



## *News Letter*

# THE CIVIL WAR ROUND-TABLE

CLEVELAND, OHIO

2060 The Illuminating Building  
Cleveland 13, Ohio

November 4, 1960

### "THE WAR IN TENNESSEE"

Time: 6:30 P.M. - November 15, 1960

Place: UNIVERSITY CLUB, 3813 Euclid Avenue

Speaker: Dr. Robert J. Womack

The Chicago Civil War Round Table had this to say of Dr. Womack's talk, "Dr. Bob Womack drew a fine attendance ... They were rewarded with a talk that ranks with the best heard here." Our speaker expressed a desire for a lively and challenging post-speech discussion.

### RETURN YOUR CARD PROMPTLY

For Ned Downer's talk there was an overflow meeting. Send your card so there will be ample provision for everyone attending.

### PAMUNKEY-CHICKAHOMINY EXPEDITION

On December 13, Neville Bayless will discuss Jeb Stuart's raid around McClellan's army on June 12, 1862. Neville has made a thorough study of this important maneuver and his ability at presenting his facts needs no recommendation to those who enjoyed his previous appearance.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Through an oversight, the personnel of the Executive Committee was improperly stated in the list of officers for the current year, included with the roster mailed on August 5.

The membership of the committee is as follows: Charles Clark, John Cullen, Dr. T. W. Knickerbocker, Edward McLeod, Howard Preston and Ray F. Williams.

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## OHIO CENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE

The Ohio Civil War Centennial Commission has announced a list of events for the 1961 observance of the Centennial. Dr. William S. Carlson, Chairman, announced that the Ohio observance will open formally on January 8, 1961, with church participation in Centennial Sunday, in response to the President's proclamation calling on the people to rededicate themselves to the great ideals which motivated their ancestors a century ago.

Ohio events on the 1961 calendar include:

FEBRUARY 13: Dedication of plaque in State House marking President-elect Abraham Lincoln's address to the General Assembly while enroute to Washington.

FEBRUARY 15: Dedication of plaque in Cleveland on site of Weddell House where Lincoln spent his last night in Ohio.

MAY 27 or 28 (tentative): "Muster Day" at Gallipolis to commemorate invasion of western Virginia by Ohio troops and first battle of Civil War at Philippi a week later.

JULY 21: Commemoration of Columbus-born General Irvin McDowell's efforts to win Battle of Bull Run in Virginia. Re-enactment on battle field by participating states.

## OHIO IN THE CIVIL WAR

"To tell the story of Ohio troops in the Civil War in its entirety would require an account of the origins, the marches, the engagements and battles of 214 full infantry regiments, 13 cavalry regiments, 38 light artillery batteries, 2 heavy artillery regiments, 10 companies of sharp shooters, besides a number of independent cavalry troops and guards. It would be necessary to march with these troops from the Carolina coast to the Mexican border and from the Ohio and Missouri rivers to the Gulf of Mexico. Collectively, these Ohio boys trudged, bivouaced and fought over 14 states." From Edward Downer's "Ohio Troops in the Civil War," at the October 18, 1960 meeting of the Cleveland CWRT.

## RE-ENACTMENT OF FIRST MANASSAS

On July 21, 22, 23, 1961, the battle of First Manassas or Bull Run will be enacted by over 3,500 actors, including over 1,200 men from the North-South Skirmish Association. The 7th Ohio, from Cleveland, will participate.

Full information and reservations for seats can be obtained from First Manassas Corporation, 110 North Battle Street, Manassas, Virginia. Prices are: grandstand, \$4.00; bleachers, \$3.50; chairs, \$2.50. Standing room is free.



### THE CAVALRYMEN

The following are from "Meade's Headquarters -- The Letters of Theodore Lyman":

GENERAL CUSTER, "This officer is one of the funniest-looking beings you ever saw, and looks like a circus rider gone mad! He wears a huzzar jacket and tight trousers, of faded black velvet trimmed with tarnished gold lace."

GENERAL SHERIDAN, "There comes a staff officer with a dispatch. 'I attacked with two divisions of the 6th Corps. I captured many thousand prisoners, etc., P. H. Sheridan.'"

"'Oh,' said Meade, 'so General Wright wasn't there.'"

"'Oh, yes!'" cried the staff officer, as if speaking of some worthy man who had commanded a battalion, 'Oh, yes, General Wright was there.' Meade turned on his heel without a word, and Cavalry Sheridan's dispatch proceeded -- to the newspapers!"

### NEWS OF OTHER ROUND TABLES

Chicago celebrated its 20th anniversary with a dinner meeting addressed by Percival G. Hart who spoke at the first meeting in 1940 ... London, England. The Confederate Research Club proposes to change its name, effective January 1, 1961, to The American Civil War Round Table, United Kingdom ... Dayton will be addressed on November 14 by Dr. Womack who comes to Cleveland the next day ... Columbus, Indiana organized a Round Table in May 1960 ... Hagerstown "Bugle Call," noting that a liquor license was issued for a "spot, just on the edge of the battlefield (Antietam)" is alarmed that the Centennial observance may become a "three ring circus." It asks, is it to be "With Fireworks and Popcorn or Reverence and Rededication?"

### FOURTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Stimulated by the success of the Third Annual Assembly at Hagerstown, the Atlanta CWRT is planning to host the Fourth Assembly in 1961. Dates and program will be announced later. The assembly in Hagerstown attracted 210 members from 28 Round Tables.

### THE GALENA GENERALS

In his Memoirs, General Grant stated that the "western village," which was his home in 1861, supplied the Union with eight generals. The village was Galena, Illinois, and the eight generals were John A. Rawlins, August L. Chetlain, Ely S. Parker, William Rowley, John E. Smith, John C. Smith, Jasper Maltby, and John Duer. All except Duer achieved some degree of prominence after the war. Nothing is known of Duer except that he was an officer of the Illinois "Lead Mine Regiment."

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## BALLAD OF THE FORAGERS

"Foraging is strictly prohibited but you know we tried hard to keep that steer from coming into camp but the cursed thing got past us and running against a circumstance died and we were not boys to let meat spoil. Poor thing. Your comrade in foraging expedition, C. Thurston, Oxford, Mississippi, October 5, 1862." (Inscription in Autograph book of Pvt. George Elliott, Co. D, 20th OVI owned by Frank Gillen).

### I

"Respect for private property  
"We must at all times show!"  
So said the brigadiers decree,  
To let the natives know,

### II

Their peaceful stock would meet no harm  
And hog and cow and sheep  
Could wander freely on the farm  
As safe as in a keep.

### III

"So peaceful is the password now,"  
The color sargeant said,  
"But there's no peaceful rebel sow  
"Except the one that's dead!"

### IV

Up spoke the corporal, stewing wings,  
"Just eagles in disguise  
"Their fowls are terrible savage things  
"That pick out human eyes!"

### V

"Avoid the fold" said Paddy Flynn,  
"For divil a sheep is there  
"A wolf no less in a woolly skin -  
"You must kill or be kilt for fair."

### VI

"Rebel cows are vicious brutes  
A private said, "Beware!  
"When a Yankee stabs or quickly shoots  
"It's self-defense, I swear!"

### VII

So our mess had tasty, gamey feasts  
No domestic meats our fare,  
We only ate the southern beasts  
That attacked us everywhere.  
Chet Land, 7th O.V.I.

## COMMEMORATE - DON'T CELEBRATE

THE NATIONAL RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION, Robert Alden, business columnist for The New York Times points out, has issued a word of warning in connection with sales promotion plans for the Centennial. According to this source, Edward F. Engle, manager of the association's sales promotion division, has advised:

"Anything you do concerning the Civil War must be done in good taste and with proper respect for the emotion which events concerning that war arouse. Six hundred thousand Americans died on both sides in the conflict ... It would be extremely unwise and the worst possible public relations to treat any aspect of the Civil War in a flippant or in a highly promotional manner.

"The Civil War offers stores a magnificent opportunity to make a genuine contribution to the culture and historical education of our citizens ... In making these plans, however, let us make certain that retailing lives up to its highest ideals of service to the community. Nothing less will do." Civil War Centennial Commission Bulletin.