Dappled light filters through the trees as we walk the pathways of Union Campground Cemetery. We glance upward and notice the intense blue of the sky and immediately sense the fast-approaching golden days of autumn. We savor the warm, mellow feeling of the woods and pause to give thanks for yet another season of our lives.

We inhale the intoxicating fragrance of changing leaves and realize nature is once more about to paint her canvas with a palette of flaming colors. A leisurely pace affords the time to reflect on the generations before us who walked this same ground. Tranquillity prevails.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
Saturday, September 28, 1996
11:30 A.M.
Historic farm of Vera Chandler
4663 E. Farm Road 74
Springfield, Missouri

Bring a covered dish. All picnic supplies will be furnished as well as bread, hot and cold beverages. There will not be a need for you to bring folding chairs. Just come along and enjoy the day. Call Vera (833-4503) to obtain directions to her farm.

REMEMBER - ELECTION OF OFFICERS
tinsmith by trade and soon entered into a partnership with James Vaughn and established a tinsmithing business on the southwest corner of the Springfield Public Square. In 1861, at the time of General Lyon's death, there was no embalmer in Springfield. Mr. Vaughn and Mr. Rathbone are credited with the building of a zinc casket for the temporary preservation of General Lyon's body.

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OUR SYMPATHY
to the
family of
William C. Bodanske
who departed this life
July 6, 1996

We lost a dear and beloved gentleman. He was deeply interested and involved in the affairs of Union Campground Cemetery. He wanted so much to prove Union soldiers were buried there, and only a short time before his death had written Senator John Ashcroft enlisting his help in searching for evidence of troop movements, encampments, possible deaths and burials in the vicinity of the graveyard.

Mr. Bodanske was 92 years old at the time of his death. He will be greatly missed by all of us.

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IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

Annual dues are payable on or before the annual meeting in September. Send a check for $10.00 per person to the treasurer: Mrs. Viola Nimmo, 5748 N. Farm Road 175, Springfield, MO 65803. Anyone interested in the perpetuation and preservation of the cemetery is eligible to become a member. Other donations are always welcome.

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THE AMISH PROJECT

Bob Gaffga, Chairperson of the Fund Development Committee, reports we received $584.00 toward the work project. An Amish family, a father and three of his strong sons, began cleanup activities the last week of August. They were joined by Clarence Stiver, Jim Rayl and a friend of the cemetery association by the name of Jacques Sachs. Jacques made the initial contact with the Amish and even drove down to the Diggins, Missouri area to pick them up for the first day of work. Since the Amish do not drive automobiles or own power equipment, transportation
In the future, as time and space permits, special articles will be included in the newsletter. The articles, approximately one page in length, will feature moments in history, particularly those moments relating to the families within our cemetery association. Bob Gaffga of Lubbock, Texas has submitted the first article.

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A MOMENT IN HISTORY...  
The Civil War

"The State of Missouri refused to secede, but sentiment was evenly divided. There was a pro-Southern governor, and he maintained a camp of state troops at the edge of St. Louis.

"The Federal commander, General Harney, was not worried about the situation, although other Unionists worried a great deal, the fear being that the state troops would seize the government arsenal in St. Louis. With the weapons seized by the state troops, the secessionist Missourians would take the state out of the Union.

"So Washington temporarily replaced General Harney with the fiery, impetuous, red-bearded Captain Nathaniel S. Lyon, putting a captain in a brigadier general's job. Lyon took his soldiers out, arrested the state troops, disarmed them, and broke up their camp. As he was marching his soldiers back to camp, a street crowd collected, jostling, shoving, name-calling and displaying weapons. Troops opened fire, killing more than a score of civilians. This was the first fighting after Fort Sumter involving men in uniform shooting men not in uniform, a classic pattern of a civil war.

"The truce Harney had worked out with the governor, was swiftly disavowed by Lyon. He drove out the governor, and marched his little army clear down into southwest Missouri. Lyon's high-handed actions plagued the state for the rest of the war. But Missouri did not leave the Union, which was all that Washington cared about.

"As Lyon headed southwest hoping to pierce Arkansas, he realized he was 120 miles from his railroad base, and wanting to strike one more blow, Lyon staged a battle at Wilson's Creek on August 10, (1861). The red-bearded Lyon was at the Union front waving his hat to rally the men when a bullet knocked him dead from his horse. The Union troops fled, and southwest Missouri remained in Confederate control."

Source: The American Heritage Picture History of The Civil War, p. 63, 88-89)
had to be arranged and power equipment provided. Even after the first day of cleanup the results were amazing! At the end of the second day the cemetery really began to take on a different appearance.

Jacques Sachs not only made contact with the Amish family, but volunteered his services for the two day project. We wish to thank him for being a "true friend of the cemetery."

Enough money remains in this cleanup fund to perhaps schedule another work day in the spring. To provide such services in the future will require additional donations.

IN THE WORKS

1. The Technology Department at Southwest Missouri State University has agreed to construct two rustic-looking signs for the cemetery. We are required by law to have at least one sign in position to identify our property. Plans call for a sign to be placed at the northwest corner of the cemetery just inside the walk-through gate. Another sign is to be placed to the east of the cemetery facing the adjoining farm property. The Construction Club, Department of Technology, usually works on a volunteer project each semester. Students are to submit designs for the signs and after our organization makes a selection, the students will begin construction. The signs should be ready by the end of December. We will only be responsible for the cost of supplies.

2. Hazel Voris and Bettie Hickman, members of Union Campground Cemetery Association and members of the Ozarks Genealogical Society, have volunteered to publish a booklet about the cemetery. The work on the booklet will require some months to complete. A survey of the grounds will be included with identification of known gravesites. This booklet will be available at a nominal cost to our families and the community-at-large.

WE ARE ALWAYS INTERESTED IN ACQUIRING NEW MEMBERS. IF YOU KNOW OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN OUR ASSOCIATION, PLEASE ENCOURAGE THEM TO DO SO AT THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY. WE NEED TO BE A STRONG AND VITAL ORGANIZATION IN ORDER TO SUCCESSFULLY ACCOMPLISH OUR GOAL OF MAKING UNION CAMPGROUND CEMETERY AN HISTORICAL LANDMARK.

Jean Rayl, President