

# THE NEWSLETTER

A Publication of The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri  
2704 Glenwood Independence, Missouri 64052

## From the President's Pen . . .

The turnout at the January 13 meeting was very impressive. Fifty-eight signed the guest book. I feel it is safe to say we probably missed a few, so we estimate our attendance at over 60, 27 of which were first timers.

I think the biggest draw must have been Phyllis Hale's home-made cookies. They even smelled good clear up in the front of the room. Thanks to my wife, Karen, for making the coffee, Phyllis for the cookies and you for showing up to enjoy them.

One of our so called "first timers" has been working with a California man to document the movement and activities of the 2nd Colorado Cavalry in this area.

Thanks to Bob Connely of San Paulo, Cal., and Charles McCorkindale of Richmond, Mo. A complete set of "Soldiers Newsletter", the 2nd's in-house newsletter, now exists. There are future plans to release this information in book form. The early editions of "Soldiers Newsletter" were printed in Independence during the 2nd's Tour of Duty here. The Grinter Farm Ambush, Price's Great Missouri Raid, The Battle of the Little Blue and individual company rosters are all detailed.

To me, this just goes to show the extent of the interest that exists within our Round Table and the talent of our members. Each of us has a special talent or interest. It is my goal during this next year to explore and share with the group as many of these interests as possible. The next two meetings will do much to increase our knowledge about how the western Missouri area fit into the overall war.

## *The Newsletter*

Our newsletter is born !...but we haven't got a name. The following have been suggested thus far:

*Western Missouri Battle Cry*  
*Border Bulletin*

*The Western Gazette*

*The Skirmisher*

*The Border War Gazette*

*The Border War Bugle*

*Western Messenger*

*Hit and Run*

*The Pickett*

*The Border Star*

If you have ideas on a name please let Sonny or Jonathan know. We will vote on this issue at our February meeting. If you have information you can share with our publication or you would like to help with the newsletter, please contact Vicki Beck days, 229-9161 or evenings 1-249-9560. Our staff is currently working on establishing some regular columns and gathering written material on local civil war issues. If you have any ideas for us let us know.

"The Real Story behind Price's Great Missouri Raid" will be the Topic of the Feb. 10 meeting and "Fort Leavenworth in the Civil War" in March. With an open meeting coming up in April, a tour in May and the show in June, I think it is safe to say . . . We have hit the ground runnin'!

Harold "Sonny" Wells

## From the Chairman . . .

I'd like to thank my mother and father . . . seriously folks, if it were not for them taking me to several battlefields 30 years ago I wouldn't be sitting here now trying to come up with something to tell you. I would like to thank all of those who showed up at the January meeting, considering the weather; and especially those of you who voted for me to be Chairman of the Board. This is quite an honor!

At the January meeting the membership decided to let the board choose the 1st and 2nd Vice-presidents. As a reminder, the 1st Vice-president is in charge of programs and the 2nd Vice-president is in charge of membership. The specific duties will vary a little depending on how this Round Table is going to function. (Editor's note: 1st and 2nd Vice-presidents were elected at the January 27th Board Meeting. Minutes from the Board Meeting will be available at the February 10th regular meeting.)

If any of you members have any concerns, please feel free to approach me or any of the board members or officers. You may also bring up your concerns during "new business" at the beginning of each meeting. This has started out to be a GREAT Round Table--Let's keep it going for generations to come! Thanks again!

Jonathan W. Linn



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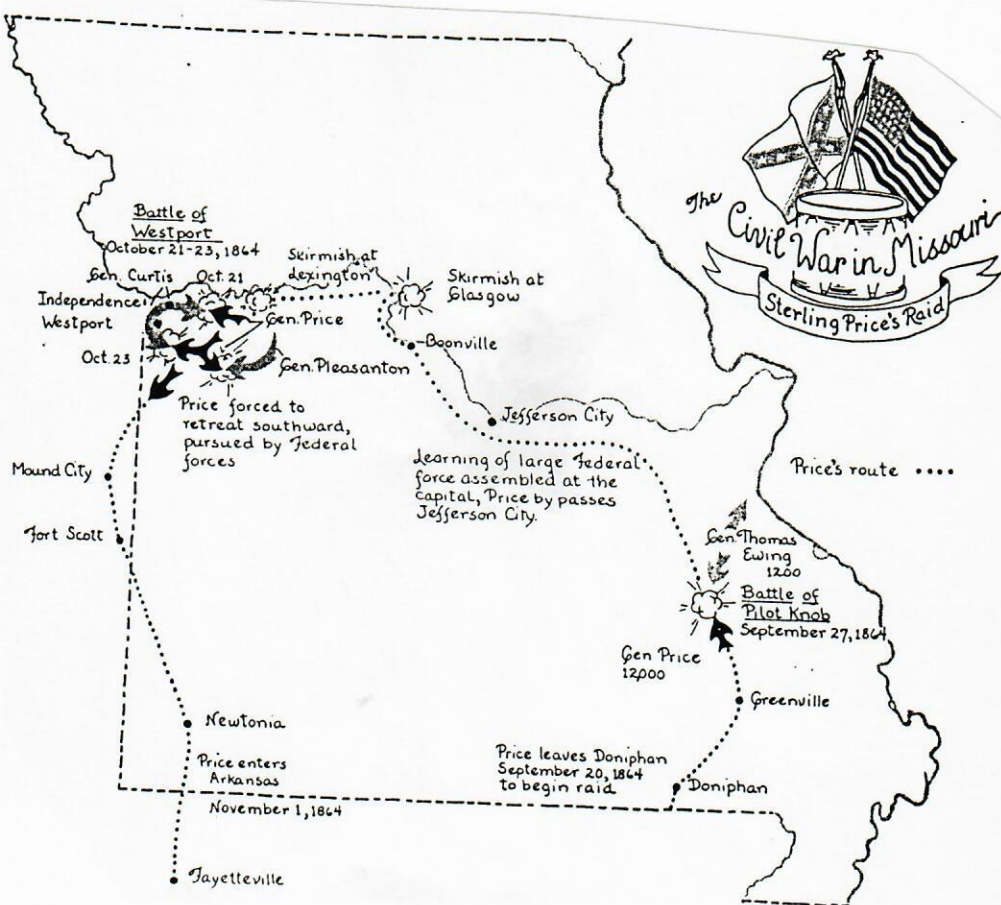
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### NEW MEMBERS

We will be publishing a membership roster which will be included in our March issue. Thereafter, new members will be listed in this column monthly.

### DUES

**Charter membership deadline is FEBRUARY 28.** Dues are \$15 each (22.50 family.) The cost is an additional \$10 per person for Charter Membership, which includes the certificate. **To continue to receive this newsletter your dues must be received by the February 28 deadline.**



This map borrowed from *The Heritage of Missouri* by Duane Meyer, Phd.

The topic of the February 10th meeting is:

## The Real Story Behind Price's Great Missouri Raid

Speaker: Sonny Wells

Trails West Library, 11401 E. 23rd Indep., Mo.

### SPEAKER FOR MARCH MEETING.

John Reichley of Leavenworth, Kansas, will be the speaker at our March 10th meeting. Mr. Reichley is a member of the Executive Board of the Fort Leavenworth Historical Society, a fellow of the Company of Military Historians, a member of the Medal of Honor Historical Society, several local historic groups and provides historic displays for Bell Hall, home of the Command and General Staff College of the U.S. Army, where he is employed as an evaluator.

John also wrote the pamphlet, *A Walking Tour of Fort Leavenworth*, and presents the annual Halloween program on The Ghosts of Old Fort Leavenworth. The subject of his March presentation will be "Fort Leavenworth and the Civil War."

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Don Hale, who is now in charge of programs, would like some input as to what types of programs you would like to see at our meetings. If you would like to conduct a program or know of someone who would be a good speaker, please contact Hale at our next regular meeting.

### DID YOU KNOW???

*Southern Farmers' Almanac* says, "The burial place of Robert E. Lee's horse is in better shape than Grant's Tomb". The graffiti covered memorial sits in New York's Harlem District. So how do New Yorkers feel about sons and daughters of the Confederacy helping fix-up the site? "It might needle them a little bit. I hope it is taken in good spirit," says Dick King, editor of the *Almanac* and a native of Richmond, Virginia. You may send contributions to: National Park Foundation, 1101 17TH ST. NW., Suite 1102 Washington, D.C., 20036



### INFORMATION ON BUS TOUR

Saturday, May 1st, 1993

\$9.00 per person

Morning Tour--8:30a.m.to 12:30p.m.

Afternoon Tour (To be scheduled if needed)--1:00 p.m. to 5:00.

Gather at Glendale School, 29th & Lee's Summit Road.

For reservations please contact Sonny Wells at 781-7322

#### SITES TO BE TOURED INCLUDE

##### **- First Battle of Independence Sites:**

The 3 major battle sites of the Battle of Little Blue; the 5 Confederate Generals' Conference Site; Site of Col. Jackman's charge at 11th Kansas Infantry; Shelby's Hospital & Mass Grave Site.

**- Woodlawn Cemetery--U.D.C. Memorial, 2nd Colorado Memorial, George Todd's marked grave site.**

**- Hudspeth Cemetery--and stones from Weir Cemetery (if roads allow).**

**-Remains of old Hall family burying ground (only 1 stone remains, destroyed by quarry!)**

**The Cemetery in the apartment complex . Unbelievable! You've got to see it to believe it!**

**-Bryant Family Homes--including Petey Childers' home**

**-Bess Wallace's birthplace and childhood home (recently restored private residence).**

**-Harry Truman's boyhood home.**

LIMITED SEATING-45 ONLY

Travel on leased school bus.

Reservations recommended. Walk-ons allowed only on first come, first served basis. Tour sponsored by The Civil War Shoppe. Please make checks payable as such.

### CLASSIFIEDS

Our newsletter staff has decided to give some space in our publication for an "exchange market" for our readers. The items in this section should deal with pertinent historical subjects i. e. books, re-enactment attire, research assistance, metal detecting, etc. The prices are as follows: \$3 for 15 words for members, \$5 for non-members. Deadline is the 20th of each month. Any funds received from this section will help offset the cost of our newsletter. Submit ads to our newsletter staff.

### ON THE BORDER..

#### ACTIVITIES

\*-Feb. 10 CWRTWM Mtg 7 p.m.

\*-March 10 CWRTWM Mtg. 7 p.m.

\*-April 14 CWRTWM Mtg. 7 p.m.

-April 17 Genealogy Conf.

Researching Civil War Vets

\*-May 12 CWRTWM Mtg. 7 p.m.

-May 20,21,22 Company of Military Historians Convention, Adams Mark, K.C.

-May 29 Union Cemetery Guided Tour, 10 a.m.

- \*June 5,6, Civil War Show, Indep. 4-H Center

\*-June 9 CWRTWM Mtg. 7 p.m.

-June 19, 20 Bus tour, Pioneer Village Nebraska

-July 10,11 Bus tour, Land of Lincoln, Ill.

\*-Sept 8, CWRTWM Mtg. 7 p.m.

-Oct. 9, 10 Quantrill Reunion #4

#### RE-ENACTMENTS

-March 5,6,7, Murfreesboro, Tn

-June 12,13 Pleasant Hope, Mo.

-June 12,13 Pawnee City, Nebr.

-July 31, Aug. 1 Carthage, Mo.

-Aug 14,15 Urich, Mo. (living history)

-Sept 18,19 Parkville, Mo.(living history)

\*denotes CWRTWM sponsored

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**if you know of upcoming events of interest to our members, please submit the information to our newsletter staff.**

### TRIVIA-

By popular demand we will be running answers to the previous month's trivia questions in each newsletter. If you have a trivia question for our newsletter, or if you have a Civil War question to which you would like an answer, please submit it in writing by the 19th of the month to a member of our staff.

#### FEBRUARY QUESTIONS

1. Name the famous Confederate general known as "Ole Pap".
2. Name the leader of the Confederate partisan involved in the First Battle of Independence August 11, 1862.
3. What federal unit made its mark in the history of this area by chasing southern sympathizers and guerrillas all over Jackson, Clay, Platte, Cass, and Bates Counties?
4. Name the overall federal commander at the Battle of the Little Blue October 21, 1864.
5. Name the school which now sits on the Morgan Walker Farm, site of the raid which launched William Clarke Quantrill's career.

#### ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S TRIVIA

1. Col. John C. Landis of St. Joe, Mo., buried at Mt. Mora Cemetery, St. Joseph.
2. In southeast corner of Municipal Golf Course at Excelsior Springs. Brass plaque on big red rock.
3. Michael Tierney of Independence admitted on his death bed he had a special arrangement with Younger.
4. Turner Music Company (Note: Colonel Buell, not General).
5. General Cabell--Historic marker marks site.



**Editor's note:** The following is an article that has been submitted to me as a monthly serial. The present day author's goal is to take the reader through history "In the first person." Please let me know if this is something you would like to see run monthly-Vicki Beck.

Dear Mom:

By the time you receive this letter, I will have already left on my journey, a quest that will carry me to far away places to research facts of the Civil War. I must do this in order to grasp a better understanding of how a country as great as ours could have been divided and waged war upon itself.

I will write again later when I have more information to pass on. I have enclosed some journal entries I have made thus far. I hope that you will find my growing knowledge of the Civil War interesting and of value.

Your American son:  
The Civil War-yer

*TAKEN FROM THE JOURNAL OF THE CIVIL WAR-YER  
AUGUST 1863*

*While riding south of Kansas City, I ran into a large group of men, around 300 or so. All were mounted on fine horses, and dressed for battle, most carrying up to six revolvers. I was quickly surrounded and held at bay. The leader, who was identified as William Clarke Quantrill, and three other men approached me. Quantrill asked if I had seen any Federal troops. I told him no, I had not. After a brief interrogation, his conversation turned to a more personal note. Quantrill told me of how a few years ago a group of Jennison's men attacked his brother, himself and a negro companion, killing his brother, taking the negro and all supplies, and left him for dead. After his recovery, he joined the "Jennisons" to gain information so that he could plan his revenge. He went on about accomplishing this during a raid at the Morgan Walker farm, about eight miles north of Blue Springs, Missouri. After spending an hour or so talking to him, I decided to ride with him to Lawrence, Kansas with the understanding that I was going as an observer, as I have no reason to wage war on the people there.*

*We rode for several hours so I had plenty of time to talk to the men. I can see that these men have spent many days in the woods, away from their families, and have fought a tiring war. It has been brought to my attention that at least three groups of men joined together to complete the mission, a mission to get revenge for raids pulled by the "Redlegs" and the "Jayhawkers" in Missouri.*

*The only orders I have heard given are, "Kill or die, but no one is to molest old men, women or children." Today we are camped about 20 miles outside of Lawrence. Quantrill and some of his men are planning their attack. I hope that I never have to face these men in battle. Being an outsider, I am not allowed to attend this meeting, but I can see the rivers of redness flowing in the men's eyes, and I know that tomorrow's battle will be a bloody one.*