

THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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Henry Simmons - 'Northern Censorship of the Press' - Tuesday, May 25

Henry Eugene Simmons, author of "A Concise Encyclopedia of the Civil War," will be our speaker Tuesday, May 25, on "Northern Censorship of the Press: Necessary or Needless?"



Henry Simmons

Simmons, who has been working on his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago, plans to begin his talk with the crucial first moments of the Civil War when the news of the firing on Fort Sumter reached Washington—the period of confusion which extended for the first week or two—then discuss the reactions to the outbreak of the war on the part of government officials and citizens.

"Next, I will evaluate the situation as it existed, compare actions of government officials (and the relative times of those actions), and present a judgment concerning the timing of the government in its actions," Simmons said.

"As this study relates to the military censorship, it will be primarily a time-motion evaluation. In short, did the government move when it should have moved? Was it necessary to move when it did move?"

"The paper will cover the government of the North in relation to (1) civilian critics, (2) newspapers on the home front, (3) newsmen at the front, and (4) the southern espionage system.

"The theme will not be the actions of critics or the government, but the timing of government actions as they relate to the crisis situation which those actions were established to correct. An evaluation will be made of the possible damage done by the lack of censorship at times, and by the overabundance at others. The address will deal with suppression only when it relates to prior warning by the government."

Simmons is a native of Pittsburgh, earned his undergraduate degree at Morris Brown college, Atlanta, and his master's at Miami university, Oxford, Ohio. His wife, Gloria, is head librarian at Kendall college, Evanston. They have two daughters.

Simmons was director of the student union at Wilberforce university and news bureau director of Central State university, both in Ohio, and visiting lecturer at Roosevelt university and Southeast college, both in Chicago. He was a member of the associate faculty of Indiana university (Gary), and currently is assistant professor of history at Illinois Teachers College (Chicago-South). He has had a variety of jobs, mostly in summers, to pay school expenses.

He belongs to a number of historical societies, Phi Alpha Theta and Kappa Alpha Psi fraternities, the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, American Academy of Political and Social Sciences, and to Smithsonian Associates.



261st REGULAR MEETING

Henry E. Simmons

on

"Northern Censorship of the Press:

Necessary or Needless?"

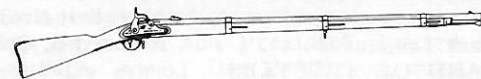
TUESDAY, MAY 25, 1967

Furniture Club in Furniture Mart Cocktails at 5:30

666 North Lake Shore Drive Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Trustees, Officers, Past

Presidents) meets at 4:45 p.m. in Furniture Club.



1968 TOUR TO FREDERICKSBURG

At the conclusion of the 17th Battlefield Tour, officers and trustees and tour directors met and decided that the 1968 tour shall be in the Fredericksburg, Va., area. This will take in the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, the Wilderness, Spotsylvania, and side excursions if time allows. Headquarters will be in one hotel or motel in the Fredericksburg area. J. Ambler Johnston of Richmond will be honorary chairman of the tour. Active chairmen will be Jerry Warshaw of Chicago and Edward S. Waterbury of Washington, D.C. They are empowered to name their own committee. Definite dates of the tour will be announced as soon as determined. Suggestions for further tours are solicited.

BATON ROUGE CWRT made a battlefield tour to Forts Jackson and St. Philip below New Orleans on May 6-7.

Published papers include "Clement L. Vallandigham; Did He Engineer the Plot?" "F.D.R. and Japanese Relocation During World War II," and a quarterly journal column, "Fight Down Front." He engages in sports, church and civic works when possible.

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REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following slate of officers is offered for consideration at the May 25 meeting:

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Other positions appointive. New officers to be installed June 23.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Chairman C. Robert Douglas, Arnold Alexander, Ralph Newman, G. P. Clausius, Vernon Schick.

Ralph Newman will be speaker June 24 at the dinner of the CWRT of Northern New Jersey, Upsala College, East Orange, N.J. Ralph will speak on "Civil War Personalities I Have Known."

JOHN Y. SIMON'S Newsletter of the Ulysses S. Grant Association says: "One minor matter, particularly gratifying to the editor, is the conclusive evidence that Grant's middle name was never Simpson. 'Find some name beginning with S for me,' Julia (Dent) Grant wrote in 1844, 'you know I have an S in my name and don't know what it stands for.' Grant was stationed on the Pacific coast (1852-54) and wrote from Fort Vancouver when he learned that his second child had been named Ulysses S. Grant, Jr. 'What does the S stand for in Ulysses' name?' he asked, 'in mine you know it does not stand for anything!'"

*from the
Editor's pen*



Fred G. Benton, Jr., of Baton Rouge (La.) CWRT, made an absorbing and unique presentation of "The Battle and Siege of Port Hudson" to the ninety-three members and guests who attended the April 26 meeting. Battle positions were delineated on two illuminated maps. On two screens, a steady flow of slides pictured scenes of terrain, troops, and battle at Port Hudson. Fred had synchronized his talk on a tape recording, giving the battle description with a background of music. Occasionally he interspersed live comment during pauses of the tape recording. It was a dramatic and stirring presentation.

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Preceding the meeting, Southern Illinois University Press was host to CWRT members, Camp Followers, history professors in town for a convention, members of the book trade, and reviewers at a cocktail party in the main lounge of the Furniture Club. The party introduced the book, "The Papers of Ulysses S. Grant, Volume 1, 1837-1861," and its editor, John Y. Simon. Among others present were Vernon Sternberg, director of S.I.U. Press, Bert Clarke, designer of the book; Ralph McCoy, S.I.U. librarian; Bell I. Wiley, Emory university; George W. Adams, author of "Doctors in Blue," Grady McWhiney, University of British Columbia; John Hubbell, editor of Civil War History; William Alderfer, Michigan historian; Clyde Walton, Illinois historian, Bernard Wax, Brandeis university museum; and Oliver Wendell Holmes, director of the national historical publications committee.

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At the regular meeting, President Mike Lerner introduced Ralph Newman who related that New York and Ohio had joined Illinois in starting the Grant papers project, but had dropped out and President Delyte Morris of S.I.U. had accepted it for his university at Carbondale, Ill.

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Clement Silvestro, co-chairman of the Graduate Fellowship Award committee announced that the 1967-68 award of \$3,000 goes to Stuart Loren Bernath of University of California, Santa Barbara, whose work for a Ph.D. is on "American Civil War Prize Cases and Diplomacy." The June newsletter will have fuller detail.

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Marshall Krolick, chairman of the committee to raise funds for the fellowship award, announced that the annual auction will be held at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, June 4, in front of Centennial Park at 18 East Chestnut street. Persons wishing to donate books, letters, manuscripts, battle equipment, and other artifacts, please call Krolick at DE 2-5060 or the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop, WH 4-3085 to arrange for picking up items. Or materials can be delivered to the Book Shop, 18 E. Chestnut.

A NEW MEMBER THIS MONTH, is Patrick Reardon, who was librarian and one of the founders of the Confederate Historical Society of Great Britain. Reardon has moved to Montreal, Que., where he is a member of a firm of architects. A. L. Frost has succeeded Reardon as librarian of the C.H.S. We hope it will be possible for Reardon to come from Montreal to Chicago for some of our meetings. The Confederate Historical Society continues its good work in publication of a Journal of high quality content. Persons interested in membership in the society may write K. M. Broughton, Hon. Secretary; Confederate Historical Society; 19, Montague Avenue; Leigh-on-Sea, Essex; United Kingdom.

Lively Battlefield Tour

As our Ozark DC-9 sped along April 20, Pete Long narrated the setting of the Civil War in Missouri and Arkansas. At Springfield, Mo., our party was greeted by the Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks and campaigners who had traveled there from Oklahoma, Texas, Arizona, and elsewhere.

CWRT Presidents Mike Lerner of Chicago and J. H. Karchmer of Springfield presided over luncheon at the Holiday Inn. About 20 Ozark members were present. Tour Chairman Chuck Falkenberg gave introductions of Chicagoans and Dr. H. Lee Hoover of Ozark members. Dr. L. E. Meador of Drury college, Springfield, spoke on the Battle of Wilson's Creek.

Then, in two buses, with Hoover and Col. Leo Huff as lecturers and guides, the party toured the battlefield. Superintendent David L. Hieb and assistant Robert C. Heyder lectured at Bloody Hill, at the Sinkhole, and the Nathaniel Lyon monument.

About 40 Springfield members joined us at the first Command Post and dinner. Charles Wesselhoeft, chairman of the awards committee, presented our Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Meador, Dr. Hoover, Col. Huff and the CWRT of the Ozarks. Edwin C. Bearss was speaker on the battles of Pea Ridge and Prairie Grove and thrilled the audience with his forceful presentation. In the discussion period, J. Ambler Johnston of Richmond, Va., paid tribute to Ed as an outstanding Civil War scholar.

April 21 was a drizzly day. Some bridges were too weak for the buses to cross. At others, passengers got out and walked across. At one, Falkenberg declined to dismount, saying, "No, I'll go down with my bus." Lerner said, "I'll go down with my tour chairman."

Ed Bearss and John Bryce, battlefield park historian, were guides and lecturers for Pea Ridge. The party stopped at the visitor center and there saw the Official Records donated by Marshall Rissman and our CWRT.

The tour proceeded to the Overlook with its battle maps and to the reconstructed Elkhorn tavern, where the sun came out. At the Town and Country restaurant in Rogers, Ark., members of the Benton County Historical society distributed historical material.

As the buses rolled along over the hilly country, campaigners rolled empty beer cans down the aisle. Most turned off course and only Henry Kennedy scored with a clear roll from back to front. Hal Hixson observed, "Northwest Arkansas is good country for beer can rolling."

For the tour of Prairie Grove battlefield, Jim Murray of Rogers, and Tom Feathers, president of the Washington County Historical society, were guides and lecturers. Visits included the military cemetery and battlefield park and then Hindman Memorial where members of the historical society were hosts for coffee and cakes. The buses swung around the University of Arkansas Campus on the way to the Command Post at Holiday Inn, Fayetteville.

At dinner, Distinguished Service Awards were presented to Bearss, Murray, and Feathers. Dr. Howard N. Monnett, acting president of Metropolitan College of Kansas City and CWRT member there, spoke on "Westport and the Sterling Price Invasion of 1864." He called it "the last great action of the war in Missouri." The invasion, from Aug. 29 to Dec. 2 covered 1488 miles; there were 43 battles and engagements.

After dinner, half of the party flew to Kansas City, and the remainder waited for the first morning flight, since all of the party could not be given space on one flight. Dr. Monnett, L. E. (Shorty) Seymour, and Pete Long took over as bus guides on a sunny Saturday, April 22. First was inspection of the Lone Jack battlefield and the jewel of a museum there, one of the finest

TO THE LADIES —

Alice Hamilton Cromie, author of "A Tour Guide to the Civil War," will be our speaker on Tuesday, May 25. Those of us who heard her at the Ladies' Night meeting at the Ivanhoe know that we will have an exciting program. She will share with us unusual Civil War letters of a surgeon with the blockading squadron, Dr. A. S. Heath, and his wife, who lived in Brooklyn. The great granddaughter of the doctor will accompany Alice and will bring photographs of her forebearers. The meeting of the Camp Followers will be at 5:45 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Lloyd Lewis, Apt. 5407, Marina Towers (west tower), 300 N. State St. For reservations and food arrangements, call Barbara Long, program chairman, Village 8-9563.

Betsy Ross Davis gave to the Camp Followers a picture of Varina Davis and her husband that brought them both to life. Slides of places where they lived and Betsy's expressive word pictures made us feel we had spent an hour with the first lady of the Confederacy and her family. Thirty ladies attended the meeting in the Furniture Club April 26 after the "degustation" given by Southern Illinois University Press for the first volume of "The Papers of Ulysses S. Grant."

our tours have found. Charles Kerr, museum curator, spoke and received the Distinguished Service Award.

Though our headquarters was the Muehlebach hotel, other conventions there strained facilities and our luncheon and dinner was transferred across the street to the Phillips hotel. In the afternoon Dr. Monnett guided the party along the course of the Battle of Westport.

At dinner President Lerner gave credit to members of the tour committee—Chairman Falkenberg; Pete and Barbara Long for their great detail work, making maps, and assembling tour literature; to bus marshals Al Meyer and Lester Joseph, Alan Aimone for handling flags and equipment, and to Registrar Margaret April. Distinguished Service Awards were presented to Dr. Monnett, Seymour, and President Richard Byrne for Kansas City CWRT. Ora Henderson, curator of Missouri state parks, was a guest.

Col. Lester B. Wikoff, superintendent of Wentworth Military Academy, spoke on the Battle of Lexington. The town was a Missouri river port founded in 1821 and at one time home office of the pony express. Col. Wikoff displayed the five flags of the Confederacy and the 34 star flag of the United States.

Ralph Newman conducted the Fun Night program in the manner of the Oscar awards. Five contenders for the BAFFART (carousing) trophy were named, and then the winner was announced as Paul Behanna. The trophy was presented by Don and Bobette Burhans of Peoria, last year's winners. Then many of the party visited Kansas City nite clubs.

Sunday, April 23, was rainy. The buses drove by the Harry S Truman home in Independence, Mo., and learned that the former president could not join us, due to illness. First stop was at the Old Jail museum. Curator Mrs. Kenneth Graham told the story of the jail and some of the desperadoes who had been held there.

At the Truman Library, Curator Milton Perry and assistant James Fuchs were our hosts and received Distinguished Service Awards. After a slide show in the auditorium, the party walked along the magnificent displays of the Truman presidential years.

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THE NEW BOOKS



NEW FRONTIERS OF AMERICAN RECONSTRUCTION, edited by Harold M. Hyman (University of Illinois Press, 156pp, \$4.95). Essays by Hyman, John Hope Franklin, Harry Bernstein, and C. Vann Woodward; commentary by Alfred H. Kelley, August Meier, W. L. Morton, and Russell B. Nye.

HISTORY OF THE CHICAGO URBAN LEAGUE, by Arvarh E. Strickland (U. of I. Press, 286pp, \$7.50).

BENJAMIN LUNDY AND THE STRUGGLE FOR NEGRO FREEDOM, by Merton L. Dillon (U. of I. Press, 285pp, \$6.75). Foremost figure of American anti-slavery movement before 1830.

A PORTION OF THAT FIELD: The Centennial of the Burial of Lincoln (U. of I. Press, 112pp, \$3.50). Papers and dedicatory material delivered at the centennial observance in Springfield, Ill., in May, 1965.

SHRINE OF PARTY: Congressional Voting Behavior, 1841-1852, by Joel H. Silbey (U. of Pittsburgh, \$6). Analysis of 2,000 roll-call votes in Congress for the period, casting light on political events leading up to the Civil War.

SLAVERY IN THE AMERICAS: A Comparative Study of Cuba and Virginia, by Herbert S. Klein (U. of Chicago, 288pp, \$6.95).

THE DEATH OF SLAVERY: The United States, 1837-1865, by Elbert B. Smith (U. of Chicago, \$5). History of American Civilization Series.

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At noon the party ate along with cadets, faculty, and some parents in the Wentworth dining hall. After seeing old houses of Lexington, the party returned to the armory for a parade of the cadet corps, with Lerner, Falkenberg, and Long standing in review with the student colonel.

Continuing the tour with Roger Slusher, University of Missouri history student, and Arnold Viebrock, high school principal, as guides on the buses, the party assembled at the Anderson house on the battlefield. Col. Wikoff was lecturer at the principal sites of the battle in which Col. James Mulligan and the Irish Brigade of Chicago were besieged and finally surrendered. Distinguished Service Awards were presented to Col. Wikoff and to Mrs. Charles Ehler, curator of Anderson house museum.

The party returned to Kansas City to get luggage at the Muehleback, had dinner in the Four Winds restaurant at the airport, and then boarded a TWA plane for home. It was delayed an hour in the air by the blizzard that struck O'Hare airport the evening of Sunday, April 23.

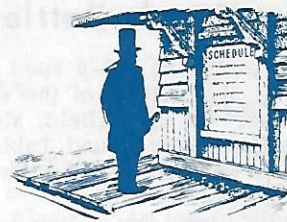
And after miles of touring, and many queries, Miles Janousek still had not found the Schmidt house.

Campaigners on the 17th Annual Battlefield Tour were:

CHICAGO—Mrs. Margaret H. April, Dr. Arthur V. Bergquist, Mr. and Mrs. J. Brooks Davis, Charles V. Falkenberg, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Joseph, Henry W. Kennedy, Michael S. Lerner, Allen Meyer, Ralph G. Newman, Dr. and Mrs. Vernon Schick, Ver Lynn Sprague, Gilbert G. Twiss.

SUBURBS—Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Long, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Smith, Oak Park; Alan C. Aimone, Mount Prospect; Mrs. Lynne Babcock, Glenview; Paul C. Behanna, Highland Park; George W. and Mark M. Carlton, Glen Ellyn; Mr. and Mrs. Miner Coburn, Wilmette; Mrs. Robert Cromie, Grayslake; C. Robert Douglas, Northbrook; Hal B. Hixson, Hinsdale; Miles Janousek, Berwyn; Dan J. Lapinski, Elmhurst; Elmer R. Pendarvis,

BULLETIN BOARD



FUTURE MEETINGS

Sunday, June 4—Auction for benefit of Graduate Fellowship Fund, at Centennial Park, 18 East Chestnut street. To make donations, call Chairman Marshall Krolick, DE 2-5060.

Tuesday, June 23—J. Robert Smith, "Gen. Mike Lawler."

SPECIAL EVENTS

May 19-21, Monticello, Ill. — Spring tour of Illinois State Historical Society.

June 16-18 — Jackson (Miss.) CWRT Battlefield Tour to Port Hudson, Rosedown (at St. Francisville), and Camp Moore (south of Kentwood, La.).

Sept. 8—At Lacon, Ill., Civil War Round Table golf (beginning at noon); Sept. 9, Old Settlers' Day, Sept. 10, Air Show.

Sept. 29-Oct. 1—Benton, Ill., Fall tour and annual meeting of Illinois State Historical Society.

NEW MEMBERS: Walker W. Means, 1016 Baltimore, Kansas City, Mo. 64105; Patrick Reardon, 300, Lansdowne, Apt. 14; Westmount 6, Que., Can.

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AVAILABLE at meetings: Lapel pin, \$2; Key Chain with CWRT emblem, 50¢; Cloth patch of emblem, 50¢.



River Forest; Donald F. Pfeuffer, Niles; Norman J. Toberman, Arlington Heights; Elmer Underwood, Forest Park; Charles D. Wesselhoeft, Lake Bluff.

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TEXAS—George Kirksey and Cooper K. Ragan, Houston; George E. Broome, Amarillo.

VIRGINIA—Edwin C. Bearss, Arlington; J. Ambler Johnston, Richmond.

ELSEWHERE—Dr. Joseph Brewer, Wichita, Kan.; Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Hohlweck, Milwaukee, Wis.; Peter H. Johnson, Phoenix, Ariz.; Howard N. Monnett, Kansas City, Mo.; James E. Murray, Rogers, Ark.; Mr. and Mrs. Will Plank, Marlboro, N.Y.; Edward W. Waterbury, Washington, D.C.

Plus members of CWRT of the Ozarks, Springfield, Mo.; Kansas City CWRT; Benton County Historical Society, Roger, Ark., and Washington County Historical Society, Fayetteville, Ark.