

# THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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## LADIES NIGHT. Charles L. Dufour Speaker, "The Night The War Was Lost"

A renowned author and newspaperman, Charles L. (Pie) Dufour, will be the speaker for Ladies' Night, Wednesday, December 7. The meeting will be held in the beautiful Kungsholm, Scandinavian restaurant at the corner of Rush and Ontario streets. The dinner will be the restaurant's famous smorgasbord.



CHARLES L. DUFOUR

Dufour will speak on "The Night the War Was Lost," the title of his new book, just issued by Doubleday. The night in question was April 24, 1862, when Flag Officer David Farragut took his Union gunboats up the Mississippi to New Orleans.

The talk will be descriptive of what went on during the New Orleans campaign, in the city, in Farragut's fleet, and in Richmond and Washington. It will attempt to place blame and bestow credit in the right places.

Dufour will present the thesis that the night Farragut passed the forts below New Orleans was the blow from which the Confederacy never recovered -- economically, tactically, strategically and diplomatically. He contends that had Farragut been routed, the consequence would have been of such a nature as to reverse the trend of the war in the west. The supplying of the South with Louisiana salt and Texas beef would have continued. The unfinished ironclads Louisiana and Mississippi might have raised the blockade, with British and/or French recognition or intervention forthcoming.

Dufour is widely known by his nickname which he uses in his column, "Pie Dufour's A La Mode," which appears seven days a week on the editorial page of the New Orleans States-Item. He also is the paper's music critic.

Born and educated in New Orleans and a graduate of Tulane University, "Pie" has been a newspaperman since 1924, except for army duty and two stints in advertising. He also did a sports radio program.

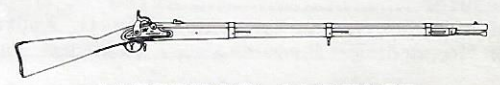
His first book was "Gentle Tiger, The Gallant Life of Roberdeau Wheat," published by Louisiana State University Press in 1957. Wheat was a soldier of fortune and leader of the notorious "Louisiana Tigers" in the Civil War. At present Dufour is researching another book, "Forgotten Men of the Confederacy," for Doubleday.

Dufour was co-founder, with three others, of the New Orleans Civil War Round Table and was second president of the group. The November 17 meeting of New Orleans CWRT was a testimonial dinner for Dufour.

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**PIE DUFOUR'S**

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### MEETING NOTICE

196th REGULAR MEETING

LADIES' NIGHT

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Charles L. Dufour

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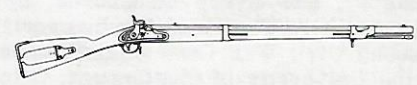
"The Night the War Was Lost"

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1960

Kungsholm Restaurant  
Rush and Ontario Streets

Cocktails at 5:30 p.m.  
Smorgasbord \$6, at 6:30



Dufour is a member of the advisory council of the national Civil War Centennial Commission. He appeared on the commission's regional assembly program at St. Louis last spring and later on the Tennessee Civil War Centennial Commission program at Nashville. He was on the program of the United Daughters of the Confederacy convention at Richmond.

"Pie" has been a frequent speaker on Civil War Round Table programs at New Orleans, Atlanta, Houston, Jackson (Miss.) and Kansas City.

To add to his busy life, he has been lecturer in American History (survey course and Civil War) in University College of Tulane University, and lecturer in Adult Seminar on Civil War with John P. Dyer and T. Harry Williams.

Patrick C. Courtney writes from England that members voted in favor of a change in constitution of the Confederate Research Club and that from January 1, it will be known as the American Civil War Round Table, United Kingdom. The group is considering using the insignia, lapel pin, and shoulder patch developed by Chicago CWRT.

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## GETTYSBURG AND CHATTANOOGA SEMINARS

"Politics in a Dividing Nation: 1960" was the theme of Gettysburg College's fourth annual Civil War Conference, November 17 to 19. Program director was Norman A. Graebner, of University of Illinois history department, who spoke on "Politics and the Slavery Issue." Don E. Fehrenbacher, Stanford University, spoke on "The Irrepressible Republicans"; Robert W. Johannsen, University of Illinois, "Douglas at Charleston"; William E. Baringer, University of Florida, "The Northern Campaign", and Avery O. Craven, University of Chicago (emeritus), "The Fatal Predicament".

The second Civil War Centennial Symposium sponsored by the University of Chattanooga, October 28 and 29, had William B. Hesseltine, University of Wisconsin, as speaker on "The Election of 1860"; E. Merton Coulter, "Disruption of the Union: From the Election to Fort Sumter", and Wilma Dykeman Stokely, Robert H. White, James W. Livingood, and Thomas D. Clark on other subjects.

## RESTAGE LINCOLN FIRST INAUGURATION

The 1860 inauguration of President Abraham Lincoln will be reenacted in Washington next March 4 as a Civil War Centennial observance. It will open with a parade in Pennsylvania avenue from the White House to the Capitol. Raymond Massey will play the part of Lincoln and deliver Lincoln's Inaugural address at noon before a joint session of the Senate and House. An inaugural ball with Civil War dress and music will complete the program. The event is being staged by the District of Columbia Civil War Centennial commission in cooperation with the national commission.

Harper's Weekly of 100 years ago is being reprinted by Living History, Box 446, Shenandoah, Iowa. The 52 issues, to coincide with the same date in the 1860's, are \$12.

At the start of the Civil War, the United States maintained a standing army of only 16,000 officers and men.

from the  
Editor's pen



FOUNDERS: Standing: Newton C. Farr (left), Alexander J. Isaacs, Ralph G. Newman, Elmer Gertz. Seated: Percival G. Hart, Fred C. Evers, C. Norton Owen.  
ABSENT: David H. Annan, Monroe R. Cockrell, Otto Eisenschiml, Vernon Hanson.

DECEASED: Seymour J. Frank, Walter S. Holden, Henry W. Lackey, Walter W. L. Meyer, James Rosenthal.

The sentimental journey to the Walnut room of the Bismarck hotel for the 20th anniversary of the Civil War Round Table was a success. The 195th meeting of the CWRT had an attendance of 130. The attractions were the event and a founder and first speaker, Percival G. Hart. He was presented our Honorary Membership Award by Newton C. Farr, member of the award committee. Joe Eisendrath, chairman of the award committee sent regrets that he could not be present. So did Otto Eisenschiml, founder and honorary member, who had a speaking engagement.

Founder Ralph G. Newman introduced founders who were present and recalled that it was Alexander Isaacs who suggested the name Civil War Round Table. He also noted that at the first meeting, December 3, 1940, it was speaker Hart's birthday and Farr presented him with an apple - with one bite out.

President Robert Douglas introduced past presidents attending - Newman, Farr, Hal Hixson, Pete Long, Jerry Slechta, and Elmer Gertz. The gathering applauded Dinner Chairman Arnold Alexander who made arrangements for the affair in the elegant Walnut room.

Speaker Hart made a thorough presentation of the "Campaign of Chancellorsville." He used four display easels, one for the battle map with transparent overlays to mark the course of the battle; and others for movements of troops, corps organization, and battlefield pictures.

A famed Scandinavian restaurant of Chicago and the nation has been obtained for our Ladies' Night meeting. It is the Kungsholm. And, in keeping with the setting, we will have its famous smorgasbord. Members' ladies and guests are welcome, but all are advised to make reservations early.

New Jersey Civil War Round Tables now number three, all named for counties, Monmouth, Bergen, and Essex.

The fifth meeting of the Fort Wayne Civil War Round Table was held November 21. Secretary of the group is Allan McMahan, 128 E. Berry St., Fort Wayne, Ind.

## RAISE CAIRO PILOT HOUSE

When members of our Round Table go to Vicksburg on battlefield tour next April 26 to May 1, they will see parts of the ironclad gunboat Cairo recently recovered from the hulk under water for 98 years.

Some time ago National Park Service Historian Edwin C. Bearss and Warren Grabau of the Army Corps of Engineers located the hulk in the Yazoo river north of Vicksburg.

Recently Jimmy Hart and Ken Parks, skuba divers, went down and attached cables to the pilot house. With the aid of a tug and crane and barge lent by Anderson and Tully, lumber operators of Memphis, the eight sided, armored pilot house was brought up. Then a 6100 pound navy gun and mount were brought up. They were placed on the levee front at Vicksburg.

This aroused enthusiasm to raise the entire ironclad and install it on the Vicksburg waterfront as a naval museum to bridge the 100 years to the time the Cairo was sunk on December 12, 1862 -- the first casualty of an electrically detonated mine (then called torpedo). Cost of the project was estimated at \$150,000. Operation Cairo, Inc., Vicksburg, Miss., was formed to receive donations of \$5 and more for the work. Donors will receive a certificate.

Artifacts from another boat, the Confederate supply boat Dewdrop, will be displayed by Curator Robert Neitzel at the Old State Capitol museum in Jackson. The artifacts include a brass bell, some copper sheathing from the deck, and the door from the safe.

The Dewdrop, a 184 tonner, was believed to have been scuttled to prevent capture in the Quiver river at its mouth on the Yazoo on April 25, 1863. Five of this type of boat were sunk in the Yazoo and branch streams. The Dewdrop was built in Cincinnati in 1858.

### GATHER CIVIL WAR COASTAL MAPS

The Coast and Geodetic Survey, which played an important role in the Civil War in supplying the army and navy with technical information, is assembling and cataloging its collection of original Civil War maps. It is also assembling its previously published material and original material on Civil War campaigns, personnel, and ships. One of its goals is to issue a special atlas reproducing original Civil War maps for aid to historians and authors.

### THAT OLD BATTERED SHOVEL....

A battered Civil War shovel, dug up at Fort Beauregard outside Richmond, was used to turn the first ceremonial spadefulls of earth for the Virginia Civil War Centennial Center in Richmond on Oct. 14. The shovel was donated to the Virginia Civil War Commission by N. E. (Nip) Warriner of the Richmond commission. Shooting of action scenes for the Centennial Center's films has been started at Richmond, Petersburg, Manassas, and Appomattox.

There were 504 photographers in the United States in 1860 according to the census of that year.



Raising Pilot House of Gunboat Cairo.

## BULLETIN BOARD

NEW MEMBERS of the Civil War Round Table: M. W. Dickover, 844 Arbor lane, Glenview, Ill. Jay T. Frank, 5455 S. Blackstone Ave., Chicago 15. William M. Grier, 244 Oxford rd., Kenilworth, Ill. R. J. Horlock, 450 Lincolnshire terr., Crete, Ill. Dr. LeRoy Levitt, 1520 N. Dearborn St., Chicago 10. Fred Neubauer, 1142 N. Randall rd., Aurora, Ill. Robert B. Witwer, 1458 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, Ill. Edward H. Wedlake, 1233 Richmond lane, Wilmette.

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AVAILABLE - at meetings: Gold finished CWRT lapel pin, \$1; Cloth patch of emblem, 50 cents.

### MISSISSIPPI AND TENNESSEE BOOKLETS

Mississippi and Tennessee commissions have published centennial booklets of high quality. Both are letter page size. "Mississippi in the War Between the States" opens with a reprint of the Ordinance of Secession, January 9, 1861, and the signers. State Archivist Charlotte Capers and Frank Wallace have written a brief history of Mississippi in the war. There is a story and chronology of Jefferson Davis who was a Mississippi resident when elected president of the Confederacy. Edwin C. Bearss has a story of the Siege of Vicksburg and also has assembled a long list of battles, skirmishes, and events in Mississippi. There are stories of action in Northeast Mississippi, Holly Springs, Port Gibson and Jackson, and of the Old State Capitol museum. Mississippi military units are listed by battalions and regiments and by counties. There is a Civil War reading list and a list of historical markers. The Mississippi commission also has provided a booklet, "Mississippi's Greatest Hour", for use as a handbook by county and local groups.

A slick paper, part color print, "Guide to the Civil War in Tennessee", was prepared by the Tennessee Civil War Centennial commission and published by the Division of Information, Department of Conservation, Nashville. There is a brief history of the war in Tennessee, a chronological synopsis of events, a list of highway markers, monuments and descriptive plaques, and a highway map giving locations of training camps and staging areas. Stanley F. Horn is chairman of the Tennessee commission; Campbell H. Brown, Nashville, is executive director.

### "BATTLE OF THE HEMP BALES"

Re-enactment of the Battle of Lexington, Missouri, sometimes called "the Battle of the Hemp Bales", is scheduled for May 18, 1961. The battlefield, as well as a house used as a hospital during the conflict, appears today much as it did 100 years ago. The re-enactment will be staged according to the plan of the original battle. About 1,000 men will take part, using Civil War artillery, uniforms and other effects of the period. Six hundred will be cadets from Wentworth Military Academy at Lexington. The army is cooperating in supplying material and direction.

Chairmen of Civil War commissions from 10 Southern states, meeting at Atlanta, agreed on the use of the Civil War designation as proper.

## THE NEW BOOKS



CENTENNIAL ALBUM OF THE CIVIL WAR, edited by Marvin H. Pakula in collaboration with William J. Ryan and David K. Rothstein, full color plates and 100 portraits (Yoseloff, \$25).

CIVIL WAR HISTORIC PRINTS, Series 1, four prints (color) from wood engravings by Thomas Nast and Arthur Lumley (Edraydo, Haverford, Pa., \$3.95).

CORNELIA: The Story of a Civil War Nurse, by Jane T. McConnell, illus. by Dorothy Bayley Morse (New York, 184 pp, \$3).

FIELDS OF GLORY: An Illustrated Narrative of American Land Warfare, by William H. Nelson and Frank E. Vandiver, maps and photos (Dutton, \$10).

THE INDIAN WAR OF 1864, by Eugene Ware, edited with notes and introduction by Clyde C. Walton (St. Martin's press, illus., maps, \$7.50).

KNIGHT OF THE CONFEDERACY: General Turner Ashby, by Frank Cunningham (Naylor, San Antonio, \$5).

LINCOLN FOR THE AGES, edited by Ralph G. Newman, the story of the first 150 years of Lincoln's impact on world thought; original papers by 78 distinguished Americans, with Lincoln chronology, sources of quotations, and basic Lincoln library (Doubleday, 480 pp, \$5).

LINCOLN'S MANAGER, DAVID DAVIS, by Willard L. King, biography of Davis, one of Lincoln's closest friends, an unusual combination of jurist and politician (Harvard, 400pp, \$7.50).

THE LION OF WHITEHALL: CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY, Address to Chicago Civil War Round Table by William H. Townsend, Oct. 17, 1952 (12 inch long play record, \$10).

MR. LINCOLN RUNS FOR PRESIDENT, by Melvin L. Hayes, based largely on contemporary sources, newspapers (Citadel Press, New York, 348 pp, \$5).

JOHN MORGAN AND HIS MEN, by Lorine Letcher Butler (Dorrance, 357pp, \$4).

THE NIGHT THE WAR WAS LOST, by Charles L. Dufour. When Flag Officer David Farragut took his Union gunboats up the Mississippi to New Orleans, April 24, 1862 (Doubleday, \$4.50).

NARRATIVE OF THE SURRENDER OF A COMMAND OF U.S. FORCES AT FORT FILLMORE, N.M., in July, 1861, by Maj. James Cooper McKee. Limited edition. (Stagecoach Press, Houston, 64pp, \$4.75).

TRAGIC YEARS: 1861-1865: A Documentary History of the Civil War, by Earl Schenck Miers and Paul M. Angle (Simon and Schuster, 2 vols. boxed, \$15).

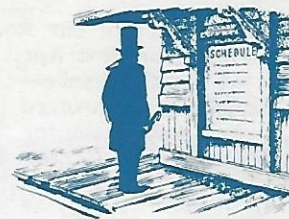
THE WAR THEY FOUGHT, edited by Richard B. Harwell, combined anthology, the Union Reader and Confederate Reader (Longmans, \$6.95).

WELL MARY: Civil War Letters of a Wisconsin Volunteer, edited by Margaret Brobst Roth. Letters of Private John F. Brobst, written during the Civil War to Mary Englesby, the girl he was to marry. (University of Wisconsin Press, 165 pp, \$4).

The value of Confederate money is greater today than it was during the last year of the Civil War.

Daniel Ravenel, of the Ravenel Agency, Charleston, S. C., which is reproducing the Ordinance of Secession of the State of South Carolina, writes that he hopes some of our members will be able to visit Charleston during the opening of the Civil War centennial, January 7 to 9, 1961. He said, "We are holding a number of rooms in each of the hotels for use of our friends while here, so if anyone is interested in coming down at that time, we shall be happy to hear from you."

## FUTURE MEETINGS



Friday, Jan. 13 - Joseph P. Cullen, Historian, Richmond Battlefield Park, "The Peninsula Campaign".

Friday, Feb. 10 - Dr. Glenn H. Seymour, president Illinois State Historical Society, "Stephen A. Douglas."

Friday, March 10 - Richard N. Current, author, "The Continuing War, 1865-1877."

Friday, April 7 - 200th Regular Meeting, Frank E. Vandiver, professor, Rice University, and author.

### MIDWEST CWRT CALENDAR

DECATUR, Dec. 8 - Dale Clifford, "The Battle of Shiloh".

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 8 - Charles L. Dufour, "The Night the War Was Lost".

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 16 - John Lanphier, Jr., "John Cabell Breckinridge."

### SPECIAL EVENTS

April 22-23, 1961 - Spring tour of Illinois State Historical Society to Cairo, Mound City, and Columbus, Ky.

April 26-May 1 - Chicago CWRT battlefield tour to Vicksburg and Jackson, Miss.



### WEAPONRY OF THE CIVIL WAR

American Ordnance Association, Mills building, Washington 6, D. C., is offering memberships to Civil War students. Dues of \$5 yearly and \$12.50 for three years include ORDNANCE, the bi-monthly publication, other publications, and Civil War monographs at reduced cost. Commencing in the July-August, 1960, issue, the magazine is publishing in each issue an article on some particular phase or incident connected with weaponry of the North and South and will continue to do so throughout the four years of the centennial.

"Notes on Ordnance of the American Civil War", by Harold L. Peterson, and "Notes on Ammunition", by Col. Berkeley R. Lewis, are now available to members at \$1 a copy and \$2 to nonmembers. "Notes on Naval Ordnance," by Eugene B. Canfield, will be available this year, and one on aeronautics and the use of flying devices will be published in April.

### TENNESSEE WALKING HORSES AND THE CIVIL WAR...

That is one of the combinations Tennessee is offering in the way of centennial commemoration. The idea started with Ben A. Green, Shelbyville, Tenn., newspaper publisher, who, in doing research for his book, "The Biography of the Tennessee Walking Horse," to be published in December, found that the breed as known today was improved and perpetuated by animals ridden by Confederate and Union cavalymen during the war. So Governor Ellington of Tennessee proclaimed 1961 as Centennial year for the Tennessee Walker and the Civil War.