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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.....

The Prairie Star Schools Civil War Days event survived despite the rain storms and wind. Many more students attended than expected and many less parents.

We set up the Round Table display in a small tent on Friday afternoon. **Bob Benson, Tim Cox and Toby Giese** took turns talking with interested people.

The winds hit later that night. What was left of the tent was taken down next morning. **Beverly Shaw and Toby** set up the display on the south side of our big tent, out of the wind, on Saturday. Not exactly perfect but it worked out quite well.

Richard and Ruby Abbott dropped by the tent, as did the **McAtee's, Dave Kesinger and Paul Tate**. **Richard and Toby** were most helpful with the packing up on Saturday.

Joel and Dori Semler, Bob and Jenny Werline and Jim Beckner talked to many of the over two thousand students who toured the camp on Friday afternoon. **Jim Jones, Jim Ridenauer, and Jim Kimsey** were among the Landis Battery gun crews, the **Gooch's** and **Jean Warren** were in the Elliott's Scouts camp and **Karen** was her doing her best to keep from blowing away along with what was left of out tents.

The program, containing stories written by the students about the war, was well done. I will have some with me at the next meeting. A donation of \$2 gets you one.

The 1998 visit of Max & Donna Daniels (as Abe & the Babe) to our area will be during the third week in March. This time they will stay at least three days and will be hosted (and Roasted) at a reception on Tuesday, March 17th.

School Programs will be limited to five, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings and Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Thursday night is open at this time.

Work on the Lincoln video has been delayed because of my busy schedule. Just as this newsletter is late getting out for the same reason. My hope was to have the video ready by the upcoming meeting, but it appears I will be at least two weeks late.

The ideas generated by the *Pamphlet Committee* took fruit last week and the first of the nicely put together pamphlet were distributed at the Prairie Star School event.

Using a multitude of ideas, a few pictures and some nicely worded descriptions, **Tim Cox** finished work of the pamphlet last week. I think you will be very pleased when you see it. Copies will be available for handout at the May meeting.

The Board voted to have this year's annual picnic at the Lone Jack Battlefield & Museum Site. All roadblocks seem to have been cleared. The museum will be open to tour and we will try to arrange a walking tour of the old Lone Jack Trail. There will be a lack of tables so be sure to bring a card table or blanket.

Setup will start at 5, meal at 6. Weather and proper permissions allowing, I am trying to arrange a tour to the very seldom visited Six Man Cemetery at 8:00.

This cemetery, which more accurately should be called a massacre site, is located on private land and will require a car pool and some walking.

Charles McCorkendale, Dr. Gerald Anderson and Carla Stoebeck are among those who have been under the weather of late. Yawl get bettar naw, hear.

Remember, this month's meeting will be at the Truman Campus Building, just behind the Truman Library on East 24 Highway. Same place our January meeting on Joshua Chamberlain was held.

See you there!

Special thanks to our new little kitty, Twerp Snookums Cocoa Hershey Fuzzybutt, for assisting with this month's newsletter by constantly jumping up on my lap and insisting on sleeping on my arm thus causing me to have to type one handed.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

"A Price Beyond Rubies" Novel
June

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

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

July

Wed. 9th **Civil War Picnic '97 6 pm**
Lone Jack Museum

Wed. 14th **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 Trip Sold Out)
Next Tour August 9-10

Upcoming Programs

May 14th-Mrs. Louise Barry

Author of Border War Novel
Truman Campus, Room 102

June 11th-Digging up History

Excavating an old Plantation
by Jimmy Johnson
Truman High School Library

July 9th Civil War Picnic '97

Lone Jack Battlefield & Museum Park

Of Special Note...Living History Encampment
July 4-6, Fort Kearny, Nebraska

A Piece of History, Maybe

Jesse James is at us again. But this time the cause may be well worth the cost of a most unusual Jesse artifact.

The cost of cleaning up after all the TV trucks, spectators and gawkers has put a heavy financial burden on the Mount Olivet Cemetery Board.

To help ease this burden they are selling slices of the cedar trees which once stood near Jesse's grave.

The little sticker on the hunk of tree states "From the tree which shaded Jesse's grave in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Kearney, Missouri."

Now wait a minute...that tree was almost due north of the gravesite.

That tree could not have shaded Jesse's grave unless the sun set just before midnight or rose about the same time.

True...but it was the only such tree in the cemetery and if any tree was going to shade Jesse's grave, it would have been this one.

Look at it this way...we should submit to the *Book of Unusual Things* an item which states there is an old cemetery in northern Clay County Missouri at which the sun sets at 11:59 pm thus causing a nearby cedar tree to cast a shadow on a rather well known outlaw's grave.

Then we would for sure have a genuine Jesse artifact.

In any case, the intent is honest and the cause is just.

Mr. Cave, the cemetery sexton, has allowed access to the tree slices and some blocks of 100% pure cedar.

Pieces of the tree will be on display at the next meeting. Prices range from \$5.50 to \$7.50. A bankbag will be in the box with the pieces.

If you wish to contribute to the cemetery fund but do not wish to purchase a piece of the tree, simply put your donation in the bankbag.

All funds, sales and donations, will go directly to the cemetery fund.

Many of us were there and tromped over the grounds. Let us now pull together to help restore the damage.

At the Board Meeting

The Board of Directors met on Wednesday, April 16th, at 7 pm. Eleven members were present.

Mail was distributed and discussed.

The following reports were given...

Newsletter.. 100 printed, 83 mailed, cost \$436 ea. Spent \$43.61.

Treasurers Report....as of 3/31/97

Begin. Balance \$1,13.96 Deposits \$ -?
Paid Out \$ -? New Bal. \$1,201.86.
Balance in Reserve Account \$185.06
Total Funds \$1386.92

Coffee Fund Report....as of 3/31/97

Beg. Bal. \$14.11, Purchases \$08.86,
Donation 3-12-97 \$29.00 New Balance \$34.25.

2nd V.P. Report...

34 members, 2 visitors at April meeting.

1st V.P. Report....

May 14th Mrs. Louise Barry

June 11th Jimmy Johnson

July 9th Civil War Picnic '97

August 13th Cemetery Tour

Old Business

Prairie Star Schools Civil War Days
planned on Fri. & Sat, May 2nd & 3rd

Designer Showcase Home

Thursday May 8th, 4:30-8:30

Civil War Associates

After some discussion, sent in dues for 1997.

No other items were discussed.

New Business

Site for Picnic '97...The Board voted to hold Picnic '97 at the Lone Jack Battlefield Site pending approval of site staff.

Trans-Mississippi Alliance..Reaffirming its previous position, the Board showed continued interest in this new group but did not commit to joining.

KC's 150th Anniversary...Planning for this event has started and our Round Table, like many other groups, has been invited to have a representative on the committee.

The Lincoln's, Max & Donna Daniels have accepted our invitation for a return visit. Proposed date is March 16-19th, 1998, with a program for our Round Table on Wednesday, March 18th.

This time they would like to stay 3 days, have some time to tour KC sites and have a Tuesday evening meet the people reception.

The Board agreed to the proposal.

New Meeting Place..Because of conflicts with the school agenda it may be necessary to move our regular meeting site.

William Chrisman High School, 24 Hwy & Noland Road, has offered its library and this is being looked into.

Dr. Anderson, out of the hospital only one day, was present. Nice to have you back Dr.

Meeting dismissed at 9:19 pm