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ANNUAL DUES

Individual 15.00

Family 22.50

Student (Under 21) 5.00

MEETINGS

The second Wednesday
of the month at 7 pm.

July is Annual Picnic.

September is Annual
Historic Cemetery Tour.

**Visitors Always
Welcome**

FROM THE PRES.....

I want to make sure you pick up on all the changes that were made at the last board meeting. The Board voted to move the annual Historical Cemetery Tour to September, rather than October, mainly because of the rapid onset on darkness in October.

Thus the Battle of Westport program will be on October 8th, not 15th, as previously announced.

Thanks to the efforts of **Kathleen Tuohey**, we will be able to tour Elmwood Cemetery. (See column on page 2)

Thanks to **Bob Benson** we will have the building at Loose Park for our Annual Christmas Party. The room is already reserved and paid for (it did cost a little more this year).

And Thanks to **Toby Giese** we now own three lightweight folding tables which will come in handy when setting up displays at events picnics and such.

Lest we forget...**Joel Semler** for making copies of that list of River Boats on the Missouri. That is one very interesting list.

And **Janaan Adams** and **Kathleen Tuohey** for the cookies at the last meeting. As usual, only the crumbs were left.

I also received copies of very interesting articles from **Richard Abbott** and **Charles McCorkendale** since the last newsletter.

As if all this wasn't enough, The Tilden (Nebr.) High School Class of 1960 had it's reunion in Kansas City on August 30-31. As you might guess my wife Karen was a proud member of that class. Karen and two other classmates who live in Overland Park organized the whole thing. Of the 22 class members, 14 attended and 3 sent letters, One is deceased.

Good News from Max & Donna Daniels, a/k/a Abe & Mary Todd Lincoln or Abe & The Babe.....They are willing to stay in KC for a full five days. That means we will be able to get in at least 4 more school programs and a reception. Already Nativity School in Overland Park has grabbed one of the new openings. We will need sponsors for the three extra nights. The sponsor will pick up the cost of the motel room and evening meal for that day. Estimated cost is \$75. The Round Table is picking up Tuesday night and Wednesday night, the Wednesday evening program cost and travel expense.

The flyer announcing the visit will go out on September 20th. If you want to get your school on the list before the flyer goes out contact Sonny soon.

Karen and I dressed out and set up at the Prairie Star Elementary School Open House on August 26th. They kids really got a kick out of seeing themselves on the video. The night fire scenes were the biggest hit. Boom, boom boom, the kids are still screaming.

Four copies of the Prairie Star Schools Civil War Days event video are still available. Cost is \$20.00 to CWRTWMO members.

The October program will be on the Battle of Westport. An hour by hour senario listing the 14 engagements which comprise the three day engagement named for the little City in which not one shot was actually fired as a part of the battle.

At the Board Meeting

The Board of Directors met on Wednesday, August 18th at 7:00 pm at Truman Campus. Twelve Board members and 1 member were present.

Mail was distributed and reviewed.

The following reports were given...

Newsletter.. 120 printed, 85 mailed, cost \$.50 ea. Spent \$57.87. Check #1100

Treasurers Report....as of 7/31/97

Begin. Balance \$1,110.10 Deposits \$ 125.00
Paid Out \$ 272.12 New Bal. \$ 962.68
Balance in Reserve Account \$190.68
Total Funds \$ 1,153.66

Coffee Fund Report....as of 8/12/97

Beg. Bal. \$ 49.11 Purchases \$ 26.60,
In Donation Jar \$ 16.00 New Balance \$ 38.51

2nd V.P. Report...

46 members & 3 guests at Aug. meeting.

1st V.P. Report....

September 10th Cemetery Tour
October 8th The Battle of Westport
November 12th Surprise

Old Business

Discussed New Meeting Site Truman Campus or William Chrisman High School.

Land of Lincoln Tour in 1997. Because some of the tour sites are not staffed after Labor day except on weekends, it was decided to put off the tour until late May of early June of 1997.

New Business

Christmas Party room will cost \$40 this year. Board approved payment.

Letter from the Lincoln's...confirming dates of March 16-21 for their visit to KC. They will be here for five full days, not just three. Plans are already shaping up.

Reviewed Program Schedule. The Cemetery Tour was moved to September 10th because of darkness.

Thus the October 8th meeting will be on the Battle of Westport.

A change of ownership at the **Truman Campus** will result in our Round Table being able to use their new meeting room for our meetings once it is completed. **Tim** is still checking on Chrisman High School.

Presidents Expenses.....Receipts for Jan. 1-June 30, 1997 totaled 53.72. The Board approved payment. Check # 1102.

Folding tables..Board approved purchase of three light weight folding tables 20" wide and 48" long. Cost only \$16 each. **Toby Giese** found them at an outlet store.

Birthday cake was served.

Meeting dismissed at 8:35 pm.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

September

Wed. 10th **CWRTW Mo Meeting 6:30**
Cemetery Tour

Wed. 17th **Board Meeting 7 pm**
Truman Campus, Room 101

October

Wed. 15th **CWRTW Mo Meeting 7 pm**
The Battle of Westport

Wed.. 22nd **Board Meeting 7 pm**
Site to be announced

Upcoming Re-enactments

Sept 6-7 St. Charles, Mo.

Sept 13-14 Fulton, Mo.

Sept 20-21 Lexington, Mo.

Looking Ahead

Possible Day Trip Dates

Sat. Oct. 25th--Cemetery Search
Little Blue Crossing to Waverly Landing

Possible Two Day Trip

The Land of Mr. Lincoln

Late May or Early June of 1997

Includes the Lincoln Home, Lincoln Historic District, Lincoln Home Visitors Center, Lincoln-Herndon Law Office, RR Station, Lincoln's Tomb, Old Salem and more.

Depart 7 am Sat. Return 9 pm Sunday

Estimated Cost \$115 per person

Includes all meals, bus costs, site fees & motel
(double occupancy, singles add \$24)

Upcoming Programs

September 10th- Cemetery Tour

Elmwood Cemetery, Truman & Van Brunt

October 8th-The Battle of Westport

An in depth look at the last campaign in Missouri

Of Special Note...

St. Charles, Missouri

September 6-7, 1997

All the Antique stores, unusual shops and unique eating places will be open for the Civil War Days encampment on this weekend. If you haven't been to St. Charles recently you should see how they have fixed it up since the flood.

Boy, am I in the dog house with a

few folks. I did a boo-boo and did

not even realize it for a few days.

Apologies to new member

Phil Stewart of Bethany, Missouri,

for giving his name incorrectly in last issue.

Elmwood Cemetery

Thanks to the efforts of Kathleen Tuohey the Elmwood Cemetery tour will take place on September 10.

The tour will start at 6:30 by the Chapel and should be over by 7:30, so we can be off the grounds by 8:00.

Sodas and iced tea will be served after the tour.

There will be twelve stops on the tour and several interesting markers to point out enroute to the tour stops.

There are over 80 Confederate Veterans buried at Elmwood.

No list of Union Veterans buried here is known to exist. There is at least one Union General (Bowman) and three Colonels (Coates, McCoy and Kirkpatrick) buried here.

The last known Women's Relief Corps Flower Memorial in the Kansas City area is here and it is still in good condition.

Some of Kansas City's famous names are found here...McCoy, Coates, Jacob Loose, the Armour's, you will no doubt recognize many.

For years the Elmwood Cemetery Crematorium was the only one in town. The records of the facility contain the names of many who were cremated here but are buried at Union Cemetery and Forest Hill Cemetery.

That facility was closed down in the 70's when another, more modern, facility was opened.

You should be aware the grounds are not in good condition. There are no funds available to pay the mower crews and the weeds in some areas are quite tall.

The condition of the grounds will no doubt be upsetting to some. One member told how she had often walked through the cemetery on the way to school while a youngster, but had not been back for many years.

Upon hearing about the upcoming tour she drove down to the cemetery.

Her exact words, "I was appalled. It is a disgrace." See if you agree.

Elmwood Cemetery assumes not liability for tour

Reminder... Tour Starts at 6:30