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except July, August
and December.

Visitors Always
Welcome

FROM THE PRES.....

May was such a busy month I do not know where to start. The presentation of the Sultana was awesome (and there is more to come), working with **Beverly Shaw** at the Showcase Home was really neat, the Memorial Day Tours at Union Cemetery seemed to go well and the Veterans Sundown Memorial program was nice. Oooooops, almost forgot to mention the Smithsonian Exhibit and the farm/arsenal tour.

Then June opens with a story in The Star which leaves everyone with the impression the only Civil War interest group in the city is the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City.

Like those of you who called, I was upset at first. Later, I began to feel bad for the young lady who wrote the story. Her intentions were good. But her research was not.

For starters, if you check the story in early 1993 about the "War of the Round Tables" you will see the membership of the Johnson County group is shown as over 250, with a break down of Missourians and Kansans. About the same as it is now.

So how can she say their membership has doubled in the past five years? Bad math?

Granted, they do have some interesting people in their group. But is that any reason to snub the other Civil War groups that also have interesting members?

For example, in our group are kin of the builders of the Anderson House at Lexington, and one related to the Lincoln's and the Mudd's and another related to Jeb Stuart.

Funny thing, two weeks ago I received a call from an engineering firm about the Battle of the Ravines site which has recently been bought by a rock quarry company. They had been referred to me by a former president of the CWRT of KC because, as he told the engineer, he knew nothing about the battle or the site.

I called to thank him and offered to take him to the site. Within a week, I took him and two of his friends, all former presidents of you know what group, on a tour of the battle site.

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My question for the young lady at The Star (whose name I shall not mention).... if all the Civil War experts belong to this one group or live in St. Louis, then why did they have to call on a "non-member" to find out about a Civil War battle less than 30 miles from KC?

And how many of that other group was out on Memorial Day giving tours of Civil War Noteables in local cemeteries?

Among those from our group who were out doing such things were **Richard Abbott, Bob & Ginny Werline, Bill Jewett, Frank Adams, Charlotte Tindall, Harriet Loinberger, Howard & Phyllis Thompson, Toby Giese, Karen & I.**

For the record, there is also a Civil War Study Group in the area which meets regularly.

The **1996 Designer Showcase Home** was a great display and those who worked it have decided to do it again in 1997 should the opportunity be available. **Janaan Adams, Kathleen Tuohey** and I could have played tennis in the room we were watching over.

The May 18th tour was able to visit both the Pharis Farm and what was left of the former Liberty Arsenal. We could not get into the 1820's cabin because the estate caretaker had forgotten the keys and the old arsenal site has been completely graded over and covered with rock. Large overseas fireworks shipping containers now cover the former arsenal site

Movie Review

by Mary Ann Hazzard

Pharaoh's Army

Seen at Tivoli Theater in Westport

A little girl's body is dug up and
cast out of her coffin
An elderly couple is murdered
and their bodies thrown down a well.

These are just two of the events that were common on the hotly contested Kentucky-Tennessee border and were portrayed in the recent movie "Pharaoh's Army".

The area was similar to ours in that the opposing sides raided and pillaged upon each other.

The movie tells the story of a squad of Federal foragers sent out to collect food for the Union Army in the Cumberland Gap.

A Captain and four soldiers descend upon a mother and son whose husband/father is away fighting for the Confederacy.

The hatred of the rebel woman is almost palpable and softens little through the movie.

The Captain, a farmer himself, has not proven himself in battle and must deal not only with the woman and her son, but with a private who has injured himself and another who challenges him at every turn.

The movie is quiet with some acoustical music. It tells the story through the young rebel boy's eyes.

Kris Kristofferson is the only "name" actor but the others are confidently realistic, almost to the point of being a documentary.

Highly recommended by Mary Ann who expects to see it on PBS or A&E in the near future.

How it ends

*The young rebel boy becomes a man.
The woman becomes a widow.
The Captain gains the respect of his men.*

.....On the Get Well List.....

Paul Johnstone, Jr. recently had heart by-pass surgery at St. Luke's. Word is he is doing well and will be up chasing nurses again soon.

Ann Balhuizen is still at North Kansas City Hospital.

A Hearty

Welcome to New Members

**Harold & Florence
Barchers**
of Richmond

James Dean Beckner
of Grandview

and renewal

Cheryl Harness
of Independence

Visitors at the May Meeting included

Matt Limback of Corder

Michael Calvert of Independence

Lucy Kuefel of Independence

Chris & Shari Howell
of Lee's Summit

June Program

The final part of the program on the Lincoln Conspiracy, the part we did not have time to finish, will be the first part of this month's program.

Toby Giese will focus on the parts of the plot which will no doubt make you wonder who was doing what to whom, and why?

Some of what Toby will present is speculation and yet there is evidence to support it. Come prepared!

Time permitting, Tim Cox will do a feature on the Lincoln Funeral Train.

You may or may not know the train has been restored in one fourth scale at Illinois Benedictine College.

It is a fabulous display. I have pictures of it which will be shown.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

June

Wed. 12th **CWRTWMO** 7 pm
The Lincoln Conspiracy, Part II.
Wed. 19th Board Meeting 7 pm

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

Upcoming Re-enactments

June 8-9 Columbia, Mo.
Living History
June 22-23 Grand Island, Nebr.
At Stuhr Museum
July 13-14 Cole Camp, Mo.
Big Event
July 20-21 Honey Springs, Ok.
Bigger Event
July 27-28 Lenexa, Kansas
Now a big Event
September 14-15 St. Charles, Mo.
Antique Shops everywhere!
October 5-6 Nebraska City, Nebr.
At Arbor Lodge State Park
Tour 52 Room Mansion

Special Happening

A special tour to visit the Pea Ridge and Prairie Grove Battlefields with a side trip to the Confederate Cemetery in Fayetteville has been set up the weekend of August 17th & 18th.

Travel by private vehicles or vans. Will get bus if enough are interested.

Depart 8am on Saturday, tour the Pea Ridge site and the Confederate cemetery that afternoon, overnight in Fayetteville, visit the Prairie Grove site Sunday morning, home by 6pm Sunday evening. Alternate date 24th & 25th.

Cost: \$9 per person for gas, \$48 per room, 1-4 per room. Figure \$24 for food. Should average out about \$55.

May 18th Tour

The tour to the Pharis Farm & 1820's cabin and the site of the old Liberty Arsenal looked as if it was going to come together as planned....., for about the first ten minutes.

The first clue of any problem came from the farmer who leases the farm property on which the arsenal sits.

"Have you seen the site lately?" he asked when I called to get permission to visit the site. He then proceeded to tell me of how things had changed since my last visit.

The area had been flattened with a blade, the powder magazine had been filled with barrels of something and covered over with rock. There is almost nothing left of the old rock foundations which were once visible.

The entire area was now covered by big, oceanic cargo crates used to bring in the fireworks the owner sells.

Only the wall of the blacksmith's shop was left and even it had been damaged.

I could not believe what I was hearing. But neither was I prepared for what I would see the next day.

The group arrived at the Pharis Farm as scheduled only to find out the estate caretaker had left the keys to the cabin in his other truck which his son had taken that morning.

The cabin is about 14' X 22", an unusual size. It is in unusually good condition and is well worth seeing.

We peered in the windows, looked over all the old implements and tools, walked over the grounds and left without ever getting into the cabin.

Then on to the arsenal site and another, even bigger, disappointment.

Finally, since most in the group had not seen the Multnomah crossing site, we went to it also.

Some of us lunched at Winstead's while the others split for home.

The Liberty News ran a story about the destruction of the arsenal site the next week.

The owner says he did not destroy anything, he just covered it up.

Have you visited?

Civil War sites abound in this area. As a bona fide Civil War buff, how many of the following have you seen?

- ☐ Wilson's Creek Battlefield
- ☐ Lone Jack Battlefield
- ☐ Little Blue Battlefield
- ☐ Big Blue Battlefield
- ☐ Lexington Battlefield
- ☐ Marais des Cygnes Massacre Site
- ☐ Six Man Massacre Site
- ☐ Grinter Farm Ambush Site
- ☐ Battle of White Oaks Site
- ☐ Battle of the Ravines Site

Civil War Picnic '96

July is just around the corner and you know what that means....

Let's have a **PICNIC!**

Lots of Grub...

Period Music...

Dance the Reel...

Cemetery Tour...

Display of Guns...

Awards Presented...

**Period Dress encouraged
but not mandatory**

I'm even going to invite an FYI writer
from The Star to join in.

Wednesday July 10

**Pitcher Cemetery &
Roberts Park**

**Blue Ridge Cut off & Blue Ridge Ext.
(Approx. 34th & Blue Ridge)**

Set up starts at 5:00

Chow line forms at 6:00

Displays open 7:00

Awards at 7:30

**Dance Lessons at 8:00
(Dancers & Clappers needed)**

**Old fashioned Creme Soda and
Raspberry Sarsaparilla
will be served**

**Bring your own plates, utensils, chairs,
blankets, & BUG SPRAY**

Bring a Friend or two

**We gonna have a picnic, we gonna have a picnic,
we gonna have a picnic, we gonna have a picnic, we gonna have a picnic!**

Memorial Day Tours 1996

The Union Veterans Civil War Noteables Tour at Union Cemetery drew a respectable number of guests as did the Confederate Tour which included the wreath laying ceremony.

Among the graves visited on the first tour was that of **Rev. Addison Maderia**, General Grant's personal minister, said to have been the one who got Grant off the bottle, **Pvt. G. W. Weller**, who was with Custer's Michigan Cavalry at Hanover, Pa., and **Nathaniel M. Gwynne**, the 15 year of Medal of Honor Recipient.

The 2pm program at the the CSA Memorial began with a brief history of the marker. The names on the plaque were read by **Frank Adams**, SCV and CWRTWMO.

Hallowed Ground, a Southern Soldier's burial ballad was played.

First National Flags were placed on the graves of the seven prisoners who were removed to this site in 1902.

Karen Wells and **Ginny Werline** checked the placements as the music played "*where lie our Southern dead*".

The wreath was placed by Mrs. Beatrice Cornish, Past president of the Missouri Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The escort was provided by three Confederate officers in period attire, including our own **Bob Werline**.

The cannons barked, *Confederate Taps* was sounded and *Farewell to The General* was played.

The Ceremony was over but the crowd, and the memories, lingered for quite some time.

The tour started some 12 minutes late. Among the gravesites visited was that of **John Seay**, who lost his father and two brothers during Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg, **Tom Hale**, who was hanged for rounding up stray horses to deliver to the Rebels and **Spencer C. McCoy**, who resigned from VMI to join General Price and was killed on his second day in action at the Battle of Springfield.

Thanks to Vern, Jan, Patricia and Chris Sander and Toby for helping out.

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ACROSS

DOWN

1. Minnesotans' fear in 1862
6. Maximilian's homeland
8. future army commander who once led Union troops in Missouri and Arkansas
9. Union General Banks used waterway ____ Teche in his 1864 campaign in Louisiana
10. Shelby's Confederate troopers shared nickname ____ Brigade with Union infantry unit
12. Confederates
14. short for a Union state
15. site of fighting at Glorieta Pass and Valverde (2 words)
18. ____ Carson led Union forces against the southwestern Indians
19. Confederate general who led a cavalry division during Price's 1864 Missouri raid
21. ex-corps commander from the Army of the Potomac who served as second in command to 23 Across
23. commander of Red River Campaign
24. Colorado site of Chivington Massacre (2 words)

1. Sterling Price's troops first fought under this state flag rather than the Confederate banner
2. target city for Van Dorn in 1862 (2 words)
3. federal forts here feared foreign fleets not Confederates
4. symbolic bird
5. 1861 Confederate victory in Missouri (2 words)
7. location of naval battle at Sabine Pass
11. structure designed by Union Colonel Joseph Baily to rescue Porter's stranded gunboats on Red River
13. fighting swirled around ____ Tavern during the Battle of Pea Ridge
16. Union officer Nathaniel Lyon scouted pro-Confederate militia near St. Louis disguised as a ____
17. Battle of Palmito Ranch marked the ____ of land fighting in the Civil War
19. creates
20. federal initials
22. tavern
23. feature of first Confederate flag

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