



# THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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## Dr. Mark Krug on 'Abraham Lincoln and Lyman Trumbull' - Friday, Oct. 27

Civil War era politics and personalities will be the fare at the October 27 meeting of the Civil War Round Table at the Furniture Club in the Furniture Mart. The speaker is Dr. Mark M. Krug, professor of education and social sciences in the graduate school of education at the University of Chicago.



Dr. Mark M. Krug

Dr. Krug is author of the book, "Lyman Trumbull - The Conservative Radical," and the subject of his talk will be "Abraham Lincoln and Lyman Trumbull - Moderate Republicans."

Concerning his talk, Dr. Krug

said:

"Lyman Trumbull, a Connecticut Yankee, settled in Illinois and became a well known lawyer and then senator. For many years Trumbull and Lincoln were personal and political friends.

"During the Civil War, while Trumbull had his disagreements with President Lincoln, he nevertheless gave him his unstinted support. This collaboration was achieved, in spite of the fact that as individuals and political leaders, Trumbull and Lincoln were poles apart."

Besides his book on Trumbull, Dr. Krug is author of "Aneurin Bevan - Cautious Rebel" (1961) and "History and Social Sciences - New Approaches to the Teaching of Social Studies" (1967).

Among published articles by Dr. Krug are "For a Fair Deal in the Teaching of Reconstruction" (Social Education, January 1965) and "A New Approach to World History" (Chicago Schools Journal, March 1964). He is a regular book reviewer for the Chicago Daily News.

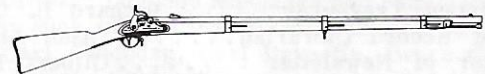
Dr. Krug has an M.A. in education from Roosevelt University (1954) and a Ph.D. in history from the University of Chicago (1960).

As professor of education in history and the social sciences in the University of Chicago Graduate School, Dr. Krug is coordinator of master of arts in teaching program and associate member of the history department, teaching graduate course in Civil War and Reconstruction. He is a member of the Illinois Task Force on Education, by the governor's appointment. He is a member of various historical societies.

A continuation of the auction of books for the benefit of the Graduate Fellowship Award program will be held at the beginning of the meeting.

The following is a list of some of the items which will be auctioned. It is not a complete list and some of the items will be in lots with other books:

1. Original copies of the General Orders of the War Department for 1862.
2. "History of the U.S. Cavalry," by Albert G. Brackett (1865).



264th REGULAR MEETING

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Dr. Mark M. Krug

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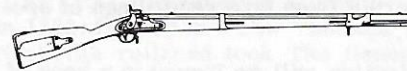
"Abraham Lincoln and Lyman Trumbull -  
Moderate Republicans"

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1967

Furniture Club in Furniture Mart    Cocktails at 5:30

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



TWO TOP MEN will be speakers on our battlefield tour to the Fredericksburg area next May 2 to 5. One is Joseph P. Cullen, author of the new National Park Service booklet, "Where a Hundred Thousand Fell," the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, the Wilderness, and Spotsylvania Court House. The other is Ralph Happel, National Park Service historian of the area. Cullen has spoken to our group in Chicago and Happel was one of our guides on a previous tour to Fredericksburg.

HAL HIXSON had low net score in the Civil War Round Table golf day at Lacon Country club, Lacon, Ill., on Friday, September 8. Next in line were Ver Lynn Sprague and Wilson Smith. Nine men of the 104th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, reactivated, participated in the Old Settler's Day parade the next day.

3. "Where Men Only Dare to Go," by R. W. Figg (1885).
4. "Touched with Fire," Civil War Diary of Oliver Wendell Holmes.
5. "War Between the States," by Alexander Stephens, Vice President of the Confederacy.
6. "History of Morgan's Cavalry," by Basil W. Duke, his brother-in-law.

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## Best Nights of the Round Table

The Civil War Round Table's participation in Illinois' Sesquicentennial year observance will be the reproduction of excerpts from tape recordings of speeches made at meetings.

The collection will be issued in a book of three records titled, "Best Nights of the Round Table." The six sides will play for two hours.

E. B. (Pete) Long went through the many recordings taken at meetings and made the selections as to subject, speaker and quality. Our nationally famous balladeer, Win Stracke, will blend these together with connecting narrative and music. A professional technician will make the master tape to transfer to records. The product promises to be a representative and unique story of the Civil War.

The albums will be produced in time for the Christmas season. They will be offered to CWRT members at a pre-publication reduced price, and after issue will sell for a standard price.

Further details will be announced in the near future.

WILLIAM C. KRONE, CWRT treasurer from 1964 to 1966, and member of the Board of Trustees since then, has been transferred to Dallas by his company and has asked President Ver Lynn Sprague to accept his resignation from the board. "I am going to miss my friends, the meetings and the fine fellowship of the CWRT," Bill wrote. "I look forward to receiving the newsy monthly newsletter and hopefully will be able to join the annual battlefield tour in the spring."

*from the  
Editor's pen*



Eighty-five members and guests paid their compliments to Elmer Gertz, a founder of the CWRT, at the opening meeting of the 1967-68 season on September 15, and he responded with a splendid talk on "The Assassinations of Presidents Lincoln and Kennedy as Seen by Jack Ruby's Lawyer."

Elmer cited the intensive searches of Otto Eisen-schimidl, also a CWRT founder, into the Lincoln assassination which resulted in his book, "Why Was Lincoln Murdered." After discussing the Lincoln case, Elmer said, "There are still unanswered questions about the Lincoln assassination."

In dealing with the Kennedy assassination, Elmer cited slipshod work of the Dallas police, some less than expert work at the Parkland hospital, and mysteries arising from the secrecy of the autopsy pictures. As for Jack Ruby's shooting of the slayer, Lee Harvey Oswald, Elmer said it was "pure chance that led Ruby to the police station at the time Oswald was being transferred."

The question period was lengthy, with many members firing queries at Elmer and getting the answers

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President Ver Lynn Sprague called for introduction of new members and guests. A member of long time among those present was Claire Graham of Washington, D.C.

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An auction was held of some of the books and documents left over from the auction last spring. With Jim Coulter as auctioneer and Treasurer Marshall Krolick as clerk, eight items were sold for \$74.50. Of this \$29 reverted to donors and a net of \$45.50 was realized for the Graduate Fellowship Award fund. More items will be sold at future meetings.

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The executive committee (Trustees) held a meeting September 9. Hosts were President Ver Lynn Sprague and his good wife, Eleanor, who set out a tasty brunch with coffee and Bloody Marys. Their penthouse apartment overlooks Lincoln park. Business began with a report of Treasurer Marshall Krolick. Membership Chairman Jim Coulter announced that a greeter of new members and guests will be assigned to each meeting. There were discussions of a number of plans for the year.

THE SPEAKERS BUREAU was in operation early with Harold Hyman going to Indianapolis on September 11, Warren A. Reeder scheduled at Salt Creek CWRT on October 20 and Brooks Davis at the same place on November 17. Persons wishing to make themselves available for speaking assignments or groups seeking a speaker should write Chairman Elmer C. Brinkman at 9031 N. Knox Ave., Skokie, Ill. 60077.

BATON ROUGE CWRT opened its fifth year with a welcome home to T. Harry Williams who spoke on "Teaching the Civil War at Oxford." For a year he occupied the chair of Harmsworth Professor of American History at Queen's College, Oxford. Baton Rouge announced a program for the year with Stanley Horn, Bruce Catton, Jr., "Pie" Dufour, Shelby Foote, and Alice Hamilton Cromie as speakers and Fred Benton, Jr., as chairman of the battlefield tour.

## Ladies' Night at Kungsholm

The annual Ladies' Night dinner and program will be held Friday, November 10, at the Kungsholm restaurant and theater, 100 East Ontario street.

The affair will begin in the downstairs dining room of the famous Scandinavian cafe. Cocktails will be at 6:30 p.m., followed by a smorgasbord dinner at 7:30 p.m. Ralph Newman is the speaker on "Readin', Ritin', and Round Tables."

Then the party will go to the Kungsholm's little theater for an entertainment of excerpts from "Sound of Music" and "Paint Your Wagon." Mal Hoffmann is chairman of the affair and hopes for a 200 attendance. The fee will be \$7.50 per person.

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MILWAUKEE CWRT newsletter No. 100 announced the new season. Speaker for the first program was Elmer Gertz and the meeting was No. 190, the second oldest continuous Round Table.

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CIVIL WAR battle gear of Rufus King, who organized the famed Iron Brigade, has been donated to the Milwaukee County Historical Society. Brig. Gen. King's service revolver, a saber with a 35-inch blade and a scabbard, a Starr 1856 six shot percussion model revolver, spurs, and worn service belt will be displayed. King was born in New York City in 1814 and went to Milwaukee in 1845. He became editor of the Milwaukee Sentinel and served as superintendent of the Milwaukee Public schools.

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DR. JAMES I (Bud) ROBERTSON, Jr., former editor of CIVIL WAR HISTORY and director of the national Civil War Centennial commission who joined the history faculty of the University of Montana, has now returned to his home state and is teaching at Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blackburg, Va.

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WILSON'S CREEK battlefield at Springfield, Mo., had about 30,000 visitors this year. Under action taken by the Wilson's Creek Battlefield National Park commission, 10 tracts involving 725 acres have been appraised, to be bought with the \$350,000 appropriation by the Missouri general assembly to complete the park area of 1733 acres. Edwin C. Bearss, research historian with the National Park Service, and Charles Pope, architect, visited Springfield to do research on the Ray House, the only building left on Wilson's Creek battlefield that was there at the time of the battle, Aug. 10, 1861.

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STOCKTON DRIVE in Chicago's Lincoln Park and Stockton school at 4420 Beacon street are named for Joseph Stockton, a member of the 72nd Illinois infantry, the Board of Trade regiment. At Vicksburg he became colonel of the regiment. Stockton was wounded Nov. 30, 1864, in the battle of Franklin, Tenn., but returned to command in a month. Before the end of the war he became a brigadier general. After the war he organized the Joseph Stockton teaming company in Chicago. He served as commissioner of Lincoln Park from 1869 to 1893 and was active in having the large memorial statue of Gen. U. S. Grant placed in the park. He frequently served as chief marshal of Chicago's largest parades, including the World's Columbian Exposition parade in October 1892. He died March 17, 1907.

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## TO THE LADIES -

Vampires take the top spot at the October 27 meeting of the Camp Followers! Ethel (Mrs. Lester) Joseph, a veteran of three battlefield tours, will speak on "The 'Lady' Spies - Sinister, Sexy, and Successful." The meeting will convene at 5:30 p.m. with cocktails. Dinner will follow the talk. The meeting is in the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop, 18 East Chestnut street. Since dinner is catered by a Near North side restaurant, reservations should be in by October 25. Please call Roberta Krolick at 966-8114.

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Ralph Newman was speaker at the Camp Followers well-attended and enthusiastic opening meeting September 15. His talk, "Civil War Personalities," included anecdotes and reminiscences about such interesting and diverse characters as Carl Sandburg, Carl Haverlin, Bruce Catton, and Henry Bass. His warm and colorful stories were greatly appreciated by his audience. Cocktails and a buffet dinner were served.

-Betsy Ross Davis, program chairman

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THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR is asking for an additional \$3,250,000 to permit acquisition of the remaining non-historic structures in the three-city-block area within the boundaries of the Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia. The 16-story Irvin building and two adjacent smaller structures on the northwest corner of 4th and Walnut streets would be purchased and demolished and the area landscaped to make it compatible with the surrounding portions of the park. This would mark completion of a \$11,200,000 project in time for commemoration of the bicentennial of the Declaration of Independence.

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THE GENERAL, locomotive stolen by the Andrews raiders in 1862, figured in a new "holdup." The Louisville & Nashville railroad took The General out of its long time display case, the Chattanooga Union station, and put it in running order again for showings around the country during the Civil War centennial. Then the L & N decided to give The General to the state of Georgia for enshrinement at Kennesaw (Big Shanty), whence it was stolen in 1862. A Chattanooga 1967 raiding party halted the train moving the General through the Chattanooga yards, and held on, to let courts decide the disposal. Chattanooga cites that public funds were raised to maintain the engine during its 70 year stay in the Union station, the engine is on the city's official seal, and some say it was the inspiration for the song, "Chattanooga Choo-Choo." The old "steal" was a hanging affair, and the present one is hanging fire.

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Although the deadline is not until Jan. 15, 1968, more than a score of new plays about Abraham Lincoln have been received by Southern Illinois University's theater department in the \$4,500 first-prize competition, a feature of the Illinois Sesquicentennial co-sponsored by SIU, the Abraham Lincoln Association, and the Illinois Arts Council.

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A 100th anniversary memorial mass for Union Gen. Thomas Francis Meagher, commander of the Irish Brigade, was offered Aug. 13 in St. Francis Xavier church in New York. Meagher was drowned in the Missouri river in 1867 while serving in the Montana territory.

## THE NEW BOOKS



**THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND RECONSTRUCTION, 1865-1877**, by James E. Sefton (Louisiana State University Press, 304pp, \$8)

**CONFEDERATE SPY: Rose O'Neal Greenhow**, by Nash K. Burger (Franklin Watts, New York, \$4.95). A semi-fictionalized life of Mrs. Greenhow.

**NEGRO AMERICANS IN THE CIVIL WAR: From Slavery to Citizenship**, by Charles H. Wesley and Patricia Romero (New York, Washington, London, Publishers company, Inc.) Also includes the Reconstruction period.

**JACKSONIAN ARISTOCRACY: Class and Democracy in New York, 1830-1860** (Oxford, 228pp, \$6).

**DEMOCRATIC POLITICS AND SECTIONALISM: The Wilmot Proviso Controversy**, by Chaplain W. Morrison (North Carolina, 244pp, \$6).

**THE MARSHALL GUARDS: Harrison County's Contribution to Hood's Brigade**, by Harold B. Simpson (County Historical Society, Old Courthouse, Marshall, Texas, 26p, \$4.15, paper \$1.60).

**INDIANA IN THE CIVIL WAR ERA, 1850-1880**, by Emma Lou Thornborough (Indiana State Historical Society, 758pp, \$7.50).

**BILLY YANK: Soldier of the North**, by Howard K. Hayden (Drum Press, Long Branch, N.J., 52pp, \$3.95).

**THE CIVIL WAR LETTERS OF GEN. ROBERT McALLISTER**, edited by James I. Robertson, Jr. (Rutgers, 638pp, \$10).

### BOOK NOTES

Glenn Tucker, who receives our newsletter regularly, writes that his next book, "Lee and Longstreet at Gettysburg," is scheduled for publication by Bobbs-Merrill in January. Glenn says, "This is a supplement to my 'High Tide at Gettysburg' (Bobbs-Merrill, 1958), made necessary by further close study of the battle and numerous visits to the field and by a ripening understanding of the superior service of some of Lee's subordinates."

Charles L. (Pie) Dufour, New Orleans columnist who has spoken to our group twice, has a new book out, "Ten Flags in the Wind," a history of Louisiana.

ROSAMOND H. BURKHART, writing in *Crossed Flags*, the newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Northern New Jersey, recounts this story of an Illinois soldier:

"Gen. U.S. Grant boarded a train at Garrison, N.Y., across the river from West Point. A member of the party misplaced a brightly-colored carpetbag. Col. Thomas S. Bowers of Grant's staff volunteered to retrieve it. Bowers rushed from the train. The stationmaster handed him a piece of luggage. "That is not the one," Bowers said, trying to climb on the train, already in motion, Bowers missed the steps and was thrown to his death under the next car. "A very estimable man, he has been with me through all my battles," Grant said. Two days later, a United States Military Academy funeral took place on March 8, 1866. At Grant's request, Congress appropriated \$5,000 for a monument. Bowers entered the army from Mount Carmel, Ill., and the G.A.R. post there was named for him. He joined Grant's staff in 1862 as a sergeant and rose to colonel. Grant once said he would have placed him in his cabinet.

## BULLETIN BOARD



**FUTURE MEETINGS (All on Friday nights):**

November 10 - Ladies' Night, Ralph Newman, "Readin', Ritin', and Round Tables."

December 15 - Philip R. Davis, "Justice in Gray."

January 12 - Glenn Seymour, "Illinois in the 1850s."

February 9 - To be announced.

March 8 - Shelby Foote, "General Grant Reaches Washington."

April 5 - Rodney Loehr, "Cavalry Operations of J. H. Wilson Around Selma."

May 2-5 - Tour to Battlefields around Fredericksburg, Va.

May 10 - LeRoy H. Fischer, "The Civil War in Today's Perspective."

June 7 - William K. Alderfer, topic to be announced.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

December 3-4 - Opening events of Illinois Sesquicentennial in Chicago and Springfield.

April 18-20 - Chicago, Spring Tour of Illinois State Historical Society (Fall Tour, Oct. 4-6 at Chester).

August 25-26 - Springfield, Old Capitol Days, rededication of Old State House.

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**NEW MEMBERS** - Howard R. Avichouser, 175 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago 60604; Paltiel J. Bach, 629 W. Fullerton Pkwy., Chicago 60614; Howard Hensel, 10812 St. Louis Ave., Chicago 60655; H. K. MacCorkle, P.O. Box 10803, Midwest City, Okla. 73110; Bert Maybee, 1402 Bryant Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.; Robert Mendenhall, 906 Dempster St., Evanston, Ill. 60202; Donald W. Ryan, 208 S. La Salle St., Chicago 60690.

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**DECEASED:** Dr. William H. Hazlett (Aug. 31, 1967).

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



**THE NEW MARKET BATTLEFIELD MEMORIAL** was dedicated July 1 in a 160-acre park on the farm-land site of the battle of May 15, 1864. Virginia Military Institute cadets suffered 57 casualties in the battle; ten died. A color movie tells their story in the park's visitor center. The battlefield park was willed to V.M.I., with an endowment of \$2,900,000, by George R. Collins of Charleston, W. Va. A monumental "Hall of Valor" is being planned for completion in 1969. James J. Geary is director of the park. For brochure write New Market Battlefield Memorial, Box 1864, New Market, Va., 22844.