



## *News Letter*

# THE CIVIL WAR ROUND-TABLE

CLEVELAND, OHIO

October 8, 1959

### "FAMILY REMINISCENCES OF THE CONFEDERACY"

TIME: 6:30 P.M. - October 19, 1959  
PLACE: University Club, 3813 Euclid Avenue  
SPEAKER: Right Reverend Beverley D. Tucker, D.D.

Dr. Tucker is a native of Virginia with a family tree whose roots are deep in the Old Dominion. His talk promises an interesting inauguration of our current season.

### RETURN THE CARD - TODAY!

It is vital to the success of the meeting that the enclosed card be returned promptly. Adequate arrangements for comfort and prompt service can be made by the club only if we have foreknowledge of the number for which provision must be made. PLEASE CO-OPERATE!

### "FREEMONT, LYON AND WILSON'S CREEK"

By Ned Downer

At the last meeting of the 1958-1959 season, E. B. "Pete" Long in a scholarly and fascinating manner told of the early phases of the struggle to keep Missouri in the Union. He described the "uncivil civil" war among Missourians where there was no North-South line separating the contesting belligerents. He detailed the battle on "Bloody Ridge" (Oak Hill) at Wilson's Creek between the small Union force of Nathaniel Lyon and the "bare-footed rebels" under Sterling Price and Ben McCulloch, calling it "the bloodiest battle up to that time" and the "first battle for control of the Mississippi Valley."

### SPRING ASSEMBLY OF ROUND TABLES

Members of The Richmond Civil War Round Table were hosts for the annual spring assembly at Richmond, May 15 through May 17, 1959. The program included field trips over the route of the Seven Days' Battles and to Petersburg, Fort Stedman, the Crater and Five Forks.

On Saturday, the banquet speaker was Rear Admiral John J. Hayes, of Annapolis, whose subject was "The Battle of Drewry's Bluff."

Neville Bayless, Dr. William Rothe, Edward Warren and Robert E. Warren, from the Cleveland Round Table, were in attendance.

### 1960 ASSEMBLY OF ROUND TABLES

At the Round Table spring assembly at Richmond in May it was suggested that the next gathering be held in Hagerstown, Maryland, near to Antietam, Gettysburg, Harpers Ferry and other battlefields. Hagerstown is considering the possibilities of holding the gathering May 13, 1960, with this tentative program: Friday evening, registration; Saturday afternoon, tour to Harpers Ferry; evening, banquet; Sunday, tour to South Mountain and Antietam. Registration and banquet would be at the Venice Motel in Hagerstown. Information, including lodging and other rates will be supplied on request. The requests are desired by November 15. Write Tom Germack, president, Hagerstown Civil War Round Table, P.O. Box 1155, Hagerstown, Maryland.

### MEET COLONEL DOWNER, C. S. A.

During September, 1959, Howard Preston made a self-conducted tour of the Shenandoah Valley and Northern Virginia. He reports that Ned Downer's "Stonewall Jackson's Shenandoah Valley Campaign, 1862" is a best seller at most of the historical spots in Virginia.

Copies can be obtained from the publisher, Stonewall Jackson Memorial, Inc., Lexington, Virginia.

Because of his erudition on Stonewall Jackson and his efforts on behalf of the Memorial, Ned was officially commissioned Colonel, 2nd Stonewall Brigade.



## CIVIL WAR TV PROGRAMS

On October 8, KYW, Channel 3, premiered a Civil War series of programs with "Storm over Sumter."

The following are the programs for the near future, all of which are on Thursday at 7:30 P.M.: October 15, Mr. Lincoln's Politics; October 22, Brady of Broadway; October 29, Ironclad; November 5, Search for The Monitor; and November 12, Battle of Antietam.

Round Table members who were present at a preview of "The Battle of Antietam" report that the program was entertaining and unusually sound historically.

The Battle of The Crater will be filmed on "Playhouse 90" (CBS) this fall. The exact date has not been announced but it will probably be between November 12 and December 15.

## 7th O.V.I.

The famous 7th O.V.I., said to be the first regiment to be mustered into service from the Cleveland area, has been "reactivated" by a group of young men whose organization is a member of the North-South Skirmish Association.

A Colonel of the original regiment was "Jack" Casement of Painesville. It is appropriate that the modern regiment has its rifle and cannon range on the Warren farm in Kirtland Township, Lake County, Ohio.

Anyone interested in volunteering can secure full information as to the uniform, arms, and other requirements for membership from D. A. Heckaman, 2500 Greenville Drive, Cleveland 21, Ohio, a member of the Civil War Round Table of Cleveland.

## NORTH - SOUTH SKIRMISH ASSOCIATION

The North-South Skirmish Association, whose members are required to have authentic Civil War uniforms and weapons, is expected to have an active part in the re-enactment of events during the coming Centennial observance.

The national commander, elected this spring at Fort Lee, Virginia, is Mr. J. W. Waters of Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

## JOHN BROWN RAID CENTENNIAL

Under the auspices of The Harper's Ferry Centennial Association, the centennial of the John Brown Raid will be observed on October 15, 16, 17 and 18. The observance will include self-conducted tours of the area; a Historian's Luncheon on Friday; the Governor's Luncheon on Saturday; and a re-enactment of the raid by the United States Marine Corps, representing Forney's Brigade.

Reservations are required for the Historian's Luncheon, \$2.55; the Governor's Luncheon, \$2.55 and the performance of "The Prophet" each evening, \$2.44. Reservations with checks should be mailed to Mrs. Frank Eugene Shugart, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia.

## MEMENTO OF EARLY'S RAID

### ON WASHINGTON

From his unusual collection of Civil War manuscripts, our own Frank Gillen sends a copy of a letter dated July 17, 1864, from Arthur A. Wright, Co. G, 150th O.V.I. Arthur Wright, who was later killed in action, gives a graphic description of the repulse of Early as viewed from Forts Slocum and Stevens. He participated in what was referred to as "The 7th Street Fight" and says, "Just at Dusk on the night of the 13th our troops charged on them killing and capturing a good many ... After the houses were shelled the 6th Corps first from the front at Petersburg made a terrific charge and drove the Rebels into the woods ..."

## CIVIL WAR FIRSTS

"The Congressional Medal of Honor, authroized by Congress in 1862, was first awarded to Jack (Jacob) Parrott and five other members of the famous "Andrew's Raiders ... Secretary, Edwin M. Stanton presented the medals on March 25, 1863." Civil War Centennial Commission News Letter.