

# THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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## Archer Jones on 'Military Leadership, North & South,' Jan. 9

A unconventional view of Civil War military leadership will be presented by Archer Jones at the Chicago Civil War Round Table meeting on Friday, Jan. 9.

Jones, a recognized military historian of the war, holds the iconoclastic view that President Abraham Lincoln and Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee held similar attitudes toward military strategy in that both aimed at the annihilation of the enemy's army.

"Lincoln thought like Lee," Jones asserts, "but the Union generals, Grant in particular, fought like Jeff Davis and the Confederate generals other than Lee."

In the Jones view, Davis, unlike Lincoln, agreed with the strategy concepts of his generals except for Lee.

Jones concedes that it is the traditional view that it was Grant who believed in annihilation of the enemy and that Jeff Davis was "a dope." Conventional heroes of the war, says Jones, are Abraham Lincoln and Robert E. Lee.

But Jones on Jan. 9 will present the thesis that the true heroes of the war were Beauregard, Bragg, Grant and Sherman.

"I'll show that Lincoln and Lee didn't understand war at all and that they were villains in the struggle," Jones said.

"I hope to stir up some controversy at the Chicago Civil War Round Table which has a national reputation for disputatious meetings. I love the give and take of question-and-answer sessions, so I hope members will come prepared to challenge or support my views," the speaker asserted.

Archer Jones, now a professor of history and dean of arts and sciences at North Dakota State University, has had a distinguished academic career as a teacher of history, mostly at Southern colleges and universities. He joined the North Dakota State faculty in 1968 after two years at the University of South Carolina as a professor of history.

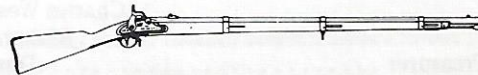
Prior to that he held history teaching positions at Randolph-Macon Woman's College, the University of Virginia, Hamden-Sydney College, Clinch Valley College of the University of Virginia and Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

A native Virginian, Archer Jones studied at St. John's College, Annapolis, Md., and graduated from Hampden-Sydney College summa cum laude in 1949. In 1953 he received a master's degree from the University of Virginia where he gained his doctorate in 1958. While at the university, Jones was the holder of Wheeler and Dupont Fellowships and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

He is the author of *Confederate Strategy from Shiloh to Vicksburg*, published by Louisiana State University Press in 1961, as well as "Military Aspects-Mobilization, administration, Organization and Supply," a part of *Civil War Books: An Annotated Bibliography* edited by Allan Nevins, Bell I. Wiley and James I. Robertson and published by the Louisiana State University Press in 1967 and 1969.



Archer Jones



287th REGULAR MEETING

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Archer Jones

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"Military Leadership, North & South"

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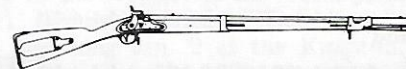
Friday, January 9, 1970

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Furniture Club in Furniture Mart

Cocktails at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner at 6:30 p.m.



With T. L. Connelly, who was to be our November speaker, Archer Jones is writing *Jefferson Davis and His Generals* to be published by the LSU Press in the summer of 1970 if all goes well.

Our January speaker has written numerous articles for magazines and historical journals, many of them bearing on the subject of his talk on military leadership. Among his article titles are: "Secretary Randolph and Confederate Strategy," "Tennessee and Mississippi, Joe Johnston's Strategic Problem," "The Vicksburg Campaign," "The Gettysburg Decision," and "The Evolution of Warfare, an Interpretation."

Born at Richmond, Virginia, in 1926, Archer Jones is married and has one child.

He holds memberships in the Southern Historical Association, the American Historical Association, American Association of University Professors, Omicron Delta Kappa and Phi Eta Sigma as well as Phi Beta Kappa.

"I can make my presentation as iconoclastic as the Chicago CWRRT likes," he said, "but in any event it should be both frothy with controversy and relaxing for those who want to take it in that vein."

# THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE



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Treasurer Dick Cohen announced that all dues notices have been mailed and that \$20 dues for 1969-70 is owed by each CWRT member. Send your dues in now and note the meeting dates for the year published in the Bulletin Board on the back page of this Newsletter.

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Chicago CWRT members are encouraged to contribute material to this Newsletter regularly. Contributions should be sent to Dick Bjorklund, Editor, Chicago Civil War Round Table Newsletter, 18 E. Chestnut St., Chicago, Ill. 60611. Suggestions for material include book reviews, photos of Civil War relics and sites, travel items on Civil War battlefields and monuments, comments on current events involving Civil War history and personal notes.

*from the  
Editor's pen*



Member turnout at the December meeting was disappointing, but the talk given on Robert Smalls by our Fellowship winner Okan Uya was a fine demonstration of what a scholar can do with a minor figure of the Civil War and Reconstruction period.

It is unfortunate that no member, including this editor, had the foresight to bring as guests some young people interested in black history. Not only would such guests have enjoyed Uya's speech, but such a gesture would serve to show that the Chicago Civil War Round Table is not a bunch of Old Grunts who sit around, drink, smoke cigars and talk about Their War as if the present-day world doesn't exist.

One of the memorable moments in Uya's presentation on Smalls was Robert Smalls' announcement to the South Carolina constitutional convention of 1895: "My race makes no excuse; all we want is a chance."

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Elmer Gertz, our esteemed past president and fighter for the right, was handily (or at least barely) elected to the Illinois constitutional convention from the 13th senatorial district. Perhaps words as memorable as Smalls' pronouncement will be uttered by Elmer as the convention drafts a new constitution for our state.

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Arnold Alexander, erstwhile club member and co-chairman of a Fellowship committee, has recovered nicely from a heart seizure and has been released from the hospital.

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Speakers Bureau Chairman Gordon Whitney announced that all members are encouraged to pass along to civic, service and other clubs the news that speakers are available from the Chicago Civil War Round Table. Those who are interested may obtain application blanks from Gordon for registration with the speakers bureau. If you have a special Civil War topic that you are willing to discuss at public meetings, contact Gordon Whitney.

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Some effete snobs believe that Agnew has only recently become a household word. In truth, there were agnews in the Civil War. The word, according to the Civil War Dictionary, was given to uniforms worn by Sanitary Commission nurses during the Peninsular campaign. The uniform, first borrowed from a Dr. Agnew, consisted of a man's shirt with collar open, sleeves rolled up, and shirttails out, worn over a full skirt without hoops.

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Applications for Civil War Round Table fellowships are available from the CWRT fellowship committee, 18 E. Chestnut St., Chicago, Ill., 60611. Round Table members and friends may make tax-deductible contributions to the CWRT fellowship fund for Civil War research and education. Contributions may be sent to the committee at the Chestnut Street address.

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Collections of the past five years of this newsletter may be purchased for \$7.50 a set from Elmer Underwood at Abraham Lincoln Book Shop, 18 E. Chestnut St., Chicago, Ill. 60611. A limited number of the collections is available for sale.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute has dedicated its largest residence hall to J. Ambler Johnston (VPI class of '04), a friend of many in the Chicago CWRT and an engineer whose firm has designed many college campus buildings in the state of Virginia, including VPI's Ambler Johnston Hall.

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From the CWRT News Letter of the District of Columbia: "Three bills have been introduced in the House and Senate to more than double the present site of Antietam National Battlefield. They were put in, appropriately enough, on September 17 by Maryland Reps. J. Glenn Beall Jr. and Gilbert Gude and by Sen. Charles MacMathias. Four hundred acres would be set aside for enlargement of Antietam National Cemetery, an appropriate idea which might take some of the heat out of the proposals to turn Manassas battlefield into a military cemetery—something stoutly resisted by CWRT's everywhere.

The proposed expansion would take in land still used for agriculture, but preserved from development by citizens aware of the areas's significance. Now developers are trying to get in. There are many important areas in the battle, such as Dunkard Church, still not yet owned by the National Park Service. The service does not own the probable location of Clara Barton's field hospital; Union lines opposite the Sunken Road; Bloody Lane, and the fields where A. P. Hill's troops smashed Burnside's fumbling advance across Antietam Creek.

Most of us would probably say "Hurrah for the Free State legislators."

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Henry B. Bass, a friend of Chicago's CWRT and frequent participant in our battlefield tours, sent a newsletter in October announcing that he and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

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Look magazine in October published material from Stefan Lorant's forthcoming biography "Lincoln: A Picture Story of His Life." One item in the book is a piece of doggerel written by President Lincoln in the wake of the battle of Gettysburg titled

"Gen. Lee's Invasion of the North, Written by Himself":

"In eighteen sixty three, with  
pomp and mighty swell,  
Me and Jeff's Confederacy,  
went forth to sack Phil-del,  
The Yankees they got arter us,  
and gin us partic'lar h-ll,  
And now we skedaddeled back  
again, and didn't sack Phil-del."

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Three Civil War Round Table members received the Award of Merit of the Illinois State Historical Society at the fall meeting in Peoria, Oct. 3. These are the major awards of the society.

Don Russell received his award as managing editor of the Illinois Intelligencer, publication of the Illinois Sesquicentennial. Art Director Jerry Warshaw received his award for work on the Intelligencer as well. Paul M. Angle received the award of merit for his book "Prairie State."

These were among the 15 awards presented by the awards committee of the society, E. B. Long, chairman. A number of Round Table members were in attendance as always.

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Club members who know of the death or illness of anyone associated with the Chicago CWRT are urged to promptly contact President Clyde Walton or the CWRT through the Abraham Lincoln Bookshop, 18 E. Chestnut St., Chicago, Ill. 60611.

## TO THE LADIES—

By request the Camp Followers will hear the tape of Bell Wiley's "Dixie Diaries of Mary Boykin Chesnut" at the January 9 meeting. The ladies were so impressed by the enthusiastic reports of the men that they wanted to hear the talk too. Cocktails at 5:30 p.m., 18 E. Chestnut. Please make reservations with Lenore Fleming, 11146 S. Vernon, Chicago, 60628, 928-8977, not with the bookstore.

The Camp Followers are pleased to announce that they collected almost \$100 in contributions for the Civil War Round Table Fellowship Fund at the December meeting. Eleanor Smith regaled members with tales of Major General Samuel H.M. Byers ("Shem") and how he, among other things, smuggled "The March to the Sea" out of South Carolina in a wooden leg.

The Palumbo Civil War Museum donated to Carthage College by our member Frank Palumbo was the subject of an extensive feature story in the Burlington (Wis.) Standard Press. The varied collection, valued at more than \$100,000, may soon be supplemented by a Civil war library for rate and out-of-print books, manuscripts and other materials for which Frank is attempting to raise \$50,000 through public subscriptions.

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Dan J. Lapinski, our senior vice president, spoke to the November meeting of the Salt Creek Civil War Round Table on "The Life of Cassius Clay."

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E. B. "Pete" Long, erstwhile pinch-hitter at our November meeting, spoke on "War Beyond the River: A Survey of Trans-Mississippi in the Civil War" at the December meeting of the CWRT of Dayton, Ohio.

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June Pyskacek, director of the Kingston Mines Theater, announced to the Newsletter the world premiere production of Robert Hivnor's comedy "The Assault Upon Charles Sumner," beginning Jan. 9 at the Kingston Mines Theater, 2356 N. Lincoln Ave., 525-9893. The production will run on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights for 10 weeks.

The play concerns one of the events preceding the Civil War: the crippling assault on Massachusetts abolitionist Sen. Charles Sumner by Rep. Preston S. Brooks of South Carolina. The assault took place in the Senate chamber on May 22, 1856, after Sumner delivered his "Crime Against Kansas" speech attacking, among others, South Carolina Sen. Andrew P. Butler, the uncle of Brooks.

"The timeliness of the play," said the director, "is found in Hivnor's brilliant representation of the issues over which the Civil War was fought, those issues which were never settled and are still the burning problems of America today."

The play ranges from pre-Civil War days to the funeral of the last slave in Ohio in 1938, moving back and forth in history revealing the exciting events in Charles Sumner's life through a variety of theatrical styles.

Kingston Mines Theater company won its recognition on the Chicago theater scene with the widely acclaimed production of Jean-Claude Van Itallie's "The Serpent," which ran for 14 weeks at the end of 1969.

The building that houses the theater, built in the late 1800's, was originally stable for horse trolleys. Twenty-two young people are members of the company.

## THE NEW BOOKS



Anderson, David D. ABRAHAM LINCOLN. N.Y.: Twayne, 1969. \$4.50

Angle, Paul M., ed. ABRAHAM LINCOLN BY SOME MEN WHO KNEW HIM. With introduction by Hon. Issac N. Phillips. Edited with notes and foreword by . . . Freeport, N.Y.: Books for Libraries Press, [1969]. \$6.75

Brown, Wm. Wells. MY SOUTHERN HOME: or, The South and its People. Upper Saddle River, N.J.: Gregg Press, [1968]. \$11.00. Reprint 1880 ed.

Coleman, J. Winston, Jr. LEXINGTON DURING THE CIVIL WAR. Lexington, Ky.: Henry Clay Press, 1968. \$3.95. Orig. ed of 1838 ltd to 150 copies.

Dumond, Dwight L. THE SECESSION MOVEMENT, 1860-1861. N.Y.: Negro Univs. Press, 1968. \$11.25. Reprint 1931 ed.

Jones, Paul. THE IRISH BRIGADE. N.Y.: McKay, 1969. \$6.95

Lorant, Stefan. LINCOLN: A PICTURE STORY OF HIS LIFE. Revised and enlarged edition. N.Y.: Norton, 1969. \$7.95

McKittrick, Eric L., comp. ANDREW JOHNSON: A PROFILE. Edited by . . . N.Y.: Hill & Wang [1969]. \$5.95

Tarrant, Eastham. WILD RIDERS OF THE FIRST KENTUCKY CAVALRY. Lexington, Ky.: Henry Clay Press, 1969. \$12.50. First pub. 1894.

Taylor, Wm. R. CAVALIER AND YANKEE: The Old South and American National Character. N.Y.: Harper [1969]. Paperback. \$2.45. Original 1961.

Watts, John. THE FACTS OF THE COTTON FAMINE. London, Cass, 1968. Handled by August M. Kelley. \$15.00.

Wilson, Joseph T. EMANCIPATION: Its Course and Progress from 1481 B.C. to A.D. 1875, with a review of President Lincoln's Proclamations, the XIII Amendment, and the progress of the freed people since emancipation; with a history of the emancipation movement. N.Y.: Negro Univs. Press, [1969]. Reprint 1882 ed. \$10.00

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Stonewall Jackson Memorial Inc., Charlottesville, Va., invites CWRT members to visit seven Jackson Shrines the organization maintains in Virginia. Among them are Jackson's home in Lexington, his military headquarters in Winchester, and Robert E. Lee's boyhood home in Alexandria. More information may be obtained from Stonewall Jackson Memorial, Inc., 532 Park Street, Charlottesville, Va. 22901. J.W. Johns, president of the memorial, said the group will gladly send literature to CWRT members.

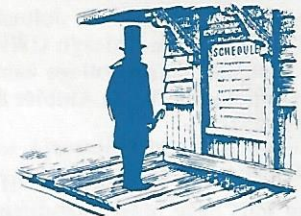
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From Cannister, newsletter of the Cincinnati CWRT: "General Robert E. Lee died October 12, 1870. The Lexington undertaker did not have a coffin due to a flood two days before that swept his supply downstream. Volunteers searched and found one on an island two miles from town. However, the coffin was too short and the South's outstanding leader was buried without his shoes."

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Members may wish to join the Civil War Round Table Associates, P. O. Box 7388, Little Rock, Ark. 72207, which publishes the Civil War Round Table Digest. Memberships, which include subscriptions to the digest, are \$7.50 per year.

## BULLETIN BOARD



### FUTURE MEETINGS

January 9: Archer Jones on "Military Leadership, North and South."

February 13: Ladies' Night program to be announced.

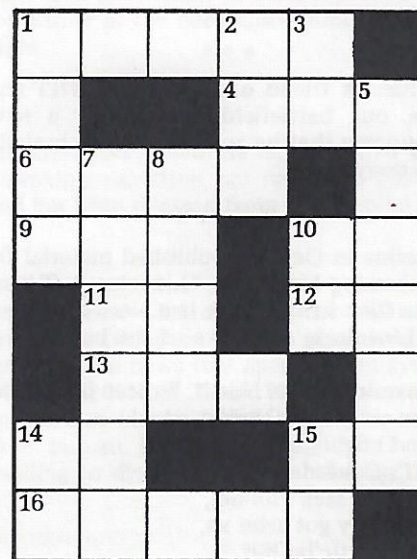
March 13: Thomas L. Connelly on "Lee and the War in the West."

April 10, May 8 and June 5: Programs to be announced.



### CIVIL WAR CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Here is the first Civil War crossword puzzle developed by August Payne and prepared for the Newsletter by Jerry Warshaw. Members who are interested in seeing such puzzles in future issues are urged to contact the editor, Dick Bjorklund, at the bookshop. The solution to this month's puzzle will be published next month.



#### ACROSS

- Began the observance of Memorial Day
- Union Army Surgeon whose son of same name fought for Confederacy (Initials)
- Newspaper Artist (Last Name)
- Federal Officer/Col. of 5th W. Va. Cavalry (Initial)
- Reference set (Initials)
- Part of a Regiment (Abbrev.)
- One cause of the War (Initials)
- Real Name of "Old Brains" (Initial)
- Invented/Built Monitor (Initials)
- Gun \_\_\_\_\_
- Great \_\_\_\_\_ Chase

#### DOWN

- Lee's Secretary
- Branch of Service (Abbrev.)
- Next to last State to secede (Initials)
- Federal General at 5 Forks (Last Name)
- CSA Gen. Captured at Gettysburg
- "\_\_\_\_\_ Trot"-Federal Gen.'s Nickname
- One of Jackson's horses (Initials)
- Commander of CSA Swamp-Rats
- Colonel, 88th Ohio/July 1863 (Initials)