



THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

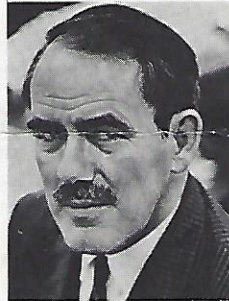
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John Patrick Hunter on Haskell of Gettysburg

John Patrick Hunter, editorial page editor of *The Capital Times*, Madison, Wisconsin, and author of scores of feature articles on the Civil War, will address the Civil War Round Table on "Haskell of Gettysburg: The Iron Brigade's Finest," Friday, December 18, 1970, at the Chicago Bar Association.



John Patrick Hunter

Mr. Hunter tells us, "I welcome the opportunity to tell the Round Table about my favorite Yankee soldier—Frank A. Haskell, the young Madison lawyer who won fame at Gettysburg and death at Cold Harbor. Haskell's eyewitness account of the Battle of Gettysburg, written in the form of a letter to his brother in Portage, Wisconsin, has become a classic.

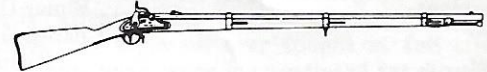
"I want to acquaint my friends with Haskell, and particularly his other Civil War letters that have remained buried in the archives of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin until last month, when "Haskell of Gettysburg" appeared—edited by Frank L. Byrne and Andrew T. Weaver."

JOHN PATRICK HUNTER is one of Wisconsin's best-known reporters and political writers. A World War II combat correspondent, Hunter has been a member of the staff of the *Capital Times* since 1951. He has covered Wisconsin politics for more than two decades, in addition to his frequent national political assignments. Hunter has also covered overseas assignments for his paper in Europe and the Middle East. One of Hunter's earlier stories brought international acclaim to the *Capital Times*. In 1952 he unsuccessfully sought signatures on a petition bearing excerpts from the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights. Hunter, a 1951 graduate of the University of Wisconsin, is a frequent panelist on television and radio discussion programs.

He is also a widely known Civil War historian and author of numerous articles on the conflict. He was a member of the Wisconsin Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission, the Wisconsin Civil War Centennial Commission, and an associate member of the U.S. Civil War Centennial Commission. He was friend and confidant of the late William B. Hesseltine. Born in West Virginia (Nicholas County), Hunter has visited Civil War battlefields from Glorietta Pass (N.M.) to Carnifax Ferry (W. Va.) and was a member of 14 Chicago Round Table's Battlefield Tours.

HERE AND THERE

Don Russell, spoke to the Civil War Round Table of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Monday, November 2, 1970, on "Custer's First Charge—Custer in the Civil War," essentially the talk given to CWRT of Chicago Jan. 10, 1969. Scheduled for the December 7 meeting was Frank Welcher of Indiana University on "Battle of the Little Big Horn"—Custer's Last Charge.



296th REGULAR MEETING

John Patrick Hunter
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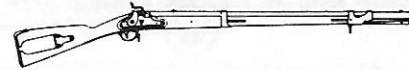
on
Haskell of Gettysburg:
The Iron Brigade's Finest

Friday, December 18, 1970

Chicago Bar Association
29 South LaSalle Street

Cocktails at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner at 6:30 p.m.



Jerry Warshaw, past president of CWRT, was scheduled for the Salt Creek Civil War Round Table at Glen Ellyn Public Library Friday, November 20, 1970, with his Civil War Film Night program, essentially the same as that given to Chicago CWRT May 8.

In noticing the subject scheduled for the Madison Civil War Round Table meeting of November 12—"Storey, *The Chicago Times*, and the Civil War," which will be discussed by Professor Justin Walsh of Wisconsin State University, Oshkosh, we were reminded that the same subject was discussed in Meeting No. 2 of the Civil War Round Table of Chicago by Elmer Gertz—and that was January 17, 1941. Now we are approaching our 300th meeting and Elmer Gertz has been busy rewriting the Illinois Constitution. He promises to return to the fold when that issue is settled by the voters in December.

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CIVIL WAR BOOK AWARDS

The Confederate Memorial Literary Society Announces the establishment of three annual awards for historical research and writing on the period of the Confederate States of America. The Jefferson Davis Award is for book-length narrative history. The Founders Award is for work in the area of research or editing of primary sources resulting in the publication of one or more volumes. The Award of Merit is for a published article or monograph. Two copies of work to be considered must be submitted by December 31st of the year of publication. One copy will be deposited in the library of the Museum of the Confederacy. Awards will be presented annually on June 3rd at the museum. Each award will consist of a citation and an impression of the Great Seal of the Confederacy. Work to be considered for these awards should be sent to: Kurt Brandenburg, director, The Museum of the Confederacy, 1201 Clay Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

*from the
Editor's pen*



Joseph A. Daley, author of "Exit with Drums" gave us a spirited defense of the role of fiction in Civil War history at the November 13 meeting. He maintained that certain aspects of the feeling of the period could be interpreted by the novelist. He termed the novel an exploratory device to bring together certain aspects of contemporary thought that lose impact when documentation is required. For example all wars are the same as viewed by the participant. He finds their purposes and ideals murky although passions of hate and revenge may be hot. His own novel was laid in an entirely imaginary locale, somewhat vaguely below Savannah perhaps between Brunswick and Fernandina, although he confessed ignorance of Georgia geography. His "Battle of Pilgrim's Point" was entirely fictitious. However this set-up gave him opportunity to present contrasting points of view of a Southern and Northern leader divorced from factual considerations.

There was of course a huge amount of Civil War fiction in the late 19th century and early 20th century, climaxed by "Gone With the Wind," the greatest success story in all fiction writing. (He noted incidentally that Margaret Mitchell originally called her heroine Pansy O'Hara instead of Scarlet and wondered how much the change had to do with the success). It was followed by others, notably "So Red the Rose," developing into what became known as the torn bodice school of Civil War fiction. Then came the Civil War Centennial with its great outpouring of books, much of which wound up as publishers' remainders, not all of which were bad. It was the subject matter that had exceeded the demand. The result is that publishers now look askance at any Civil War manuscript, with fiction at the bottom of their want list.

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The November meeting was cheered by the presence of two CWRT veterans returning from far places, E.B. "Pete" Long who left us last summer to become professor of history at the University of Wyoming, Laramie; and Ver Lynn Sprague, CWRT president 1967-68, from the Isle of Capri, Naples, Florida. Pete was returning from the conference of Southern historians at Louisville. Ver Lynn had cooked up some business in Chicago, and saw that it coincided with the date of a CWRT meeting.

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Hal Hixson made a moving plea for all members to write to our friend and honorary award life member Col. Allen P. "Ned" Julian, who is in Walter Reed General Hospital, Ward 41, Washington, D.C. 20017

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The death of John S. Buckley, 9818 South Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, long a valued member of the Civil War Round Table, was reported at the November meeting.

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S. A. V. "Fritz" Letkeman, treasurer of Civil War Round Table of Colorado, died October 31, 1970, in Denver General Hospital. He had attended the CWRT meeting in the home of Hubert Kaub, gave his treasurer's report, and suffered a heart attack on his way home and was taken immediately to the hospital.

MORE ON J. AMBLER JOHNSTON

No one can ever be sure of rounding up all of J. Ambler Johnston's honors and activities, so we apologize for omitting that referred to in the letter following:

Prison Civil War Round Table,
c/o The School, 500 Spring St.,
Richmond, Va. 23219

Dear Mr. Russell:

We just received your November edition of *THE NEWS-LETTER*. On page two (2) you make reference to J. Ambler Johnston's new publication "ECHOES OF 1861-1961". You also set forth an impressive list of the Round Tables of which Mr. Johnston is an Honorary Member. However, nowhere do I notice that Mr. Johnston is not only *our* Honorary Member but *our* Field Representative. For this reason, we take exception to that article.

Mr. Johnston was instrumental in establishing our Chapter. Further, he furnishes the majority of our funds for paying the various debts. He visits a number of Round Tables in our behalf, as our entire active Membership is made up of convicted felons.

Please be advised that we truly enjoy receiving your *NEWSLETTERS*. If we can be of assistance in the future, please notify us. I am,

Cordially,
H. MANFORD FIX, JR.
Program Director

Approved:
G.W. TODD, JR.
Sponsor—Honorary Member

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And the following from J. Ambler Johnston:

Dear Mr. Editor:

You and Hal Hixson are over-generous in reference to my "Echoes," but I like it!

The thing was done for local consumption after local pressure, but anything of the kind, with me, is obliged to include your Round Table, my first encounter with one and a lasting memory of many pleasant connections.

Always sincere good wishes,

J. Ambler Johnston

Richmond, Virginia



STONEWALL JACKSON'S HAVERSACK AND BINOCULARS. This is one of the exhibits in the White House of the Confederacy, Richmond, Virginia, which will celebrate its 75th anniversary as a museum in 1971 by erecting a new building to house the Museum of the Confederacy. The museum is at 1201 East Clay Street, Richmond, Va., 23219.

TO THE LADIES —

The Program: The annual Christmas Party, with all its traditional features.

The Time: Friday, December 11 at 5:30 p.m.

The Place: The Book and Bottle at 17 East Chestnut Street, across the street from the Abraham Lincoln Bookshop.

And the Girl to call for reservations is Joyce Warshaw, 1319 Crain Street, Evanston, Ill. 60202, phone: 866-6667.

Last Meeting: Following the autographing party for Joseph A. Daley, author of "Exit with Drums" at the Book and Bottle, Dr. Arthur Bernstein of the Civil War Round Table spoke on "Medicine and the Civil War." He discussed the disease epidemics of the period as a form of natural biological warfare that greatly affected the course of the conflict. For example no regiment ever fought at full strength; many more men were incapacitated by disease than by wounds, and those under medical care might number as high as half of those on the muster roll. Dysentery was the biggest killer. There were epidemics of typhoid, cholera, and malaria, and the respiratory and venereal diseases put many men out of action. While sanitary conditions in the camps were greatly at fault, the epidemics also swept through the civilian population. Death from disease took many top leaders both civilian and military. Examples are Stephen A. Douglas, who died of typhoid fever, and "Stonewall" Jackson, who died of pneumonia after being wounded at Chancellorsville. The civilian population in the South suffered most because of a shortage of doctors. The Union adopted a rotation system whereby contract physicians could serve three months and return home. Most physicians in the Confederacy stayed permanently with the troops and there was a severe shortage at home.

The 214th meeting of Milwaukee CWRT Sept. 10, 1970, was addressed by Dr. John T. Hubbell, editor of Civil War History, on "The Upper Midwest and the Secession Crisis of 1860-1861." . . . W. Norman FitsGerald, organizer and former president of Milwaukee CWRT was designated a Fellow of the Company of Military Historians at Fort Monroe May 8.

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Baton Rouge CWRT heard Dr. John Duffy of Tulane on "Medicine in Louisiana During the War Years" at the Sept. 17, 1970, meeting at the Bocage Racquet Club.

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Dr. James T. Robertson, Jr., made his fourth appearance as speaker at the Indianapolis CWRT annual dinner meeting Sept. 14, 1970, at the ISTA Building. Subject was "Johnny Reb and the Fairer Sex." Tom Krasean is president.

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"A Different Look at the Civil War: The Memoirs of Captain Thomas Speed" was Robert Emmett McDowell's subject at the Sept. 22, 1970, meeting of Louisville CWRT at Big Spring Golf Club. John Dietrich is the new president. The Tenth Annual Perryville Pilgrimage Trek was scheduled for Oct. 10 with a battle re-enactment and the Southern Railway's locomotive "Best Friend of Charleston" featured.

THE NEW BOOKS

(Compiled by Dick Clark)



Bigelow, John. *The Campaign of Chancellorsville. A Strategic and Tactical Study*. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, Inc., 1970. \$45.00. Original of 1910.

Bigelow, John. *The Principles of Strategy*. Illustrated mainly from American Campaigns. Second edition, revised and enlarged (Philadelphia, 1894). Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, Inc., 1970. \$26.50

Brackett, Albert Gallatin. *History of the United States Cavalry*, from the formation of the federal government to the 1st of June, 1863. To which is added a list of all the cavalry regiments, with the names of their commanders, which have been in the United States service since the breaking out of the Rebellion. (New York, 1865). Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1970. \$12.00

Callahan, James Morton. *The Diplomatic History of the Southern Confederacy*. (Baltimore, 1901). Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1969. \$12.50

DeForest, John Wm. *A Volunteer's Adventures; a Union Captain's Record of the Civil War*. Edited with notes by James H. Croushore. [Hamden, Conn.] Archon Books, \$7.50. Original of 1946.

Dowdey, Clifford. *Experiment in Rebellion*. Freeport, N.Y.: Books for Libraries [1970, c1946]. \$15.00

Fehrenbacher, Don Edward. *Manifest Destiny and the Coming of the Civil War, 1840-1861*. Compiled by . . . N.Y.: Appleton, [1970]. Paper \$2.25 (Goldentree Bibliographies in American History)

Gibbon, John (compiler). *The Artillerist's Manual, Compiled from Various Sources, and Adapted to the Service of the United States*. (New York, 1860). Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, Inc., 1970. \$26.00

Hardee, William Joseph. *Rifle and Light Infantry Tactics; for the Exercise and Manoeuvres of Troops When Acting as Light Infantry or Riflemen*. (Philadelphia, 1855). Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, Inc., 1970. 2 vols. \$28.00

Kinchen, Oscar Arvle. *Confederate Operations in Canada and the North; a little-known phase of the American Civil War*. North Quincy, Mass.: Christopher Publishing House, [1970]. \$4.95

Macartney, Clarence Edward Noble. *Lincoln and His Generals*. (Original of 1925) Freeport, N.Y.: Books for Libraries [1970]. \$9.50

Oberholtzer, Ellis Paxson. *Jay Cooke, Financier of the Civil War*. N.Y.: Burt Franklin [1970]. 2 vols. \$27.50. Original of 1907

Ramsdell, Charles William. *Behind the Lines in the Southern Confederacy*. Edited by Wendell Holmes Stephenson. (Baton Rouge, 1944). Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, Inc., 1970. \$8.00

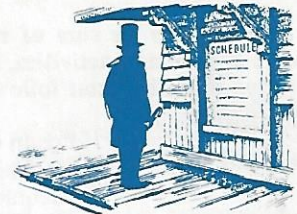
Rollin, Frank A. *Life and Public Services of Martin R. Delany*. N.Y.: Arno, 1969. Reprint 1883 ed. \$13.00

Spaulding, Elbridge Gerry. *A Resource of War—The Credit of the Government Made Immediately Available*. History of the Legal Tender Paper Money Issued during the Great Rebellion, being a Loan without Interest and a National Currency. (Buffalo, 1869). Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, Inc., 1970. \$11.75

Tunnard, William H. *A Southern Record. The History of the Third Regiment Louisiana Infantry*. Preface, notes, and roster by Edwin C. Bearss; index by Margie Riddle Bearss. Reprint of original of 1866. [Dayton, Ohio: Morningside Bookshop, 1970] ltd to 1000 copies. \$15.00

Vandiver, Frank E. *Rebel Brass: The Confederate Command System*. (Baton Rouge, 1956). Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, Inc., 1970. \$8.00

BULLETIN BOARD



FUTURE MEETINGS

All regular meetings are scheduled for the second Friday in each month (except July and August) at the Chicago Bar Association, 29 South LaSalle Street, 11th floor.

December 18: John Patrick Hunter on "Haskell of Gettysburg: The Iron Brigade's Finest."

January 8: Herbert Cawood on "Cold Harbor."

February 12: Harry Caudill on "The Guerrilla War in Kentucky."

April 9: Plans are shaping up for the 300th meeting and special Ladies Night program.



Col. Joseph B. Mitchell spoke on Gen. Joseph E. Johnston at the Sept. 24 meeting of Hagerstown CWRT. Col. Mitchell, curator of the Fort Ward Museum, is author of "Decisive Battles of the Civil War," "Badge of Gallantry" and books on the American Revolution.

"The Civil War in Today's Perspective," was the subject of Dr. Leroy H. Fischer of Oklahoma State University at the Sept. 22 meeting of CWRT of Kansas City.

St. Louis CWRT opened the fall campaign September 23 with a talk by Wilbur Thomas of Washington, D. C., author of "General George Henry Thomas, The Indomitable Warrior." Mr. Thomas (no relation) holds General Thomas as "the ablest soldier the North produced."

Bill L. Robertson was scheduled speaker and Nathan Bedford Forrest the subject at the Sept. 18 meeting of the Jackson, Mississippi, CWRT. Don F. Garrett is president.

Summer meetings of the Prison Civil War Round Table, Richmond, Virginia, included talks by George Todd on "Early Inhabitants of the North American Continent;" color slide programs by David C. Dutcher of the National Park Service; and W. Pyles on "History of Our American Flag."

Webster, Laura Josephine. *The Operation of the Freedmen's Bureau in South Carolina*. (Original of 1916). N.Y.: Russell & Russell [1970]. \$7.75

Wiley, Earl Wellington. *Abraham Lincoln: Portrait of a Speaker*. N.Y.: Vantage [1970]. \$7.50

Wilson, James Harrison. *Under the Old Flag: Recollections of Military Operations in the War for the Union, the Spanish War, the Boxer Rebellion, etc.* (New York, 1912); 2 vols. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, Inc., 1970. \$32.00

Wolf, William J. *Lincoln's Religion*. Philadelphia, Pilgrim Press [1970] Paper, \$1.95