

NEWSLETTER
Union Campground Cemetery Association
August 30, 1994

The Decoration Day celebration was a success! Twenty-six adults and two children attended the picnic and short business meeting. Many thanks to Grace Adams and her food committee for planning and serving the delicious menu.

Following is a brief account of business transacted:

- a. A vote was taken to set annual dues at \$10.00 per person. Money generated from dues will help pay for postage, film and developing, office supplies, upcoming maintenance expenses, plus miscellaneous items.
- b. Pansy Harvey was elected to the office of vice-president.
- c. A committee was appointed to study and frame by-laws for the association. Members appointed to the committee: Betty Jane Turner, Vera Chandler, Grace Adams. Anne Appleby, with the president serving as ex-officio member. (This committee met on August 22, 1994 and the by-laws are ready for consideration and approval at our next association meeting.)
- d. The association will meet twice a year--the last Saturday in May and the last Saturday in September, with the September meeting considered as the annual meeting date. Dues will be payable each year at the September meeting. Any member who paid dues at the May meeting this year or during the summer months will be considered paid through the 1994-95 fiscal year.
- e. A motion was made and passed to accept any individual into membership who is interested in perpetuating the cemetery and its goals.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Outdoor classroom: Professor Steve Illum of the Southwest Missouri State University faculty, accompanied by approximately 25 students, toured the cemetery on June 4, 1994. As the students walked along the paths and viewed the old tombstones, they paused to ask questions about those who were buried on the grounds so many years ago. A few stories were told about some of the families, and when it was time for the class to depart for another historic site, they expressed appreciation for being allowed to learn more about this beautiful "treasure."

Visitors: It was a pleasure to meet Marie and Tom Jackson this past summer while they were vacationing in Springfield. Marie and Tom wanted to see the cemetery and locate the Ellison/Caldwell gravesites.

Maps: We are now in possession of several aerial maps of the Valley Water Mill area which were taken in 1938 and 1954. In

one or two views a road or trail appears to angle through the cemetery from the northwest corner (where we now enter) down through the center and ends at the southeast on what is now Valley Water Mill Road. These maps will require further study.

ANNOUNCEMENT

A work day has been scheduled for the cemetery on Saturday, September 10, at 9:30 A.M. Bernie Stiver has volunteered to head the work crew and will assemble the necessary equipment. Call Bernie (833-1044) if you can help. Bring a sack lunch and something to drink if you plan to stay past lunch time.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The first annual meeting of the Union Campground Cemetery Association will be Saturday, September 24, 1994, 1:00 P.M., in the Community Room on the third floor of the Main Library, 397 E. Central, Springfield, Missouri. If you need a ride to the meeting, just call Jean Rayl (881-4456) and transportation will be arranged.

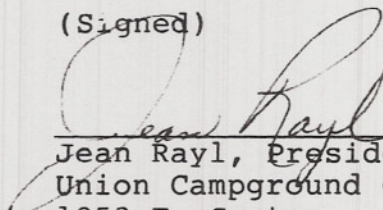
We now have a good foundation to build upon: the group is incorporated, an IRS identification number secured, and the by-laws ready for your consideration.

Our checking account currently has a balance of \$526.72. Future projects requiring funds: fencing/gate/roadway; sign for the cemetery; markers for empty gravesites; markers for tree identification, legal fees.

Donations are always welcome! And, for those who would like to send either donations or annual dues, the name and address of the treasurer is listed below:

Mrs. D. V. Nimmo, 5748 N. Farm Road 175, Springfield, MO 65803. Make check payable to: Union Campground Cemetery Association.

(Signed)



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