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except July, August
and December.

Visitors Always
Welcome

FROM THE PRES.....

July is upon us. The Fourth of July celebrations, the fireworks and, of course, the Second Annual Civil War Picnic. A quick call to **Kathleen Tuohey** made sure the grounds were available and the rest just fell into place. It isn't really quite that easy, but it sometimes appears that way.

There was some discussion on what games to indulge in and what activities to plan for. **Joel Semler** says he will bring the big cannon over and put on the nite fire demonstration and I wrote to Channel 4 inviting them to live telecast the cannon fire. They probably won't but it doesn't hurt to ask. Also sent an invite to a certain young female reporter at The Star.

The six extra jugs of raspberry sarsaparilla will be auctioned off along with whatever is left of the old fashioned creme soda. Any money raised will go into the coffee fund.

The winners of the egg toss game will get a set of the five 100th Anniversary Civil War Stamps put out by the Postal Service in 1961 through 1965. The losers will get a free egg shampoo. All those in between will get to help clean up the mess.

I'll try to remember the pipe toss game and the catch the fish game this year. If any of you are good at either of these, I could use a volunteer to demonstrate and act as a judge for the competition, which is sure to be lively and spirited. Another stamp set to the winner.

Reservations for the trip to Carthage, Pea Ridge, Prairie Grove and the Confederate Cemetery at Fayetteville now total 11. We need 9 more to be able to afford a bus. If you are considering going on this trip, please let me know as soon as possible. The small bus holds 24 but we are cutting off at 20. Trip itineraries are now available.

The list of battlesites in last month's issue has resulted in several requests to visit some of the sites, particularly the last four on the list.

The Grinter Farm ambush site is on Lee's Summit Road directly north of Truman Medical Center East. It is the northwest corner of the intersection. Nothing left except the trail which led back to the barn. Trail starts about 200 feet north of the intersection.

The Six Man Massacre site in southeast of Lone Jack about 4 miles. Go south to the first blacktop road going east. Take a left. You are now going east. Follow the blacktop until it curves south, about 2 miles. Where the road curves south, continue east on the dirt road to the second left, just over 2 miles. Take a left. You are now headed north.

About 3/8 of a mile up the road look for a long lane leading to a house way back off the road. The site is in the second fenceline to the south of this farmstead. There is a three foot high concrete wall surrounding the six foot tall obelisk with the names on it.

This is the site of the incident mentioned in Martin Rice's book. The site is on private property and permission should be obtained before accessing the grounds.

The Battle of the Ravines site is west of Pleasant Hill just east or just west of the old Lake Winnabago Airport, now abandoned. This one is a little tougher to get to.

The Battle of White Oaks site is best described as being west of Knob Town along what starts out as Noland Road to where the National Guard Armory used to be. The ambush took place in the creek just south of where the road splits.

Richard Abbott has come up with another great find. A set of wanted poster which he has successfully made good copies of. Sam Bass, Jesse James, and the likes.

I am having a dozen copies made on 90 lb. paper. They will be frameable. I hope to have them on display at the picnic. What a way to decorate a room! Thanks Richard.

At the Board Meeting

The Board of Directors met at the Education Building just north of the Truman Library on Wednesday, June 19th, at 7 pm.

In attempting to get in touch with everyone to remind them of the new meeting site we found out that **Troy Chrisman** has a new address and phone number.

Both Troy and **Dr. Anderson** showed up at the former meeting site.

I talked with Dr. Anderson the next day but still have not reached Troy.

Opening comments were about the reason for meeting at this new site and the Arkansas Battlefield trip.

Newsletter report was 120 copies printed, 87 mailed, average cost of \$.51 per copy.

Treasurer **Beverly Shaw** reported a balance of \$1311.45.

Coffee Fund balance was reported as 28.69 after 22.27 was in "The Jar".

Mary Ann reported on members and guests at the June meeting.

Tim Cox gave a rundown on upcoming programs.

Old Business...First was the final review of the IRS Tax Exemption Application.

Tim reported that an attempt had been made to secure the return of many of the early papers of the group but the person who at one time said they were packed away and would be returned at a latter date now says he does not have the papers.

It appears these items, some of which pertained to the newsletter and a multi page booklet which pertained to the Civil War Battles in Missouri, are lost.

New Business...**Toby Giese** reported 16 Medals and 16 Lapel Pins had been sold.

The Board was also advised that an anonymous donor had paid the bill.

This allowed us to keep the price very reasonable, just \$3.50 for the pin and \$5 for the medal.

It was the request of the donor that we set aside the funds from the sale of these items into a special Reserve fund.

This request was discussed and will be honored.

Kathleen Tuohey reported the Park Department would have a Port-a-Pot on site for Civil War Picnic '96.

Types of period games to be played were discussed. Included were the dreaded egg toss and the water spoon relay.

Payment of President's expenses for Jan. 1 to June 30, 1996 was approved as submitted.

Board approved new meeting site and possible use of buidling for special meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

A BIG, BIG WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER

Matt Limback

of Corder, Mo.

Visitors at the June Meeting included

**Armin W. Shannuth and
Michael Calvert of Independence**

Way to go Cheryl!

Talk about worried. How do you think **Cheryl Harness** felt when she found out Ed Bearrs, the recently retired chief historian for the National Park Service, was going to review her upcoming book on the Civil War.

The book, designed for younger readers, received a great review with only very minor changes suggested.

In Memorium Paul N. Johnstone, Jr.

The loss of Paul came as a total shock. He had just had double bypass surgery and seemed to be doing well.

Paul's close friend and neighbor, Bob Benson, called me with the word of his passing.

Bob and I attended the Memorial Service last Thursday at Country Club Christian Church.

I was asked to say a few words and I presented his daughter with one of our new medals as a remembrance.

Paul had been with our group since its inception. He had also been a member of the Westport Historical Society and the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City.

His wife had preceded him in death just last Christmas. Her ashes were along side his on the Pedestal at the Memorial Service.

Rest in Peace, dear friend.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

July

Thur. 4th Celebrate the Fourth!
Wed. 10th **Civil War Picnic '96**
Wed. 17 Board Meeting

August

Sat. 10th Researching the War Genealogy Conf. Atchison, Ks
Wed. 14th **Woodlawn Cemetery**
Walking tour. Indep.
Sat. & Sun. Pea Ridge & Prairie Grove
17th & 18th Battlefield Tour
Wed. 21st Board Meeting

September

Wed. 11th CWRTWMO Meeting
The 54th Mass.
Wed 18th Board Meeting

Upcoming Re-enactments

July

13-14 Cole Camp, Mo.
Big Event
20-21 Honey Springs, Ok.
Bigger Event
27-28 Lenexa, Kansas
Now a big Event

September

14-15 St. Charles, Mo.
Antique Shops everywhere!
28-29 Pilot Knob, Mo.
State Sponsored Event

October

5- 6 Nebraska City, Nebr.
At Arbor Lodge State Park
11-12 Shelbina, Mo.
over by Hannibal

Special Happening

Smithville Historic Days will be October 18-20. Organizers hope to have buckskinners, Civil War camps and gunfighters included in the weekend's activities.

This event is being sponsored by the Smithville Merchants Association. This is the first time this group has put on such an event. A strong effort is being made to make this a family event.

A street dance with period music is also on the program.

New Books of Interest

Looking for a book that will really get your goat?. This one just might do it.

To Die in Chicago: Confederate Prisoners at Camp Douglas

by George Levy

324 pages, Illustrated

Evanston Publishing, Evanston, Ill

"Camp Douglas in Chicago, Illinois, has long been vilified, usually by pro-Southern historians, as the Union counterpart of the infamous Confederate prison camp at Andersonville, Georgia."

The book goes on to compare the two prisons. Many of the comparisons make Andersonville seem like a luxury motel.

The cruelties described seem almost unreal and certainly inhumane.

This comment really stands out...

"Andersonville's commandant, Henry Wirz, was hanged for war crimes. Camp Douglas' commandants received promotions."

Stephen W. Sylvia, writing for NSTCW, wrote..."As far as the historical record, Mr. Levy's work will help set things right."

Thanks to Pat Hall for sending in this information

Lapel Pins & Medals Here

They have arrived! They look great! And they are over half gone.

Thirty of the Silver Dollar sized lapel pins and a like number of the medals were ordered.

Toby Giese was contact person for the Round Table. He worked with the manufacturer to develop the items and brought the finished product with him to the June meeting.

Toby donated the cost of the dies and art work. An anonymous donor has picked up the rest of the bill.

The donor's request that the funds from the sale of the items be put into a seperate fund for special uses was discussed at the last board meeting. A special account, the CWRTWMO Reserve Fund, is being checked into.

The lapel pin is 1 1/2 inches

across with a blue lacquer surrounding the outline of Missouri.

The State is filled in with a light grey lacquer and a shiny black is behind the lettering in the outer ring.



Shown Actual Size

The medal is right at 3 1/2 inches long with a typical pin back clasp as a holder. The ribbon is blue and grey, what other color would you expect, and is secured to the medal by a small ring. The colors used are a near perfect match.

Cost is \$3.50 for the pin and \$5.00 for the medal. Sixteen of each are already sold.

Book Review

The Inner Life of Abraham Lincoln (Six Months at the White House)

by Francis B. Carpenter

University of Nebraska Press

Bison Books

Reviewed by Mary Ann Hazzard

Talk about being in the right place at the right time, Francis B. Carpenter was hired to paint a portrait of the Lincoln Cabinet at the time of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation and had the privilege of spending six months at the White House observing the President, the cabinet, the favor seekers, supplicants and common citizens who felt free to walk into the executive mansion as if it was their own.

His most famous painting was his canvas

"First Reading of the Emancipation Proclamation of President Lincoln".

This would become his only painting of any importance.

Herein lies a great opportunity to learn more about Lincoln, the man.

Tax Exempt Application

All the paperwork needed to finish the application for a Tax Exemption Certificate has been completed.

The Board reviewed the documents at it's last meeting. The multi page document is, finally, ready to mail.

Special thanks **Bob McAtee** for taking the time to review all the items on the application and finalize it.

Also to **Dr. Anderson**, for donating the funds, **Beverly Shaw**, for getting all the back financial records in order, and **Karen Wells** for getting all the forms and data from the lawyers.

Answers to June Puzzle

Across

1. Massacre
6. Austria
8. Schofield
9. Baton
10. Iron
12. Rebs
14. Il.
15. New Mexico
18. Kit
19. Marmaduke
21. Franklin
23. Banks
- 24.

Down

1. Missouri
2. St. Louis
3. California
4. Eagle
5. Wilson's Creek
7. Texas
11. Ram
13. Elkhorn
16. Woman
17. end
19. makes
20. USA
21. Inn
23. Bar

Free Music Concert

The Confederate Memorial Friends Association will be sponsoring a

Concert in the Park

on Sunday, July 14, at 6:30 pm.

The Higginsville City Band, under the direction of Tom Sweeney will be playing Civil War and period music.

The concert will be held just west of the Chapel at the Confederate Memorial State Historic Site, one mile north of Higginsville.

Thanks to Bonnie Summerville for this info.

Update on Multnomah & Crossing Site

A plan is being finalized which would make the crossing site a part of a greenway and thus keep it from becoming part of the development.

How much of the area will be included in the greenway is yet to be decided but the cabin site, and the actual home site are not included.

Update of Pharis Farm & Cabin Site

Nothing new has occurred about this site. The county says it will take the farm and the money, all in one.

The executors have stuck by their guns and refuse to give up control of the funds.

Thursday, June 12, 1902

YANKEE SOLDIER PROTESTS.

A Kansas City paper, of recent date, said:

"Quite a storm of protest arose at the meeting of the G. A. R. and Women's Relief Corps committees at Seventh and Main streets last night over the unveiling of the Confederate monument at Forest Hill cemetery today. Several speakers used bitter language in reference to the ex-Confederates, declared their monuments should be at the bottom of the sea and that at least some other day than decoration day should have been selected for the unveiling."

Quoting one of the pensioners present at the meeting, the paper says:

"Raising monuments to Rebels is setting a bad example to the rising generation of this country," said James G. Young, a gray-whiskered veteran. He was vigorously applauded. "This and every other Confederate monument ought to be in the bottom of the ocean," he continued. "They might serve as weights to hold down the Atlantic cable."

And here is a sample of the great and unfathomable love the yankees have for the southern people; they who are so vehement in declaring that "the war is over" and that there should be "no north, no south." Such an utterance as the above could fall only from the lips of a renegade, whose patriotism and love of country were \$13 a month broad, \$13 a month high, and a measley little pension deep. This fellow Young belongs to that class of yankees who were doubtless stealing hams and chickens from Southern women while their sons and husbands were out fighting in the grandest army the world has ever seen.

One of the yankees, in the meeting above referred to, objected to the unveiling of the Confederate monument on "our" day, meaning that decoration day was of northern origin. The fact is that the first organized or collective decoration of soldier's graves took place informally among the women in the South, where the battlefields were near and the dead warriors were buried in large numbers.

No man has ever heard a Confederate soldier or a Southern man object to the unveiling of a yankee monument on any day or at any time. No Southern man has ever protested against the yankees decorating the graves of their fallen whenever they felt like it or with whatever flowers they chose. True, the Southern people have never taken much part in the decoration of yankee graves, and at Kansas City, on May 30, the yankees were neither invited nor requested to participate in the unveiling of the Confederate monument. We permit them to do their own decorating and unveiling without let or hindrance, and we shall always expect the same of them.

This fellow Young reminds us of a certain North Methodist preacher we once heard at Princeton. He said in a sermon that he hoped to see the day when the Lord would take all the "old rebel soldiers" and "shake them over hell awhile and then drop them into the fire." His soul was so infinitesimal that he had never been able to lift himself above his prejudice. At the same time he was licensed to preach the gospel of the Son of Peace, the One Who said: "Love Your Enemies." And we couldn't help but notice, when the preacher used the language quoted above, that several of the "brethren," wearing blue clothes and g. a. r. buttons (and drawing pensions) straightened themselves up and very religiously said, "Amen."

This fellow Young, (and we have known some very clever and respectable people by that name) would like to have the Atlantic cable held down with Confederate monuments. Wonder what he would do if some one would propose holding the cable down with the government pauper machine (pension office) and abolishing that part of the federal government. If he knew such a thing was likely to come to pass he would fall dead and go down to his reward as quick as lightning.

But we thank God that the valor and patriotism of the soldiers of the South are above and beyond the polluting touch of this filthy and foul-mouthed blue-coat. Even in Heaven, where such "vile brutes cannot go, the deeds of the Confederate soldiers are written in letters of living light as an example of what men will do for their homes and their hearthstones.

Confederate monuments will continue to be erected and unveiled, and the graves of Confederate soldiers will continue to be decorated with flowers, if the whole dirty pack of pensioners raise their voices against it.

May the Confederate soldiers rest in peace. May their reward be Heaven and immortal life, and may their sons and grandsons ever remember and proclaim that the cause for which they struggled and died was a righteous and just cause.

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