attend the affair, may I paraphrase the age-old post card transcript: "Had a wonderful time. Wish you were there."

The Hermit Club had the atmosphere of a place where one could relax and meet the extremely lovely other half of our membership. Many of the women were dismayed that we would not allow them to come more often, yea, let them become members.

Without going into the why and wherefores, it was a pleasure having them there, and it was certainly one of the highlights of our present year.

Our speaker, Mrs. Morris, gave an enthralling talk about a real rascal. She minced no words and gave her opinion of the type of personality she believed "Terrible Dan" really was. In fact after the meeting one of the ladies remarked that she had read the book "Sickles the Incredible" and that Mrs. Morris could have gone further than she did. Bravo for her.

The nominating committee headed by Dr. Wm. Schlesinger will give its report at this meeting. Actually it should have been given at the last meeting, but due to the unfortunate illness of member George Farr, it was bypassed. However, there will be an opportunity for any member to submit names from the floor at the coming meeting.