



THE CIVIL WAR ROUND-TABLE

CLEVELAND, OHIO

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2060 Illuminating Building
Cleveland 13, Ohio

LINCOLN AT GETTYSBURG

Time: November 19, 1962 - 6:30 P. M.

Place: UNIVERSITY CLUB, 3813 Euclid Avenue

Speaker: Dr. Gerald McMurtry

Dr. McMurtry, of the Lincoln National Life Foundation, is a well-recognized authority on Lincoln. He brings us the background of one of the great speeches of all time.

Note that this meeting is on MONDAY evening instead of our customary Tuesday gatherings.

DR. BEARSS AND THE CAIRO

At our October meeting, Dr. Bearss of Vicksburg varied from him announced subject and told the story of locating and attempting to raise the wreck of the "Cairo." Speaking from his own experience, Dr. Bearss gave an eye-witness account of the work that has been done to save this unique Civil War Relic.

ROSTERS

The current roster of members of the Cleveland CWRT was mailed this week. Members are requested to notify the secretary of changes in addresses or telephone numbers.

TALKS TO BE RECORDED

Vice President and program chairman Guy Di Carlo announces that hereafter the talks at our meetings are to be tape recorded. As a result, we will build up a library of discussions which can be re-run in whole or part. Members interested in the subject of any of the talks who may have missed the meeting will have an opportunity to hear the recording.

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THE CIVIL WAR HORSE

Neville Bayless sends in a contribution to the humor of the Civil War published by the Richmond Civil War Centennial Committee. In prefatory remarks the publishers said: "The American Civil War was a serious struggle ... It was, however, one which had its humor and horse play. Civil War soldiers, as Americans in every war, enjoyed a good joke We therefore offer no apology for publishing this 'horse' play."

The "horse" play is a reprint of a talk to the CWRT of Southern California by Morton Reis Lewis. It was addressed to "Fellow Members of the Civil War Round Stables" and included the following:

"The place of man in the Conflict is secure. The role of our forbears (the horses) has been sadly neglected. Were this not true, their feats would be celebrated with such Civil War motion pictures and books as 'The Soldier Horses,' 'The Red Saddle of Courage,' and 'Gone with the Whinny' ..."

"Horses were not exempt because they were fathers, or mudders with large families ..."

"As the War continued, it became more difficult to replace veteran equines who had become casualties ... For, as has been aptly said 'You can foal all of the horses some of the time and some of the horses all the time, but you can't foal all the horses all of the time'"

PERSONAL ACTIVITIES

The Akron Beacon Journal of October 7, 1962, carried the story of Lester Swift's talk to the Richfield CWRT. The subject was "Fort Pillow - The Civil War's Most Publicized Atrocity." Les's grandfather served on the Union gunboat "Silver Cloud," which reached Fort Pillow the day after its capture by Forrest's Cavalry.

Jack Cullen recently visited Philippi, West Virginia, scene of the first land battle.

CINCINNATI SYMPOSIUM

Frank C. Moran

According to the Cincinnati Post and Times - Star, which gave extensive coverage to the meeting, the symposium on "The Ohio Valley in the Civil War" at the University of Cincinnati on October 19 and 20, was an important contribution to the Civil War Centennial commemoration. It was sponsored by the University, Xavier College, the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio, the Public Library, and the Cincinnati CWRT.

Speakers were Dr. William S. Carlson, president of the University of Toledo; Stanley Chyet, assistant professor of American Jewish History at Hebrew Union College; Dr. Henry H. Simms, professor of history at Ohio State University; Dr. Larry Garra, professor of history at Wilmington College; and Bruce Catton.