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ANNUAL DUES

Individual 15.00
Family 22.50
Student (Under 21) 5.00

MEETINGS

The second Wednesday
at 7 pm, in the Library,
at Truman High School,
3301 South Noland Rd,
Independence, Missouri,
except July, August
and December.

Visitors Always
Welcome

FROM THE PRES.....

Our date to work at the Designer Showcase Home will be Thursday, May 8, from 4:30-8:30, same day and same hours as last year. We will need a crew of 15, only 3 slots left.

While it is true this is not a Civil War related activity, it is another way of being involved in the community and keeping our name in front of others. If you want to be a part of this fun activity, call Sonny or **Beverly**. This year's home is near 55th & Ward Parkway.

The visit of Max & Donna Daniels (as Abe & Mary Todd Lincoln) to our area sure turned out well. A special thank you goes out to the sponsors, you know who you are, and to those who helped with all the activities.

Toby spent both days traveling with us doing all kinds of little jobs and running errands as needed. **Dori** and **Joel Semler** were with us all of Tuesday and Wednesday evening, adding atmosphere and assistance when needed. **Jeanne Carey** was with us all day Tuesday taking pictures as assisting as needed. **Lynn Shepherd** and granddaughter took several pictures, both stills and video.

Tim, the **McCorkendales**, the **Barchers**, **Mary Ann Hazzard** and the **Werlines** were among those who were involved in the Fort Leavenworth tour and Tuesday evening program at Bell Hall. Well over 200 attended the Tuesday night presentation.

It is a bit of an understatement to say everyone was impressed with the Lincoln Collection at St. Mary College, even Mr. & Mrs. Lincoln were spellbound by this sight.

Thanks to **Robert Holt** of the Leavenworth County Historical Society for arranging the visit to St. Mary College and the private dinner which followed.

Thanks are also extended to **John Reichley** for setting up the presentation at Fort Leavenworth on Tuesday night. John also wrote the books on *The Ghosts of Old Fort Leavenworth* and the *Driving Tour of Fort Leavenworth*.

One of the highlights of the two day visit was the photo session at the 1859 Lincoln Carriage. Several took pictures of the Lincoln's at the carriage display.

And how about those Federal re-enactors. Guards at the entrances, the posting of the Colors, the inspection of the guard and the sharp look of the men in formation...all added much to the overall atmosphere at the Wednesday evening performance.

(**Beverly Shaw** made a cassette of the Wednesday night program. Very good, I hear.)

After packing all the gear several of us stood around and talked outside the school. Using the remainder of the newly brewed *Abe Lincoln Beer*, which was presented to Mr. Lincoln in Leavenworth on Tuesday evening, I offered a toast to the Lincolns. They in turn offered a toast the CWRTWMO.

Max & Donna wrote thanking everyone for their co-operation. They also commented on the warmth and genuine friendliness of the people and audiences. They were sorry it was all over so fast and many of us felt the same way.

The Board has voted to extend an invitation to the Daniels' to return in 1998. I have forwarded this invitation to them and will most likely see them at the Keokuk, Iowa, event the last weekend in April, but do not expect a reply to the invitation until later in the year.

A video of the entire two day visit is being produced. It will be nearly two hours long. Cost expected to be \$19. A \$10 deposit guarantees your copy. Only 80 copies available.

April is our annual Open Round Table. Anyone wishing to participate in this unique evening should contact Tim and get on the list of presenters.**See you there!**

At the Board Meeting

The Board of Directors met on Wednesday, March 19th, at 7 pm. All but two members were present.

Mail was distributed and discussed.

Sonny asked each person to give their thoughts about the Lincoln's visit.

The following reports were given...

Newsletter... 120 printed, 103 mailed, cost \$.656 ea. Spent \$58.21.

Treasurers Report...as of 1/31/97

Begin. Balance \$1,129.95 Deposits \$222.50

Paid Out \$ 79.88 New Bal. \$ 1,272.57.

Balance in Reserve Account \$185.06

Total Funds \$ 1457.63

Coffee Fund Report...as of 2/31/97

Beg. Bal. \$ 42.97, Purchases \$ 28.86,

In Donation Jan 2-12-97 \$0-, New Balance \$14.11.

2nd V.P. Report...

146 members and visitors at March meeting.

1st V.P. Report...

Apr. 9th Open Round Table

May 14th Mrs. Louise Barry

June 11th Jimmy Johnson

Old Business

Ray County Museum Tour...will go as planned on Saturday March 22nd.

Pamphlet Committee...Nothing new.

KC Star On Line Update...Several present commented on his project.

IRS Application...IRS says to re-apply as 501 (c) (3) and pay the additional money. We are appealing that decision.

New Business

A financial report of the Lincoln's visit was distributed. \$293 was donated, \$100 of which went to the Daniels for travel expense.

The Board voted to give the balance to Karen & Sonny to reimburse them for most of the motel and food cost they paid for out of their own pockets.

The only Round Table money spent on the Daniel's trip was the \$150 speakers fee.

The Board voted to extend an invitation to Max & Donna Daniels, a/k/a/ the President & Mrs. Lincoln, to come back in late March or early April of 1998.

Dr. Anderson announced the upcoming P.O.W. Memorial Service will be at the Chapel at Fort Leavenworth on Sunday, April 6, 1997, at 1330 Hours (1:30 pm).

Our date to work The Designer Showcase home was set for Thursday, May 8, from 4:30 to 8:30. Contact Sonny or Beverly for more information. Only 3 slots left.

We will be setting up a tent at the Border War Living History Encampment on Friday, May 2nd and Saturday, May 3rd, at Prairie Star School, 143rd & Mission Road.

Volunteers will be needed to hand out the Cheat Sheets, point out the sites pictured and answer questions. Hours are Noon to 9 pm on Friday and 9 am to 5 pm on Saturday. Work 2, 3, or 4 hour shifts. Call Sonny.

Meeting dismissed at 9:15 pm

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

April

Wed. 9th **CWRTWMO Meeting 7 pm**
Annual Open Round Table
At Truman High School

Wed. 16th **Board Meeting 7 pm**
at Truman Campus

May

Fri-Sat. 2-3 **Border War Living History**
Prairie Star School
143rd & Mission Road

Thurs. 8th **Designer Showcase Home**
4:30-8:30

Wed. 14th **CWRTWMO Meeting 7 pm**
Mrs. Louise Barry
Truman Campus, Room 102

Wed. 21st **Board Meeting 7 pm**
Truman Campus, Room 101

June

Wed. 11th **CWRTWMO Meeting 7 pm**
The Plantation Dig
Truman High School Libr.

Wed. 18th **Board Meeting 7 pm**
Truman Campus, Room 101

Upcoming Re-enactments

Sat.-Sun.-May 17-18 Carthage, Mo.

Looking Ahead

Possible Day Trip Dates

Sat. Aug. 9th--Keytesville, Mo.

Tour Sterling Price Museum

Sat. Oct. 25th--Cemetery Search

Old Trail Sites East of Little Blue

Possible Two Day Trip

The Land of Mr. Lincoln

Springfield, New Salem, the Home,
the Tomb, the family Pew & more

June 7-8, 1997

Upcoming Programs

April 9th-Open Round Table

Annual Show & Tell Session
Truman High School Library

May 14th-Mrs. Louise Barry

Author of Border War Novel
Truman Campus, Room 102

June 11th-Digging up History

Excavating an old Plantation
Truman High School Library

July 9th or 16th-Picnic '97

Site to be determined

Living History Days

May 2-3, Prairie Star Schools

A candle maker, a soap maker, a sheep shearer, a broom maker and 15 other living history artisans will be set up at the **Prairie Star School**, 143rd and Mission Road, on **Friday, May 2nd from 9 am to 7 pm.**

Over 1,000 students from the two building complex, grades K-8, will tour the display from 10 am to Noon and from 1 pm to 3 pm. The display will be open to the public starting at 4 pm on Friday.

Friday evening activities include a Ham & Beans with cornbread meal served from 5-8 pm, an open air period dance session from 7-8 pm, followed by a viewing of some of the scenes from the movie **Gettysburg** and a presentation on **The Ghosts of Gettysburg.**

The evening concludes with a night fire by the cannon crews and a campfire.

The Civil War camps will be open Friday evening after 5 pm and all day Saturday.

Saturday activities include a cannon demonstration, some formations and drilling by the infantry and cavalry, plus a small skirmish just after lunch.

Even though this event is in Kansas, our Round Table will have a tent set up with the picture board of Civil War Sites (and the Cheat Sheets), copies of our newsletter and information about our Round Table.

Volunteers will be needed from 1 to 7 pm on Friday and 9 am to 5 pm on Saturday.

Sign up for 2, 3, or 4 hour shifts at a time which fits your schedule.

What to expect? Hard to say as this is the first time anything like this has been done in this area on such a large scale.

We will have lots of Cheat Sheets on site for hand outs.

The emphasis of this event is the **Border War**. A program is being printed with stories by the students about the Border War.

Some of these stories are quite well researched and very informative.

Cost is only \$2 for the booklet.

This event has been over a year in the planning and should be a good show.

Over a hundred re-enactors are expected with at least 3 cannon crews and some of the border guerrillas already committed.

Hot food will be available on site, including Ham & Beans with cornbread on Friday night and Hot Cakes and sausage on Saturday morning.

A video, which will include interviews with some of the re-enactors, will be made.

This event is planned to revive the student's interest in History by showing them things the books do not mention. Will it work? Come see, check it out for yourself.

Call Sonny to sign up to help 628-9910 (KC Phone)