

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Arkansas	
COUNTY: Washington	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 70-9-03-0012	DATE 9/14/70

<b>1. NAME</b>	
COMMON: Prairie Grove Battlefield Park	
AND/OR HISTORIC: Prairie Grove Battlefield	

<b>2. LOCATION</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER: Location as shown on annexed map			
CITY OR TOWN: Prairie Grove			
STATE Arkansas	CODE 03	COUNTY: Washington	CODE 143

<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>			
OWNER'S NAME: State of Arkansas - Prairie Grove Battlefield Commission			
STREET AND NUMBER: Capitol Building			
CITY OR TOWN: Little Rock	STATE: Arkansas	CODE 03	

<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Washington County Courthouse			
STREET AND NUMBER: Fayetteville			
CITY OR TOWN: Fayetteville	STATE: Arkansas	CODE 03	

<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>			
TITLE OF SURVEY: _____			
DATE OF SURVEY: _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: _____			
STREET AND NUMBER: _____			
CITY OR TOWN: _____	STATE: _____	CODE _____	



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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)



Excellent



Good



Fair



Deteriorated



Ruins



Unexposed

(Check One)



Altered



Unaltered

(Check One)



Moved



Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Prairie Grove Battlefield Park consists of approximately 64 acres situated to the north of U.S. Highway 62 on the eastern outskirts of the town of Prairie Grove.

The entrance to Prairie Grove Battlefield Park is quite impressive. Two large stone columns flank the entrance road, and a cast iron arch which reaches from column to column, carries the name "Prairie Grove Battlefield."

Directly to your front, as you enter the park, is the Battle Monument. It is an unique monument in that it is the original chimney of Rea's Mill (Site of another Civil War skirmish). The chimney was moved to the Prairie Grove Battlefield and re-erected stone by stone. It is 55 feet tall and weighs 200,000 pounds. The monument is dedicated to all the men who fought in the battle.

Immediately to your left, upon entering the park, is the Hindman Hall Museum. The museum serves as an historical museum with the battle and the battlefield providing the theme. This too is an interesting structure as it was built as the result of a bequest of \$100,000 made by Biscoe Hindman who was the son of General Thomas C. Hindman who commanded the Confederate forces at the Battle of Prairie Grove.

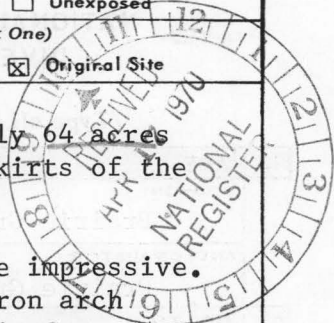
There are other interesting buildings within the confines of the park. An intelligent and well-directed interest in the history of the area has resulted in public spirited citizens taking the initiative, long before there was Federal assistance, in preserving and restoring log and frame structures from the Prairie Grove area. As a result of their efforts the park is provided with the beginnings of an excellent outdoor folk museum.

The battle site is well marked by a series of metal historical markers erected by the State. There has, however, been no effort made to interpret the battlefield beyond this stage. The site would certainly lend itself to an "in depth" treatment such as the National Park Service has given to the Pea Ridge National Military Park.

The park grounds are very attractive. There are many trees, the lawns are well kept and the gravel roads which thread through the park are in excellent shape. There are picnic facilities in the park.

At the time of the battle there were only four buildings in the vicinity. They were either farm residences or outbuildings. The rest of the area was under cultivation or in woodlots and orchards. The portion of the park which extends to the northeast is probably very much as it was in 1862.

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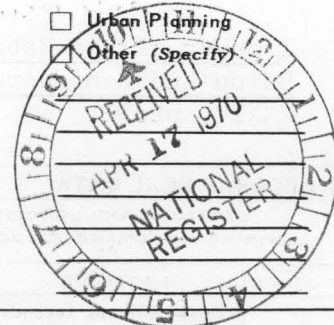
## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☐ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th CenturySPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) December 7, 1862

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

☐ Prehistoric☒ Historic☐ Agriculture☐ Architecture☐ Art☐ Commerce☐ Communications☐ Conservation☐ Education☐ Engineering☐ Industry☐ Invention☐ Landscape☐ Architecture☐ Literature☒ Military☐ Music☐ Political☐ Religion/Philosophy☐ Science☐ Sculpture☐ Social/Humanitarian☐ Theater☐ Transportation☐ Urban Planning☒ Other (Specify)

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In the late summer of 1862, Federal forces west of the Mississippi launched a two-pronged assault on Confederate Arkansas. One army led by General Samuel R. Curtis and General Frederick Steele swept down the White River in eastern Arkansas capturing everything from Batesville to Helena. A second force, composed of the best fighting men the Federals had in Missouri, and commanded by General James G. Blunt, moved into northwest Arkansas and pushed the Confederates south over the Boston Mountains to Van Buren. The Federal commanders were now confident that this campaign would result in the capture of Arkansas and perhaps the entire trans-Mississippi.

General T. H. Holmes commanded the Confederate forces in Arkansas. The troops under his command consisted of 27,355 men who were, for the most part, poorly disciplined, poorly trained and poorly equipped. To further complicate his position the Confederate War Department had requested him to send 10,000 of these troops to reinforce General Pemberton at Vicksburg.

In mid-November the Union troops in northwestern Arkansas began to attack to the south. General Blunt moved on Fayetteville and his success there encouraged him to believe that he could destroy the troops of General Thomas C. Hindman, who commanded the First Corps of Holmes Arkansas army. Blunt believed that by defeating Hindman he would be able to capture both Van Buren and Fort Smith and open the route to Little Rock from the west. Hindman, however, was an aggressive troop leader. He dispatched General John Marmaduke's cavalry to attack Blunt's forces at Fayetteville. Blunt's scouts informed him of the approach of the Confederate cavalry and he moved to intercept them. The Union forces defeated Marmaduke at Cane Hill. Marmaduke's troops then fell back on Hindman's infantry and artillery. Despite this initial reverse Hindman desired to continue on the offensive.

Blunt, in the meantime, had telegraphed Springfield, Missouri, informed General Curtis of Hindman's movement and requested reinforcement. General F. J. Herron was dispatched to Blunt's aid. Hindman was expecting to engage only the forces of General Blunt at, or near, Cane Hill. The

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# 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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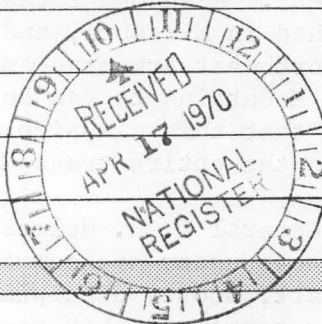
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 64 Acres, more or less.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Jack E. Porter, Administrator, Historic Preservation Program	
ORGANIZATION Arkansas Planning Commission	DATE 12/31/69
STREET AND NUMBER: Game and Fish Building	
CITY OR TOWN: Little Rock	STATE Arkansas
	CODE 03

# 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

# NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☒ State ☐ Local ☐

Name John M. Peterson  
John M. Peterson  
Title Executive Director  
Arkansas Planning Commission  
Date 4/9/70

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest Allen Carnahan  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date SEP 4 1970 SEP 4 1970

ATTEST:  
William J. Hunt  
Keeper of The National Register

Date JUL 8 1970

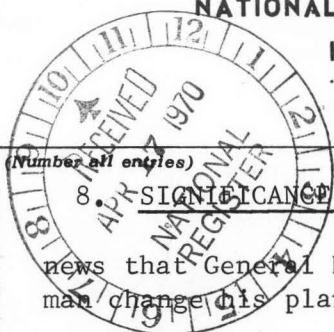
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8. SIGNIFICANCE, CONT'D

news that General Herron's troops were at Fayetteville required that Hindman change his plans.

1762 Hindman's battle plan was a good one. He determined to place his force between Blunt and Herron, defeat Herron and then turn and defeat Blunt. This would enable him to face Herron and Blunt, individually, with a superior force. If, however, Herron and Blunt were to combine they would out-number him. Hindman's cavalry moved to attack Herron in the pre-dawn hours and made their initial contact sometime after 4:00 A.M. on the 7th of December. The Confederate cavalry attacked Herron's men and drove them back on Fayetteville in panic. At this point, however, Hindman failed to make the next logical tactical move and this nullified the effectiveness of his plan. Instead of launching a decisive infantry attack on the demoralized Union force, he continued to engage them with dismounted cavalry. This enabled Herron to regroup his forces. Hindman went on the defensive and established his line at Prairie Grove. In all fairness, however, it is possible that Hindman was unable to put his original plan into execution. His troops were exhausted and were, perhaps, lacking in the strength and spirit that is needed in an offensive action.

General Blunt was still at Cane Hill. At about 10:00 he was informed of Hindman's position at Prairie Grove. Blunt realized that Hindman was between himself and Herron at Fayetteville and began to burn the military stores which he would be unable to move in his hasty withdrawal from Cane Hill.

General Herron, after reorganizing his troops, had begun to deploy them for an attack on Hindman's position. Herron launched his first attack at 11:00 A.M. This first attack was beaten off by the Confederates. An hour later Herron launched another attack and this time was successful in driving the Confederates from their position. The Union success was of short duration, however, for a Confederate counter-attack was launched which routed the Federals. The battle see-sawed back and forth. At approximately 1:45 P.M. Blunt's troops came into action on the Confederate left. Even this additional Union strength could not give them a victory. The battle lasted until after 7:00 P.M., when the last cannon ceased to fire and the field was quiet except for the screams of the wounded.

Dec. 8 The Confederates held their position through the night. At 6:00 A.M. General Hindman made the decision to withdraw. The Confederates built up their campfires to mislead the Federals, retired from the field and retreated to the south. Hindman claimed that he was forced to make this decision as his men were without food and ammunition. The Union troops remained in possession of the battlefield.

The confederate campaign was a failure. On December 28 Blunt's forces reached Van Buren and northwest Arkansas was lost to the Confederacy.



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## Prairie Grove Battlefield Park

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REVIEW

HISTORIAN

COMMENTS

Utilizing new standardized connection sheet  
I suggest that we return for acreage

HISTORIAN

COMMENTS

Return for better map and acreage  
3/21/70

ARCHITECT

COMMENTS

OK - They mention 64 acres - a new map may be in order

OK Chambers 6/29/70

Chief Architect

Chief Archeologist

Chief Historian

Keeper

COMMENTS

OK

ENTRY

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returned 5/24/70 for acreage + better map  
OK 6/24/70 MB

The plan of the  
BATTLE OF PRAIRIE GROVE  
Arkansas  
December 7, 1862



This map shows the roads as they were at the time of the battle. It also shows present-day U.S. Highway 62. The circle marks the Battlefield Park area. Note the Cove Creek road, by which the Confederate army came; the Rhea's Mill road, by which Blunt reached the battlefield; and the Fayetteville road, by which Herron arrived.



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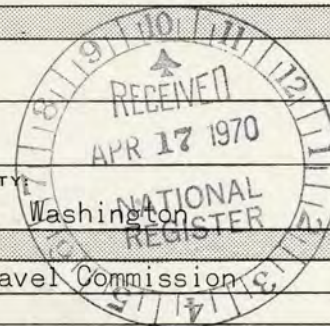
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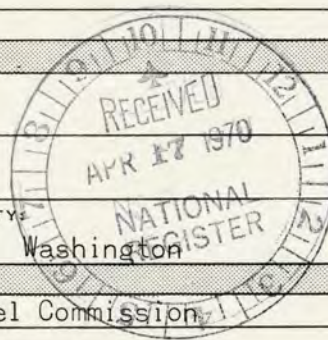
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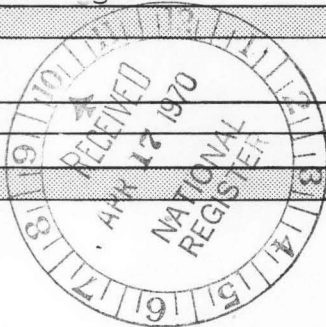


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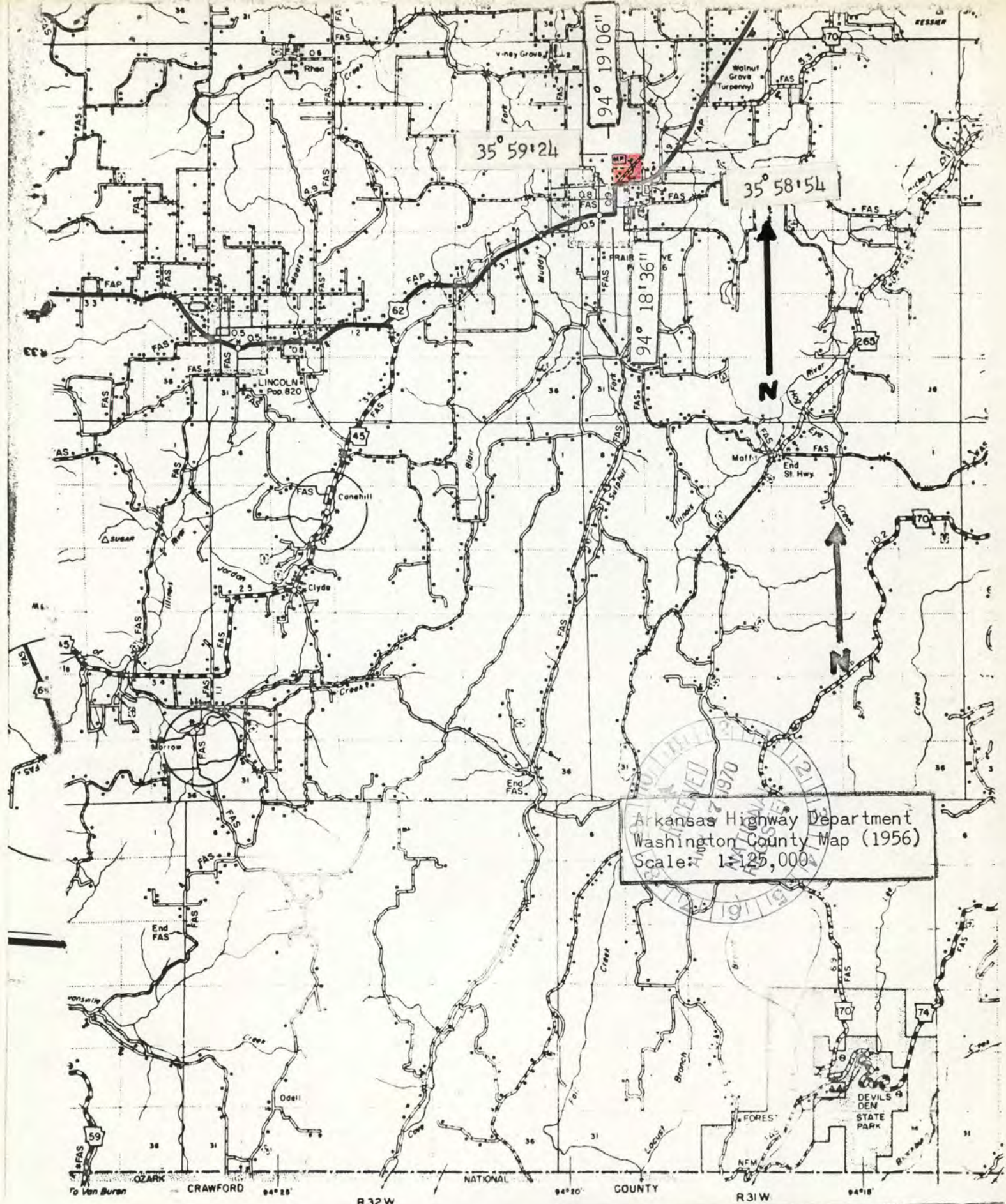
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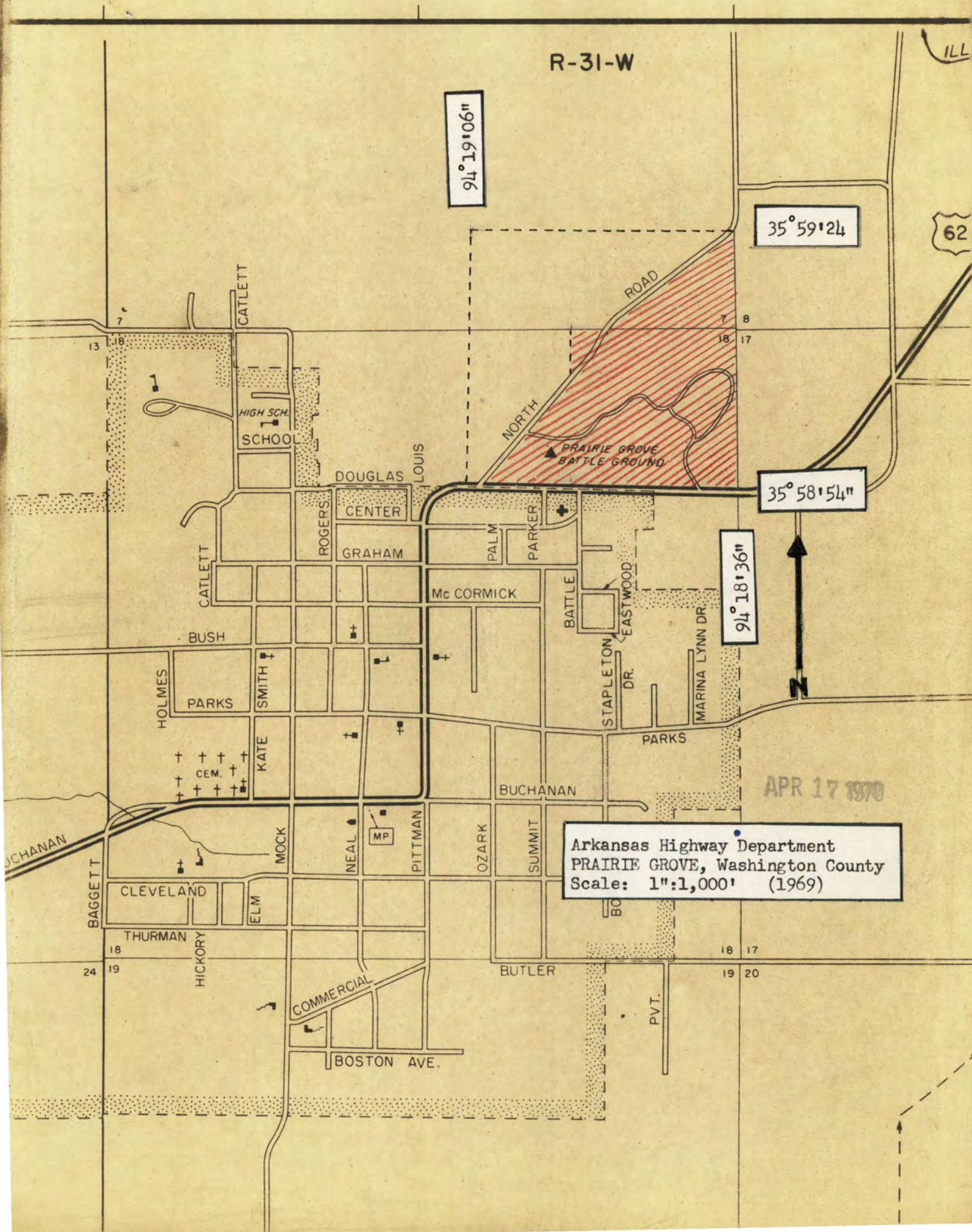
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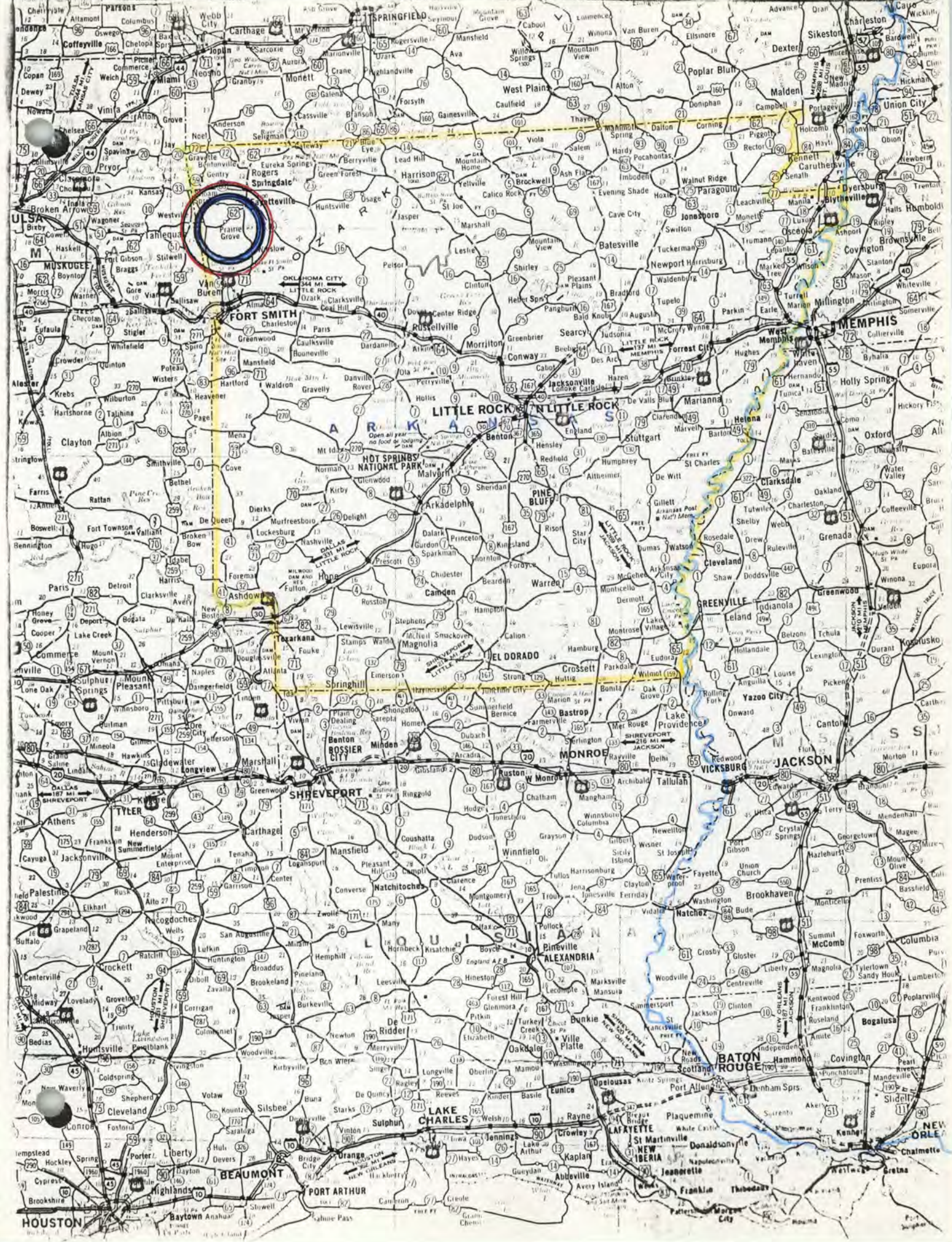
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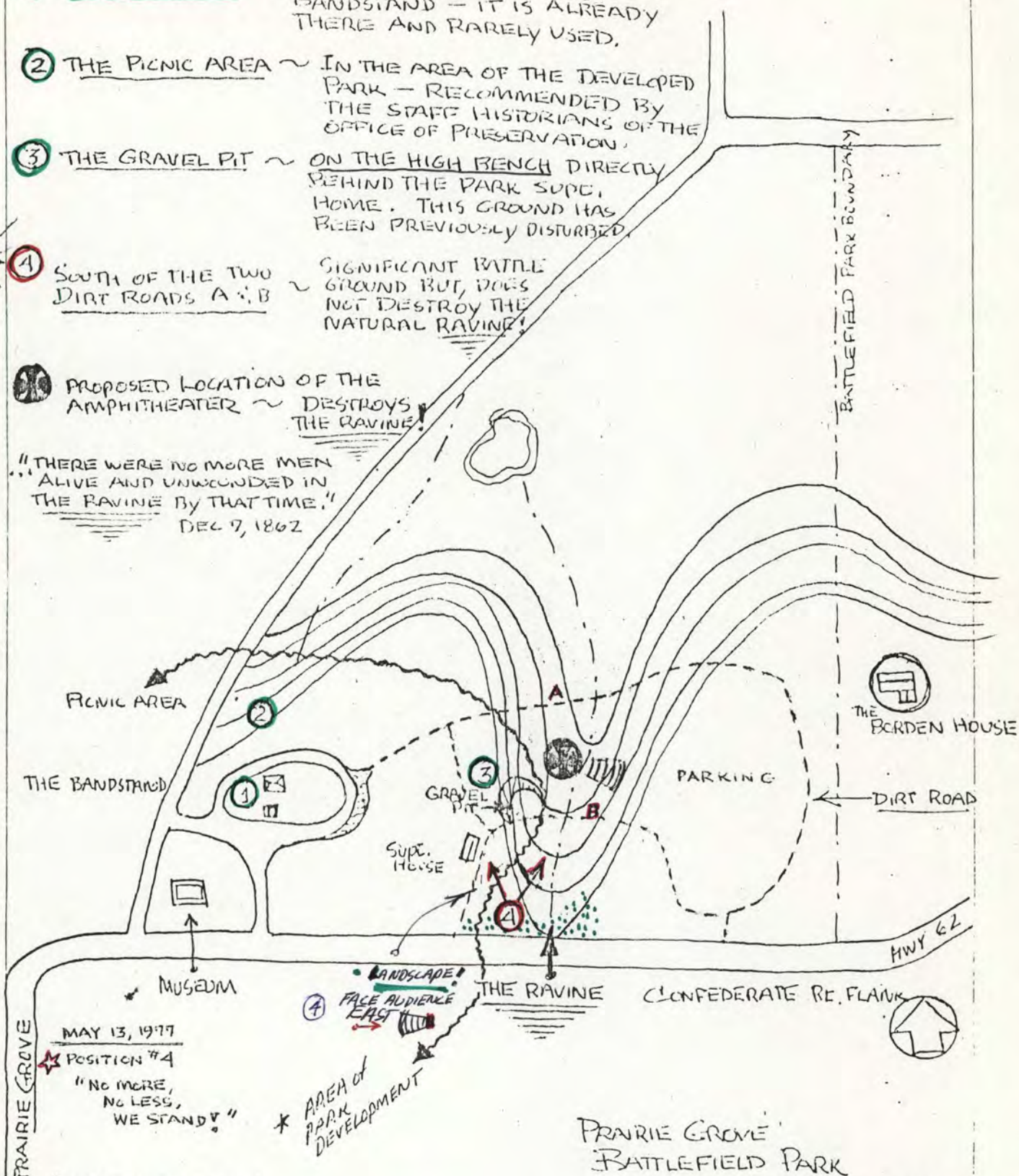


# POSSIBLE LOCATIONS OF PROPOSED AMPHITHEATER/PAVILION AT PRAIRIE GROVE PARK BATTLEFIELD

- ① THE BANDSTAND ~ RE-ADAPT THE EXISTING BANDSTAND - IT IS ALREADY THERE AND RARELY USED.
- ② THE PICNIC AREA ~ IN THE AREA OF THE DEVELOPED PARK - RECOMMENDED BY THE STAFF HISTORIANS OF THE OFFICE OF PRESERVATION.
- ③ THE GRAVEL PIT ~ ON THE HIGH BENCH DIRECTLY BEHIND THE PARK SUPC. HOME. THIS GROUND HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY DISTURBED.
- ④ SOUTH OF THE TWO DIRT ROADS A & B ~ SIGNIFICANT BATTLE GROUND BUT, DOES NOT DESTROY THE NATURAL RAVINE!

⑩ PROPOSED LOCATION OF THE AMPHITHEATER ~ DESTROYS THE RAVINE!

"THERE WERE NO MORE MEN ALIVE AND UNWOUNDED IN THE RAVINE BY THAT TIME."  
DEC 7, 1862



MAY 13, 1977

★ POSITION #4

"NO MORE,  
NO LESS,  
WE STAND!"

★ AREA OF  
PARK  
DEVELOPMENT

WRITE LETTERS TO!

★ GOV. DAVID PRYOR  
STATE CAPITOL  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

★ MS. ANNE BARTLEY  
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PRAIRIE GROVE  
BATTLEFIELD PARK



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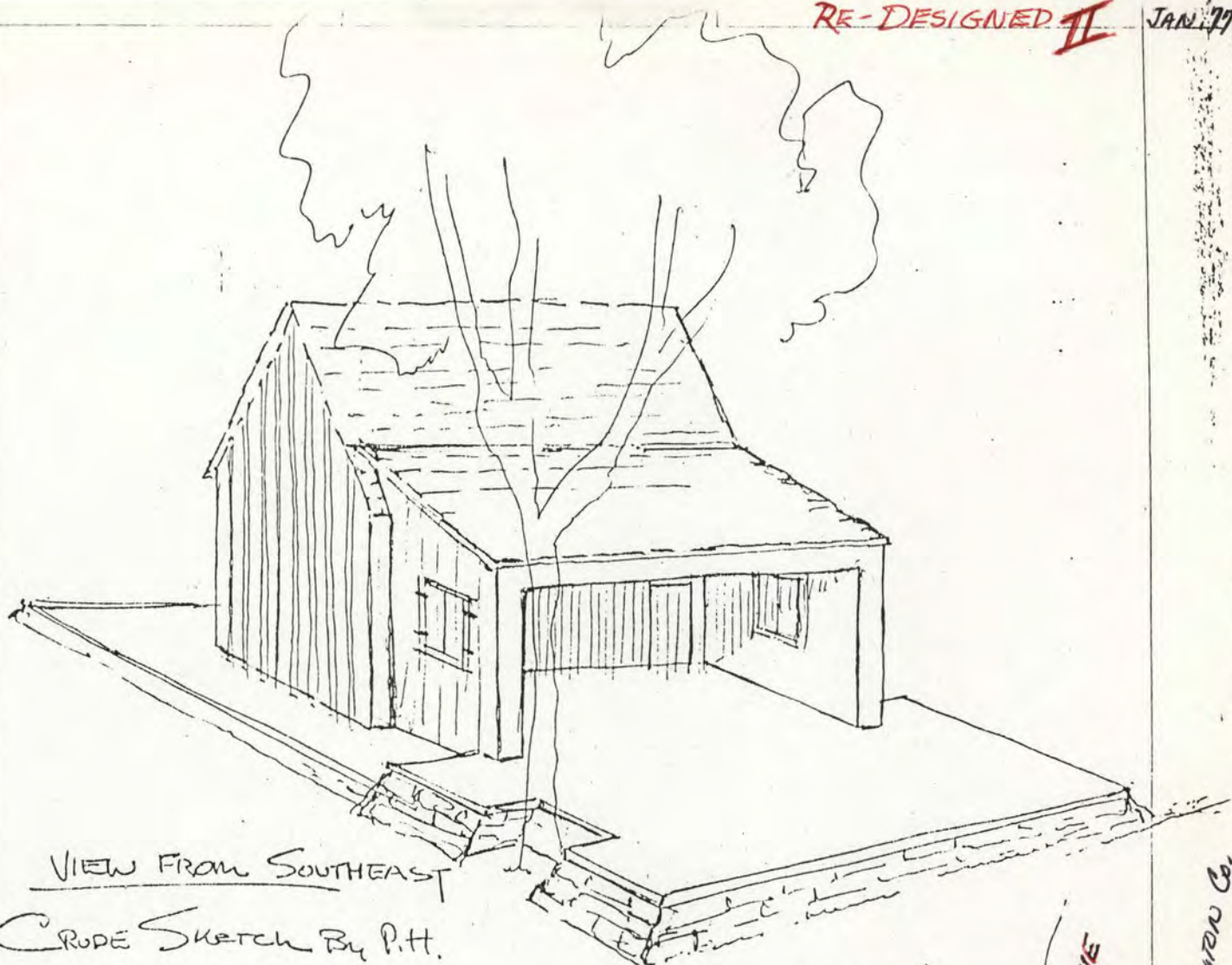
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★ SEN. MORRIS HENRY  
1418 HOPE ST.  
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★ MR. BILL HENDERSON, DIRECTOR  
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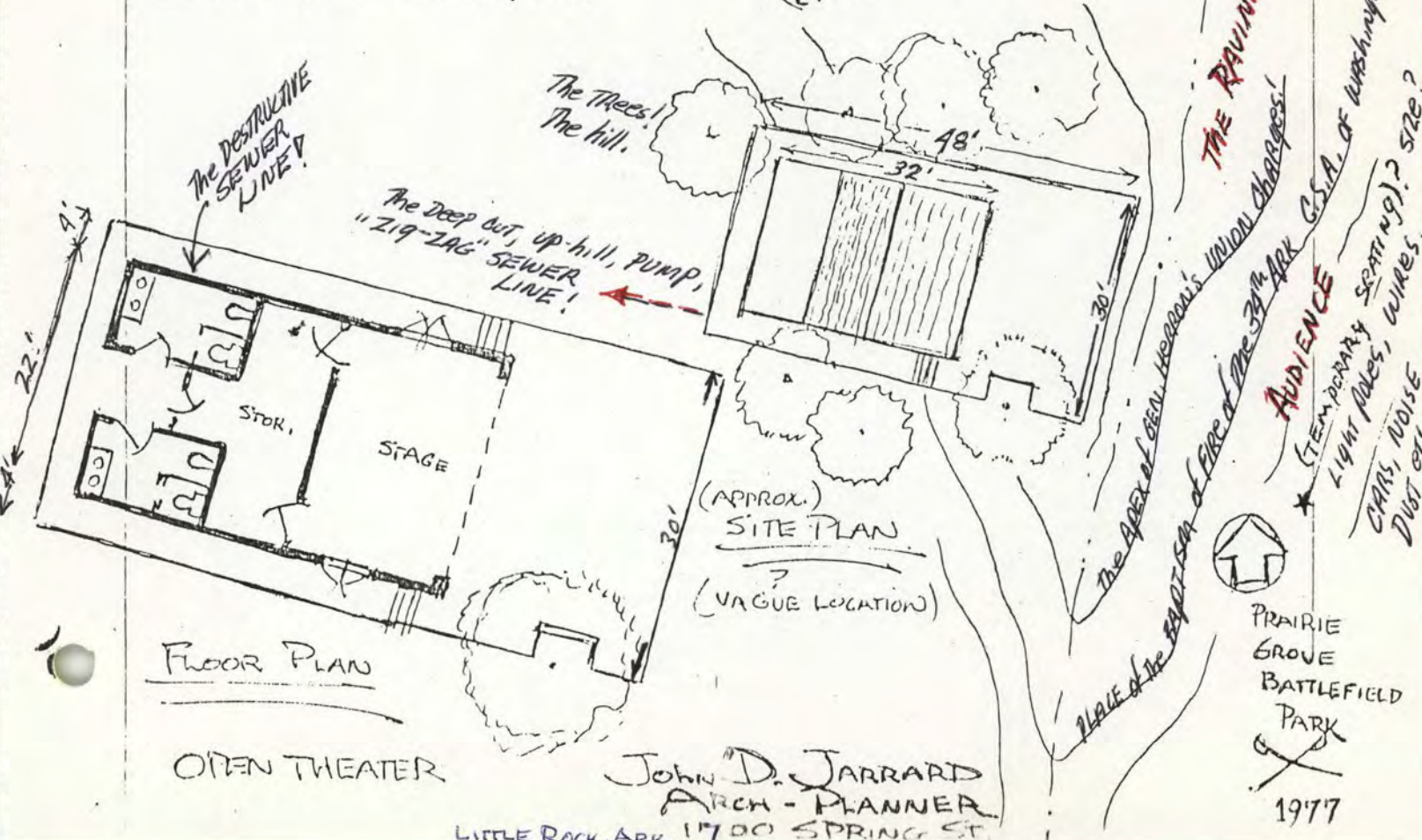


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VIEW FROM SOUTHEAST

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THE RAUVINE

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PRAIRIE GROVE BATTLEFIELD PARK

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RAIRIE GROVE  
BATTLEFIELD PARK  
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STATE APPROVAL

SEPT. 14, 1976



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DEC. 5, 1976

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ARKANSAS GAZETTE JAN 13, 1977

### Pace Prompts '60 Days' Cry

The House of Representatives approved 28 appropriation bills Wednesday and House Speaker James L. Shaver Jr. said it was the fastest start the legislature had made in his memory.

There were shouts of "60 days." The legislature ordinarily meets for 60 days but its business in recent years has made sessions longer.

Most of the bills were appropriations for occupational licensing boards. The House passed the Senate appropriation bill (SB 1) after amending it to specify how legislative expenses will be handled. The provision had been omitted in the Senate.

APRIL 7, 1977

FEB. 11, 1977

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TO  
REP. HAMMERSCHMIDT  
SEN. BUMPERS  
SEN. MCLENNAN

WASHINGTON  
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MARCH 17, 1977

BORDEN HOUSE ON  
THE NATIONAL REGISTER

SESSION  
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MARCH 23, 1977

GOV. PRYOR VETO  
PARK FUNDS

"SAVE THE RAVINE" APRIL 21, 1977



MAY DAY 25th

SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE

SESSION  
CALLED BY  
GOV. PRYOR

AUGUST 2, 1977

LABOR DAY

NEXT LEGISLATIVE  
SESSION

JAN. 1979

6 DAYS

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M E M O R A N D U M

FOR: Record

FROM: Patrick Horan

SUBJECT: Site selection for planned amphitheater/pavilion for the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park  
Describing the present crisis pertaining to the existing Borden House and orchard ground.

DATE: ★ September 26, 1976

★ OCT. 11, 1976 MEETING

On September 15, 1976 Bryan Kellar, Don Ross, Mr. Moore and I visited the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park for the purpose of selecting locations for the proposed amphitheater/pavilion which would be compatible with the historical events which occurred there. I was invited to this meeting in order to assist the historical interpretations and to vividly describe the present crisis involving the Borden House & orchard grounds.

1. Amphitheater/Pavilion:

We looked at several alternate locations for the new amphitheater/pavilion and discussed the future plans of the park which includes the proper location of a new maintenance building. After considering the strong historical limitations of this small park, and how very carefully each move must be, I most definitely recommend re-adapting ★ the existing bandstand/pavilion (behind the Rhea's Mill chimney) to serve as the new amphitheater/pavilion. \*

a. Advantages of this area:

- (1) It is physically in proximity to other park activities, conveniences, and utilities. The intrusion upon the existing historical interpretations and Battlefield would be minimized. Interference with other activities within this park would be minimal because this bandstand/pavilion is isolated and surrounded by a park road and a low rock wall.
- (2) This attractive wood & stone bandstand/pavilion has never realized its potential. It is very rarely used even during the Labor Day fair when this Park experiences its most concentrated use.
- (3) Important Northwest Arkansas landmarks are within this informal, elliptical, gathering ground. The Rhea's Mill chimney and the Morrow house are both mentioned in the Prairie Grove battle reports and are included within this ellipse by the low rock wall which surrounds the bandstand/pavilion. The county road bordering the western edge of this park is visible from here and it is possible to inform the public, by a suitable monument, that they are looking at a Cherokee "Trail of Tears" road. The people then realize that they are gathered in a very intimate and historical place. There will be music here.

- (4) This bandstand/pavilion is located in an attractive gathering ground. The site offers a wooded backdrop and is endowed with a gentle, natural slope which flows down towards the bandstand/pavilion. The amphitheatre can easily be imagined without the need for any cut and fill requirements.
- (5) The topographical feature of this gathering ground consists of a gentle slope with a South to North flow from a high point in front of the Rhea's Mill chimney. The bandstand/pavilion is half visible behind the chimney from the main park entrance. The bandstand blends into the rustic backdrop of trees.
- (6) The bandstand/pavilion has been deliberately shaded by trees so that sun glare is not a problem here for the performers. I believe the trees can exist here among the occasional audience which will gather here, and can perhaps mask a portion of the light bar and speaker system in front of the stage.
- (7) By virtue of the central location of this bandstand/pavilion, a crowd of people can be more easily limited and observed here. This becomes an important consideration when thinking of the expected night time activities of this new amphitheater/pavilion.
- (8) Because of this central location, the cost of bringing utilities in will be a small part of the budget. Water fountains are located nearby on either side of the Rhea's Mill landmark. Toilets are located in the history museum and in a nearby \$35,000 village john. The cost of bringing in electricity to this bandstand/pavilion will be minimal, if not already there.
- (9) The main reason for re-adapting the existing bandstand/pavilion is to release funds already appropriated for "actual construction and ground improvements", for immediate purchase and restoration of the deteriorating Borden House and orchard grounds. This purchase will add to the park not only the main ground involved in the battle of Prairie Grove but also obtain for this park its only original landmark, The Borden House, on the Confederate right flank.

In the light of recent findings concerning the Borden House, I think the \$55,000 park appropriations can and should be re-evaluated now, and adjusted accordingly. In other words, "Save the Battlefield!"

Money is needed immediately for this purpose since there is now presented a rare opportunity to buy and restore this property, and include this house and orchard into the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park. This most definitely could be listed under, "actual construction ( the restoration) and ground improvements".

A rough estimate of Mrs. Grissom's property value would be neighborhood of \$3,000 to \$4,000 per acre. This will certainly increase in the future and we must buy as much as possible now before this becomes impossible to do.



b. Disadvantages of this area:

- (1) Unless the field across the county road on the West side of the park can be temporarily used by the park during periods of high use, parking cars a convenient distance from this new amphitheatre/pavilion (the bandstand) will be a problem.
- (2) The re-adapted bandstand/pavilion would not be located near the future battlefield re-enactments on the Confederate right flank around the Borden house & orchard.

c. Design:

I conclude that a modified amphitheater/pavilion can be built out of the existing bandstand and can serve a dual purpose. It can be so constructed as to be used as a stage during periods of performance and can also be used as a conventional pavilion throughout the year. The savings realized by re-adapting the bandstand can then be spent for purchase and restoration of the Borden House and orchard grounds.

- (1) First, the designer could partially enclose the sides of the existing bandstand/pavilion to form dressing rooms etc.
- (2) The designer could extend folding panels from the mid-columns on either side of the bandstand to form a moveable stage backdrop.
- (3) By extending the concrete deck of the bandstand outwards (South) into the audience, the designer would insure greater audience participation. By repeating the curve of the perimeter stone wall, this extended stage could relate to the architecture already there. The audience would also conform to this curve by a future seating design.

d. Public Interest:

I feel confident that recent interviews with proponents of the new amphitheater/pavilion revealed the fact that no one would want this project to endanger the chances of saving and restoring the Borden House and orchard ground. Historians need a Battlefield here, and not a theme-amusement park with a battlefield packaged into the museum.

2. Master Planning Process:

a. General:

"A good, thought-out master plan is essential in this park at the earliest possible date."

b. Long Range Interpretive Planning:

"This park can never realize its potential until a fully developed interpretive plan can be prepared".  
Most certain will be the long range recommendation to acquire as much of the 69 acres, belonging to Mrs. Grissom, as possible. In addition to acquiring and restoring the

the Borden House & orchard, there will be the need to include the main Union charge positions and to locate and place their artillery pieces. The Prairie Grove Battlefield Park must sooner or later acquire this ground in order to also emphasize the Union view of the Borden House & orchard, and to place proper emphasis on the decisive part which artillery had during this battle. I would suggest that this purchase must be done, as soon as possible, because Mrs. Grissom's land will have a high residential and commercial value in the near future and may soon become impossible to acquire. We must have the Union view of this Battlefield and, fortunately, a tour road already surrounds this area and is a combination of State and county roads. Therefore, no major structure should be located in the fields below the hill comprising the Prairie Grove battleground. We should be planning for fences, cannons, a corn field, and interpretive plaques in this area.

### 3. Immediate Priorities:

"We recognize that the full master planning process is going to be time consuming and may well involve several years before it is complete". In the meantime, we must proceed carefully because of the strong historical limitations inherent on this battlefield. The present park grounds are designated in the National Register of Historic Places and are therefore eligible for 50% matching grants-in-aid to the States.

★ "Properties nominated by the States or Federal agencies will be removed from the National Register only when they have ceased to meet the criteria for the National Register: when the qualities which caused them originally to be nominated have been lost or destroyed; upon proof that an error in professional judgement has been made; or, for failure to follow the procedures set forth herein." (The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966). I believe that the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park should ask for a matching grant-in-aid now, from the Federal government. In the meantime, there are many physical needs of the Park which be met irrespective of the master plan.

- a. Maximum expenditure should be made towards obtaining and restoring the existing Borden House and orchard ground before it is too late. The restored Borden House is roughly estimated to cost no less than \$60,000 and may reach \$66,000 according to Dr. Sutherland of the University Architecture School. The Borden House is larger than the recently restored Ridge House in Fayetteville which finally cost \$60,000, and it is certain that the Borden House restoration will involve more labor because of the missing stone chimneys.
- b. Maximum expenditure should be made on interpretive changes such as acquiring cannons for the orchard (rough est. \$2,300@, or free from the Yankees in the Federal government), locating the original fence lines, planting the Borden apple orchard, locating the sites of the



burial trenches, and putting together a field hospital exhibit in one room of the Borden House.

#2 (c.) Place a new roof on the Borden House and cover the empty windows.

#1 (d.) Fence and illuminate the Borden House as soon as possible and include this first class landmark in the security patrol of the Prairie Grove Police Dept.

4. Alternate Locations for Amphitheater/Pavilion:

1. Several other sites were considered for the new amphitheater/pavilion and I will discuss them briefly from a historian's point of view. No one site can resolve all of the problems in this small, historic Park.
2. I could see a 2nd. choice location on the West side of the ravine in the gravel pit behind the superintendent's house. This is an area of disturbed earth and therefore the battlefield would not be further touched. During battle re-enactments the Confederate soldiers could position themselves on the eastern slope of the ravine in full view of the audience. This amphitheater/pavilion would not dominate or intrude on the battlefield, and I believe the audience would be looking directly on the ground then held by the 34th. Arkansas C.S.A. of Washington Co. There could be some problems here with the sun, but, with proper landscaping with trees, I feel this problem can be taken care of. A view of the Borden orchard and blue mountains beyond to the East will impart a sense of openness to this side of the ravine. A careful lighting scheme must be designed so that this will not be dominating. This is also the logical place for a future maintenance building, which should be located near the superintendent's home for reasons relating to convenience and protection. It will be a difficult design problem to resolve the functions of both the new amphitheater/pavilion and the maintenance building in this location but, I think it could and should be done in order to preserve the integrity of the existing battlefield. The maintenance building should be designed to be as concealed in this Park as possible.

I do think constructing a new amphitheater/pavilion at this critical time could endanger our chances of purchasing the Borden House & orchard and as much of the Battlefield as we can possibly obtain. For this reason I again emphasize re-adapting the existing bandstand/pavilion and directing the money saved by this move into immediate purchase and restoration of house and battleground. This would also reserve the logical area behind the superintendent's home, the gravel pit, for the future maintenance building which should be protected and out of sight.

3. Another possible location for a new amphitheater exists behind the rest rooms adjacent to the village restoration. Unfortunately, the dirt road (Cherokee "Trail of Tears") on the western side of the park will provide traffic distractions and dust problems for both the audience and the performers. A nearby chicken house is within hearing

distance of the audience. This becomes my 3rd choice location because it would not dominate the Battlefield. Trees would have to be removed.

4. If a new amphitheater/pavilion is placed below the hill near the deer pen it should be realized that this would be a dominate feature on the hillside which would impair the Union battle point of view. Trees would have to be removed. The ridge of the Prairie Grove Battlefield is horseshoe shaped and from a battle historian's viewpoint this is not only the Union charge ground but, was definitely the "kill zone" for this part of the Battlefield. Any soldier left in this area for any length of time was either killed or wounded. I would not recommend anything large or permanent being constructed here or in the fields below. Perhaps a temporary stage could be assembled here for an occasional large performance where the crowd could conveniently use the whole slope of the hill. This site has outstanding possibilities in terms of interpretative development concerning Gen. Blunt's Union attacks from the West. For historical reasons, this site becomes my 4th choice location for the new amphitheater/pavilion.

5. Summary and Conclusion:

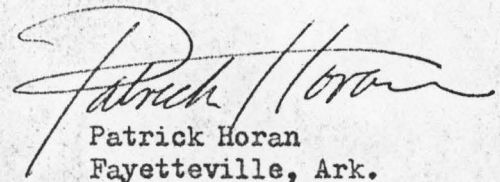
"This(battlefield)park has perhaps greater potential for historical interpretation than any park in the system and has realized at this point a lower proportion of that potential than any other park in the system". Its future will easily compare to the giant National Military Park at Pea Ridge, Ark., if the Battlefield Concept dominates the master planning of this Park. Not enough emphasis has been placed on the fact that these two important battles involved approximately the same number of soldiers and produced an equal number of casualties. They are the largest existing Civil War battlefields in the immediate four state region. We also have a first class historical landmark in the Borden House, which served as an important observation post and sharpshooter's den during the battle, and as a field hospital afterwards. This House can also describe the history of farming and raising apples in Northwest Arkansas. The Archibald Borden House will certainly be compared to the restored Elkhorn Tavern at Pea Ridge, Ark.

Because many diverse activities easily and harmonously occur here, I believe the public has a better chance to identify with the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park than its counterpart at Pea Ridge. We are extremely fortunate (now) to have both major regional battlefields in Northwest Arkansas, and this underlines the fact that no one can duplicate the essence of a real Civil War Battlefield. We must protect this heritage for the future generations, and the only way to do this is to make sure that the Battlefield Concept dominates all future planning for this Battlefield Park.



I have included in this memorandum a list of the four major Battlefield Parks which have been developed in the historical "Battle Corner's". This region comprises the western sides of Missouri and Arkansas between the Missouri River and the Arkansas River, and of those eastern counties of Kansas and Oklahoma on the border lines where the major Civil War battlefields of these States are to be found. This enclosure points out the disturbing fact that the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park is the last major battlefield in this region not yet developed according to the Battlefield Concept. It is not too late. We are in a crisis situation and must act immediately to purchase and restore the Borden House and orchard ground, which comprises the main scene of fighting during the battle of Prairie Grove. Then, plan to acquire from Mrs. Grissom as much of her property as she will allow the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park to obtain.

In my estimation, the re-adapted bandstand/pavilion is the key for this quick action. If we create the new amphitheater/pavilion out of this building, the money saved in terms of construction, electricity, utilities, etc. can be immediately used to purchase and restore the Borden House & orchard and to acquire as much of this battleground as possible. We would then fulfill the literal requirements of the State appropriations, (\$55,000 now on hand), by listing this restoration and battleground purchase under, "actual construction & ground improvements". In other words, "Save the Battlefield!" The existing bandstand seems to be the key.

  
Patrick Horan  
Fayetteville, Ark.

- \* Refer to the memorandum from Mr. Bob Moody dated February 12, 1976.
- \* REFER TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES NOMINATION FORM CONCERNING THE BORDEN HOUSE, (AUG. 5, 1976)

TELEPHONE REPORT

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10/11/77

TIME OF CALL

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1. CALL ☒ TO: ☐ FROM (Name)

Brian Keller

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

Parks Dept. - Arkansas  
501-391-1511

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Prairie Grove Battlefield Park

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

I was referred to Brian Keller by the SHPO office to find out if a feasibility study was being done on the park. No real feasibility study is underway but a master plan for the park is being initiated.

It sounds as if the Parks Dept. is trying to make the best of a bad situation. The construction of the amphitheater is a purely political maneuver - a state rep. got the appropriation through the legislature & now the parks dept. is stuck with it whether they want it or not.

The parks dept. wants to see the park returned to its battlefield theme through the development of a master plan. This would mean getting rid of some log cabins, Korean War artillery, & various other things not appropriate to the Civil War period. The park must have been listed in the N.R. on the basis of its historical associations & in spite of the way it's been developed (which is controlled by a local park commission, not the state parks dept.).

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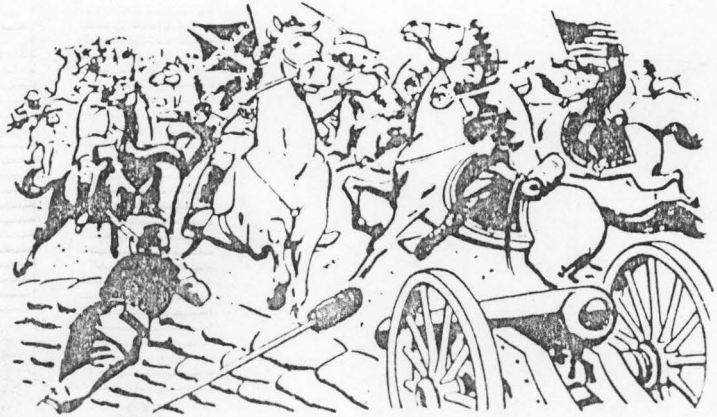
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November 18, 1976

Rep. John W. Ramsey  
Box 6, Prairie Grove AR 72753

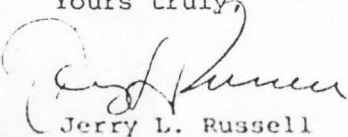
Dear Rep. Ramsey:

I am writing on behalf of the Civil War Round Table of Arkansas to express to you the continuing interest of the Round Table in the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park.

We are particularly interested in the present plans to add The Borden House to the Park, and in the plans for the amphitheatre to be built on Park property.

Please continue your hardworking efforts and let us know if there is any way that we can be of assistance.

Yours truly,

  
Jerry L. Russell  
Secretary

cc: Governor David Pryor  
David Perdue, Chairman, Arkansas History Commission  
Dr. John Ferguson, State Historian  
Bill Henderson, Director, Parks & Tourism Commission



## ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

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November 18, 1977

Dr. William J. Murtagh  
Keeper of the National Register  
National Parks Service  
Washington, DC 20240

Re: Prairie Grove Battlefield  
Washington County, Arkansas

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

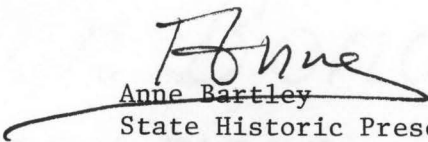
During the past year the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has worked with both private citizens and the State Parks officials on development plans for Prairie Grove Battlefield Park. Our professional staff has made several specific suggestions for location of a proposed amphitheatre in this historic battlefield park.

On December 21, 1976, I provided copies of staff memos on placement of the proposed amphitheatre to Mr. William E. Henderson, Director of the Department of Parks & Tourism. Last spring my staff and I met with several members of Mr. Henderson's staff to explain and discuss our recommendations for placement of the proposed amphitheatre and protection of the historic resources of the park.

Since that time our staff has had several informal conversations with Parks personnel on the development of the park. Because no federal funds are involved in the amphitheatre project, our comments are advisory only. However, we have been assured by the director of the Parks planning and development staff that our advice on the historic resources of the park will be taken into consideration as plans for development are formalized.

We appreciate your support in our efforts to protect National Register properties in Arkansas.

Sincerely,

  
Anne Bartley

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

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cc: Bill Henderson  
Richard Davies  
Patrick Horan



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

# CERTIFICATE

STATEMENT

Whereas the National Register of Historic Places is a list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation; and

Whereas certain historic places are hereby designated as such; and

Whereas the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to issue this certificate;

of the National Register of Historic Places, and

Whereas the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to issue this certificate;

It is hereby certified that the following historic place is hereby designated as such:

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Very truly yours,

Director, Bureau of Land Management





STATE OF ARKANSAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
LITTLE ROCK

DAVID PRYOR  
GOVERNOR

February 11, 1977

Mr. Patrick Horan  
805 Vandeventer  
Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701

Dear Mr. Horan:

Thank you for your kind comments on the Arkansas Plan and also your invitation and information concerning the Prairie Grove Bicentennial Reunion at Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park. Because of previous commitments I could not attend, but the newspaper account indicated it was quite a success.

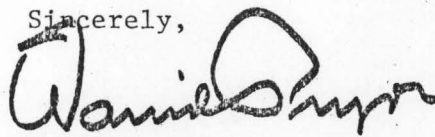
In reference to your concern about the Borden House and surrounding area, our State Parks Division has had the area appraised and plans to purchase the Borden House and the area immediately around it, if it can be worked out with the owners. Funds for this purchase will have to be derived from other projects within the park. The State Parks Division feels that the Borden House acquisition is important enough to do this.

As far as the other area and areas of the Battlefield are concerned, the State Parks Division has completed the appraisal on some property to the south but mainly to the north of the house. Funds have not been appropriated for this purchase, but I understand that several of the local legislators are considering introducing a bill to appropriate the funds.

I must point out that I have already made my recommendation on the State Parks Capital Improvement Program and the other construction programs around the state based on the amount of funds available. Therefore, I cannot assure you at this time that funds will be available for the purchase of the further lands surrounding the Borden House.

Thank you for your interest and concern in Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park.

Sincerely,

  
David Pryor

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cc: Richard Davies, State Parks Division



Patrick Horan  
805 Vandeventer  
Fayetteville, Ark. 72701

February 11, 1977

Dear Mr. Hammerschmitt,

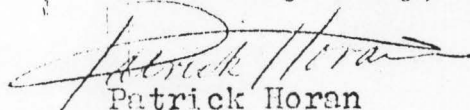
I am sending this letter and enclosure so that you may become aware of efforts to purchase and restore the Borden House and orchard grounds at the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park. It is possible that a legislative bill, co-sponsored by State Rep. John W. Ramsey and State Sen. Morris Henry, will be introduced during the preznt session in Little Rock, and I think we need all of the support possible, now. The State of Arkansas has a rare opportunity to purchase and restore a first-class Battlefield and an important historic landmark for the State Parks system. Is it possible for you to exert influence for maximum purchase? Could you request that the Borden House be placed on the National Register while the State legislatures are in session now? I think that the resulting publicity will help acquire the Borden House and as much of the Battleground as possible. Please direct your attention to:

Keeper, National Register  
National Park Service  
Washington, D.C. 20240

I received your Jan. 1977 Report and noted your interest in our historic Heritage. You mentioned the fact that, "twenty-five properties in the third District were accepted in 1976". We should begin the year 1977 with the acqution of another first-class Battlefield at Prairie Grove and an an important historic landmark, the Borden House, which exists adjacent to the present park grounds.

I am a friend of J. Dickson Black of Bentonville, and was present at the Bicentennial observance at Pea Ridge on October 9, 1976. You were present and J. D. told me that you delayed a trip to Louisiana in order to come to the observance. Please note that the observance at Pea Ridge became the inspiration for the Bicentennial Reunion at Prairie Grove on Dec, 5, 1976. I feel that you will do all that is possible now for the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park.

Yours very truly,

  
Patrick Horan

Patrick Horan  
805 Vandeventer  
Fayetteville, Ark. 72701

FEBRUARY 26, 1977

Senator Dale Bumpers  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Bumpers:

I am writing this letter in order to ask for your assistance to obtain a maximum purchase for the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park. Time is of the essence. The present State legislative session comes to a close in mid-March and, it is possible that a bill will be introduced to acquire the Borden House and some of the land to the North of the old house. This will be a major acquisition for the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park which everybody will be proud to obtain but, I think the State will be falling short if the adjacent orchard grounds to the South of the Borden house is not included in this purchase. The apple orchard was a prominent feature in the battle on the Confederate right flank. It is mentioned in the battle reports and by returning veterans 25 years later. There are elderly people today in Prairie Grove who still remember the beautiful "Shannon" apples in that old orchard.

We must also recognize that the Borden house has always been a farmhouse and has much to say about the history of farming and growing apples in Northwest Arkansas. We would only be telling part of the story of the Borden house if the State cannot obtain the old orchard grounds. I believe a rare opportunity exists now, to obtain both, if sufficient funds are available. I hope the owner, Mrs. Grissom, will still allow this purchase since, she has indicated that if a fair price is offered this orchard ground could be included in the present purchase plans. Could you help us locate funds for this purchase, Senator Bumpers?

If the Borden house were immediately placed on the National Historic Register, it should then be eligible for matching grant funds and therefore, half the money now being appropriated could then be used to purchase the old apple orchard grounds South of the Borden House. Is this possible? We could then be planting apple trees at the same time the Borden House is being restored. I feel confident that you will help us in this effort, Senator Bumpers, and good luck.

Yours very truly,



Patrick Horan



Patrick Horan  
805 Vandeventer  
Fayetteville, Ark.  
72701

February 28, 1977

Hon. John L. McClellan  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. McClellan:

I am writing this letter in order to ask for your assistance to obtain a maximum purchase for the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park. There is very little time left. The present State legislative session adjourns in mid-March and it is possible that a bill, co-sponsored by State Rep. John W. Ramsey and State Senator Morris Henry, will be introduced to purchase and restore the Borden House and acquire some land north of this historic farmhouse. This will be a major acquisition for the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park. Nevertheless, I feel that it is essential to also include the old apple orchard grounds South of the Borden House in order to fully express the significance of this old house. We must recognize that the Borden House has been a farmhouse for approximately 120 years and has much to tell about the history of farming and growing apples in Northwest Arkansas. The house and orchard grounds should be the minimum purchase, even though the present orchard grounds happens to have a higher land value per acre. If the owner, Mrs. Helen Grissom, will still allow the sale of the orchard grounds South of the Borden House then, I believe the State of Arkansas should take advantage of this rare opportunity. Could you assure the State Parks Dept. of adequate funds for this purchase, Senator McClellan?

Could you also request that the Borden House be immediately placed on the National Register while the State legislators are still in session? It is possible that the resulting publicity will help acquire the Borden House and as much of the Battleground as possible at this time.

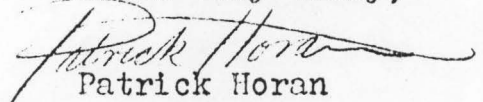
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Washington, D.C.

I understand that the Borden House will be eligible for 50% matching funds if this nomination is successful.

I personally do not think that funds should be obtained from existing projects within the Park as Gov. Pryor suggests. Funds are not adequate in the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park, at present, and we should be directed towards the funding of a first-class Battlefield. Governor Pryor is not including the apple orchard in his proposal and I think this is not acquiring a minimum purchase. I certainly appreciate his efforts to purchase the Borden House. Could you help us, Senator McClellan?

AND RESTORE

Yours very truly,

  
Patrick Horan

JOHN PAUL HAMMERSCHMIDT  
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Mr. Patrick Horan  
805 Vandeventer  
Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701

Dear Mr. Horan:


It was with appreciation that I received your letter and its enclosed detailed information on the Archibald Borden House and the Prairie Grove State Battlefield Park. The material provided has been reviewed with great interest, having particularly noted your concerned efforts over several months to make possible the restoration of the Borden House and to have it placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Mr. Horan, the involvement of the State Legislature, the appropriate State agency officials, and other concerned citizens certainly lends itself to the success of this project and to the preservation of the Battlefield. It is my pleasure to be in contact with the authorities at the National Park Service at this time, to request full consideration of the naming of the Borden House to the National Register.

Be assured of my interest in this project, and I will let you know just as soon as I have anything to report.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

  
JOHN PAUL HAMMERSCHMIDT  
Member of Congress

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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON  
INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

March 9, 1977

Mr. Patrick Horan  
805 Vandeventer  
Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701

Dear Mr. Horan:

I have your February 26 letter regarding the progress of the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park. This popular and noteworthy location deserves the attention it has received in the past.

After I received your letter, I contacted the National Historic Register concerning the application of the Borden House. Because of the significance of the battlefield and of the Borden House, I expect this structure will be added to the Register in the near future. I understand a delay occurred because of the uncertainty of whether the house had been covered under the battleground nomination. When the Borden House is added, I am certain the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program and the National Historic Register will be glad to assist in your future plans.

Thank you for keeping me up to date on this matter. Please let me know if I can be of assistance in the future.

Sincerely,

*Dale Bumpers*  
Dale Bumpers

DB:tcg



IN REPLY REFER TO:

# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

March 11, 1977

Honorable John Paul Hammerschmidt  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hammerschmidt:

I am pleased to acknowledge your inquiry on behalf of Mr. Patrick Horan concerning nomination of the Archibald Borden House to the National Register of Historic Places.

We appreciate your interest and will provide you a reply at the earliest opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

Gary Everhardt  
Director



JOHN L. McCLELLAN  
ARKANSAS

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## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

March 11, 1977

Mr. Patrick Horan  
805 Vandeventer  
Fayetteville, AR. 72701

Dear Mr. Horan:

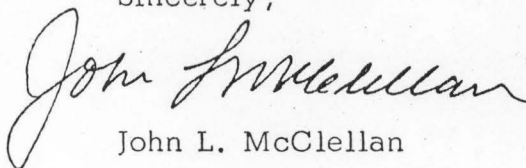
This acknowledges your recent letter regarding the placement of the Borden House at Prairie Grove Battlefield Park on the National Register.

In an effort to be of some assistance, I have written to the Director of the National Park Service expressing my interest in this application. The purchase of this property is within the purview of the state legislature and state agency, and the final decision to acquire this property has not, to my knowledge, been made. Therefore, it would be inappropriate for me to offer you any assurance of funding, even if it were in my power to do so.

I commend your interest in preserving the rich cultural heritage of Arkansas. If I can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely,

  
John L. McClellan

JLMc/jj

JOHN PAUL HAMMERSCHMIDT  
THIRD DISTRICT, ARKANSAS

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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, D.C. 20515

March 16, 1977

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Mr. Patrick Horan  
805 Vandeventer  
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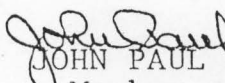
Dear Mr. Horan:

To keep you apprised of the developments from this end, enclosed is the interim report I have recently received from the Director of the National Park Service to my contact regarding nomination of the Archibald Borden House to the National Register of Historic Places.

Upon receipt of more substantive information, I will be back in touch with you.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

  
JOHN PAUL HAMMERSCHMIDT  
Member of Congress

JPH/egs

Enclosure



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ARKANSAS

Date Entered MAR 17 1977

*Lucky*

Name



Location

*FOR SURE THEY  
REMEMBERED  
St. PATRICK!*

Borden House

Prairie Grove vicinity  
Washington County

Also Notified

Hon. Dale Bumpers  
Hon. John P. Hammerschmidt

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Ms. Anne Bartley  
Acting Director, Arkansas Historic  
Preservation Program  
Suite 500, Continental Building  
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Little Rock, Arkansas 72201



## ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Suite 500, Continental Building, Main and Markham  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 Telephone: (501) 371-2763



March 29, 1977

Mr. Pat Horan  
805 Vandeventer  
Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701

re: Borden House  
Washington County

Dear Pat:

The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program recently received notification from the National Register Office in Washington, D. C. that the Borden House has been approved for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The addition of this property brings the number of National Register properties in Arkansas to 237.

We are very pleased to share this information with you because of your interest in historic preservation. Please call on us if we may be of any future assistance.

Sincerely,

Dianna Kirk, Historian  
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

DK:cm

Enclosure





# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO:

H34-880

MAR 25 1977

Honorable John Paul Hammerschmidt  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hammerschmidt:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of Mr. Patrick Horan concerning the nomination of the Archibald Borden House in Washington County, Arkansas.

We are pleased to inform you that Borden House was listed in the National Register on March 18, 1977.

We appreciate your interest in the historic preservation programs of the National Park Service.

Sincerely yours,

ACTING ASSOCIATE

Director

JOHN PAUL HAMMERSCHMIDT  
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Congress of the United States  
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March 30, 1977

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Mr. Patrick Horan  
805 Vandeventer  
Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701

Dear Mr. Horan:


Although perhaps you are already aware that the Archibald Borden House was listed in the National Register on March 18, I am pleased to provide you with the attached report from the National Park Service.

I was delighted when I learned of this listing and was pleased to have had the opportunity to express my interest in this historic home.

Please be sure, Mr. Horan, that the doors and services of my office are always open.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

  
JOHN PAUL HAMMERSCHMIDT  
Member of Congress

JPH/egs

Attachment



JOHN L. McCLELLAN  
ARKANSAS

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## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

April 5, 1977

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Mr. Patrick Horan  
805 Vandeventer  
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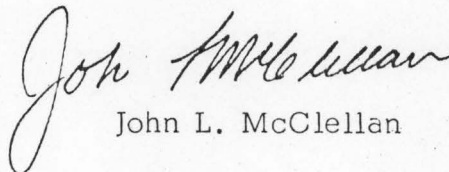
Dear Mr. Horan:

I have received notification regarding recent entries in the National Register and am delighted to note that the Borden House has been selected.

Please find enclosed for your information a copy of the notification sent to me. I extend to you and your associates my congratulations and continued best wishes for your efforts to preserve properties and areas of historical significance in Arkansas.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

  
John L. McClellan

JLMc/jj  
Enclosure

Patrick Horan  
805 Vandeventer  
Fayetteville, Ark. 72701

April 10, 1977

Honorable John Paul Hammerschmidt  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

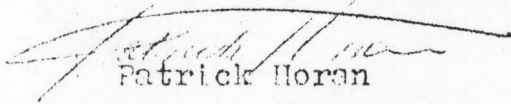
Dear Mr. Hammerschmidt:

I have been wanting to write and to thank you for your wonderful assistance in obtaining the National Register designation for the old Archibald Borden house at Prairie Grove. Your kind letters and personal involvement were more than welcome during that fast month of March, and we are very proud of you and very thankful. I have enclosed some local newspapers which demonstrate how fortunate we were to have good news for Prairie Grove, and I feel that the National Register designation relieves the disappointments felt by Gov. Pryor's veto of Park appropriations. Everyone is trying to do their best out there, and I count Gov. Pryor among our strong supporters. For this reason I have thought to include the Governor's letter in this package which may explain some of his reasons for his action. Please do not worry about this.

Mr. Hammerschmidt, when I turned to you in mid-February, I was certain that you would understand our request and act on it immediately. There was little time left for this past legislative session and I had not then received Gov. Pryor's letter. I thought to initiate Congressional help when it began to seem as though the old Borden house was possibly buried under a large number of nominations submitted during 1976. This was easy to imagine and to understand but, I knew that important decisions were being made at Prairie Grove, and that the Borden house needed immediate attention. Your strong support made certain that the Borden house was given its proper consideration, and your kind letters gave us a feeling of great relief.

I have also enclosed some of my correspondence to Senator Bumpers and Senator McClellan and their most welcome response. These letters were sent to see if funds were available for purchase of the orchard grounds and as much of the Confederate right flank as possible to obtain. I am not certain if Mrs. Grissom is willing to sell this property but, I still feel that funds for this purchase should be available if such an opportunity exists. We are also proud of their immediate help in obtaining the National Register designation for the old Borden House and we certainly feel that the Arkansas Congressional delegation came through with flying colors! Mr. Hammerschmidt, you may justly feel that your personal assistance was desperately needed and has already insured the integrity of the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park.

Yours very truly,

  
Patrick Horan



Patrick Horan  
805 Vandeventer  
Fayetteville, Ark. 72701

April 14, 1977

Hon. John L. McClellan  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C.

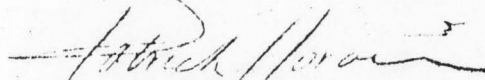
Dear Mr. McClellan:

I wish to express our deep appreciation for your help in obtaining the National Register designation for the old Borden House at Prairie Grove. This help was prayed for, and our prayers were more than answered on St. Patrick's Day! We are still amazed at your immediate response to our request, and we now feel that the best possible solutions will be found and will surely follow. Mr. McClellan, I have thought to include some local newspapers in this package so that you may already see the positive effects of your efforts. The good news from the National Register has helped to relieve the disappointments of March, and we now believe that these disappointments are only temporary. You may take a generous portion of credit for making this good news possible, and we deeply appreciate your timely intervention on behalf of the Borden House during the past month of March. It was most important to have that designation out there, now!

Mr. McClellan, please do not worry about Gov. Pryor's recent veto of Park appropriations. I believe that he is aware of the problems at the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park and that he is presently searching for the best possible solution there. I do worry about the fact that there is still no fence around the Borden House, and that it is now well known to everyone and at the mercy of further vandalism. I hope that being on the National Register will hasten a fence around the Borden House before possible tragedy. In any case, I have the assistance of a preservation architecture team from the University, and we are already measuring and recording the Borden House in order to insure its accurate restoration.

We are very proud to have you rally with us, Senator, around the flags of Prairie Grove. With your help, and the help of Senator Bumpers and Representative Hammerschmidt, we can record an amazing and direct response to our appeal. I believe this also assures the future of the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park. Your personal contribution is already invaluable.

Yours very truly,



Patrick Horan

Mr. R. D. Keever

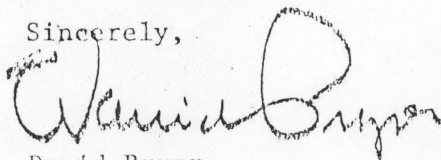
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May 9, 1977

I appreciate your interest and concern and I feel that this decision was made only after considering all alternatives and weighing the pros and cons of them against the operation of the park and the historical integrity of the site.

Thank you again for bringing this to my attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David Pryor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, looping initial "D".

David Pryor

DP:dlw

Enclosure

cc: Richard Davies



Patrick Horan  
805 Vandeventer  
Fayetteville, Ark. 72701

May 15, 1977

Col. Larry L. Browne Jr., president  
Washington County Historical Society  
210 West Maple St.  
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Dear Col. Browne,

We do not have any more time! The Ravine at the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park is going to be destroyed in the near future by the proposed amphitheater/pavilion and this destroys a very significant feature of this Battlefield. The ravine is documented as being the location of the apex of Gen. Herron's Union charges and, is the place where the 34th Ark. of Washington Co. C.S.A. received their baptism of fire. These facts alone should prevent construction in this ravine. Nevertheless, "bids for the project are scheduled to be opened June 1, with construction scheduled to begin by July 1".

There are other reasons to oppose the location of this project, and some are listed in the CWRT Roundtable letter of May 2 which I have enclosed. Now, there exists a potential site nearby and, just South of the two dirt roads (A & B), which traverse this Ravine. We have offered three other alternative sites which are compatible with the Battlefield and, this fourth site, at least, preserves the Ravine and saves a very essential feature of this Battlefield. This last choice avoids the scheduled construction between the two dirt roads (A & B), where the natural contours come together to form the main features of the Ravine. We must ask for this fourth possible location, immediately!

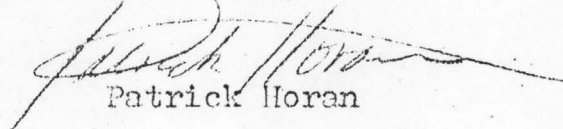
Other reasons for opposing the scheduled location are:

1. The destructive "zig-zag" sewer line will deeply cut the western hill and will effect the natural and historic character of this Battlefield Park. The fourth position offers a rising slope to the West instead of a hill.
2. During a battle re-enactment, it has been noted that the audience MOVES with the battle and, therefore, no structure should block this natural movement through this ravine.
3. People moving across the small water course in the ravine, to the rest rooms, will flatten this delicate feature even though small foot-bridges may be proposed. This water course will tend to separate the audience from the stage performance.

4. The light bar, wires and poles, will be out of character with the battle essence of this ravine. Other associations with this amphitheater/pavilion will certainly be planned for the future.
5. It is possible that the audience on the Eastern side of the Ravine will be subjected to continual automobile distractions due to the obvious parking area in the field behind them.
6. Position #4, South of the two dirt roads, may reduce these problems significantly and, with proper landscaping, should eliminate most of the noise problems associated with the parking lot and Hwy. It can co-exist with the Ravine without destroying it!

Col. Browne, I would like to talk with the Washington Co. Historical Society but, at the moment, I have too many irons in the fire. Could you make certain that all the information, which I have enclosed, pertaining to the Prairie Grove Battlefield, are on file and easily available for present and future inspection? Please explain the present situation with the members of your organization and pass this information on to other groups which may help us. We must have your letter, now, and could you send me a copy of it with the Washington Co. Historical Society letterhead upon it? I plan to generate a "RAVINE" story in the "NWA Times" before this month is out, etc. so, keep up the Spirit, and we may yet, "Save the Ravine".

Sincerely,

  
Patrick Horan



# WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

HEADQUARTERS HOUSE

118 East Dickson Street

FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS 72701

May 16, 1977

Mr. Bill Henderson  
Director  
Department of Parks & Tourism  
State of Arkansas  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Mr. Henderson:

I have just learned that the ampitheater to be built at Prairie Grove Battlefield Park will be located in the ravine which was the focal point of the 1862 battle.

The members of the Washington County Historical Society consider this decision to be a most regrettable one. All features of the Park have been maintained with precise historical accuracy. Such construction at the proposed site most certainly would destroy the entire Park concept.

Fortunately, there are several alternate locations in the immediate area of the Park and you are urged to consider one of them instead of the ravine area which should be preserved intact.

A location which I feel would be acceptable to all is just south of the southernmost dirt road running through the Park. This location is just a short distance from the present site and would require only a minor change in plans. While still located in the ravine this location would not interfere with the historical aspects as would the present site.

Your further consideration of this matter will be deeply appreciated.

Yours truly,

Lawrence L. Browne, President  
Washington County Historical Society

LLB:dm

cc: Governor David Pryor



## ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Suite 500, Continental Building, Main and Markham  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 Telephone: (501) 371-2763



May 19, 1977

Mr. Pat Horan  
805 Vandeventer  
Fayetteville, AR 72701

Dear Pat:

Thank you for your recent letter expressing your continued interest in the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park. Your efforts and enthusiasm were instrumental in having the Borden House added to the National Register of Historic Places.

Like you, we disagreed in the placement of the proposed amphitheatre for Prairie Grove Battlefield Park. Our staff recommendation and advice was to place the structure in the west end of the park adjacent to the existing buildings. However, the final decision of the placement of the amphitheatre lies with the Department of Parks and Tourism, and they have chosen to locate the structure in the ravine. There are no further steps our office can take.

We appreciate your interest and assistance on this project and encourage your continued involvement in the interpretation of Prairie Grove Battlefield Park.

Sincerely,

Anne Bartley, Director

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

AB/lg



Patrick Horan  
805 Vandeventer  
Fayetteville, Ark. 72701

June 3, 1977

Jerry Russell  
#9 Lefever Lane  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Jerry,

I have enclosed some documentations on the old 34th Ark. C.S.A. of Washington County. These accounts and records prove the location of the 34th Ark. in and around the RAVINE and the Borden orchard. Capt. S.P. Pittman of Company "K", 34th Ark., records that his regiment was in the RAVINE and in the field on the Confederate right flank in Gen. Fagan's brigade. If Capt. Pittman's company "K" was moved from the corner of the Borden orchard where, "we were formed after the last charge, and where the hardest fighting of the day had occurred, to a point in the woods about 150 yards to the south and west where we were given permission to "lie down arms", and to take a rest we very much needed...." then we can easily imagine Co's A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J, comprising 1,125 men of the "Fighting Thirty-Fourth, occupying the field west of the orchard and on into the RAVINE. Maj. Woodruff stated in a report on Dec. 20, 1862 that "Fagans brigade suffered most", and this accords with the fact that the RAVINE was the Apex of Gen. Herron's Union charges. Do we have to say more about the RAVINE?

Yes, we do. I have scheduled a tentative date for a public hearing at Hindman Hall to be held on the 13th. I hope this meeting at Prairie Grove Battlefield Park will be small and helpful. None of this "skirmish" business in public.... I am for that.

I loved the Arkansas Gazette" editorial and George Fisher's cartoon in today's paper. Congratulations ROUNDTABLE on a stunning Victory. Anyhow, I guess this is a skirmish REBUNK! Congratulations!

You'all have probably studied the "Fighting 34th" but, here is some material on it and have some fun. Whatever we are doing, Major Earle sez "it's all right". Get some troops up here on the 13th of June soon.

ⓐ Called off because of the  
June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting? the  
Parks Commission Meeting  
Before the opening of bids

Love,

  
Patrick Horan

cc to Ms. Anne Bartley



STATE OF ARKANSAS  
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DAVID PRYOR  
GOVERNOR

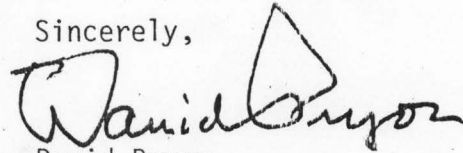
June 3, 1977

Mr. Patrick Horan  
805 Vandeventer  
Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701

Dear Mr. Horan:

In reference to your letter of May 12 concerning the amphitheater at Prairie Grove State Park. Mr. Richard W. Davies, Director, Arkansas State Parks has told me that the State Parks Division intends to postpone the bid opening and take another look at the placement of the amphitheater. Thank you for your information.

Sincerely,

  
David Pryor

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*June 9 Prairie Grove Battlefield Commission*



# The Benton County Historical Society

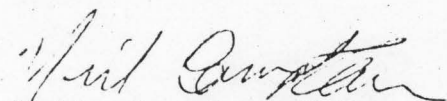
June 4, 1977

Patrick Horan  
805 Vandeventer  
Fayetteville, Arkansas  
72701

Enclosed is a copy of a letter to Bill Henrerson concerning the amphi-theater at Prairie Grove. It constitutes unofficial endorsement of your stand and I will obtain full approval at our next meeting.

Th OZARK SOCIETY is not primarily oriented toward strictly historical matters but is definitely interested. I am not an official of that society anymore but will be happy to bring up this subject at our next meeting which will be June the 8th at 7pm, Agri Park. This is a potluck dinner meeting and if some of your people would like to make an announcement about the amphitheater, 8 pm. would probably be a good time.

Yours sincerely,

  
Neil Compton, M.D.

nc/lc

# The Benton County Historical Society

June 4, 1977

Mr. Bill Henderson, Director  
Department of Parks and Tourism  
State of Arkansas, Little Rock, Ark. 72201

Dear Mr. Henderson:

I would like to take this means to endorse the position of the Washington County Historical Society in reference to the location of a proposed amphitheater on the PRAIRIE GROVE BATTLE-FIELD.

Unfortunately, it was not possible to obtain as much area at Prairie Grove as was the case at Pea Ridge, here in Benton County. Thus conditions at Prairie Grove are already impacted and the erection of further buildings on the site would be undesirable. Since alternate locations are possible, our organization would like to recommend their utilization.

Sincerely,

Neil Compton, M.D.  
President, Benton County Hist. Society





STATE OF ARKANSAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
LITTLE ROCK

DAVID PRYOR  
GOVERNOR

June 9, 1977

Mr. Kenneth L. Smith  
459 West Cleburn Street  
Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701

Dear Mr. Smith:

In reference to your letter of May 24 concerning the amphitheater at Prairie Grove Battlefield, the State Parks Division intends to postpone the bid opening and take another look at the placement of the amphitheater.

I can assure you that the State Parks Division considered the location in light of its historical importance, but unfortunately, any area at Prairie Grove is on the site of the battle, and much of the park is already congested with buildings. The staff discussed the placement with the Historical Preservation Program staff, the State Historian and the Director of Natural and Cultural Heritage. Prairie Grove, whether rightly or wrongly, has been used for a recreational park as well as an historical park since its inception long before the State Parks Division ever received control of it.

Act 593 of 1975 directs the State Parks Division to build an amphitheater at Prairie Grove and the Parks Division is faced with finding the best location, keeping both historical importance and recreational and interpretive use in mind.

I appreciate your comments and I am sure that the most acceptable site for all people concerned will be selected.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Pryor", written over a circular stamp or seal.

David Pryor

DP:dlk

cc: Richard Davies

Patrick Horan  
805 Vandeventer  
Fayetteville Ark. 72701

June 25, 1977

Senator Dale Bumpers  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C.

Re: Prairie Grove Battlefield  
Archibald Borden Home  
Manassas NMP, VA.

Dear Mr. Bumpers:

I want to take this delayed occasion to express our grateful appreciation for your help in obtaining the National Register designation for the old Borden home at Prairie Grove. The newspapers enclosed in this package will show how welcome this honor was received and how well it relieved the disappointments due to the veto of Park expansion funds in March. In fact, we are still amazed at the quick attention which you and Senator McClellan and Representative Hammerschmidt gave to our appeal. Mr. Bumpers, we can fairly imagine your friend, Father Foley, celebrating St. Patrick's Day 1977, in your Washington office, and enjoying a tip of "Shannon" apple cider from Archibald Borden's orchard. We certainly feel something like that must have been happening in the offices of our State Congressional delegation on March 17th of this year! For sure, it was a lucky day for everyone who cares for the historic Prairie Grove Battlefield Park.

The delay in writing this letter was occasioned by some difficulties which we encountered around mid-April concerning the proper location of the proposed amphitheater/pavilion on this Battleground. I feel that full attention is now focused on trying to find the very best solution there compatible with the main concept of this Battlefield Park. I can say that, lately, there was risk in compromising the essence of this Battlefield Park, and we were all forced to bring attention to the historic character of THE RAVINE. Perhaps, the newspapers enclosed will best tell this story. I trust that the proper solution will now be found and that the Archibald Borden home will soon be saved.


Is it possible to ask in this same letter for you to consider favorably an amendment to the Harris Bill re Manassas NMP at a Committee meeting on June 28th? Mr. Bumpers, please include the Marriott-owned property in the boundaries of Manassas National Battlefield Park in Virginia. I am becoming more aware of the present problems of our Battlefield Parks from letters sent to me by the Civil War Round Table Associates. I was able to meet members of this organization when they came up to the Bicentennial Reunion and have since come to rely on their invaluable insights into the problems of the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park. They have helped everyone involved in these problems to become more aware and, that is why the alternate locations are now being given their just attention. Surely, the best solution will soon be found. I also feel that the Manassas Battlefield should be expanded because we are presently running out of the rare opportunities to do this. I am afraid that this world has set a fast pace for those who cherish their historic past.



In my next letter I will try to send you a copy of a tape recording in my possession by the late Mrs. Sublett, who was born and raised in Charleston, and who also lived in Ft. Smith. Mrs. Sublett recalls Civil War stories around your hometown and talks about the bushwhackers and outlaws. Mr. Bumpers, you have probably met Mrs. Sublett, and I am certain that you know about the bullet holes in the door of a little church in Charleston, Ark.

Well, I had better close this letter before it turns into a history book. Once again, we would like to express our appreciation of your lasting and invaluable assistance in obtaining the honor and the attention which the old Archibald Borden house deserves. Mr. Bumpers, you may justly feel that your personal efforts have already helped to insure the integrity of the old Prairie Grove Battlefield.

Sincerely,



Patrick Horan

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July 28, 1977

Mr. Patrick Horan  
805 Vandeventer  
Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701

Dear Mr. Horan:

Thank you for your nice letter of June 25 regarding the National Register designation for the Archibald Borden House in Prairie Grove.

I was pleased to play a role in this matter. Thank you for sending copies of the newspaper accounts. They were quite interesting.

I also want to commend you for your efforts in preserving this historic home. Efforts such as this are important in helping future generations understand our national heritage.

I would be most interested in receiving the tape recording by Mrs. Sublett recalling Civil War stories. I am familiar with the story about the bullet holes in the door of the little church in Charleston.

It is helpful to have your views on the proposed expansion of the Manassas National Battlefield Park. Hearings have been held on this bill, and the legislation will be before the Senate Energy Committee very soon. I will certainly keep your support for this bill in mind when this legislation is considered.

I hope that you will not hesitate to write about any other matters in which I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

*Dale Bumpers*  
Dale Bumpers

DB:ecg



Patrick Horan  
805 Vandeventer  
Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701

Mrs. Helen Grissom  
1840 Gessner  
Houston, Texas 77063

August 30, 1977

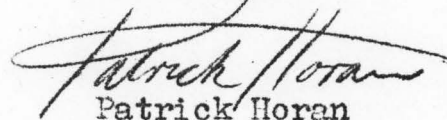
Dear Mrs. Grissom,

I am sorry for not writing sooner but the enclosed letters and newspaper accounts should tell the full story. It seems that obtaining the National Register designation for the Borden House was to be easy compared with saving THE RAVINE from the proposed amphitheater/pavilion at Prairie Grove Battlefield Park. We were forced to bring attention to THE RAVINE in order to save it from destruction, even though we have been talking about it for over nine months. As you know, the battle re-enactment was held in this ravine during the Bicentennial Reunion of Dec. 5, 1976, but this positive act did not seem to change the new project plans determined sometime in October, 1976. You can well imagine, Mrs. Grissom, that I am now completely "fought out", so please forgive the delay in sending this package to you. I do believe that one day our hard work will prove to be appreciated, and that the essence of the historic Prairie Grove Battlefield will be insured for future generations.

When I called you on the telephone in late March to announce the good news about the Borden House, I was not prepared to talk about any other details about Prairie Grove which did not seem definite or clear. The letters which I wrote to Sen. McClellan, Sen. Bumpers, and Rep. Hammerschmidt were sent to see if just one of them might become interested in helping the old Borden House. If these letters appear to be extravagant please realize, Mrs. Grissom, that I was trying to see if we could obtain some funds during the last stages of the 1977 legislative session. Little did I expect their immediate response to our appeal!

I hope that you and your Mother are enjoying Texas and the city life of Houston. Have you been to the beach? I guess that my beach plans will have to wait until next year. This o'l rebel has been "Prairie Grov'in" too much, and will have to jump his horse in the ocean sometime next summer.

Sincerely,

  
Patrick Horan

Patrick Horan  
805 Vandeventer  
Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701

Mr. Gary Everhardt, Director  
U.S. Dept. of the Interior  
National Park Service  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Sept. 7, 1977

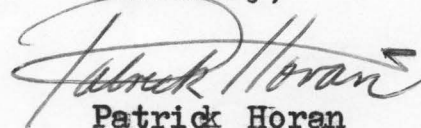
Dear Mr. Everhardt,

I want to thank you for having the Archibald Borden house, at the Prairie Grove Battlefield, added to the National Register of Historic Places. Please forgive the fact that I had no time to exchange letters before the closing month of the 1977 Arkansas legislative session. We were just too involved in trying to have a bill passed by the State to provide the needed funds which this old house deserves. Then, we had to quickly bring attention to the historic RAVINE.

You may judge this situation by reading the letters and newspaper accounts which are enclosed in this package. I hope that you will better understand the problems at the Prairie Grove Battlefield and, will recognize that there was no time for us to have a normal correspondence.

Is it possible for you to request a copy of the forthcoming feasibility study of the proposed amphitheater/pavilion project? I think this review procedure will insure the integrity of the Prairie Grove Battlefield and will also insure the National Register status of this beautiful State Battlefield Park.

Sincerely,



Patrick Horan





STATE OF ARKANSAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

DAVID PRYOR  
GOVERNOR

September 1, 1977

LITTLE ROCK 72201

Mr. Patrick Horan  
805 Vandeventer  
Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701

Dear Mr . Horan:

Thank you for your letter of July 23 regarding Prairie Grove Battlefield Park. I apologize for my delay in responding.

I do feel confident that the matter of the amphitheatre will be resolved to everyone's satisfaction.

As for the Archibald Borden house, I think you are probably aware of the efforts of Mr. Brian Keller of the Department of Parks and Tourism to secure the house and some surrounding property for the State. Since Mrs. Helen Grissom's asking price considerably exceeds the appraisal at this time, no agreement has yet been worked out between her and the Department. Please be assured, however, that we are continuing to pursue this matter.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David Pryor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

David Pryor

DP:dlb

SEP 4 1970

*Prairie Grove Battlefield  
Washington Co, 5 ARK  
Manning 9/2/70*

H30-HR

Dr. George M. Reynolds  
Chairman  
State Review Committee  
Arkansas History Commission  
Old State House  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Dr. Reynolds:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Senators John L. McClellan and J. W. Fulbright and Representative John P. Hammerschmidt have also been notified. Please withhold any publicity on this until you have received a carbon copy of the Congressional correspondence.

Sincerely yours,,

Ernest Allen Connally  
Chief, Office of Archeology  
and Historic Preservation

Enclosure

SEP 4 1970

Entered in the National Register \_\_\_\_\_

cc:  
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Properties added to the National Register of Historic Places

ARKANSAS

W.H.H. Clayton Home

Fort Smith, Arkansas

Prairie Grove Battlefield Park

Prairie Grove, Arkansas

Stone House

Fayetteville, Arkansas

H30-HR

SEP 15 1970

Hon. John L. McClellan  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator McClellan:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been nominated by the State Liaison Officer appointed by the Governor for the implementation of the National Historic Preservation Program in Arkansas and have been entered into the National Register of Historic Places. Senator J. W. Fulbright and Representative John P. Hammerschmidt have also been provided with this information. By copy of this letter, the State Liaison Officer, Dr. George M. Reynolds, Chairman, State Review Committee, Arkansas History Commission, Old State House, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201, has likewise been notified. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) GEORGE B. HARTZOG, JR.

Director

Enclosures

Entered in the National Register

SEP 4 1970

cc:

Dr. George M. Reynolds, Chairman, State Review Committee, Arkansas History Commission, Old State House, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Enclosure letter sent to: Hon. J. W. Fulbright Hon. John P. Hammerschmidt  
United States Senate House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

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cc: Director, Southeast Region  
LL-Mr. Melvin

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9/16  
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Eaton 9/14  
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Prairie Grove Battlefield Park

Prairie Grove, Arkansas

Stone House

Fayetteville, Arkansas

TELEPHONE REPORT

DATE

9-30-77

TIME OF CALL

11:00

AM  
PM

1. CALL ☒ TO; ☐ FROM (Name)

Dianna Kirk

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

Arkansas SHPO office

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Prairie Grove Battlefield Park

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

Dianna advised me that the Parks Dept. is probably not doing a feasibility study to determine the best location for an amphitheater in the park. She will check, however, & if a study has been done, will send us a copy.

She asked if we could write to the director of the Parks Dept., telling him of our concern that the park's historic integrity not be damaged since it's a N.R. property. She felt a letter from us on the matter might carry more weight.

( Mr. Wm. E. Henderson, Director  
Arkansas Dept. of Parks & Tourism  
State Capitol  
Little Rock )

She is also going to send us a copy of the memo that she & the staff architect sent to Ann Barkley with their recommendation as to where the amphitheater should be placed in the park. After we see that, perhaps we could tell Mr. Henderson that we concur with their opinion - then write to Patrick Horan & tell him the steps we've taken.

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

Cheri Griffith

TITLE

OFFICE



TELEPHONE REPORT

DATE

Oct 4

TIME OF CALL

9:50

AM  
PM

1. CALL ☐ TO: ☒ FROM (Name)

Gary Johnson

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

224-1844  
(Sen McClellan's Office)

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Prairie Grove Battlefield Park vs: Park Service  
Amphitheatre

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

I explained situation & of letter to be  
sent by Sherry  
Johnson requested copy of any  
correspondence dealing with  
matter.

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

B Handy

TITLE

prog Asst

OFFICE

TELEPHONE REPORT

DATE Oct. 4, 1977  
TIME OF CALL ~~12:55~~ 12:55 AM

1. CALL ☒ TO: ☐ FROM (Name)

Diana Kirk

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

(501) 371-2763  
Arkansas SHPO

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Prairie Grove / ~~Borden~~ Borden House  
Battlefield Park & proposed amphitheater

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

Sherry Shippits has scoop  
requested info - will rec memo  
→ state rep. appropriation to build  
amph. in park wants amph.  
originally to be built outside

Borden House on NR

both sites had

(latest site:

1/3 of western most 1/4 of Park -  
museum already there WWII  
tanks & structure contemp to  
battle ~~there~~

~~SHPO~~ SHPO recommend to  
build amp here. → ~~Park~~

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

TITLE

OFFICE

Barb Handy

?

Leading state  
newspaper opposed

amph. - natural wood, stone,  
rustic looking

gravel pit site - not that bad

Pat Horan → force of opposition - "Civil War Round Table"  
local ~~his~~ wants no amph. at all  
state legislator for got appropriation  
"Bill" Ramsy John W. too

Park People not psyched & crowded;

no master plan for Park

still planning on gravel pit site  
ravine in center

gravel to west of ravine towards  
other structures

SPHO rather wait for master plan of Park

amph. for: <sup>High School grad?</sup> <sup>state</sup> Chap~~ter~~ fair - Parks service

Parks want  
it to be  
easy to maintain

SPHO like to see it used  
interpret~~ing~~ for  
Battlefield.

major Highway E → W

Dirt Rd NE → NW

across dirt rd → large chicken  
House.

(problems w/ SPHO proposed  
site)

Good relations w/ Park people

problems w/ getting money to develop Park  
since Park got money w/ \$5,000 to spare



JOHN L. McCLELLAN  
ARKANSAS

P. WALLACE (BUDDY) WHITEAKER  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT  
AREA CODE 202, 224-7827

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CHAIRMAN  
CHAIRMAN—SUBCOMMITTEE ON DEFENSE

## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

MAX PARRISH  
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT  
AREA CODE 202, 224-7830

JUDICIARY  
CHAIRMAN—SUBCOMMITTEE ON PATENTS,  
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LAWS AND PROCEDURES

October 7, 1977

GOVERNMENTAL  
AFFAIRS

Mr. Patrick Horan  
805 Vandeventer  
Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701

Dear Mr. Horan:

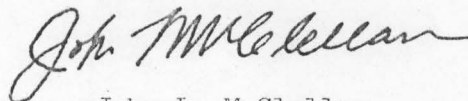
This acknowledges your recent letter regarding the proposal to construct an amphitheater in the Ravine at Prairie Grove Battlefield Park.

My staff has discussed this matter with the National Register Office and officials there apparently share your view that the location of this structure in the proposed location would prejudice the integrity of the Ravine. However, because this is a state park and the funds to be used in this project are appropriated by the state legislature, both the National Register Office and I have little authority in this matter.

Nevertheless, the National Register Office has agreed to communicate its views to the State Department of Parks and Tourism. As I understand it, National Register officials will offer alternative suggestions for sites at which the amphitheater may be located. Hopefully this effort will help bring about a satisfactory resolution of this matter.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,



John L. McClellan

JLM/jk

*God Rest his soul, Amen*



ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & TOURISM  
PARKS DIVISION

David Pryor  
Governor

1510 Broadway Little Rock, Arkansas 72202 Telephone (501) 371-1191

Richard W. Davies  
Director of State Parks

William E. Henderson  
Director

October 12, 1977

Ms. Sherry Griffith  
National Park Service  
Department of Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Sherry:

As a follow-up to our phone conversation October 11, 1977, I am enclosing this letter which was mailed to Diana Kirk of the Arkansas Department of Cultural and Natural Heritage, concerning the master plan and development status at Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park.

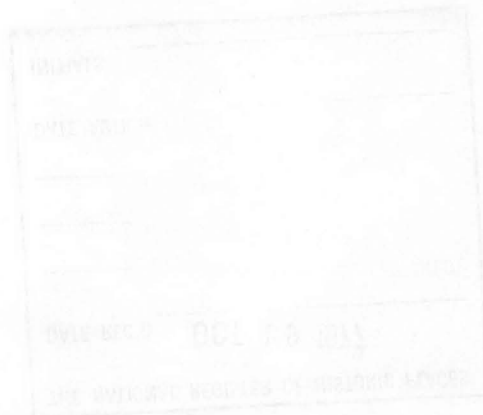
This letter, supplemented by information I supplied you in our phone conversation, should provide you a background of the status of this park and future plans.

Sincerely,

Bryan Kellar  
Park Planner

BK:ss

Enclosure



THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

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Barry Blumenthal  
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Barry and future plans.  
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plan and development status of private group participating state park.  
Department of Cultural and Natural Heritage\* concerning the master  
enclosing this letter which was mailed to Diana Kirk of the Arkansas  
As a follow-up to our phone conversation October 11, 1977, I am  
Dear Sharon:

Washington, D.C. 20540  
Department of Interior  
National Park Service  
Ms. Sharon Blumenthal

October 13, 1977

Director of State Parks  
Arkansas

1000 Mountain View Road, Suite 11301, Little Rock, Arkansas 72116

PARKS DIVISION

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & TOURISM







# ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & TOURISM

## PARKS DIVISION

David Pryor  
Governor

1510 Broadway Little Rock, Arkansas 72202 Telephone (501) 371-1191

Richard W. Davies  
Director of State Parks

William E. Henderson  
Director

October 11, 1977

Ms. Diana Kirk  
Department of Cultural and Natural Heritage  
Suite 500, Continental Building  
Main and Markham  
Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear Diana:

Bryan Kellar informed me of your call of October 3rd concerning a request from the National Park Service for current information on the master plan at Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park. Bryan also indicated that if we did not have a completed Master Plan, you were interested in sending your department's comments and recommendations from the various visits you made last year.

At the present time, here is where we stand: We met with the Prairie Grove Battlefield Commission and a number of interested observers including Pat Horan and after considerable discussion arrived at a compromise solution for the amphitheater location which seemed to be acceptable to all parties including those who had previously objected to the amphitheater. We are in the process now of finalizing the engineering studies and cost estimates on the feasibility of the compromise site. When this is complete, we will meet again with the Prairie Grove Battlefield Commission to present our findings and a firm recommendation. I assume that meeting will be announced in advance and open to the public. At the same meeting, we intend to open discussions with the Prairie Grove Battlefield Commission to obtain their guidance on the direction of future developments at the park.

As you may be aware, the original conception of the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park was not as a Battlefield re-creation but rather as a place in which to collect structures and other memorabilia which would portray the life and times of the Civil War era. The other alternative, of interpreting battlefield sites as re-creations of conditions as they were at the time of the battle, has of course recently gained adherents for Prairie Grove also. We would hope at this and future sessions with the Prairie Grove Battlefield Commission to explore the considerations which could influence a change in direction at Prairie Grove. You may be sure that at all such sessions and at the planning meetings which precede them, we will be happy to receive input from you and other members of the Historic Preservation Staff.


Ms. Diana Kirk  
Little Rock, AR 72203

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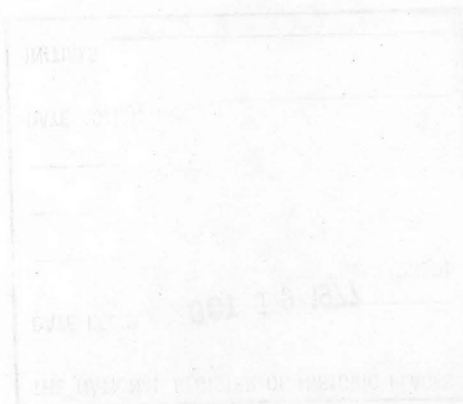
Until the basic thrust of our future effort at Prairie Grove is determined, we will not be able to commence the detailed development of the Master Plan. I would estimate that a fully complete master plan for Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park is two or three years in the future. We are fortunate in this effort in that we have recently obtained the services of a qualified historian, Mr. Tom Dillard, who will in the next few months assume the responsibilities of park planner for Prairie Grove.

In the meantime, although I can appreciate your desire to furnish the National Park Service with such information as you have, I am concerned that it might be construed as binding the State to those directions of development which your staff suggested last spring. If you feel you must send something, I would ask that the material you forward be clearly labeled to indicate that it may or may not represent the views of the agency charged with primary responsibility for the operation of Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park.

Sincerely,

  
Bob Moody  
Manager, Planning and Development

BM:ss



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OCT 27 1977

H32-880

Mr. William E. Henderson  
Arkansas Department of Parks  
and Tourism  
State Capitol Building  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Mr. Henderson:

It has been brought to our attention by Patrick Moran that the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism is planning to build an amphitheater in Prairie Grove Battlefield Park, a property listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Enclosed is a copy of the nomination for the property.

We have consulted with the Arkansas historic preservation office and Mr. Moran and we share their concern that the proposed amphitheater be located so that it does not interfere with the historic resources of the park. We urge the Department of Parks and Tourism to work with the Arkansas Historic Preservation Officer, Ms. Anne Bartley, in evaluating the placement of the amphitheater so that the park's National Register status will not be endangered.

We appreciate your cooperation on behalf of historic preservation.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) Ronald M. Greenberg

*for* William J. Murtagh  
Keeper of the National Register

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Anne Bartley, SHPO Arkansas  
bcc: Regional Director, Southwest Region  
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cc: Senator John L. McClellan  
3241 Dirksen Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Attn: Gary Johnson

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# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO:

H32-880

NOV 10 1977

Mr. Patrick Horan  
805 Vandeventer Street  
Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701

Dear Mr. Horan:

Thank you for your letter concerning the effort to preserve the historic integrity of the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park. The information which you sent has been reviewed by the National Register of Historic Places, and we agree with your feeling that the proposed amphitheater should be located so that it will not interfere with the historic resources of the battlefield.

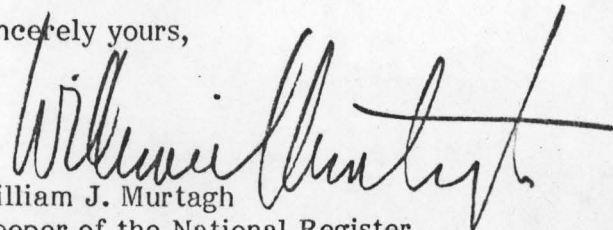
The National Register does not review and comment on projects which affect National Register properties; the review process is a function of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. However, the Advisory Council can review only projects that are federally funded, licensed, or assisted. We have been advised that the amphitheater project is being funded by the State of Arkansas.

We have consulted with Dianna Kirk of the Arkansas State historic preservation office and with Brian Keller of the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism. We hope that the two offices will work together in determining the most suitable location for the amphitheater within the park, and we have written to William E. Henderson, Director of the parks department, urging him to consult with the preservation office in this matter.

We have been advised that a feasibility study is not being conducted for the amphitheater project. Mr. Keller told us, however, that informal consultations have been held with various State agencies and concerned citizens and that a master plan is being initiated to govern future development of the park. For further information, please contact Mr. Keller at the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism, State Capitol Building, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201, 501-371-1511.

We appreciate your interest in the fate of Prairie Grove Battlefield Park. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours,

  
William J. Murtagh  
Keeper of the National Register

Patrick Horan  
805 Vandeventer  
Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701

Ref: H32-880

January 2, 1978

Mr. William J. Murtagh  
Keeper of the National Register  
National Park Service  
Washington, D.C. 20240

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Texas 10

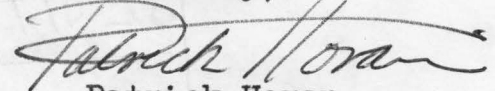
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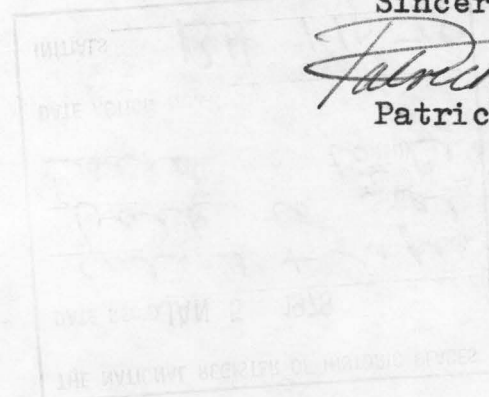
We appreciate your timely assistance concerning the location of the proposed amphitheater/ pavilion at the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park. It looks as though the high bench of the historic ravine is now being seriously considered and, I personally feel that your letters helped to make this move possible. Although I still have some reservations concerning the structure's visibility, from a Union soldier's point of view while looking towards the ridge and up the Ravine, this new location is a great improvement and may yet be adjusted. My focus is now on the emergency concerning the old Archibald Borden farm house.

The Civil War Roundtable of Arkansas will probably speak for the existing bandstand during the public hearing on January 12, 1978 since there are still valid arguments for doing this but, my attention is now with the old Borden house. It seems that we may lose this National treasure because of the lack of minimum protection ( a fence!) and the continuing vandalism which is now occurring there. Sometime in November the front porch was thrown down and I suppose it will be burned within this new year. We intend to keep working to save this old farm house while it stands, and we will never give up! while there is hope

Mr. Murtagh, is it at all possible for you to send our Governor Pryor a personal letter to see if he can locate emergency funds for the Archibald Borden farm house? I understand that the State of Arkansas now has a 45 million dollar surplus on hand -- so it seems that this can be-- and should be-- advanced, now, before eventual tragedy. In any case, we want to thank you for listing this old farm house on the National Register and helping to save the historic Ravine. We hope you enjoy the articles describing our Blue & Gray Reunions out at the Prairie Grove battlefield.

Sincerely,

  
Patrick Horan





501.442.5265

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DATE REC'D JAN 5 1978

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back to State*

*send cc to Diana Kirk*

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Dear Mr. Wilbur:

Washington, D.C. 20540  
National Park Service  
Keeper of the National Register  
Mr. William L. Wilbur

Ref: H3S-990

Letter to  
at home June 38  
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Ms. Anne Bartley  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
Continental Building, Suite 500  
Main and Markham  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Ms. Bartley:

We received your letter concerning the status of the plans for the development of the Prairie Grove Battlefield, Washington County, Arkansas.

We are aware of the situation and appreciate your continued efforts to preserve the historic continuity and integrity of the Prairie Grove Battlefield.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) William J. Murtagh

William J. Murtagh  
Keeper of the National Register

bcc: Regional Director-Southwest Region

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Prairie Grove Battlefield/Archibald Borden house - N.R. properties

Carol Dubie asked me to read this information because she has not had time to do so. Briefly, the situation is as follows:

Patrick Horan, an artist and Arkansas history buff, has been spearheading an effort to preserve the integrity of the Prairie Grove Battlefield in Prairie Grove, Arkansas, for over a year. During the course of this effort, he - among other things - wrote the National Register nomination for the Archibald Borden house, which is located on the battlefield. The house was listed in the Register in March of this year.

Although obtaining funds to restore the house is one of his goals, the controversy over a proposed amphitheater on the grounds of the battlefield has been his primary concern. The amphitheater is to be built by the Arkansas State Parks and Tourism Department, which operates the battlefield as a park. The project was apparently initiated by the state representative from the district in which the battlefield is located.

The above mentioned Borden house is not on land owned by the state; it apparently is adjacent to state land. The Parks Department originally planned to build its amphitheater close to the house. Criticism from historians and preservationists, however, resulted in a revision of the Parks Department's plan. The Department decided to build the amphitheater in a ravine, which would seem to lend itself to the construction of such a facility. However, the ravine also happened to be the site of one of the most crucial battles at Prairie Grove. Arkansas historians and preservationists again objected.

The Parks Department backed down a second time and decided to undertake a feasibility study to determine the most appropriate location for the amphitheater. The Department also seems to have moved toward the concept of using the park for interpretation of history rather than strictly for recreation.

Mr. Horan wrote to the N.P.S. to see if we could obtain a copy of the feasibility study and review it. From what I gather, however, no federal funds will be used to construct the amphitheater, so the matter seems to be out of our hands. The state has appropriated \$50,000 for the project.



BICENTENNIAL REUNION, <sup>THE</sup>"RALLY"  
PRAIRIE GROVE BATTLEFIELD PARK  
December 5, 1976

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Perhaps some will consider this late 1976 December reunion in celebration of Bicentennial, if not an exercise in "everybody-on-the-bandwagon", then surely one of "everybody-GIT-AFTER- the-bandwagon" ---- . Yet, --- in a more serious tone; we do have in our sights that road which still lies open before us.

While there are some who feel we ought to calm down, now that the Bicentennial is more or less in place and behind us; there are others who feel the greater urgency NOW to continue our efforts on behalf of searching out and discovering once again, or for the first time, all that is genuine, all that is central and essential to our national experience so that we might yet be able to fill the many many pages of our human story. --- and it should be quite clear to all of us/that as we come together to relive, to recall, and to rededicate - and even, in a sense, to re-consecrate this important segment of our American story --- , that it should be quite clear to all who find us here that we do wish to be taken seriously; so much so that this national commemoration will turn out to be more than just a postmortem of the past two-hundred years - and this local reunion on the Battlefield of Prairie Grove will be more than just a 1/2 step back into our life history.

Somewhere in the Old Testament there is a prayer which offers thanks to God "already in the present" for the favors He will be granting in answer to the prayer. So strong is the trust of the person praying that he is thanking God in advance of the answer which lies in the future.

---- and we are in an attitude much like that PRAY-ER --- focusing-in on where we as a nation and as a "People of God which is in America" ought to be heading.

Perhaps an image makes a more vivid definition:

Some of you will be familiar with <sup>Dee</sup>~~Joe~~ Brown's book, "Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee". It is one attempt at a history of the American Indian from the Indians' viewpoint. In the introduction, <sup>Dee</sup>~~Joe~~ Brown says, "Americans who have always looked westward when reading about this period should read this book facing eastward".

The story of the Indian is a classical case and <sup>Dee</sup>~~Joe~~ Brown is telling us to turn around and to step out of our shoes and cross over to where the other person stands so we can look back at ourselves --- to alter our viewpoint -- have a "change of mind".

But sometimes the effect of looking back is a sense of dismay and helplessness - What can we do? How can we erase the wrong? -- and, although we are not personally responsible for the events themselves, can we be responsible for their continuing effects?

-- looking back has a tendency to alarm us, and eventually paralyze - and harden into an attitude of hopelessness. --- but let's "git after the wagon"! - and recall that our facing "eastward" today is not for the purpose of postmortems and 1/2 steps -- but rather for searching out, rediscovering, renewing, filling in, completing the genuine, the central and the essential

to our personal story as a people.

Perhaps it is not so much a call to change from this position to that ---- from "con" to "pro" on this issue and "pro" to "con" on some other .... rather -- a change in the way we take positions.

We find ourselves in-between:

between the limits handed on to us from the past, and the possibilities open to us by the future. We must balance the "hard realities" with the "ideal".

We yearn for simple and clear problems, but we get hard ones --- and the hardest are usually right at home. --- and so we grope, or we give up. But to give up is to give ourselves too much credit. It is as if to say that if we cannot solve the situation - it can't be solved.

Today we are called upon to return -- not to the carefree innocence of youth, not even from cynicism to enthusiasm for the cause, but back to the "hard realities" - from the way we wish things were to the way they actually are; to see if they allow any reason for turning them into the way things should be.

This, after all, is where the challenge of life is, where the real living of it is and where the growth is.

In the celebration of the events of this date we face eastward to the "hard realities" and see there a sign of our commitment to the work of the in-between time.



In the commemoration of this reunion the future for which we struggle is glimpsed; and in our prayer, we are asking God to complete in us what He has begun.

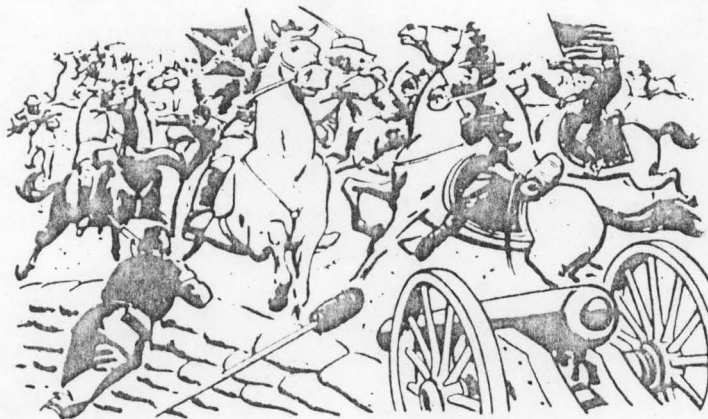
SPEECH BY:  
FATHER ROBERT DIENER  
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH  
FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS



Dear Friends, We hope to see you <sup>all</sup> again.  
Please pass this around to the Soldiers of Co E, 24<sup>th</sup> Mo. Inf.  
Thanks for coming down to Arkansas Dec. 1976 "We needed these Yankers!"  
for the Reunion

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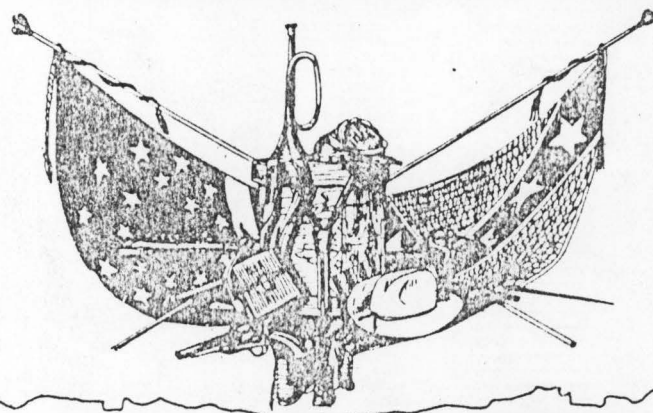
A Blue-Gray Re-Union and Memorial Service will be held at the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park, Prairie Grove AR, on Sunday, December 4, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Plans call for a pot luck picnic, the Prairie Grove High School Band, a uniformed unit or two, a talk by State Representative Bill Ramsey of Prairie Grove, and remarks by CWRT of Arkansas member Pat Horan of Fayetteville, leader in the fight to protect the integrity of the Prairie Grove battlefield and preserve the historic Borden House adjacent to the battlefield.

There is a motel right across the highway from the park for those who would like to go up and spend the night.

For more details, contact Pat Horan in Fayetteville.

It is hoped that some from our Round Table will be able to attend and participate in this activity.

# The Civil War Round Table Digest



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FEDERAL DISTRICT JUDGE JAMES P. COLEMAN, Governor of Mississippi from 1956-1960, will be the featured speaker at the third annual National Congress of Civil War Round Tables, to be held October 6-8, 1977, in Jackson MS. Judge Coleman will address the closing banquet of the Congress Saturday evening, October 8, and will talk on "Mississippi--Before, During and After the Civil War." The Congress is being sponsored by Civil War Round Table Associates, a national organization of Civil War students founded in 1968 by Little Rock AR public relations executive Jerry L. Russell. Previous Congresses have been held in Manassas in 1975, and in Carlisle PA in 1976. The theme of all the Congresses is Civil War historic site preservation. The meeting will be headquartered at the Downtown Holiday Inn in Jackson.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE JACKSON MEETING will be a tour of significant areas relating to the Vicksburg campaign of 1862-1863, including the Vicksburg National Military Park, conducted by Edwin C. Bearss, a Civil War author and senior historian for the National Park Service in Washington DC. Bearss is the former superintendent of the Vicksburg NMP. Past Congresses have attracted delegates from 27 states, representing over 30 of the nearly 100 autonomous local CWRT's throughout the country. Registrations have already been received for this year's Congress from 10 states, plus Canada and Australia.

THE CONGRESS WILL OPEN THURSDAY EVENING, October 6, with a talk by Dr. O. E. Cunningham, professor of history at Tulane University in New Orleans, and a past president of the New Orleans CWRT, on "Personalities at Vicksburg."

The Vicksburg Campaign will be the dominant topic of speakers at the Congress, which is open to anyone interested in Civil War history. On Friday morning, the delegates will attend a breakfast and view a National Park Service film on "The Raising of the Cairo," a Federal gunboat sunk in the Yazoo River in 1862. The Cairo was "discovered" and raised in the late 1950's, and is now being restored and located in the Vicksburg NMP.

A "BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION PANEL," moderated by Dr. Robert Meinhard, professor of history at Winona State University, Winona MN, and president of the Hiawatha Valley CWRT, will be presented at 9 a.m. Friday. This panel, a regular feature of the RT Congresses, will examine the problems being faced by Civil War historic sites, including the Manassas National Battlefield Park in northern Virginia, currently the object of pending Federal legislation. Other sites facing developmental and environmental pressures, including Antietam battlefield in Maryland, Gettysburg battlefield in Pennsylvania, the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania battlefields in Virginia, the Cyclorama painting in Atlanta GA, and the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park in Arkansas, will be discussed during the morning-long preservation panel and business session. At noon, Jackson businessman Don Garrett, a past president of the Jackson CWRT which is hosting the Congress, will speak on "The Ram Arkansas," a Confederate ironclad which was active during the early part of the Vicksburg campaign.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF VICKSBURG, from the Union and Confederate viewpoints, will be presented during a History Seminar Friday afternoon. Panelists will be Albert F. Scheller, a Park



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★ *Prairie Grove June 9, 1977*  
*Battlefield Commission Meeting*

FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS, FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 1977

## Prairie Grove Park Theater Study Planned

By RALPH IVY  
Times Staff Writer  
PRAIRIE GROVE—The Arkansas Parks and Tourism Department will do a feasibility study on a new site location for the theater to be built at Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park, it was decided here Thursday.

The multi-purpose facility sparked considerable controversy across the state when Civil War buffs and historians complained that the original site locations would mar critical grounds on which the 1862 battle took place.

The Parks Department agreed to revise its plans and take a new look at the placement of the building after the Prairie Grove Battlefield Commission, a five-member board of local citizens, unanimously voted that a new study be made to see if the theater could be moved to a more suitable location.

The new site, if feasible, would place the building on grounds closer to the present cluster of buildings at the park, on an area called "the gravel pit" which has already been dissolved by previous construction work.

Pat Horan, a Fayetteville Civil War buff, and representative of the Arkansas Civil War Round Table, who initiated the attack against the previous location of the building, said he believed the gravel pit location would be agreeable to those concerned with preserving the "historical integrity" of the battlefield park.

Two previous sites for the structure have been violently opposed. The first change was made when historians complained that the building would be too close to the old Archibald Borden house, one of the few structures still standing that was there when the battle took place. That building has since been placed on the National Register of Historic Places and efforts are now underway to see that the dilapidated building is eventually restored.

**Second Choice**  
The Parks Department's second choice was unsuitable, opponents said, because it would place the building in an undisturbed portion of an historic ravine; scene of some of the most vicious fighting of the battle.

Others than historians were also interested. John Mitchell, a local representative of the Sierra Club, said his group was concerned because "the eastern end of the park is quite natural and areas like these should, when possible, be preserved. I believe locating the structure there would destroy those natural qualities, aside from detracting from the battlefield quality of the park."

Although some commissioners disputed the historical importance of that one section, pointing out that the battle swirled over a much larger area than the park's present 62 acres, it was agreed that what remained should be protected as much as possible.

"We recognize we are not the state of Arkansas," Mrs. J.C. Parks said. "Our particular wishes are not the only ones to be considered. We wouldn't want to be selfish."

It was due to local efforts that the Battlefield Park was first established. Starting with nine acres maintained as a memorial by the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the park was enlarged and preserved by citizens of Prairie Grove and Washington County. It was turned over to the state Parks Department in 1972.

**Direction**  
Parks Department director Bill Henderson said the Commission should consider what direction the park should now take. "I think all of us prefer a battlefield interpretation of the park and would like to create as near as possible that aspect," Henderson said. "But it obviously was not founded as

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## Tenth Gallon

E. J. Meanes is prepared to contribute blood by Miss V. Burks, of the Springfield Blood Center at the Thursday visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile in Fayetteville. His contribution brings his

total donation of blood to 10 gallons. He was among the 171 donors who gave blood Thursday to bring the total collected in Fayetteville to 332 pints. (Timesphoto by Art Meripol)

## Reagan Attacks Carter Policies Near And Far

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ronald Reagan, who never got a chance to run against Jimmy Carter, is campaigning against him now and is emerging as the sharpest Republican critic of the Democratic administration.

In speeches Thursday in New York and Washington, Reagan attacked Carter's policies at home and abroad and accused him of violating his campaign promise to restore confidence in government.

At a \$100-a-plate fundraiser here for conservative causes, Reagan said Carter promised during the 1976 campaign that he would "never become part of this city's buddy system."

**Adapts Well**  
But Reagan, who also campaigned on an anti-Washington theme in his unsuccessful run

for the GOP nomination, said Carter has "managed to adapt rather well to this city that has become his home."

"He's been in office now for nearly six months and in that time has managed to assemble the largest and highest paid White House staff in history," Reagan said.

"It strikes me as unusual that a man who was going to restore our faith in Washington would, as one of his first acts, propose to change the election laws so that congressional incumbents will be able to tap the federal till for their campaign funds," Reagan said.

The former actor and two-term governor of California also attacked Carter's support for repeal of Hatch Act prohibitions against government

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## Post Office Bids Opened

Five bids for development of the Old Post Office, in Fayetteville, two public and three commercial, were opened today at the Housing Authority office.

Chad Kumpke, the Authority's executive director, opened the five bids before approximately 30 persons. Bid openings have been unattended in the past. Fourteen bid documents had been out, Kumpke said.

The bids were:  
Office space proposed by William C. Morton Jr. and Associates, John E. Murphy and Marshall Carlisle.

A restaurant, sidewalk cafe, fast food kitchen, proposed by Ronald and Donald Bumpass and Keith Cearley Jr.

A cultural center, for the performing and visual arts, from the Art Commission of the City of Fayetteville.

Office space for social services, agencies by Washington County. The document noted that in 1907 the City of Fayetteville purchased the site for 50 cents.

A retail outlet, including bookstore, art emporium, maternity clothing and children's boutique, by L.C. Properties, a partnership between Dr. Harmon Lushbaugh and Dr. George Cole Jr.

Kumpke said the bids are good for 60 days and the documents will be xeroxed for study by the Housing Authority commissioners, who will decide how to proceed at the regular monthly meeting at 8:30 a.m. June 15. None of the commissioners attended the bid opening.

Asked if public input is possible Wednesday, Kumpke replied the authority's meetings are open to the public.

The purchase price of \$42,700, determined to be the fair market price, is not at issue, but the commissioners will have to determine which of the five plans best suit the total development plans for the Downtown area.

## Law Ob

By DAVID ZO  
Times Staff Writer

Washington County Court members for themselves ensnared in a wrestling match with residents and the Sunray Sanitation landfill when an ordinance concerning trash introduced at their night meeting at that house.

The ordinance allocate power to Health Center to sanitary solid waste and report infract state's dumping Prosecutor Mahlon office. Operators of could be subject to fine of \$500 per d infraction exists.

Also included in the is a clause stating Quorum Court will in approving future landfills. It was this clause which drew objections from Carl the operator of Sanitation La Johnson.

"I have no objection court passing the the intent is to real problem of fills here," Carl

"But," he deal with this distance is regulate my op mean this as just that I've dealing with have to confer regulations agencies and Quorum Court political red tape Carpenter

## Program

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WASHINGTON of President tax package following a Ways and Means votes that have a major The influence voted Thursday Carter's plans gasoline tax, get poor million gram of rebates

## Driver

## Cars A

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By Springdale Policeman



to Mr. Alexander, we expect he is not numbered among the zealots, but merely wants to keep the payroll going at Blytheville Air Force Base in his district and acts upon the hope that it will be a boost for the B-1 if the plane ever gets built in the numbers sought by the Pentagon.

A major problem in this country is the easy solution of building local economies with defense spending, which, if the essentiality is not there, can be a costly solution indeed for the nation as a whole. It can prevent the funding of projects that would meet real national needs and also provide employment in the process, though not as fast. Senator Dale Bumpers dwells on this point with sense and eloquence in his opposition to the B-1, and we hope that his voice will be heard louder than Bill Alexander's. At least he made his views quite clear to the President last week as a member of a delegation which went to the White House in opposition to the plane, soon after Mr. Alexander and the other proponents had been heard there.

## ★ Saving a Battlefield

Controversy may be bringing some beneficial results, as regards the future of the Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park in Washington County. A constructive dialogue seems to have begun at last, between state officials and concerned citizens, on the question of preservation versus development. The latter in its worst form is represented by a previously-approved plan to erect an amphitheater in a ravine of the battlefield where some of the most important fighting took place. But now the state Parks and Tourism director has told a local parks commission in that area that his department is considering another site for the structure.

This indication of flexibility, in the face of criticism from historical preservationists across the state, is heartening indeed. Still, we think that the alternate location being studied — a grassed-over gravel pit which might be reshaped to accommodate an amphitheater — should be discussed at a public hearing on this question, and on how the park will be handled in the future. Every possible alternative needs to be considered, as to the best ways to pre-

missile-equipped, would be effective "through the 1980s and 1990s."

Where then is the urgency? One senses it is mainly in the rush for profits and payrolls. The aircraft industry and its dozens of subsidiary industries, hungry for big contracts, are aided in their high-pressure lobbying for the B-1 by a large segment of organized labor, lured by the prospect of 70,000 new jobs. Never mind that the jobs are temporary and the B-1 may be another dust-gatherer in a few years, representing a huge investment which might have been put in something of enduring worth for the American people.

Mr. Carter had better stick with his sensible campaign position. He'd better say nothing doing to all those who want to work the B-1 for all the pork barrel it's worth, and the others who are reliving the air strategies of World War II. If he goes ahead with this program while trying to balance the budget out of social costs, there will be the devil to pay.

serve the park's historical integrity, which is the purpose of its existence. Any attempts to make it a place of clamorous public recreation need to be resisted.

We were not particularly surprised to note that the outdoor theater, for which the legislature appropriated \$55,000, was proposed for the benefit of local musical and theatrical groups. Does this mean, perhaps, that history-seekers trying to recapture the mood of the Civil War battle will be treated now and then to a burst of country-western music on the premises? Someone also has said that the amphitheater was in the "original plans" for the park. We would remind anyone who is still worshipful of original plans that these quite frequently are the most misguided of all, and that much of the world's best effort is devoted to the herculean task of modifying or scrapping such plans. If the original plans of the Army Engineers, for example, had been revered and followed, the Buffalo River would have been destroyed some time ago by two giant dams.

## ★ Solzhenitsyn and the Swiss

Unlike some other American critics of Alexander Solzhenitsyn and his almost demonic program for action *vis-a-vis* the Soviet Union, we have never bothered about the loot he had piled up from book royalties that awaited him

Russia, has never to our knowledge characterized us in those terms, which is a strange show of reticence at that, come to think of it.

We must say for the Swiss that while the "Gnomes of Zurich" may be and

From the People

## The 'Ghosts' of 'Prairie Grove'

To the Editor of the Gazette:

Build an amphitheatre in the Ravine at Prairie Grove Battlefield Park?

I shudder to think that our state parks department harbors ham-handed mechanical draftsmen "planners" so insensitive to the special needs of historical area interpretation that they would even propose such a "solution."

Prairie Grove was not meant to be Disneyland Junior. Surely these people have never nestled against an oak tree on a December afternoon and let the haunting history of this ravine stimulate the mind. If you care about such things, and many of us do, you can almost hear old Jo Shelby urging his Missouri-Arkansas "Iron Brigade" to wait til the Yankees clear the rise before stopping the charge. It's hard to look into that peaceful valley without visualizing the 19th and 20th Iowa Infantry trudging up the steep slope toward the Borden House. Many of them would never see the top. Even today, you can kick up Minie balls in the leaves in that ravine.

Surely, in this charming uncluttered city we call Prairie Grove there must be someplace for a community amphitheatre besides THE RAVINE. Why must it be built in the park at all?

There are no villains in this issue. Rep. Bill Ramsey is to be commended for actively seeking to help his constituents. Parks Director Richard Davies, whom I consider the best parks director we've ever had, is doing his best to reach an equitable solution. The Civil War Roundtable is to be congratulated for reminding us that battlefield parks are not playgrounds or catchalls for a mismatch of recreational goodies.

Maybe it's all for the best. Maybe the publicity will bring some recognition to the people of Prairie Grove for maintaining an outstanding park. And, perhaps, the parks department will see fit to give up a few boat docks and shower stalls someplace to expand a small park that deserves far more financial support than it gets.

Better yet, let's build a whole

(Communications on any subject are welcome. Letters should be brief and typewritten with double spacing if possible. All letters are subject to editing. Each letter must have a signature and mailing address although signatures will be withheld on request. No published letters will be returned. No unpublished letters will be returned unless stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed. — Editor.)

new park near Prairie Grove, amphitheatre and all — but not on the battlefield.

John Heuston.

Little Rock.

### Pimps, Etc.

To the Editor of the Gazette:

I was delighted that you ran in your "People" column the letter from Jeanette Marma concerning the effects on our society of letting the "Gays" come further and more openly out of the closet. (Why must they soften the reality of what they are by calling themselves gay instead of homosexuals?) Regarding the letter following hers, from "Name Withheld" Little Rock, he or she is the one confused about Christian love. He or she has not studied the Bible or Christian love; right, "Name Withheld"? Just because Christ ran the money changers and vendors out of the temple because they were defiling it, does not mean that he did not love them and feel sorrow and pity for their lifestyle.

Christians pray for and try to practice love for everyone even the unlovely. This does not encompass approval of complete freedom of self for everyone, especially if that freedom effects or influences others. I would not stop loving a child who insisted on living his own style by bringing porn magazines and booze into my home before other children and myself. But I would certainly veto it.

Just as homosexuality is devia-

tion, prostitution is also deviation from sexual behavior as it was intended. Being a pimp is also deviation because these people live off ways that stress the body and not the soul. I do not want to see in the future, the rights of a teacher who wishes to pimp or prostitute on the side, have his lifestyle honored openly because they are "human and have feelings too", as "Name Withheld" wishes for homosexuals. I do not mean to place unfair emphasis on the teaching profession. There are many other professions that influence our children and are held in high esteem as the teachers are. Let the homosexuals practice whatever they wish, but not openly before whomever they wish. And if they dare to go, anyway, into professions that are held in high esteem, and are later exposed I think they should be fired forthwith, just as we would hope a pimp or prostitute would be fired for wrongfully influencing others, and most especially if they are influencing youngsters.

Evelyn Weaver

El Dorado.

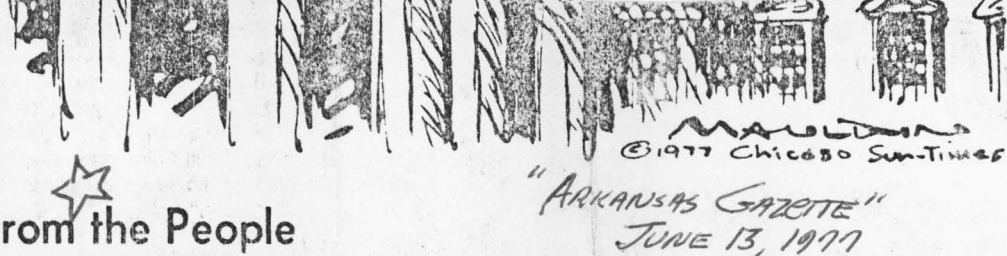
### 'Gays', Etc.

To the Editor of the Gazette:

Item 1: The front page of your paper, June 1, had a short note about a Catholic priest who lost a supreme court appeal. Father Gedra had been fined for holding mass in his home. The story did not say what authority fired him.

Item 2: *Newsweek*, 30 June 77, in a last-page column by George F. Will told of an application by a homosexual to the Milwaukee Big Brothers organization. The Big Brothers accepted him but thought it fair to tell the parent of any "little brother" assigned to him that the applicant is gay. The Milwaukee civil rights office stated that this would be discrimination. Further, the Big Brother officials should attend seminars by homosexuals and advertise for more Big Brothers in gay publications.

Each of these items alone seem only asinine, but together might be a social and legal trend





The committee offered Carter a diverse list with something of a "one of each" tone to it. There is one black Sheriff William Lucas of Detroit; one Republican — U.S. Circuit Judge Harlington Wood Jr. of Chicago, and one career FBI man — Neil Welch, agent in charge of the Philadelphia field office.

The other two, who fall into no particular category, are John Van de Kamp, district attorney of Los Angeles County, and John J. Irwin, a judge on the Massachusetts Superior Court.

Lucas, Van de Kamp and Wood have worked in the Justice Department and Welch has worked at the FBI's Washington headquarters.

and brought him to the Justice Department.

Wood, 57, was former President Gerald R. Ford's choice to succeed John Paul Stevens on the federal appeals court in Chicago when Stevens took his seat on the Supreme Court.

Jerry Fines, who worked with Wood then and now is the U.S. attorney in Springfield, Ill., recalled the massive protest march of April 24, 1971. Wood had negotiated the arrangements with protest leader Rennie Davis and others, and the antiwar groups thought the march turned out so successfully that they staged a victory party.

Wood, the only Justice Department official invited, went (CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO)



Sheriff Weaver and camp director, Miss Day, discuss

Prairieville, Ark.

"Northwest Arkansas Times" June 14, 1977

OK! needs to be on the High Bench of the Gravel Pit - near the cluster of existing buildings.

## Civil War Buffs Say

# Amphitheater Still Opposed

PRAIRIE GROVE, Ark. (AP)

Civil War buffs say they have won the first skirmish, but still insist the state abandon plans to build an amphitheater in an area where Confederate and Union minie balls still lie scattered among the leaves.

"It hasn't been resolved yet where they're going to put it," said Jerry Russell of Little Rock, a member of the Civil War Roundtable group that promotes battlefield preservation.

Russell said his group would continue its efforts to locate the amphitheater in an already developed section of the Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park.

Because of opposition, the state has shelved plans to build the amphitheater in an Ozark ravine where historians say the tide of the December 1862

Battle of Prairie Grove turned against the South.

William Henderson, director of the state Parks and Tourism Department, said Monday his staffers were studying the feasibility of locating the amphitheater about 50 or 100 yards away from the ravine.

The new site under consideration is in a pit where rock and gravel was excavated several years ago for a highway.

"This is just kind of up on the side of the hill from where the ravine is," Henderson said. "It would serve its purpose in helping to cover up a marred area."

"If the area can be converted for this purpose, it would help remove somewhat of an eyesore there now," Henderson said. "But this is pretty heavy rock in there. It is going to be

difficult and expensive to move it around. So, it's going to take some study on our part to determine whether we can build it there.

"You can't consider it a definite thing right now."

Henderson said he hopes to receive the feasibility study in about a month.

Russell said there are areas of the park already developed that would serve as a better location than the gravel pit.

"The gravel pit, while certainly a better alternative than the ravine itself, is still in what is now an undeveloped area of the park," he said. "It has been allowed to lapse back into disuse, and it should be left to the birds and the bunnies."

No Feud

"We're not going to get into a feud with the Parks Depart-

ment. They do a real good job of preserving the parks. I just think that in this particular instance they've made a mistake and they have seemed reluctant to back off that mistake. Now they are reluctantly moving in another direction."

State Rep. Bill Ramsey of Prairie Grove said he thought the gravel pit site was agreeable to everyone.

"It doesn't have the shade the other spot had, but everybody I've talked to says it's no problem."

"It's just a few feet from the other location. It is just a pretty good sized pit there now that is really kind of an eyesore. They say there are some rocks in there as big as a car. There will be a lot of extra cost involved and I don't know where the money will come from."



## Culture Center Petitions Are Being Circulated

Twenty-five supporters of a cultural center in the Old Post Office Building on the square are circulating petitions today to gain public support.

The petitions and pledge forms were distributed at a Monday night public meeting called by the chairman of the project's steering committee, Mrs. Linda Welch.

Mrs. Welch reviewed the committee's activities and the appointment of the Art Commission by the City Board of Directors and discussed ways to raise \$87,700, the estimated amount needed for purchase



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more teachers this year. Spear also said the state aid and \$200 for sors above w in the past. Administr proved by tl year call f tendent to be high school elementary and middle s tive assistan

# Amphitheatre delayed

Controversy surrounding the site of the proposed amphitheatre in Battlefield Park has led to a feasibility study of another site nearby.

The decision to study the possibility of changing sites followed a meeting last Thursday between the Prairie Grove Battlefield Commission and representatives of the State Parks Department, including Parks Director Bill Henderson. To be studied is a site just west of the proposed location in the ravine, located more directly on the gravel pit.

The two-hour meeting Thursday was the first discussion with the local commission about the amphitheatre, approved by the legislature some two years ago. Members of the Battlefield Commission are Mrs. J.C. Parks, chairman, Mrs. Bunn

Bell, D.E. Rieff, John Buchanan and Alvin Bell.

Though asking for the feasibility study of the new site, the commission indicated their approval of the present proposal if the new site is not possible. The gravel pit was suggested as a suitable compromise since the ground had already been disturbed, damaging the historic value of the spot.

The gravel pit and ravine area were used to obtain fill dirt for the base of U.S. Highway 62 when it was constructed many years ago.

After hearing the background presentation by Henderson and Parks Department planner Bob Moody, the local commissioners each expressed an opinion about the amphitheatre.

Buchanan was the first

commissioner to speak, telling those present that he felt the amphitheatre would "enhance the park".

"I'm in favor of it (the amphitheatre)," Buchanan concluded.

Mrs. Bell expressed the most reluctance of the commissioners about the proposal, even stating at one point that she didn't want the amphitheatre. Referring to the "historic park", Mrs. Bell said it was a "small park and we can't have everything".

Later in the meeting, Mrs. Bell expressed encouragement about the project after learning that the structure was actually a pavillion with no seating and that the local commission could set rules and regulations for the structures use.

Mrs. Parks also expressed

some hesitance about the project, pointing out her concern about how the theatre might be used.

"I don't want to see anything happen to harm the park", Mrs. Parks stated.

The other two commissioners expressed approval of the planned amphitheatre.

"I have come to the conclusion it would be fine to do it (build the amphitheatre)," Rieff told his fellow commission members. "Most people in the area feel it will be good", he added.

Bell admitted to misgivings earlier about the proposal but told those in attendance that after learning the structure would not be a "slab of concrete" he was for it.

"If we can supervise and maintain it, I think it ought to be built," Bell said.

As explained by Moody to the commission, the amphitheatre will be a simple 22 feet by 32 feet wooden building. It will contain two restrooms, a storage area and an open stage and is designed for general usage throughout the year.

Representative Bill Ramsey of Prairie Grove, author of the bill authorizing the building, told commissioners at the meeting that it was "unfortunate" the structure was called an amphitheatre. He pointed out that the term amphitheatre, first used by Dr. Fred McCuistion in proposing the project more than 20 years ago, gave many people the erroneous impression of a concrete structure with outdoor seating.

Also present at the meeting were two opponents of the ravine site, John Mitchell of the Sierra Club and Pat Horan of Fayetteville, representative of several groups opposing the site. Horan, one of the first and most vocal opponents of the proposed location, expressed favor with the new proposal being studied, which would fall more in the "already disturbed" gravel pit.

After two years and the study of several sites before selection of the ravine, controversy arose recently amid claims that the ravine had been a focal point of the famous Civil War battle. While the opponents of the site claimed placing an amphitheatre there would ruin the natural and historical value of the ravine, other historians disputed the claim that the ravine had been any more crucial in the battle than any other spot in the park.

In the meantime, longtime residents of the area were pointing out that the ravine was not even in its Civil War condition, since fill from there and the nearby gravel pit has been excavate years before without protest.

Bids for the structure were to have been opened this month, with construction to have begun in July for possible use at the annual Labor Day celebration and Clothesline Fair in the park. However, because of the controversy, the Parks Department has delayed bidding on the project.

With the unanimous vote by the Battlefield Commission seeking the feasibility study of the compromise site in the gravel pit area, Parks Department planners have returned to their drawing boards. No word was available on when that study would be complete.

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## EMS officers elected

By Larry Jones

The decision to change method of contacting an ambulance, election of officers, and drawing for terms kept the board of directors of the West Washington County Emergency Medical Services busy for nearly three hours Monday night at Lincoln City Hall.

At the advice of Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) advisor Gary Medley the board decided to change the method of contacting an ambulance in west Washington County.

Medley explained that although the local phone is answered in three places, changing to the "Enterprise" number would be to the advantage of the public. He explained that one could call the operator and ask for Enterprise 8-900 and receive a Washington County Regional Medical Center dispatcher. The dispatcher would then call the area ambulance if it was not on call. If the area unit was on call, Washington County could dispatch another one.

Local EMT's would also be contacted to help stabilize the victim until the ambulance arrived.

Medley said that the main advantage of this system was the recording device used by the dispatcher. He said that most emergency callers were frantic and often hard to understand. The recording allows the dispatcher to replay the message, thus not missing the address and type of emergency.

Medley said this method would be as fast as using a local number and much more efficient. He added that the dispatchers were trained to handle emergency phone calls which cuts down the possibilities of receiving the wrong information. A sticker drive is to be organized to distribute the Enterprise number to the 900 members of the organization and all prospective members.

Roy Jackson, the planning stage president, was unanimously elected to keep that post. Edward Powers was elected as vice-president without a dissenting vote. Powers served in that position on the planning board also. Luedell Kley was elected to succeed Bettie Bell as secretary-treasurer. President Jackson read a letter from Mrs. Bell stating that she would be away from telephones most of the day this summer and that she thought the position could be better served by someone else.

Dorothy Kelley was appointed by Jackson to serve as auditor of the books during the transition.

The board members, the area they represent, and the number of years they will serve are: Kenneth Davis, Emergency Medical Technician 1; Helen Hutchens, Viney Grove, 2; Harold Bartholomew, Hog Eye, 1; B. Wayne Chessher, Cove Creek, 2; Murray Campbell, Cane Hill, 2; Frank Holt, Starr Hill, 2; Thomas E. Reed, Morrow, 2; Patsy Gilbreath, Cincinnati, 2; Jim Krinke, Evansville, 3; J.O. Beaty, Summers, 3; Luedell Kley, Dutch Mills, 1; Edward Powers, Prairie Grove 1; Roy Jackson, Lincoln, 2; Bettie Bell, Gem, 3; Dorothy Kelley, Rheas Mill, 3; Robert Brockman, Center Point, 1; Julius Copeland, Little Elm, 3; Charles White, Rock Springs,

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The year is 1975: June 12 - Mrs. Mary Dean Magruder Gibson, a former Prairie Grove resident, was one of two teachers receiving the award for teaching excellence at the fourth annual banquet of the Bibb Association of Educators in Bibb County, Ga. The award is a yearly presenttion of the family of the late Judge Lane in recognition of outstanding teachers. . . . Four Prairie Grove boys attended Boys State at Conway last week. They were Ricky Pershall, John English, Tom Stearns and Jackie Hulet. . . . Sherie Marie Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil E. Lamproe of Prairie Grove, recently enlisted in the U.S. Navy and is presently undergoing nine weeks of basic training at the Navy Recruit Training Command in Orlando, Florida. . . . Mrs. Julia S. Reed of Farmington has recently returned from Little Rock where she attended the 31st annual Arkanas Writer's Conference held at

m Peck Hotel. At a dinner on June 7, Mrs. Reed was d first prize for the best short story submitted to the , who are from all over the United States. Her story had ansas setting. . . . The old Farmington high school g, gutted by a fire last spring leaving a mass of charred : rafters and bricks, came crashing to the ground with a im of effort last Sunday afternoon after standing on : for more than 50 years. A two-man demolition crew, ed with a small bulldozer, began the task of bringing the lding down Saturday afternoon and completed the job . . . . June 19 - It was the first meeting for Prairie Mayor R.D. Manning Monday night and the new mayor the regular monthly meeting by outlining his goals and or Prairie Grove. Manning, pledging to take only five s from the busy agenda, told city aldermen he was sted in looking ahead" during his tenure in office. "If a esn't grow, it dies", Manning told the council. . . . Knowles, Debbie Cates and Cathy Thomspson and Mrs. : Knowles attended the 48th Faith and Peace With God 1 of the Grand Assembly of Rainbow Girls of Arkansas 2-14 at the Camelot Inn in Little Rock. . . . A violent r storm carrying hurricane force winds of more than 70 n hour came from the west ripping its way through the community of Little Elm west of Farmington early y morning where gusts damaged several farm ldings, a number of trees and at least one house. . . . inda Estopy entertained at the Prairie Grove Legion Hut skating party in honor of the ninth birthday of her ter, Kim. . . .



# capitol report

by Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt

## FOREIGN AID - WHO BENEFITS?

price tag of the latest spending authorization by the majority of the House of Representatives to U.S. foreign aid programs, totals approximately \$1.7

ars. of course, was "no", as it has always been on of tax dollars for foreign aid.

familiar with my voting record will remember past s of concern over the good faith of nations receiving aid.

specific example, I continue to question our ed responsibility to aid foreign governments which national resources into heavy industry and ed weaponry, looking to the United States to help peoples. None of the arguments or ideas expressed aid supporters during this year's debate, eased erns.

ght spot in the deliberation was passage of an t, which I supported, prohibiting use of foreign aid ssistance or trade to Cuba or the Socialist Republic

f these countries are ruled by totalitarian nts, which consider citizens to be servants of the nt. Most of us in the U.S. hold the opposite view. nd Vietnam are bankrupt, desperately in need of and technical assistance, but it is doubtful that either nt seeks our aid to improve the living conditions of al citizenry.

orld-wide largess of the American people, both x dollars and private charitable organizations, is well ardly anyone would object to a humanitarian offering ency aid to victims of an earthquake or drought or the humanitarian aspect is lost when the recipient vernments utilize American dollars or equipment or y to further international political aims rather than he lot of their general population.

se continuation of such programs, and vote ty. your views.

ongressman John Paul Hammerschmidt, House of atives, Washington, D.C. 20515.

HAVE A  
NICE DAY!!



# CONSUMER ALERT

## Fireworks Firm Sued

The Consumer Protection Division of Attorney General Bill Clinton's office has sued Modern Fireworks and its officers, charging that the company violated the state Consumer Protection Act. The suit charges that Modern started an advertising campaign in May offering fireworks for sale at "wholesale prices"

when its prices actually were as much as 100 percent above wholesale. The suit also says the firm conducted business without a proper Arkansas license and during times when fireworks sales are not allowed. Under Arkansas law, fireworks may be sold in Arkansas only between June 20 and July 10, and again between December 20 and

January 5.

Operating by mail through post office box in West Memphis, Modern Fireworks taken in hundreds and p ibly thousands of dollars ough its "wholesale" representation, Clinton's alleges. The suit asks porary and permanent inj ions against the firm's thods of doing business. It asks that the firm be requ to notify all persons received its catalogue that prices advertised are not re wholesale, and that all per who request refunds will given them.

## Hotline Help

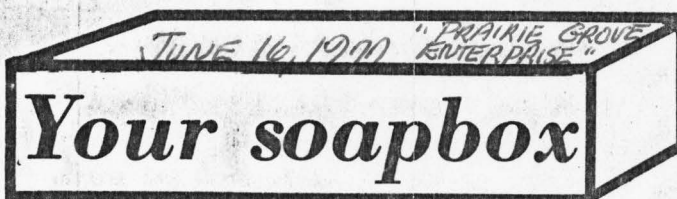
The Arkansas Division Community Services has panded its food stamp and now can offer assista many other areas. If you questions about Medi Medicaid, Social Security ability if come or food sta call 800-482-9998.

## Mobile Danger

If you own a camper that you tow behind your on weekend trips and v ions, don't ride in it wh moving. It's dangerous. despite what Good Sam recreational vehicle pu ion, said recently, travel the trailers is against Ark law.

## Two Companies

The Consumer Protection Division has discovered that Haleyville, Alabama, lu company--Fuller Lumber a duplicate, and it isn't a good copy. The first F Lumber is a reputable but the second has purch large amounts of lumber Arkansas firms, using other Fuller Lumber's credit and now can't be fo Businesses are warned



Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Soapbox:

Whatever my destination in northwest Arkansas I always try to swing by Prairie Grove Battlefield Park.

For years I've wanted to write a letter to your paper thanking the people of Prairie Grove for maintaining such a fine park, and urging them not to take it for granted just because it is such a familiar part of their everyday lives.

For years I've enjoyed the annual Clothesline Fair, arts and crafts, and the priceless restoration of pioneer log cabin architecture that is rapidly disappearing elsewhere. I'm also a student of the Civil War in Arkansas. I can't walk the brow of that ridge without a feeling of awe. Historical personalities come to life during a walk at Prairie Grove. Gen. Thomas Hindman, Gen. Joseph O. Shelby, Gen. Marmaduke and the men who served under them were among the finest fighting men the Confederacy ever produced. I've read numerous diaries of men who fought at Prairie Grove. They all speak of the battle as a profound experience in their lives, no matter where else they served or fought in later stages of the conflict.

Prairie Grove is not a playground -- it is sacred ground. Let's not defile it with a man made structure in the famous ravine that was the focal point of the battle.

I'd like to see the people of Prairie Grove have an amphitheatre, if they, not the politicians, really want one. But surely there must be some more suitable place nearby. Perhaps the state or local government, through funds from state or federal sources, could purchase property elsewhere nearby for location of the amphitheatre.

It should be clearly understood that Civil War buffs are not "against" the people of Prairie Grove having an amphitheatre. I, for one, will support your efforts to obtain an amphitheatre, as long as it is not in the ravine or other historically crucial portion of the park.

Sincerely,

John Houston

Little Rock, Arkansas

FATH

than investor owned utilities. The FPC also reports public utilities have 10 per cent less plants per customer and delivers 12 per cent more juice per customer.

You trust the PSC, that is fine. You like well regulated business, well, so do we. But did you know that the well regulated business you like so well is usually regulated by commissions and boards comprising people from the same industry they are to regulate? Do you put a fox in the hen house to guard the chickens? That is why we of ACORN initiated the Life-line ordinance, we, the people, had a chance to make regulatory policy. It took another expert regulator (a judge who was not in the least bit accountable to the people of Little Rock) to take that chance away.

You say consumers need someone to speak for them. We say consumers will speak best for themselves when they unite with any group they feel best about. We would like them to join ACORN of course, but we are not in a battle, as you say, with Arkansas Consumer Research or Ralph Nader. Our group is different from theirs in that with ACORN we, the people, speak for ourselves.

If you are not part of the solution, then you are a part of the problem. Don't be scared, "Name Withheld," come out of your closet, join ACORN. We are at 523 West 15th Street in Little Rock, Ark. Don't look for some consumer messiah to look out for you, "Name Withheld." In ACORN we have found that un-

## IMAGINE'S PEOPLE



Dunham  
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CHOICE BETWEEN A  
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ING THE KIDS TO COLLEGE."

Nixon's credit, that he should consider himself infallible and irreplaceable as Roosevelt considered himself. NOT BY A LONG SHOT!

Yes RMN stepped down from a lofty position. He ain't the first, nor will he be the last. RMN was in the position—duly elected President and all—when his multitude of foes kicked up and stuck their feet through the stirrups. He said to them: "If you'ins are going to get on I will get off!"

Dick Nixon has gotten off. Now then if his haters will attack the problems of inflation—caused by all those Democrat wars—with as much determination as they so gleefully exhibited in "getting" Dick then all would be well. They seem to ignore such problems, choosing instead to rejoice about other folks being rail-roaded into the penitentiaries.

When the Nixon-Haters get their can full of joys about people going to the slammer, as the Editor delightfully phrases it, they are extended an invitation to drag out RMN's records and compare them with the war-making Tin-Horn's records. These enraged Nixon-Haters have not, and will not, compare records. Why? Why? Why? Why? Why? Why?

Oh, they have their fancy retorts: "We ain't in business to discuss any facts which would be detrimental to our side."

H. E. Harvey.

Rt. 1,  
Clarksville.

## 'Prairie Grove'



To the Editor of the Gazette:

Surely in a state the size of Arkansas you can find a place to put an amphi-theater other than smack in the middle of an important Civil War battlefield!

You can put an amphi-theater anywhere, but there's no way to relocate a historic battlefield.

Please reconsider.

Anne D. Snyder.

Gainesville, Va.

## Guilt Feelings

To the Editor of the Gazette:

Why do the pro-Nixon letters continue to be written? I believe they indicate a persistent desire by some of the Nixon die-hards to ease their own feeling of guilt for having supported him by finding a legal rationale for the many illegal Nixon acts. In the process, however, fact is abandoned and truth ignored, which does little for either the contributor or democracy.

Wiley Thornton.

Dallas, Tex.

## Mr. Purcell

To the Editor of the Gazette:

If the old line, 100 per cent, dyed-in-the-wool Yellow Dog Democrats are seeking a candidate for governor, they need look no farther.

Joe Purcell has shown that he amply qualifies.

The undersigned, in his capacity as a newsman, and as an Arkansas citizen rather well known for his attempts to secure election law reform in Arkansas attended the June 6 meeting of the State Board of Election Commissioners in the Governor's conference room, at which four new members of the Board were to be chosen from the citizenry.

From the word "go," it was obvious that Joe Purcell, a member of the board by virtue of being lieutenant governor, had rigged the election in the good old Yellow-Dog manner.

As soon as Governor Pryor opened the meeting for business, Purcell took over the election process.

Purcell and his friends made their nominations and moved to close the nominations, but Governor Pryor refused to recognize the motion, and Secretary of State Winston Bryant insisted on reading into nomination all the names of those who had sought the offices of citizen-members of the board.

Purcell handily won election for his own nominees, however, because he had rigged the votes of three other constitutional officers before they ever came to the meeting.

It is presumed that those other three constitutional officers will be seeking re-election in 1978. If they, in fact, plan to do so, they're going to have to wash themselves and scrub themselves very briskly to remove the Yellow-Dog taint that has fallen onto their shoulders by being identified as followers of Joe Purcell.

Joseph Weston.

Cave City.

## Subjective Dominance

To the Editor of the Gazette:

Individually we all are under what psychologists describe as the Law of Subjective Dominance. At any particular time, we do not see things as *they* are but as *we* are.

At birth we are extroverts and only develop introvert qualities by experience, and insight with maturity—fruits of our introspection.

To strike a happy balance between introvert and extrovert

is a government, which was a error to being a true Utopian government as anyone could ever hope to see in this planet.

A true Utopian government would have to be elastic enough to accommodate and satisfy everyone. Every single solitary and different human being.

Rigid rule and laws which say: You do this that way or else. You conform to this or else. You do what I say and want You to do or else. Are not Utopian laws. Instead they are autocratic, and/or totalitarian laws.

Our Founding Fathers were smart people because they realized that there were differences in people and even made allowances for it in our by-laws. "We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." That is the first sentence in the Declaration of Independence. It is elastic to the extent that it can encompass and accommodate every single individual in this nation. And all that is needed to make that guarantee work, and this country a true Utopia is: The people monitoring their own rights, their own pursuit of happiness, own endeavors, to make absolutely certain that they are not infringing on someone else's rights.

Utopia has to be Utopia to every single individual, otherwise it would not be a Utopia. And killing off everyone who don't like the Utopia, is not the way to establish a Utopia. Think about that.

Robert R. Russell.

Fort Smith.

## Mr. Young

To the Editor of the Gazette:

I must have missed some of the news. When did Andrew Young get elected president of Africa?

What is he trying to do, revive the Ku Klux Klan?

Name Withheld.

North Little Rock.

## A Reminder

To the Editor of the Gazette:

Every time I read one of your reporters' tender references to Teddie Boswell as the person who ran a "near-miss campaign for governor" I take greater pride in Virginia's accomplishment, of having been the woman who beat the man who was "almost governor."

Jim Johnson.

Little Rock.

"Arkansas Gazette June 17, 1977"



# The Arkansas Press



## Some Progress in the Prairie Grove Battle

Several editors commented favorably in recent days on the possible revision of plans to build an amphitheater on the Prairie Grove battlefield.

**Pine Bluff Commercial:** A chorus of the Battle Hymn of the Republic and a rebel yell for the news that bidding to construct an amphitheater in the historic ravine at Prairie Grove battlefield has been postponed indefinitely.

That's the word from Richard Davies, director of Arkansas state parks, and it's a welcome one. A modern amphitheater in the ravine where 15,000 Union troops and 11,000 Confederates determined the outcome at Prairie Grove, and perhaps the outcome of The War in Missouri, would have been a desecration. It would have been on a smaller scale than Gettysburg's abominable tower, but still a desecration. To quote Jerry Russell of the Civil War Roundtable of Arkansas: "They could have walked all over the battlefield and not found a worse spot" for the amphitheater than the ravine.

There's another opinion, too. It's the one reflected by state Representative Bill Ramsey of Prairie Grove, who says "my local people are really up in the air about it. They say what right does an outsider have to come and tell us where to build this thing?"

Oh, about the same right as those 25,000 outsiders more or less who met there in December of 1862 to decide in their own way the future of this Union. Those outsiders made Prairie Grove of concern beyond Prairie Grove by their deeds and their sacrifices there. Any more ques-

**Ashley County Ledger at Hamburg:** In the Northwest corner of Arkansas, there is occurring what may become a major confrontation between those who think that historical places and parks should preserve history and those who believe that all parts, historical or otherwise, should be places of entertainment.

The place in question is a small ravine where a major turning point in the Civil War Battle of Prairie Grove took place. The quarrel is between supporters of an amphitheater which was to be built in this ravine and those who said that the ravine should be preserved undisturbed for its historical importance.

The General Assembly in 1975 appropriated \$55,000 for the construction of this amphitheater, but after widespread opposition by historical groups in the state, the State Parks and Tourism Department has wisely decided to delay the construction of this facility.

Alternative plans, which include consideration of a grassed-over gravel pit for the construction site, are now being considered.

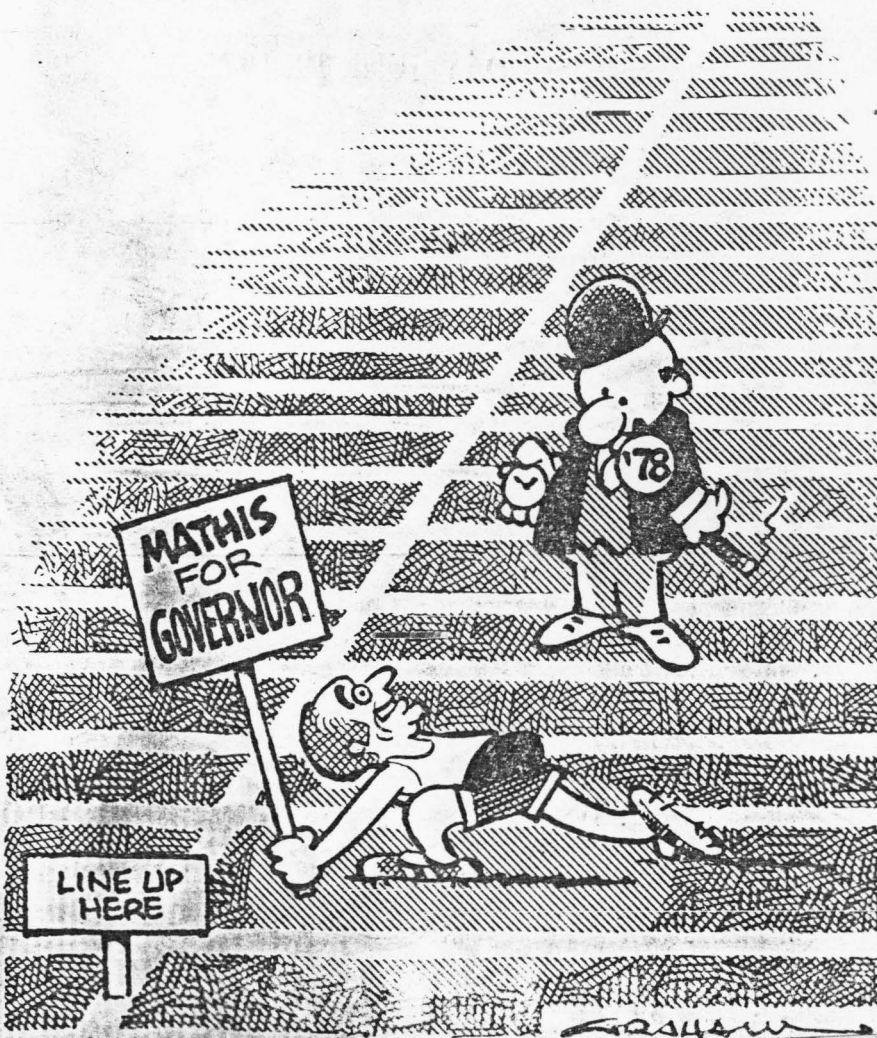
The Parks and Tourism Department is to be commended on its decision. If the original plans were carried out, a site hallowed by events taking place there more than a century ago would become only another picnic ground and recreation area.

**Log Cabin Democrat at Conway:** We are glad that the powers that be have decided to take another look at the decision to build an amphitheater in a historic ravine at Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park.

The bid opening for the facility was originally scheduled for Tuesday but was postponed indefinitely last week by Parks Director Richard Davies after Civil War historians raised a ruckus over the matter.

The historians say the decisive action in the December 1862 Battle of Prairie Grove took place in the very ravine that had been chosen for the amphitheater location.

Rep. Ramsey should also remember that the \$55,000 appropriated for the work at the park came from some of the "outsiders" he refers to. It is the Arkansas taxpayer who must foot the bill for



without disturbing the integrity of the park as a historic site.

### School Questions

**Southwest Times Record at Fort Smith:** Well, believe it or not, now comes a test which indicates that Arkansas public school pupils are as well or better educated than those in other states—something that most state residents have believed all along.

There's plenty of criticism of public education, usually relating to insufficient grounding in the basics. This doesn't apply just to Arkansas, but to schools nationwide. Recently, however, there have been some "studies" indicating that Arkansas pupils were well below the regional and national averages. But now there is a study showing that Arkansas college-bound seniors scored well above the national average on the scholastic aptitude test, which is one used for college admissions.

The results were based on tests given to 1,483 Arkansas pupils and about one million nationally.

We don't believe any one test series can be considered proof positive of an educational system. And we'd like to see the basics taught more rigidly than they are in most schools everywhere.

But we certainly don't believe Arkansas schools are inferior to those anywhere else—and in many cases, we believe they are superior.

The records of countless Arkansas students at many famed higher education institutions seem to us to prove it.

**Batesville Daily Guard:** Leaders of two state-wide organizations dedicated to the betterment of public education are presently at odds over a question of crucial importance to the future of that institution.

Bill Walker of Jonesboro, president of the Arkansas Education Association, last week asserted that a survey shows "epidemic proportions" of teacher resignations under pressure and terminations. He said the AEA surveyed about 270 school districts and received about 100 responses indicating the number of teacher resignations under pressure from administrators or school boards and the number of contract terminations this spring.

newal is the educator's fancy word for fired). Contending this illustrates that Arkansas teachers, especially in eastern Arkansas, live in a "climate of fear."

In reaction, Ed Teeter, director of the Arkansas School Boards Association, said Monday that the AEA was trying to gain support for teacher tenure legislation through the survey. He said Walker was trying to convince the public that school teachers are being fired in large numbers, which is not true. Teeter observed further that any teacher whose contract is not renewed or who is fired can get, upon request, a written explanation from the school board and is entitled to a public hearing.

Teeter further accused the AEA of being a teacher's union, which is trying to take complete control of public education.

Rather than arguing about unionization or tenure, we'd prefer to see the educational organizations join with parent-teacher associations to upgrade the quality of teacher and administrator qualifications and to insure open communications between all concerned. If that happens, we believe the other problems will take care of themselves.

### Charter Drive

**The Benton Courier:** The folks who are starting a petition drive in Arkansas to get the question of calling a constitutional convention on the ballot next year have their work cut out for them.

They have about a year to get some 58,000 signatures on petitions. Without any sort of large, ready-made organization working on the project, it will be difficult to complete.

The whole effort is necessary because the General Assembly fumbled the ball earlier this year and failed to call a constitutional convention, despite a mandate given the legislators by the voters in last year's general election. The lawmakers and Gov. David Pryor disagreed on a timetable for voting on proposed revisions to the state constitution, and therefore no bill became law in the 1977 session.

The new proposal for calling a convention would include a vote on a new document at a special election in 1981. This timetable would be preferable to a vote at a general election.

on—at least three significant differences between the Senate and House versions of this important legislation.

One of these differences is that the House, unlike the Senate, placed a time limit on the life of the new agency. An amendment provides that it shall go out of existence in five years unless continued by congressional action.

As to placing a limit on the department's life barring specific action to continue it a few years hence, we consider this stricture unsound. This has superficial appeal, seeming merely to afford a chance to let the agency die should it develop into a monster. This is outweighed by other considerations.

The Department of Energy must move with firmness and vigor if it is to effectively direct the nation's response to the energy crisis. Some of the steps it will have to take are bound to be unpopular; some will tread on the toes of vested interests. Were the time limit on the department's life left in the enabling act, Congress would be importuned—and strongly pressured—to kill it by default. No other department operates under such a Damoclean sword. Nor should this one.

**The Twin City Tribune at West Helena:** The Senate's favorable action on creation of a new Cabinet-level Department of Energy was predictable. The fragmentation of responsibility for energy programs throughout the federal bureaucracy has been a hindrance to development of a coherent national energy policy.

Considerable power would be gathered in the new department—but not as much as originally thought. Still, there's enough to potentially cause "great mischief or good."

Whether mischief or good flows from the department will depend as much on Congress as on the performance strategy worked out.

It would be a Department of Energy free energy lemons.

It would be energy crisis energy program.

**Pine Bluff Ways and Means:** Unpalatable, it was, the President's Ways and Means, any substitute hot air. Which still left dangerous sources.

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**Fordyce** from an Ass Little Rock, tion office i than a succ prised. The little merit. good many lars there n major succe Associated to an annou or April that tablish a pla ference had Capitol to re Arkansas eff Austrian pla resulted fr



some of the sharp edges in the proposed ordinance, if they can be identified in the public debate, and if this comes the case then the city should respond accordingly. But the general concept supported in the proposed ordinance is sound enough and we hope it will find its way into the governing city.

## Democracy

old, has emerged. This is truly a remarkable exercise of responsible judgment by the Spanish people. It must be credited largely to the progressive, humane leadership of Dolfo Suarez in the early transition, and most importantly to the man who selected him for the task, King Juan Carlos de Borbon. Again, contrary to the expectation of many, the king has been a winner all the way, as the young blow who let Franco down with a posthumous thud. The aging dictator chose Prince Juan Carlos to succeed him on the prince's promise that he would perpetuate the Franco dictatorship forever. But the new king started to dismantle it as soon as the old tyrant died, proclaiming the need for "a modern and free society," freeing political prisoners *en masse*, lifting the ban on political parties (even the Communists), setting machinery in motion for free elections and a parliamentary democracy. The king took a risk which is not notable for taking. He bet against the fabled volatility of the Spanish, and it seems that both he and his may have been vindicated.

Anyway, the democratic world can be sure that the signs are prophetic, and we cheer that democracy is not, after all, in decline and retreat everywhere on the globe. Though suppressed in some areas, it is resurgent on the whole Iberian peninsula — in Portugal and now Spain — long a territory of totalitarian despair. There can be no more welcome additions to the ranks of free nations than these countries which are among the keystones of history, commanding the entrance to the Mediterranean, full of creative people. They help us to believe anew that freedom is unquenchable in the long, long run.

Well, the first gubernatorial candidate for 1978 has announced here in Arkansas, thus proving once again that Arkansas politics, as in football, is an awfully short off-season.

Consumer Affairs. There is the Fair Trade Commission—and the list goes on.

All of these are supposedly there to help the individual consumer when he has been wronged by manufacturers, etc.

But, for his own sake, I hope Mr. Cunningham never has to seek help from them as I have. When the "little" consumer has a problem against a large, powerful manufacturer such as the automobile firms, etc., he will just be told that if he disagrees then he can just go hire a lawyer and go to court (which he can do without their advice—and also without having to shell out tax money to support these agencies who will not help him).

When the claim is of such large magnitude as to attract nationwide publicity and attention, they will intervene when the suit is against some of the large manufacturers (such as the recent controversy over the Chevrolet engines in Oldsmobile cars), but for the average case, the consumer has to prove there is fraud before the consumer agencies will do anything.

Recently, I purchased a new car and when the dealer could not repair it after trying several times, he just told me to get out of his shop and not bring it back—that they would do nothing more to it under warranty. The Consumer Agency said I would have to prove fraud—and some of the agencies I contacted would not even respond to my letters. Well, when a dealer and manufacturer issue a warranty that they will not honor, I feel this is fraud—but the Consumer Agency said I would have to prove this—they would not intervene.

So, Mr. Cunningham, if you are thinking about getting help from these agencies, I wish you luck! And we don't need to foot the bill for any more agencies to take up for the interests of the "big manufacturers" rather than the consumer.

A Consumer.

Little Rock.

## Overweening Hubris

To the Editor of the Gazette:

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance recently stated that the United States would not be hubristic about the Human Rights cause. Hubristic being a word I hadn't been using every day, I asked my husband, who is a Scrabble addict, what it meant. "It means insolent, arrogant, vain," he promptly replied. The unabridged dictionary which I later consulted

Hale Thompson, "Big Bill," was a well-known politician in Chicago. It was reported that when he entered politics, his mother advised him to latch on to an unusual, commanding word and let it become his trade mark. As a dutiful son, he did just that! The word was "anachronism." Folks were so enchanted with his frequent use of his favorite word, they

## Other Days

From the Files of the Gazette

### 150 Years Ago

(June 19, 1827)

LITTLE ROCK—The Emigrating Creek Indians. The Delegation of Creek Indians, who passed up the Arkansas about two months ago, under the direction of Col. Brearley, for the purpose of exploring the country west of this Territory, preparatory to the commencement of the emigration of the nation from the state of Georgia, returned to this place, on Thursday morning last.

We learn, from Col. B. that his party proceeded to Fort Gibson, where they procured horses, and sat out from thence to explore the country west of our territorial limits. Their route lay on the north side of the Arkansas during the first four days of their journey, when they crossed it, and pursued a southwest direction across the several forks of the Canadian, to the main branch of that river, which forms the Choctaw line, and from thence in various directions to the mouth of Grand river, and thence down to their starting place.

We are pleased to learn, from Col. B. that the country which they explored, far exceeded their most sanguine expectations, and that the opinion of the deputation who accompanied him is, that it is by far the best adapted to their purposes of any they have seen. The opinion, he thinks, will induce an immediate and large emigration from the Creek nation; and he expects to be able to conduct out some 5,000 or upwards in the course of the ensuing autumn or winter.

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LITTLE ROCK—Road from Little Rock to Fort Gibson. We learn from Col. Brearley, that the troops have commenced cutting out this road, and are proceeding rapidly with the work. Eight miles have already been completed, and he speaks of it as being done in a very superior manner.

To the Editor of the Gazette:  
I concur with your editorial of June 8 on the status of the Little Rock Zoo. It does seem a shame to put a price tag on Little Rock's only star in its collection of parks. And it is a star. It is far better than zoos I've visited in cities comparable with Little Rock in size.

I accompanied a den of cub scouts on a field trip to the zoo a week or so ago. One of the purposes of the trip was to encourage community pride by having the scouts pick up trash and litter in the zoo area. Well, we were pleasantly surprised to find that the trash and litter on the zoo grounds was non-existent. I suspect the very few pieces of paper the scouts managed to find had been dropped by the morning's visitors ahead of us.

The den mother and I noted how clean the animal shelters were and how fat and healthy all the animals looked. We had both been patrons of the zoo as children and could remember a time when you held your nose if you went in the lion house. Not so now: It actually smelled better there than it does in my backyard. (I have five kittens.)

So, I salute the zoo director and staff for a great job. Keep it up!

A Proud Citizen.

North Little Rock.

## The Battlefield

To the Editor of the Gazette:

Re: The Prairie Grove Battlefield

I have just finished reading your editorial on the Prairie Grove Battlefield ("A Salutary Delay," June 8.).

As a resident of the general area, a citizen of the State of Arkansas, and a United States citizen, I wholeheartedly agree that it is good news that the bid opening for an amphitheater is indefinitely delayed.

Indeed, to build anything on the exact spot of this Civil War battle would require the same kind of thought processes that might have a rollercoaster built in Arlington National Cemetery.

In my humble and considered opinion, it is not a local-interest decision. The Civil War was historically the most critical time in this nation's life, and the Prairie Grove battle site was/is a part of the Civil War.

Let us never forget what happened!

One thousand times no to the desecration of the Prairie Grove Battlefield!

George Brooks.

Springdale.

"ARKANSAS GAZETTE" June 19, 1977

# Carter's Second Look At The B-1

To the Editor of the Gazette:

Your editorial of 13 June, 1977, "Mr. Carter And The B-1" was an interesting compilation of verbiage and quite adequately summarized the opposition's point of view concerning the B-1 Bomber buy. The decision to build the B-1 bomber, or any other weapons system, should depend upon the necessity for such a weapons system; therefore, it boils down to gathering sufficient facts to make that determination. Just because Mr. Carter, as a presidential candidate, made a statement concerning the requirement for the B-1, hardly passes the "so What? test." It is quite possible and highly probable, that since becoming President he has better facts at his command than he had as a candidate for president.

You allude to the proposition that the B-1 may be being built as a means of building local economy. If this is the only reason, I agree that it's a mighty expensive way of going about it and will not contribute to the needs of the people. However, while we have that big word "if" in the discussion, what if it is necessary to our national defense, we don't have it and have occasion to need it? That is when there will be the Devil to pay.

One of our representatives in Washington is for it and one is against it, . . . I'm not sure which one is the zealot. It probably depends upon which faction you support. You describe one as being eloquent. An eloquent speaker isn't necessarily making good sense if he doesn't have his facts straight.

There are those in Washington City who advocate spending the money that the B-1 program would cost for social programs, contending that their programs are as critical or crucial to our national security as an adequate weapons system. They may be correct, but I doubt it. The enemy from without is more of a threat to our national security and the enemy is real.

John F. Eggers,  
Col. USA (Ret.)

Mountain View.

## Prairie Grove

To the Editor of the Gazette:

This is an urgent appeal to the State of Arkansas not to desecrate another Civil War battle-

(Communications on any subject are welcome. Letters should be brief and typewritten with double spacing if possible. All letters are subject to editing. Each letter must have a signature and mailing address although signatures will be withheld on request. No published letters will be returned. No unpublished letters will be returned unless stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed. — Editor.)

field site by constructing an amphitheater on one of the most historically significant areas of the Prairie Grove battlefield.

In the spring of 1975, I made a 10,000-mile tour of Civil War battlefield sites. I returned home greatly disturbed by the neglect and abuse of many battlefield sites, especially by private and public developments. If battlefield parks are to fulfill their primary mission; to preserve the battlefield site and to provide adequate interpretation of what happened there they must (1) include as much of the battlefield site as possible, (2) the site be preserved, or restored, as much as is possible to its condition at the time of the battle, (3) that the park be used solely for the purpose of interpretation of the battle and not for other recreational use and activities.

I visited the Prairie Grove Park in early April, 1975, and I have retained two impressions of the Park: One, disappointment that much of the state-owned portion of the site has been cluttered by buildings that were not on the site at the time of the battle and have no relation to what happened there on December 7, 1862, and second, that much of the battlefield site is free from development and can be observed much as it was at the time of the battle, thus affording the people of Arkansas with a rare opportunity to preserve much of the battlefield as it was in 1862.

The construction of the amphitheater is wrong as it, first, is a development which violates the historical integrity of the park and intrudes upon the events that took place there on that December day. It would be impossible to return to Prairie Grove and stand

on that historic spot with the 34th Arkansas and repulse Herron's charge on December 7, 1862.

Please do not violate this historic battlefield site any further! Stop such developments as they do not belong there! Instead, spend your money in enlarging the boundaries of the park to include more of the battlefield site and thus preserve it for future generations who will want to return to Prairie Grove and relieve those dramatic hours of December 7, 1862 with the boys in blue and gray.

★ Robert W. Reinhard,  
Professor of History,  
Winona State University,  
Winona, Minn.

## Gazette Sports

Re: Gazette sportswriter's comment on Razorback basketball coach Eddie Sutton being the logical choice to succeed Bartow at UCLA.

This comment bothers me for a couple of reasons I would like to put forth. First, it is silly to say that Sutton is the logical choice for the UCLA position. Sutton is a good coach in a third-rate conference. I would be surprised if the committee selecting a new coach at UCLA are even aware of Sutton. Sutton is no doubt a fine fellow, but does not compare in anyway to a dozen or more coaches around the country in first-rate basketball conferences. Second, this kind of statement exemplifies the non-thinking, emotional hero worship of the Gazette sportswriters for the Razorbacks whether they deserve it or not. Saying it does not make it so.

I would like to see a truly intellectual sportswriter for the Gazette (if such a creature exists).

Roscoe Lee Bates.

Conway.

## Saints A-Plenty!

To the Editor of the Gazette:

The News Media has blundered again! The Gazette headlined an article today that John Neuman of Philadelphia was the first made saint of the United States.

Every person that believes and obeys the Gospel of Christ becomes a saint.

Three hundred years before the Catholic Church was established the Apostle Paul penned the following words to the Lord's church at Philippi: "Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the elders and deacons." (PHILIPPI). Again,

kicking the system over supporting it. It is the same spirit that dominates the Carter administration, and which brought Mr. Carter to the presidency in the first place.

When he is working with that prevailing spirit, Carter tends to enjoy success — even striking success — in the Congress. Thus his basic reorganization plan for the government shot through both Houses.

The victories he has scored in the past 10 days of intense battling fit the same pattern. He was able to mobilize a fairly large majority on the House Ways and Means Committee to sustain a key proposal of his energy program which called for wellhead taxes to be paid by the oil companies out of the higher profits they will realize from rising prices. He won that fight by organizing diffuse independent sentiment against the big, bad oil companies.

Another Carter victory, last

Carl T. Rowan

## Legal Assist 'Law and O.

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Washington.

WHY IN THE name of heaven should the federal government spend \$217 million a year to help poor people clutter up the courts?

That's the kind of question you'll hear these days from slum landlords who don't want any barriers to evicting tenants who don't speedily cough up rent money; or merchants who don't want complications when they try to repossess the car or TV set of someone who has lost his job; or social workers who don't want government-paid lawyers meddling in their decisions as to what medical, welfare or other benefits some poor family can get.

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THIS ISSUE of the government providing legal assistance for the poor in civil matters will become hotter, for the Congress is in the process of deciding whether to renew the mandate of the Legal Services Corporation, which expires at September's end, and whether to give it the \$217 million requested.

By all the normal measurements of clout in this society, the Legal Services Corporation is an underdog. Landlords and merchants pack a far bigger wallop among our lawmakers than do the poor. And, after all, the legal services program barely survived the Nixon administration days when partisan politicking virtu-

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DUNAGIN'S PEOPLE



"PRAIRIE GROVE ENTERPRISE" JUNE 23, 1977

# Your soapbox

Lincoln, Arkansas

release center of prisoners being located we would all be glad to have these and gotten back into the stream of things to mind that old question, "Am I" Under some circumstances, yes, in a If the state of Arkansas does not have quate for these prisoners then it should it has to take care of the overcrowded exist.

Probably add or create a few jobs but there should not be evaluated in dollars and center is one of them. I think if the center Lincoln it would put a stigma on the town Iington County. These inmates are not hardened criminals. We are opposed to cause it would devaluate property and problems to arise.

/s/W.C. Payne

Lincoln, Arkansas

exists in the Lincoln School System that ed. I am very concerned about the entary playground; not necessarily the ounds itself.

it is impossible for grass to grow where there will always be some trenches and created over the years. However, the ow and have been existing for a number t the dangerous point. In addition to the through the middle of the playground, can also be found.

appears to be washed away; not a blade of anywhere. This is a very dangerous our children use this playground nine r. These conditions are conducive to a g and falling over roots and rocks, ger children who use this portion of the

hat any concerned parent visit this ly and see exactly what your children are on next year.

ot of time and expense involved in conditions, but can we really put a s safety?

(Name withheld by request.)



Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Soapbox:

In regards to Mr. John Heuston's remark in the Prairie Grove Enterprise on June 16, 1977, he states that he thanks the people of Prairie Grove for maintaining such a fine park.

Would like to remind Mr. Heuston that the people of Prairie Grove or the insiders do not maintain the park, it is maintained by the Department of Parks & Tourism of the State of Arkansas, and is staffed with State employees. As far as the rest of your article it is o.k.

Neal Burroughs  
Little Rock

Lincoln, Ark.

Dear Soapbox:

I will never support a correction facility of any kind in the Lincoln area. I will do all I can to prevent its' placement here.

The idea of a prerelease center in Lincoln should have been dropped a long time ago: Lincoln is the wrong place for a good concept. Recently the City Council had an opportunity to vote down a resolution to invite the facility to Lincoln. They did not, and lost an opportunity to be applauded.

Now we have to waste an evening talking about something that shouldn't even be considered in the first place. The reasons for not having the program in Lincoln are obvious. First, the residents don't want it, probably more than we know. Second if they were employed around Lincoln they would only take away jobs from local people. Third, if you transport them to another town its a pure waste of money and time. The inmates would appreciate being next to their work, rather than face a long ride to and from work every day. Fourth this could not be considered positive growth, because if it grew, which is what some folks want, we would be known as a prison town.

Besides if the program grew enough to employ any significant amount of people from this area wouldn't it be great to send your kids to work there? Wouldn't we rather have our people working at regular jobs? Fifth, if the inmates family wanted to be close to him they would have to move to Lincoln, that would be inviting more people with more problems. Finally its obvious that the majority of these people came from the area of which Fayetteville and Springdale would be the geographic center. The inmates are not going to appreciate being stuck in Lincoln when the facility could just as easily have been located close to their home where they could make a local call to their family.

We could go on and on but the whole thing is disgusting, so let's ask ourselves why anyone would support this. I see no real reason short of a personal benefit we'll never know.

I hope the idea is discarded at the town meeting, but if it isn't I will continue to work against it till we get rid of this idea I

# Capitol

By Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt  
**BACK TO THE SPOILS**

Many American history books system" to refer to the time when gov chosen and evaluated by political ability.

Forty years ago, the Hatch Act was protects federal employees from being political work as part of their job and helps assure the taxpaying public government busines will be separated

Earlier this month, the House of substantially weaken the Hatch Act. H.R. 10, as I opposed a similar propo

If the Hatch Act revisions are pas signed by the President, our Civil Ser the Spoils System status of a tool for

To cite just two possibilities:

If federal employee organizations mandatory dues for political purposes would be, in effet, required to make

Secondly, if federal employees political funds, government services campaign contributions.

To my way of thinking, campaign voluntary, not a condition for keeping a And certainly, such government activ and loans, Internal Revenue Service and Veterans' Benefit hearings, or ex savings institutions, should not be political considerations.

Except for clearly-established patro ment employment should be based on and assignments should be based capability. To step back to the Spoils unfair to both federal employees and t I invite your views.

Write Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt, Representatives, Washington, D.C. 2

## Hammerschmidt

Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt urged the House of Representatives to approve nearly \$7 million for continuing land acquisition for the Buffalo National River.

During debate of the Department of Interior appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 1978, Representative Hammerschmidt told his colleagues that the additional funds were needed to assure that land- ownership in the Buffalo National River

**SIGNS**  
267-3562

# New Site Considered for Amphitheatre

The State Department of Parks and Tourism has agreed to study a new site for the proposed "amphitheater" at the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park--in the old, grassed-over gravel pit on the east side of the park. The new site, which the agency was asked to consider by the local Prairie Grove Battlefield Park Commission, is further west of the proposed site that would have located the building in the ravine where an important skirmish in the 1862 Battle of Prairie Grove took place.

While the gravel pit is part of the historic ravine, the many opponents to the state agency's intended site point out that the land over the gravel pit has already been disturbed. Other land in the ravine has not

been developed or excavated for gravel, members of local historical societies and Civil War groups have said.

Opponents were also concerned about the incompatibility of the amphitheater with the park's purpose--an historic purpose primarily. But Bill Henderson, director of Parks and Tourism, assuaged both opponents and the local park commission (a group appointed by the governor to oversee park uses) with a drawing of the amphitheater which shows the building to be little more than a 22 feet by 32 feet open-air pavilion with a stage out front and a dressing room and rest-

rooms in the rear. The hillside can be used for audience seating, Henderson said.

The image of the building as

them, individual. Battlefield Park Commission members told the state agency they did not object to the proposal itself,



a concrete and steel amphitheater spread out over the side and bottom of a hill originated two years ago when the state legislature appropriated

but preferred to see the building located in the gravel pit--because the pit is an already disturbed area of the park and because the pit eventually will require work to improve its appearance.

Henderson said the agency's main objection to the gravel pit site is the high cost of moving earth to slope the steep bank of the pit. But his agency agreed to study the feasibility and report back to the local commission.



rooms in the rear.

The wood-frame building, Henderson said, will be available for use by groups wanting to perform battle interpretations, by musical groups, by square dancers and by picnickers.

The building will be placed

legislature appropriated

\$55,000 to build the structure, and called it an amphitheater in the legislation.

Satisfied that the building will be similar in appearance to other historic buildings in the state park and pleased that the state agency finally consulted



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**Woods Publishes in PHYLON**

Dr. Randall B. Woods, associate professor of history at the University of Arkansas, is the author of an article that appears

in the most recent issue of PHYLON, the Atlanta (Ga.) University Review of Race and Culture.

The article is entitled "The Black American Press and the New Manifest Destiny: The Waller Affair," and concerns a diplomatic incident that occurred in 1895 in which L. Waller a black American was arrested and imprisoned by French authorities on the East Coast.

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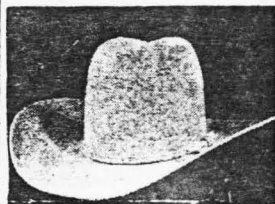
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July 23, 1977

The Hon. David Pryor  
Governor's Office  
State Capital Bldg.  
Little Rock, Arkansas


Dear Sir:

I want to thank you for allowing another look at the placement of the amphitheater/pavilion at the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park. It is possible that the historic ravine will now be preserved and that the integrity of this Battlefield Park will be fully insured because of this temporary delay. I hope that the best solution will soon be found, and that everyone will feel satisfied that the chosen site represents our mutual concern for this beautiful, State Battlefield Park. Mr. Pryor, your generous attention is well appreciated and, I believe that the solution of the problem of this project will reflect your care and personal involvement.

It is now possible to direct attention to the old Archibald Borden house. Our preservation team had to stop their project of completing the measured drawings of this old home because of the recent problem in the RAVINE. We could not work knowing that this crucial terrain feature was soon to be destroyed. It seemed that nine months of talking about the ravine, and finding alternate sites, had no apparent effect on project plans. I felt that this loss should be a public issue and that a public hearing would be a normal procedure before bids are taken for construction. Since there was a definite risk involving the removal of the National Register status of this Battlefield Park, I felt that we were speaking as much for the past as for the future. We appreciate your timely intervention, Governor, and now feel that we can attend to the problems relating to the Borden House.

The old Archibald Borden home is now well known and subject to continuing vandalism. In fact, someone threw one of the porch post down the nearby well and I am afraid that the porch roof will soon be destroyed. This house is now eligible for matching grant funds, Governor, and if you could possibly help this situation, we would gladly lend as much assistance as possible. I wonder if funds for the Borden house can be requested during your special legislative session which begins August 2? Can any available funds be located in the near future, or do we have to wait until the 1979 legislative session? There is much to do, and we must try to afford some minimum protection for the old Borden house before eventual destruction. We stand ready to help, and hope that you can locate the needed funds. Thank you for your time and personal attention to the complex problems of the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park.

Sincerely,

  
Patrick Horan



—Staff Photo by Pat Patterson

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Bill Walker, AEA president, said his organization was "very disappointed," but would continue to work with the governor and the legislature on an acceptable measure. Ed Teeter, executive

# Pryor Asks Repeal of Tax For Litter Program in Call

secretary of the Arkansas School Boards Association, said the governor was wise not to put the teacher bill in the session.

The governor also rejected a request by Republican State Chairman Lynn Lowe that legislation be enacted to "forgive" two Republicans and 13 Democrats who failed to file their oaths of office with the secretary of state, and thus are subject to ouster from office. The two Republicans have been ousted as members of the Benton County Quorum Court, but Mr. Pryor has reappointed one.

Mr. Pryor said that more than 100 subjects had been suggested for the special session and he reserved the right to add some more before the deadline for amending the call at 6 p.m. Monday.

He said he hopes that the legislature will conclude its business by August 5. He said he convened the special session at 6 p.m. because the opening day is always short, with just the reading of bills to be introduced. He will make a brief speech at the opening ceremony.

## Call Items Listed

The call asks the legislature:

1. To appropriate expenses for the session.
2. To create a litter control program in the Local Services Department.
3. To call a constitutional convention for 1979.
4. To appropriate expenses of the Constitutional Convention.
5. To authorize the transfer of land at the Little Rock Unit of the State Hospital to the Veterans Administration for a new hospital.
6. To allow payment of real and personal property taxes, either by installment or in full, without penalty until October 10 each year.
7. To appropriate \$612,000 this fiscal year and \$1,421,420 in the next fiscal year for the kindergarten.
8. To appropriate \$4 million for the state aid street account of the state Highway and Transportation Department from federal fee-sharing funds.
9. To appropriate \$20,000 this year and \$25,000 in the next fiscal year for the state Labor Department to match federal mining program funds and to print changes in law. The program was approved, but no spending authority was granted at the regular

boards to have up to seven members. The 1977 legislature reduced the maximum to five and that has created disputes in a few counties, Mr. Pryor said.

11. To reinstate spending authority for the Southwest Vocational Technical Institute at East Camden to complete the Fire Training Academy construction and spend \$75,000 for an on-campus wastewater training facility.

12. To amend Act 359 of 1977, which gave Arkansas-based bidders a 5 per cent preference in bids on state-purchased commodities, so that new businesses and small businesses that do not pay employment security taxes, but do pay sales tax, are eligible for the preference.

13. To reappropriate \$100,000 for amounts owed on construction at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

14. To authorize state Building Services to spend up to \$500,000 in rental income for lease-purchase property, authority omitted by error by the regular session.

15. To remove a sentence in the Revenue Stabilization Law that would have prevented distributing any of Allotment C to state agencies in the next fiscal year.

16. To amend the Unemployment Security Law to assure that school employees are not eligible for unemployment benefits during school holidays.

17. To provide that state law requiring unemployment compensation benefits for municipal, county and school district employees conforms with any future changes in federal law that might relieve them of the tax liability for the unemployment insurance.

18. To amend Act 754 of 1977 to allow payment of the actuarially determined cost of a retirement system for county elected officials over five years, instead of at one time. The legislature approved the retirement plan, but didn't fund it except to allow deficits to be taken from county turn-back aid from the state. About \$5 million may be removed next year without this amendment.

The antilitter tax, which ranged from \$10 to \$100 a year depending on sales volume of a business, provoked an outcry around the state when businesses starting receiving bills for the tax due July 31.

Mr. Pryor said Tuesday, "We are responding to the people. The people said this was not the way to approach a litter program."

He noted that no new state employees would be needed for this program. Senator Max Howell of Jacksonville and Representative John M. Lipton of Warren will sponsor the litter program bills, he said.

The program would reserve \$400,000 of the general revenue appropriation for county quorum courts, to be distributed on the same formula as state general revenue turnback for counties, in grants ranging from \$5,360 to \$10,000. Mr. Pryor suggested that some of these grants could be used as match for federal grants for solid waste disposal, or other, facilities.

The remaining \$100,000, plus any money unused by counties, would be for discretionary grants to be allocated by the state Local Services Department Advisory Council. Local governments or private organizations could qualify for the money.

The constitutional convention bill follows a compromise agreed on earlier this week by Mr. Pryor and Representative Bobby L. Glover of Carlisle, sponsor of one of two general election bills vetoed by Mr. Pryor during the regular session. It would provide for election of 100 delegates at the 1978 general election, a three-day organizational meeting of delegates in December 1978, a convention beginning in May 1979, and a special election on the proposed revision the second Tuesday in November 1979.

Voters at the 1976 general election approved a ballot question on calling a convention, and supporters of the effort had started circulating petitions to call one by referendum because the 1977 regular legislative session did not result in a bill.



## Sharing a Ride With a Friend

From the grin on his face, Fred Jimenez, 4, of Fresno, to have everything a small boy's heart could desire — a warm puppy, bare feet and a swing at a local park.





"PRAIRIE GROVE ENTERPRISE" JUNE 9, 1977  
(JUNE 1)

# Amphitheatre bid delayed

JUNE 9, 1977

William E. Henderson, Director of the Arkansas Department of Parks & Tourism, said last week that due to expressions of concern the Department will postpone the opening of bids for construction of a small amphitheater and pavilion building at Prairie Grove Battlefield Park. He said the purpose of the postponement of bids is to permit the Department to again reconsider the site location.

Henderson said that he and

members of the State Parks staff will be in Prairie Grove this week to discuss the matter with the members of the Prairie Grove Battlefield commission.

The State Parks Division has developed plans for the small building in accordance with Act 593 of the 1975 General Assembly. The facility will be a frame structure of the Civil War Era in keeping with other buildings at the park. The overall dimensions are 22' x 32', with a 13' open stage, and

is estimated to cost \$31,500. No seating will be constructed and spectators will use the open hillside.

The Parks Department also released a fact sheet outlining its efforts to find a suitable site.

Act 593 of 1975 appropriated the State Parks Division \$55,000 for the construction of a suitable amphitheater and renovation of various facilities located in Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park. Operating under this mandate, the State

Parks Division began a site review and planning process lasting approximately two years.

In the fall of 1976, the Department announced a site on a hillside which overlooks a substantial portion of the battleground with the thought that among other functions this site might provide a good locale for battlefield interpretation. The selection was then published in the Enterprise and otherwise publicized around the State. Substantial objection to the site was

received because of its nearness to a focal point of the battle near the apex of General Herron's charge and because of its proximity to the Borden House, the only structure which still stands that was at Prairie Grove at the time of the battle. On the basis of these objections, the department agreed to reconsider the site selection.

On-site visits and conferences were held with members of a large number of agencies and organizations including the Department of Natural and Cultural Heritage and a number of private groups. All parties involved considered all proposed alternate site locations, most of which were eliminated for such considerations as infringement on existing key structures, overcrowding of the presently developed area, excessive noise, inadequate parking, requirement to make major excavations, excessive or offensive smells. A new tentative site was selected, located in the ravine.

A meeting was then held with Miss Anne Bartley, Director of the Department of Cultural Heritage, Representative Bill Ramsey, and a substantial number of staff members from both agencies, including the State Historic Preservation Division. The Department's tentative selection was thoroughly examined at the meeting. No alternate site was identified by any participant in the meeting which did not possess more disadvantages than the site selected.

The selected site offered these advantages; provided adequate parking area, favorable angle to the sun, sufficient seating area for public use and dispersal of activity as well as a focal point from which the Battle of Prairie Grove could be interpreted properly.

The structure itself is a multi-purpose in nature. It is intended not only to provide opportunities for interpretation but it will provide the public with a facility that can be used for public meetings, small dramatic productions, and can serve in less active periods as a sheltered picnic area. The design is patterned after structures prevalent in the Civil War Era.

In view of the continued objections to the new site on the basis that it is also a focal point of the battle, the Department elected to further review the situation. The bid opening which had been scheduled for June 14th will be postponed pending the outcome of this reconsideration effort.

In view of the fact that the Battle of Prairie Grove covered even more than the 64 acres presently encompassed in the park and, like any Civil War Battle, had many focal points, it may prove difficult to identify any usable portion of the Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park which did not play a significant role in this Civil War Action.

## Pierce seeks Legion post

Dale Pierce, a member of the Prairie Grove Edward J. Mason American Legion Post was endorsed by the First District Legionnaires for his candidacy as the Northwest Area Commander.

The endorsement was made Sunday afternoon, June 5 at the District meeting held at the Prairie Grove Post. Pierce is running against Paul Dean of the 13th District. Election results will be announced July 17 at the American Legion Department Convention in Hot Springs.

American Legion and Auxil-

iary members of the First District, elected Herb Wright of Cave Springs as their new commander and Dale Horn, also of Cave Springs, as the Auxiliary president, during the annual spring district conference.

At the joint morning session, a large crowd was on hand to hear the keynote speech of the day by Russell Laycox of Lincoln, who spoke about the Legion sponsored Boys State Program.

Prairie Grove Post officials who made the district members welcome were Post Com-

mander Austin J. Brady and Auxiliary President Millie Hulse.

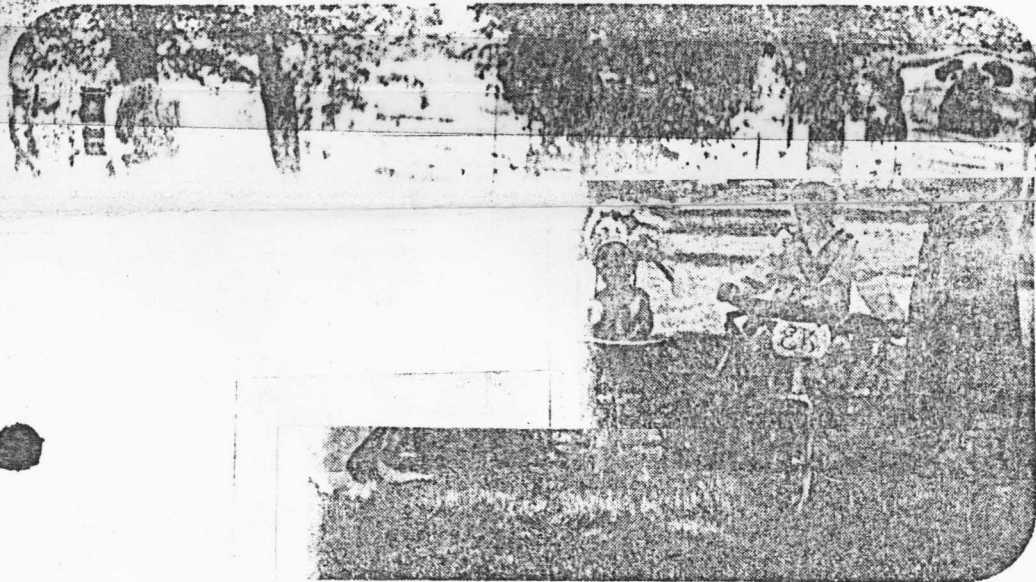
The Happiness Gospel Singers of Dutch Mills presented a gospel concert at the morning session and participated in the morning worship service which was delivered by Chaplain Lester Smith.

First District officers presiding at the morning and afternoon sessions were First District Commander Bill Hulse, Prairie Grove; Vice-commander Herb Wright, Cave Springs; Adjutant James Kley, Lincoln; Chaplain Lester

Smith, Morrow; Wash. Co. Com. Lew Myers, Lincoln; Dist. Ex.-committeeman Bill Rodgers, Lincoln; First Dist. Auxiliary President Luedell Kley, Lincoln; Vice-pres. Dale Horn, Cave Springs and Dist. Sec. Rainy Laycox, Lincoln.

Guests who attended were Thirteenth District Commander and Auxiliary President Bill and Louisa McGrew, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dean and Mr. and Mrs. Griffin, all from the Ft. Smith area and Mr. and Mrs. Chalmer Laycox of Fox Hills, Calif., parents of speaker Laycox.

At the afternoon business sessions the main order of business was the election of the 1977-78 officers. Those



On Saturday are shown with the prizes they received following the parade. They are Jan Napier, winner of a drawing for a 20" bicycle, Gregory for a 10-speed bicycle, Carla Burris, winner of \$30 for best over all costume, Wayne Flynt, winner of a tricycle for best costume in the pre-school division and for best costume in the early teen division. The Kiddie Parade is sponsored by the Grove Merchants Association.

[Staff Photo]

## Parade winners named

Second prize in the drawing was won by Jan Napier, who took home a 20-inch bicycle. All youngsters in the parade were eligible for the drawing prizes.

In the costume judging, Carla Burris was named the overall winner. She was given \$30 for her efforts in being selected as the best costumed entrant in the parade.

Other winners in the costume judging were Dwayne Flynt in the pre-school division, Marty Reed in the

elementary division and Jeff Yates in the early teen category. Flynt received a tricycle as his prize. Reed was given a skateboard and Yates took home a radio.

Judges for the parade were Terry and Christine Christopher of Neosho, Missouri.

The Kiddie Parade is an annual event staged by the local merchants for area youngsters. This year the parade was held earlier than in the past, when it was scheduled for late July.



Dale Pierce

elected to serve with Commander Wright were:

Vice-Commander Russell Laycox, Lincoln; Chaplain Lester Smith, Morrow; Dist. Ex.-committeeman Harry Olson, Rogers; Wash. Co. Com. Austin J. Brady, Prairie Grove; Carroll Co. Comm. Clyde Capps, Eureka Springs; Madison Co. Comm. James Auston; Benton Co. Com. Donnie Clark, Rogers; National Convention Delegates Erick H. Hartman, Bella Vista and alternate, Harry Olson.

Auxiliary officers elected to serve with Mrs. Horn were Vice-president Nancy Hobach, Bentonville; National Convention delegate Nora Bea Linglebach, Springdale and alternate Helen Beneyka, Rogers.

All District officers will be confirmed and installed at the Department Convention to be held in Hot Springs in mid-July.



## From the People

# Original Plan for 'Prairie Grove'

\* To the Editor of the Gazette:

As I have no desire to become a combat casualty in the "Second Battle of Prairie Grove." I make the following observations with reluctance. However, the Gazette's editorial, "Battlefield Bungle, (June 3), demands comment and clarification.

The editorial itself is something of a bungle. It's long on indignation and short on background facts.

For one thing, the editorial describes the purpose of Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park as "preservation," and adds, "Within the concept of preservation, any development has to be on the fringes."

Obviously your research overlooked a public statement, made on December 7, 1956, at the dedication of the park, by the late Fred McCuiston. "The park area," he announced, "will expand to include most of the main battle areas. Such things as craft shops, display and sales centers for these products; an amphitheater; children's play areas; and a roadside park can be seen."

Mr. McCuiston was one of a handful of Northwest Arkansas citizens who brought the Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park to reality. I could also name Prof. W. J. Lemke, Prof. Bob Logan, State Senator "Deacon" Wade, Tom Feathers, and several ladies of the U.D.C.—all, alas, now dead so far as I know.

They planned a park for multiple public use, and spent time, energy, and money to help bring it into being. Note, please, their original plans included an amphitheater.

In September of 1957, the Battlefield Park Memorial Foundation, then in charge, issued a report of progress, following earlier action by the General Assembly to appropriate \$50,000 for development.

From that report is this statement: "The Commission plans to acquire additional acreage adjoining the park, and to develop this land as both a battle memorial and a tribute to pioneers who first settled Prairie Grove Valley. The acreage has a unique feature, a natural bowl or amphitheater in which 2,000 persons could comfortably be seated to witness an historical pageant of other per-

(Communications on any subject are welcome. Letters should be brief and typewritten with double spacing if possible. All letters are subject to editing. Each letter must have a signature and mailing address although signatures will be withheld on request. No published letters will be returned. No unpublished letters will be returned unless stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed. — Editor.)

formance." (In short, interpretation.)

Now don't read me wrong. I don't care one way or the other whether an amphitheater is built in the park. I cite the above facts to indicate that amphitheater and a multiple purpose park were planned from the beginning, contrary to the misconception held by the Gazette and others now so vigorously protesting.

As for the Gazette's assumption that the park is clear of non-battle structures—"Those acres deserve to remain as they were when it happened," as you state it—please stand corrected.

More than a dozen buildings, most of Northwest Arkansas historical significance, stand within present park boundaries. Not one of them was there "When it happened," which is to say the battle of December 7, 1862. And certainly the self-propelled Army gun, of Korean War artillery fame, standing near the Hindman Memorial Museum, postdates "when it happened" by nearly a century.

The Gazette waxes indignant over alleged desecration of "hallowed ground" at Prairie Grove by a proposed amphitheater. May I ask, in passing, what was the Gazette's editorial stance 25 years or so ago, when a big push was on to spend \$50,000 in Arkansas money to erect a monument on Vicksburg Battlefield to the memory of Arkansas Confederates who fought there?

The last time I was on Vicksburg Battlefield you could hardly see the battleground for the numerous monuments, Arkansas's right in there among 'em. If memory serves me right, the Gazette was instrumental in getting

that Arkansas money spent east of the Mississippi, when Civil War battlefields in our own state were hardly marked at all.

You've fired a mighty volley in this matter of an amphitheater at Prairie Grove. Even my friend "Fat George" Fisher has done an injustice to the state parks department by blaming it for the project. Better fall back and regroup your facts, gentlemen, before you fire another round and miss the target completely.

Ernie Deane.

Fayetteville.

## Consumer Agency

To the Editor of the Gazette:

A majority of Americans, according to polls, are in favor of a Consumer Protection Agency to be created by Congress. That's precisely why the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, aided and abetted by businesses, has mounted a huge organized effort to defeat any such bill. Business doesn't want any such interference.

Apparently many businesses feel that the American consumer should not be protected against fraud, bilking, phony contracts, or misrepresentation.

In spite of this a Consumer Protection Agency was actually passed by Congress a year or two ago, only to be vetoed by President Ford. Since then, and due to the pressure of the lobbying of vested interests, many Congressmen, including many Republicans, have changed their minds!

The main argument of those opposed to a Consumer Protection Agency is that it would only create one more of an already bloated bureaucracies, which, they say, is against the campaign promises of Carter to reduce the number of bureaucracies. This is specious reasoning of the lowest order! A good many of the 200 odd Federal agencies will be eliminated by President Carter through consolidation. A Consumer Protection Agency would be one of the products. Is that bad?

Now is the time for every American to come to the aid of his pocketbook. Write your Congressman and your Senator today! Tomorrow may be too late!

W. V. Cunningham.

Hot Springs.

## Flag Day

To the Editor of the Gazette:

In a few days, June 14, we will observe the 200th birthday of Old Glory, the most beautiful Flag in the world. It was hoisted on June 14,

## Queen!

that the British have made their royalty a gentle complement to democracy, rather than a competitor with it. They've conformed the past with the present, nor is the process of benevolence change a recent thing. In the time

Elizabeth's great-great-great-great grandfather George the Third, the elder it could say, "The poorest man may his cottage bid defiance to the forces of the Crown. It may be frail, its roof may shake \*\*\* but the King of England cannot enter \*\*\* all his force dares not cross the threshold of the ruined tenement!" Rather than power, the royalty symbolizes today Britain's permanence, survival against the fiercest hurricanes of history, and it has need of this reminder in its present economic torments.

As to the latter question, of course, the Jubilee itself is no small cash-in-enterprise, a satisfying fact which reminds Britons that the royalty, far from being a drag on the treasury, is a huge profit for the country every year in attraction of tourist dollars. If the day ever comes when we cannot see history march by every morning as the Queen's Life Guards parade with flawless precision down the shaded avenue, not many of us will pay the fare any more.

Many people are too intent on erasing all the color of tradition, all the old symbols, simply for the sake of change. Like of all except the present, leaving us without the illuminations and artistry of those who came before. Once great literature is reduced to everyday language so that the semi-literate can understand it, though with its duty stripped away not even they want to read it. With such things



—UPI Telephoto

## Baysinger Files Motion Asking For New Judge

HARRISON (AP) — Attorneys for Robert Baysinger, 31, of Harrison (Searcy County) asked Circuit Judge Joe Villines of Harrison Friday to disqualify himself from hearing further proceedings in Baysinger's capital murder case.

Baysinger is charged in the February 9, 1976, shotgun slaying of former Searcy County Sheriff Billy Joe Holder.

Baysinger was convicted on the charge in September and sentenced to life in prison, but the state Supreme Court overturned his conviction last month and ordered a new trial. The trial is scheduled for June 27.

Baysinger's attorneys said Judge Villines should disqualify himself because of "close personal ties" to Holder. The attorneys contended that the judge would be biased and prejudiced as a result of his relationship with Holder and would not be able to conduct a fair and impartial trial.

Judge Villines, who presided at Baysinger's first trial, took the motion under advisement.

## State to Review Plans For Theater in Ravine At Civil War Battlefield

By the Associated Press

State Parks Director Richard Davies said Friday that the state would take another look at the controversial decision to build an amphitheater in a historic ravine at the Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park. He said the bid opening for the \$31,500 facility, originally scheduled for June 14, had been postponed indefinitely.

"I think we'll come up with something that at least will satisfy most folks," Davies said. "We are faced with splitting the difference between historical integrity and the day-to-day operation and interpretation of the park."

Civil War historians say the action that turned the tide of the December 1862 Battle of Prairie Grove in Northwest Arkansas took place in the ravine. Jerry Russell of Little Rock, a member of the Civil War Roundtable of Arkansas, said the 11,000 Confederate troops and 15,000 Union troops were in the battle, which the Union won. Russell said that "they could have walked all over the battlefield and not found a worse spot" than the ravine.

But state Representative Bill Ramsey of Prairie Grove, who favors the ravine site, said, "There's just not going to be any location that will please everybody. I feel strongly that it needs to be built. My local people are really up in the air about it. They

say what right does an outsider have to come and tell us where to build this thing?"

Ramsey said that \$55,000 for park improvements, including money for the amphitheater, was approved by the legislature two years ago.


Russell said, "The ravine was the scene of a bloody battle. It ain't there for Frisbee throwing and picnics. It is hallowed ground. The purpose is for commemoration, not recreation."

### Hair Cut for MS

A four hour hair cutting session to benefit the Multiple Sclerosis Society will be held by Fantastic Sam's Family Haircutters from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday at its locations at 8211 Geyer Springs, 11601 Rodney Parham and 2513 McCain Boulevard, North Little Rock. All proceeds will be donated to help the Arkansas MS Chapter reach its 1977 goal of \$150,000.

### Promoting New Book

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# Battle of words shaping up at Civil War battleground

By LINDEL HUTSON  
Associated Press Writer

PRAIRIE GROVE, ARK. — A new battle is shaping up over a rocky, weed-covered ravine where Confederate soldiers fought Union troops more than a century ago. This time the weapons are words, not guns.

Civil War buffs apparently have won the first skirmish in their fight to keep state officials from building a \$31,500 amphitheater and pavilion in the ravine. State Parks Director Richard Davies says plans have been temporarily shelved because of opposition.

"THE RAVINE WAS the scene of a bloody battle. It ain't there for Frisbee-throwing and picnics," said Jerry Russell of Little Rock, a founder of the Civil War Roundtable devoted to Civil War lore.

"It is hallowed ground," he said. "The purpose is commemoration, not recreation."

Russell said the ravine is the spot where the tide turned against the South in the December, 1862, Battle of Prairie Grove. He said the loss of that battle was the beginning of the end of the Confederacy in Arkansas.

State Rep. Bill Ramsey of Prairie Grove, a proponent of the ravine site, said, "There's

just not going to be any location that will please everybody. I feel strongly that it needs to be built. My local people are really up in the air about it. They say what right does an outsider have to come and tell us where to build this thing?"

Davies said the site has not been ruled out and he hopes to "come up with something that at least will satisfy most folks."

"WE ARE FACED with splitting the difference between historical integrity and the day-to-day operation and interpretation of the park," he said.

Russell said opponents have proposed sev-

eral alternate sites on the battleground 150 miles northwest of Little Rock, but he said park officials insist the ravine is the best location.

"It's just obstinacy," said Russell. "No valid argument has been presented for destroying the historical significance of that piece of land."

Amateur Civil War historian Pat Horan of nearby Fayetteville agrees that locating the building in the ravine would detract from the effort to preserve the site. He wants public hearings on the issue.

"THE APEX OF the long march of Union

Gen. Francis J. Herron was right there in that ravine," Horan said. "It was probably one of the fastest, most spectacular Union marches of the war. Gen. Herron initiated the battle at the end of that march."

Horan estimated that Confederate Maj. Gen. Thomas C. Hindman of Arkansas had 12,000 troops against 14,000 Union troops. Counting men killed, wounded and missing, there were 1,251 Union casualties and 1,317 Confederate casualties, he said.

The ravine today, Horan said, "is a quiet place. It's not easy to see, but once you see it, it becomes very central to the battlefield."



## Special prosecutor for child abuse cases

Child abusers will come under the scrutiny of a special city prosecutor within the next month.

"Once we have established our unified plan of attack, we expect that the criminal courts will be seeing more cases of child abuse," said Circuit Attorney George A. Peach.

HE SAID SUNDAY that he will appoint Mrs. Marion G. Sisen, an assistant prosecutor, to the new job.

In the meantime, he will meet with local experts in the field — officials of the juvenile court and the Division of Family Services and hospital units — to determine strategy.

Peach said there have been few successful

prosecutions of child abusers here—only about a dozen in the last two years.

Peach said child abuse cases are difficult to prosecute.

"It's largely a matter of depending on circumstantial evidence," he said. "By having a special staff to deal with such cases, it would at least bring the circuit attorney's office into the case at an early stage."

"In addition, a special prosecutor will allow ready reference for legal ramifications, and complainants and lawyers will have someone to call for guidance. It will give us a chance to decide promptly whether we have a legal case."

"I THINK IF a man or woman beats another human being, the authorities should be bought in. I'm not saying that prison is the best place for child abusers, but they should be brought before the courts."

Peach said the plan stemmed from a proposal by Dr. Edwin Dodson, a physician at St. Louis Children's Hospital, who had handled a particularly tragic case in which a year-old boy suffered brain damage.

He said he expected to have the necessary apparatus set up by the end of the month. The plan, he said, would require no additional money. Existing investigators would be used to assist the special prosecutor.

## Probable Israeli official talks of war

By Associated Press

HAMBURG, WEST GERMANY—Ezer Weizman, who is expected to be defense minister in the next Israeli government, was quoted Sunday as saying he can "very well" imagine Israel being forced to strike the first blow in a future Middle East war.

with the weekly magazine Stern. "With the borders we have today, or very minor changes, we need not start a new war."

The interview was conducted in Israel. Weizman was also quoted saying that Likud leader Menachem Begin, who is expected to head the new government, could never... President Carter

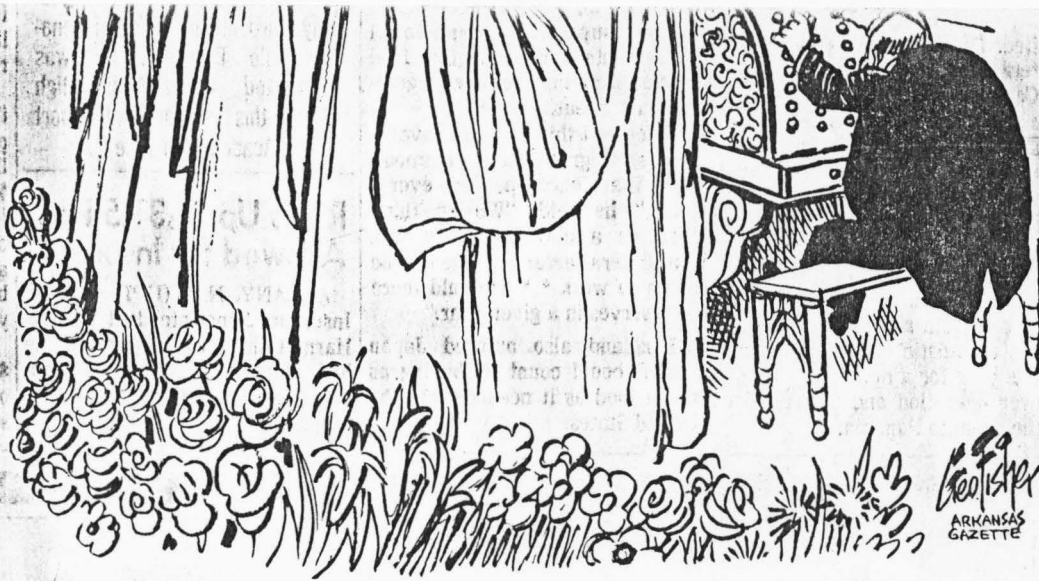
"THE ISRAELI government had changed hands in a democratic manner and the Americans will have to live with it," Weizman said. "It is time for President Carter to speak not only of a



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From the People

"ARKANSAS GAZETTE" JUNE 7, 1977

## ★ Leave The Battlefield As Is!

To the Editor of the Gazette:

I'm a 15-year-old resident of Prairie Grove. I have lived all my life within two blocks of the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park. Through the years I have seen it become one of the most beautiful places in our area.

I suppose a lot of people around here really want the amphitheater, but you can count me out. Sure, it would be nice to have some place to perform when it rains. But perform what? The biggest thing we would probaly use it for would be square dancing, and that happens two nights a year in September. Also, I don't know if Governor Pryor has taken a walk through our park lately to see the natural beauty that is here and I don't know if he has tried to imagine what a big slab of concrete would actually do to the looks of the park. But I am certain that if he did, just the natural beauty of the park would change his mind.

I really hope the people of Prairie Grove who are for the amphitheater, and hopefully, Governor Pryor too, will take a "kid's" opinion and seriously reconsider. I, and a lot of other people, would really appreciate it. And those soldiers from the "War in the Ravine" probably would too.

Susan Parks.  
Prairie Grove.

### Environment Answers

To the Editor of the Gazette:

I am a resident of Albuquerque, N.M., visiting your lovely State of Arkansas. I picked up the Arkansas Gazette and read the letter from Leland Smith in the May 26 issue. I felt prompted to reply.

It is improper to speak of enslavement when dealing with that

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we have been like foreign parasites on the earth; adapting it at an alarming rate to our own selfish ends. As is obvious by man's relationship with man, we are a reckless, thoughtless being, motivated mainly by egotistical, materialistic desires. We are capable of vast destruction simply because we want pointless luxuries.

Natural resources are only so when they continue to thrive. Furthermore, the term "natural resource" also has a more subtle definition. I wonder if Mr. Smith has strolled lately through green forests and shared his meal with wild creatures; much less appreciated the cleansing properties of fresh tree-made oxygen? Personally, I thoroughly enjoy wilderness and can see naught but benefit in allowing it to evolve naturally.

Never let it be said that I am against "progress," but it must be responsible, considerate progress. Why persist in careless growth when the sweet earth is a hospitable, providing place, one for which we haven't a replica? Our food, clothing, shelter, recreation and philosophy have all been served royally and unconditionally to us by a beautiful land

ings claiming the right to life? Those who feel otherwise are potentially dangerous to the serene evolution of this planet.

Thank you so much for your time and I hope I have served to create reverence for life in someone once again. By the way, Arkansas grows luscious peaches!

Joy Thrasher.

Albuquerque, N.M.

### Dick

To the Editor of the Gazette:

Now that Tricky Dick has had his last hurrah, may we be spared any new filming. Let it be said that he is still the money-grabbing crook that he was in his vice presidential days, when his campaign was fed with \$25,000 bites, and he made his "Checkers speech" to impress Ike that he was his fair-haired boy.

I knew what he was in 1968 when I voted for him, but at the time, I thought he was the lesser of the three evils running for office. I really believed him when he said he had a quick way of ending the war in V.N. Little did I know that he meant down to the last G.I.

I say good riddance and let us forget him, let him goose-step his way back to San Clemente to the background blubbering sobs of H.E.H. and others who believe he was hounded out office. He can stay in San Clemente as long as he can convince heaven and hell that they neither one want him, and live high on the hog at taxpayers' expense.

He should hope that history forgets him, but as Shakespeare said, "Our evil lives after us, while the good is interred with our bones" (or words to that effect), so who knows, he may always remain as the rottenest apple in the barrel of politics.

Party to demonstrate for right to demonstrate, had put down with maximum and left in its wake a slandering named Georgina Mas 19.

Jumpy Romans looked down with consternation at the red horvancing among the shops and tets. The invaders wore t hats, red shirts, carried re ners. Was it...?

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HOLD IT. That flag being as a cape by one of the ers—wasn't it the Union Yes. And the red flag procl the Liverpool Football which, with some 36,000 f tow, had come to Rome, frighten the natives out o wits but to play a German for the world soccer champion ship.

The sigh of relief emitted Via del Corso would have the sails of one of Caesar leons.

Violence is on people's m Italy these days. Street c on the rise. Kidnaping is a industry. But even more al to Italians is a new phenom the violent demonstration.

They are not, as Minister terior Francesco Cossiga out, like the American a demonstrations.

"These are against the against government itself says.

The political consequenc still being assessed.

The two worst riots occur universities in cities under unist control, Bologna, Rome, and the Communist not cope. When the secretaral of the Communist-dom union, Luciano Lama, went campus of the Univers Rome last February on a cation mission and was hoo the platform, some Comm began to have grave doubt the compromesso storico, so far has meant that C

C.L. Sulzberger

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THE ARGUMENT b Western and Eastern blocs—variously described mocracy versus autocr human rights vis-a-vis lack—is one of history's ideological debates. The was most clearly defined an American president but 25 centuries earlier by Per In his great oration o bodies of soldiers slain against Sparta and its all Athenian (quoted by Thuc



# Northwest Arkansas Times

## Nixon;s

By JACK ANDERSON  
And LES WHITTE

Editorial-Opinion Page 6

**The Public Interest Is The First Concern Of This Newspaper**

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TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 1977

WASHINGTON — The controversial pardoning of Nixon aborted the trial century. Had it not been the pardon, according to sources, the Special Prosecution definitely would have indicted the former president on charges of obstruction of justice.

Instead of the epic drama, Nixon has presented his case to the public via television. He told interviewer David Frost he considered himself under a curse. If Nixon had really wanted to tell the truth, he could have dictated for perjury. We have at least a dozen misstatements.

Perhaps the most dramatic was Nixon's account of the pardon itself. From the notes and recollections of the man who negotiated the pardon, President Ford's biographer can now cite the discrepancies.

Ford's personal secretary, Benton Becker, kept a record of his visit to Nixon in September, 1974, to discuss the pardon. The disposition of the Nixon pardon Becker flew to California. Herbert J. Miller, a former Nixon aide, arrived shortly after midnight. They immediately went into a three-hour session with Nixon aide Ronald

THE TALKS resumed the following morning in the office. Frequently, Ziegler

## A Wise Tactical Retreat

We believe that Arkansas' state park director, Richard Davies, was entirely right when he backed away from rushing into construction of an amphitheater in a particularly sensitive spot in Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park.

The proposal to build the theater in the ravine up which Union forces charged to victory in the Civil War battle touched off almost as much uproar as did the battle itself. Historians issued statements bristling with bayonets, various state and private organizations took up the sword and Washington County's Historical Society deplored the idea.

At first it appeared that Little Rock would attempt to hold its position in the face of the warlike statements from the four corners of the state. In answers to a strong protest from the Civil War Roundtable, Governor Pryor said that the decision to build in the ravine had already been reached, for excellent reasons, and would stand.

At Prairie Grove, State Rep. Bill Ramsey,

father of the amphitheater project, said that he felt strongly that the theater should be built, adding that no location would please everyone. "My local people," he said, "are really up in the air about it. They say what right does an outsider have to come and tell us where to build this thing?"

We would remind Mr. Ramsey that he is not dealing with "outsiders". Battlefield Park is a state park, not a municipal park and the citizens of the entire state have a perfect right to express their opinions. And, in this instance, we believe that the opinions they are expressing in letters, statements and on editorial pages are correct.

To quote Jerry Russell of Little Rock, a spokesman for the Civil War Roundtable, "The ravine was the scene of a bloody battle. It ain't there for Frisbee throwing or picnics. It is hallowed ground. The purpose is for commemoration, not recreation."

We think that having said that, Mr. Russell has said just about all there is to say on the subject.

## John Keasler

The National Labor Relations Board has ruled that an employee should not be fired for kicking a coin-operated vending machine which doesn't "deliver" the promised goods.

Splendid!

This has got to go down as a landmark decision in the ever-more-frightening warfare between man and machine.

I wouldn't be surprised, however, to see this nobly just verdict upset or twisted around before it's over.

and bargaining activities.

The board stated also that "it is commonplace for human beings to bang or kick a machine which does not deliver the promised goods."

EXCELSIOR! HOORAY!

Mark up one for the good guy! Down with tyrants.

And yet...and yet...

Down deep, buried in the sub-depths of our mind, we all know the machines will get us eventually.

Oh, woe! I fear, woe! our eventual lot. The machine will

## Vending Machines Deserve Kicking

I have left notes on all conceivable machines saying: "This machine owes me 30 cents." Keasler in Creative Composition. I've never gotten a single cent back this way. Write the note and shove it down the machine's guzzle pipe, or coin slot. It may actually suffocate.

My recently invented coin machine is placed by coin machines selling merchandise. When they don't work, you turn and put a dime in my machine, called a "Pummeling Machine."



during the last 30 years all the economic and ideological arguments imaginable. Just put them in new packaging and sell the same old product — sort of a pig in a poke. Result: Soaring health care costs and millions of personal crises to meet the price.

Example. A Pennsylvania man risks his life to rescue a 5-year-old girl from a flaming automobile and suffers severe burns. Hospital expenses, not covered by insurance, are running about \$1,000 a day. Voluntary contributions are helping, but they may not be adequate. The man, no doubt, will be held legally responsible for retiring the debt that in a more civilized system would

But this is not the system we have in this country. What we have is a truncated, get-what-you-can-when-you-can system that is capable of dispensing an excellent level of health care at whatever price the market will bear. In purely economic terms, almost no one can justify risking great personal injury to save 5-year-old children from burning automobiles. It could mean financial ruin. But, in any other terms, how could anyone refuse these 5-year-olds in burning automobiles even in the knowledge that the costly health care system will exact its dollar penalty from the Samaritan?

"ARKANSAS  
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## A Salutary Delay June 8, 1971

Defenders of the Prairie Grove battlefield can rest at ease on their verbal muskets for the present, while keeping their powder dry. The State Parks and Tourism Department has made a commendable decision to delay work on that proposed amphitheater which would, at the site heretofore approved, mar the battlefield park in a clumsy, unthinking fashion.

In this, the department shows encouraging receptiveness to good advice, which should have been sought earlier, and to statewide interest in contrast to purely local wishes for the park. The latter, at least in large part, seem to favor development more than historic preservation, if the wishes really are embodied in the amphitheater which was scheduled to be built right smack in a ravine where the battle's main action took place. Quite obviously, if a seating stand of this sort has to be built, it should be somewhere on the fringes of the park, so as not to destroy the historical integrity of the place.

We suppose it *will* be built, since the legislature, heaven help us, appropriated the money at the behest of State Representative Bill Ramsey of Prairie Grove. But state Parks Director Richard Davies now gives welcome assurance that the state will take another look at its decision to plant the theater in the historically-critical ravine, and indicates that he understands what's at stake. "I think we'll come up with something that at least will satisfy most folks," he said last week end. "We are faced with splitting the difference between historical integrity and the day-to-day operation and interpretation of the park."

Unfortunately, splitting the political difference may be the hardest aspect, for Representative Ramsey says there "is just not going to be any location

that will please everybody." He pictures quite a local tempest on the subject: "I feel strongly that it needs to be built. My local people are really up in the air about it. They say what right does an outsider have to come and tell us where to build this thing?" Every right in the world, of course, is the obvious answer, for the people of that locality will *not* be building it — the state will — and everyone in the state will be paying for it, so everyone has an equal right to some say in the matter.

If this were only a recreational park, like most of the other state parks, the rest of the state wouldn't give a hoot where something of this sort was built. But the Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park exists only because this is historic ground, to be preserved against modern depredations so that people from everywhere may come there to get a feeling what happened at that spot on a cold and deadly December day long ago to decide a little part of the nation's destiny. Jerry Russell of the Arkansas Civil War Roundtable summed it up well in saying the park is not there "for Frisbee throwing and picnics. It is hallowed ground. The purpose is for commemoration, nor recreation."

It's also for historical appreciation, of course, and a feeling of heritage, and people across the state who study and appreciate Civil War history have, fortunately, rushed to the fore to help prevent this threatened defacement. Mr. Davies seems resistant to the idea of hearings on the amphitheater placement, but perhaps they should be held so that some Civil War history experts can be heard publicly against the local development proponents. In any event, the bid opening on the project is delayed indefinitely, Mr. Davies says, which is good news indeed.

member of the psychiatric staff at New Jersey's Medical Center in Princeton: "Constant media coverage of the gays has made their life-style appear to be commonplace and acceptable rather than deviant. This is particularly disturbing to parents who are concerned that their children could easily be misled into thinking homosexuality is an attractive life-style to accept. Homosexuals are so active on high school and college campuses that there is hardly a child in America who has not been exposed to their influence."

Dr. Samuel Silverman, associate professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School: "It's very admirable to be tolerant and sensitive to people's rights—but you have to draw the line somewhere ... Homosexuals have not only come out of the closet, they've become militant. They're demanding all kinds of 'rights' ... to be accepted as 'normal' ... to Have their life-style presented as a perfectly normal alternative to heterosexuality. Many of these militant gays are not fighting for their own civil rights but are attempting to win converts to their way of life. What is really needed now is a ground-roots movement against these militants."

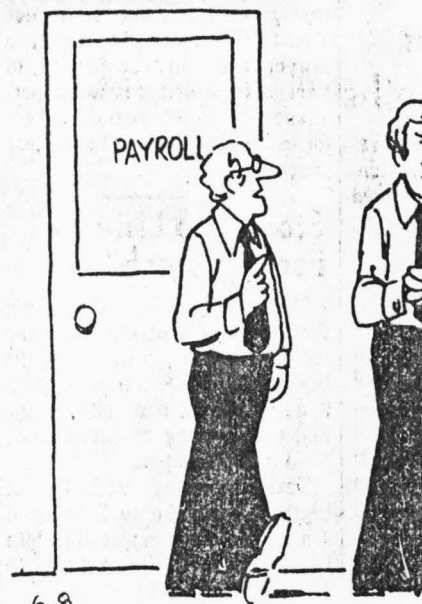
Dr. Charles W. Socarides, clinical professor of psychiatry at the State University of New York and a leading authority on the treatment of homosexuality: "There is no doubt in my mind that if ho-

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With Amphitheater Opponents

## Battlefield Park Decision Popular

By RALPH IVY  
Times Staff Writer

Opponents to the location of an amphitheater in a historically important ravine at the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park are pleased that a decision has been made to reconsider the positioning of the structure, because it will hopefully allow the various state historical agencies to have more influence on the final site selection.

State Parks Director Richard Davies said Friday that officials have decided to take another look at the controversial ravine location for the \$31,500 building, and that

bid openings, originally set for June 14, have been postponed indefinitely. However, he said the ravine site has not been ruled out.

Cy Sutherland, chairman for the State Review Committee for Historical Preservation, said today, "I am delighted about the delay that has taken place. The amphitheater, I'm sure, will be an asset to the park, for that matter, an asset to the county. But there are many possibilities for its location there that now hopefully can be given another look."

Sutherland was only one of many who earlier expressed dissatisfaction to the Parks

Department about its proposal for the amphitheater. Others who were convinced the Parks Department had erred on its choice included the Arkansas Civil War Round Table, the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, the Washington County Historical Society, and the Arkansas Archeological Survey, and numerous individual Civil War history buffs such as Fayetteville artist Pat Horan.

Davies, in answering, the growing criticism, said, "I think we'll come up with something that at least will satisfy most folks." He admitted, however, that problems

remained. "We are faced with splitting the difference between historical integrity and the day-to-day operation and interpretation of the park."

Civil War buffs and historians say the action that turned the tide of the December 1862 Battle of Prairie Grove took place in the ravine.

Jerry Russell of Little Rock, a member of the Civil War Roundtable of Arkansas, said Friday the battle, which the Union won, was the beginning of the end of the Confederacy in Arkansas.

About 11,000 Confederate troops and 15,000 Union troops were involved in the Prairie

Grove action, Russell estimated.

Russell, a founder of the Roundtable movement nationally, said proponents of the amphitheater "could have walked all over the battlefield and not found a worse spot" than the ravine.

However, state Rep. Bill Ramsey of Prairie Grove, a proponent of the ravine site, said, "There's just not going to be any location that will please everybody."

"I feel strongly that it needs to be built," said Ramsey. "My local people are really up in the air about it. They say what right does an outsider have to

come and tell us where to build this thing?"

Davies said he did not know if hearings would be held on a location. "I think a hearing would be a contest as to who can get the most people in there and holler the loudest," he said.

Davies said the first location considered was scratched because "we received comments that this area was the crest of a charge and near the Borden House, which is the only structure left from the battle."

Ramsey said \$55,000 for park improvements, including money for the amphitheater, were

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Mrs. Carter To  
Put Diplomacy  
Aside For Rest

LIMA, Peru (AP) —  
Dorothy Carter puts diploma-



## Carter Backs Senate Proposals On Energy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter, who once balked at a Senate attempt to strip his proposed energy secretary of the power to set prices, is now

Although sponsors of the bill opposed the cutoff date, Rep. James T. Broyhill, R-N.C., who proposed it, said Congress could easily vote to keep the department if the Congress de-

ists were hopeful the House would go along with the President's proposal to give these powers to the energy secretary. It didn't, voting instead to create a five-member commis-



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## Battlefield Bungle

Many people in this country are unable to leave an open space alone; they have to plant a chunk of concrete in it if humanly possible. Especially, it seems, does this apply if the piece of ground is unusually lovely or meaningful in the sense of history or culture. Someone, we may be sure, has a gleam in his eye to erect some fabrication of metal or masonry upon it, some utilitarian stamp of "progress" so that the spot of mere grass and trees will not be wasted as regards the organized activities of humankind. So it is, lamentably, even with the small Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park in Northwest Arkansas, upon which the state government is about to plant an obtrusive amphitheater.

In a single stroke, if the plan goes ahead, the taxpayers' money will be wasted and the park degraded. We can only hope that Governor Pryor will change his mind and intervene against this destructive nonsense before a contract is awarded. As things stand, construction bids are to be opened late this month, so time is short and any remedy will be exceedingly difficult. The legislature did appropriate the money for this ill-conceived project, at the urging of State Representative Bill Ramsey of Prairie Grove, who, no doubt, merely is trying to get a nice theater for his homefolks. He cannot understand why historical preservationists across the state are raising such a racket about it. "All my local citizens just want it built," he said, and added firmly that "It will be built in the ravine."

The ravine just happens to be where the most important phase of the battle took place, according to Civil War students and scholars who are hotly critical of the project, and fully justified, we think, in opposing it at that site. Several groups, including the Civil War Roundtable of Arkansas and the Washington County Historical Society, suggest that it be constructed instead beside U.S. Highway 62, where the ravine flattens out. If the State Parks and Tourism Commission can't avoid building the theater, at least it should change the location so as to do the least possible damage to the historical integrity of the park. This should be done even if the commission has to irritate local interests and legislators, for the park is preserved for far more than local satisfaction.

According to the Parks Division, the

amphitheater will be used for "battlefield interpretation." But certainly no such interpretation is needed in a grandstand erected right in the middle of where the fighting took place. People can very well stand on the ground there, where the soldiers of the Blue and Gray stood. Anything else will defeat the purpose for which the park exists — preservation. Within the concept of preservation, any development has to be on the fringes.

Compulsive builders too often fail to realize that this kind of park is altogether different from the types that exist for general public recreation. This kind exists for the quiet contemplation of history in the authentic setting. People with any serious interest in battlefields want more than anything else to walk out the course of the various assaults and defenses on the site as it was then, so as to capture in some small measure the feeling, the ambiance of the battle itself. At best — as at the carefully preserved site of Shiloh in neighboring Tennessee — the visitor who is attuned can almost smell the powder smoke and hear the shouts and fusillades, for nothing has changed. The ground at such places has special meaning which does not belong only to this generation. Erection of some modern edifice in the middle of it can destroy the feeling of the time that engraved it in history.

This has been done most deplorably of all at Gettysburg, where private interests raised a grotesque steel observation tower (almost to the clouds, so it seems) just outside the park limits, and thereby depreciated the whole atmosphere of that "hallowed ground." In that case, state officials tried to block the defacing development, but without ample support from federal officials. Prairie Grove is not, of course, a national park, nor was the battle fought there in December 1862 comparable to Gettysburg. But it was, without question, an engagement of importance, a dramatic part of the beginning of the Confederacy's loss of the West. Those acres deserve to remain as they were when it happened, for any of us who wish to recapture how it was when the fate of the nation hung upon such places as Prairie Grove and the men who endured there what we now have a hard time imagining, even without any architectural distractions where the blood was spilt.

## The Second Battle of Prairie Grove



## From the People

### General Revenues and the SS

To the Editor of the Gazette:

Former President Gerald R. Ford stated that general tax revenues for the Social Security System is "one of the most dangerous and short sighted policies I can imagine."

One would think a man with the experience of former President Ford would be the last person one would expect to make such a statement. Mr. Ford's memory needs refreshing about how much the Federal Treasury supports Social Security. There is a strong consensus among both liberal and

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ceived in 1926, and from persistent experiments, observations and evaluations during the last 50 years. Only by mid-1976, was I thoroughly convinced that it fulfill the purpose for which it was designed: Double any power transmitted through it.

Briefly defined: It utilizes the properties of all classes of levers, and it conforms to the laws of physics in all these properties; in addition, it has the principle of rotating fulcrums incorporated in it.

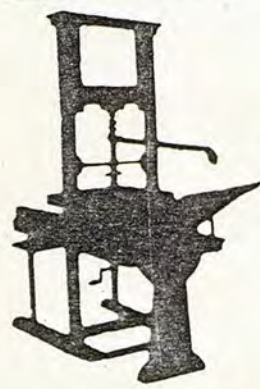
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## Walls Close in on Thomson



L.D. teacher, ground that o's Who.	Prairie Grove for two years. Other teaching experiences includes one year in the Little Rock School System, one year in Fayetteville and three years in Tallahassee.	period that Mrs. Morse had a chance to help in the classroom. Through that experience, a spark ignited her desire to continue her education.	years in the Elementary School teaching experience substitute teacher in Alaska.
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# The Prairie Grove enterprise

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## Amphitheatre site fought

With the announcement that bids for the construction of the new amphitheatre at Battlefield Park will be opened on June 14, opposition to the project has risen once again and could foreseeably delay the construction of the amphitheatre for a second time.

Announcement was made on April 21st that the building would be constructed on the site just east of the caretaker's cottage, utilizing the natural slope of the ravine located there. Several historians, however, contend that the site is

the worst of four proposed, and its location in a ravine near the center of the park is precisely where a crucial engagement of the 1862 battle occurred.

The opponents also criticize the Parks Department for not holding public hearings before the final selection was made. They are now seeking such hearings even if it means delaying the construction of the project for the second time. Tentative plans for a hearing on the issue have been scheduled prior to the opening

*(Called off because of the Parks Commission Meeting June 9)*

of the bids on June 14 but a definite date has not yet been announced.

The amphitheatre was proposed by Rep. Bill Ramsey of Prairie Grove because of local interest by Prairie Grove amateur musical and theatrical groups. As approved by the state legislature, the building will be a multi-purpose one designed to portray a style of architecture common to the Civil War period.

When contacted this week concerning the news that another delay in construction

may be forthcoming, Ramsey stated that as far as he is concerned, the location which has been selected by the Parks Department is the best possible site for the new amphitheatre which will both serve the public yet preserve the historical integrity of the Civil War battlefield and any further delays and if the contractor can get started immediately on the construction after the bids are opened on June 14, it is a possibility that the amphitheatre could be ready for use in time for the Labor Day

Celebration and Clothesline Fair this fall.

In a letter to Rep. Ramsey from Anne Bartley, Director of the Department of Arkansas Natural and Cultural Heritage, written on April 26, Bartley commended Ramsey for his time and effort to get the project underway and stated that she was delighted that the Parks Dept. will have a full-time historian to assign who realizes the potential of Prairie Grove Battlefield and historic interpretation of the Battle.

It is the second time that the amphitheatre site location has come under attack. Last summer, when it was announced that the \$30,000 project had been approved and that the amphitheatre would be built near the northeast edge of the park, the critics opened fire.

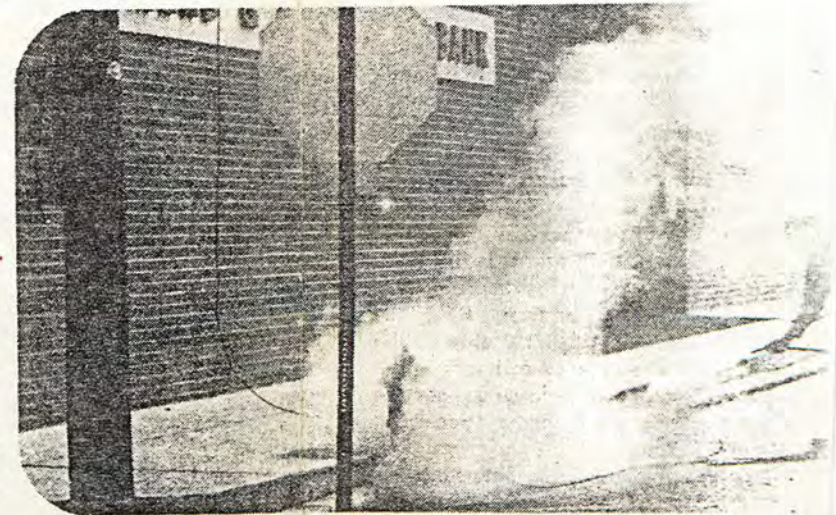
Leading the attack was a Fayetteville Civil War history buff, Pat Horan, who contended that the location of the building there would severely detract from the battlefield theme. It was up a nearby slope, he said, that Union soldiers charged into the Confederate's right flank, and it was there that some of the heaviest fighting of the engagement took place.

Also, the first site proposal would have placed the new structure next to the old Archibald Borden House, an ancient building that was standing at the time the fighting took place. Through Horan's efforts, the Borden House has subsequently been placed on the National Register of Historic Places, and the Parks Department also said it would find a more suitable site. Consequently, the new location in the ravine was chosen.

The critics, including spokesmen for the Arkansas Civil War Round Table, the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, the Washington County Historical Society, the State Review Committee for Historical Preservation, and the Arkansas Archeological Survey are still unsatisfied with the new location contending that the ravine was one of the most important parts of the battle.

"The ravine was the apex of General Herron's charges, and on its brow, and in the fields east of the ravine, is where the 34th Arkansas of Washington County received its baptism of fire", R.D. Keever, president of the state's Civil War Round Table, stated in a letter to Governor Pryor earlier this month. "In writing about the battle, you will read that 'no man left that ravine after the battle alive or unwounded'. And it is recorded that soldiers camped in this ravine after the

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Prairie Grove firemen were on the scene within minutes last Wednesday which crossed over Buchanan street was broken and fell to the ground on truck parked on the west side of the bank started to pull away from the caught the guide wire pulling the pole enough to snap the live wire. The put out immediately and there were no injuries.

## Driver education

The Drivers Education class is one of the most popular at Prairie Grove High School. The students enjoy learning how to drive and the parents like the discount on insurance given when a child successfully completes the drivers education course. However, all students want to take drivers education do not get it for a variety of reasons. Each student must be 14 years of age and have a learner's permit. Also, the number allowed in each class is set by state law and each student is required to pay a certain amount of actual

ing experience. Therefore, only 12 students can be enrolled in a class at one time. Also, conflicts do prevent some students from getting into the drivers education

## Elementary

By Ed Staggs

In a special awards assembly May 20 in the Prairie Grove Elementary School auditorium, the following trophies and certificates presented by Ed Staggs, principal:

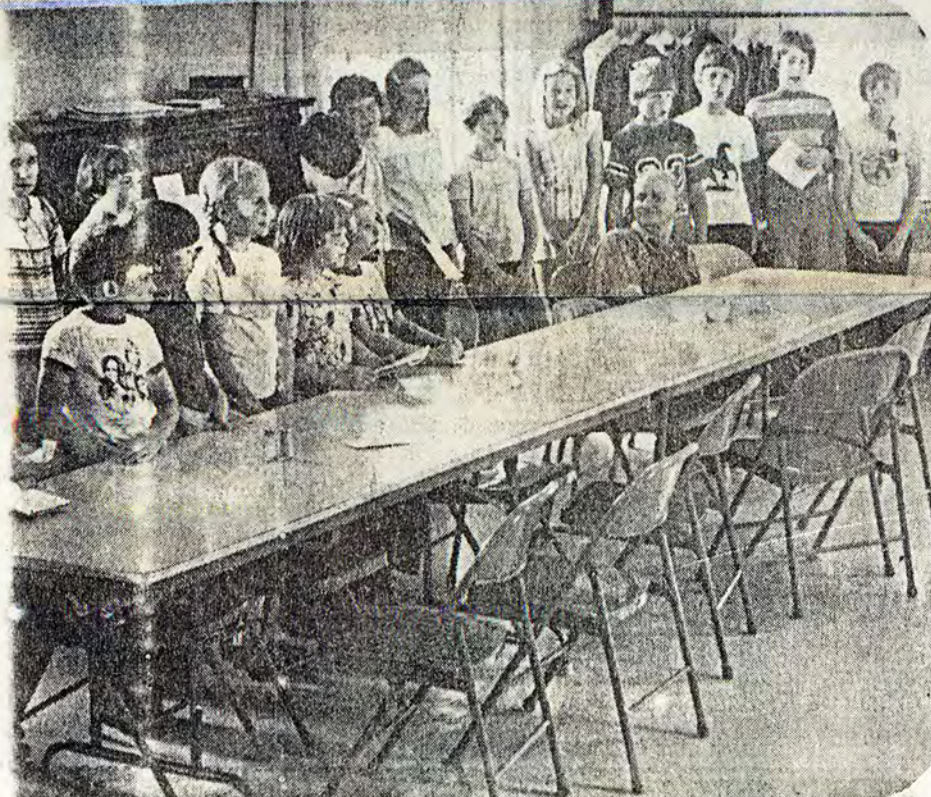
## Summertime reading set

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## Parade Saturday

Community to win prizes from a 10-speed bicycle, a skateboard and even a cash prize by donning a costume and taking part in the parade. In an effort to give children an opportunity to win prizes, merchants will award

## Parade on TV

Prairie Grove and the Mountain Cooperative Community Center will also be discussing possible activities for community events.

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The parade will assemble in the parking lot behind Farmers

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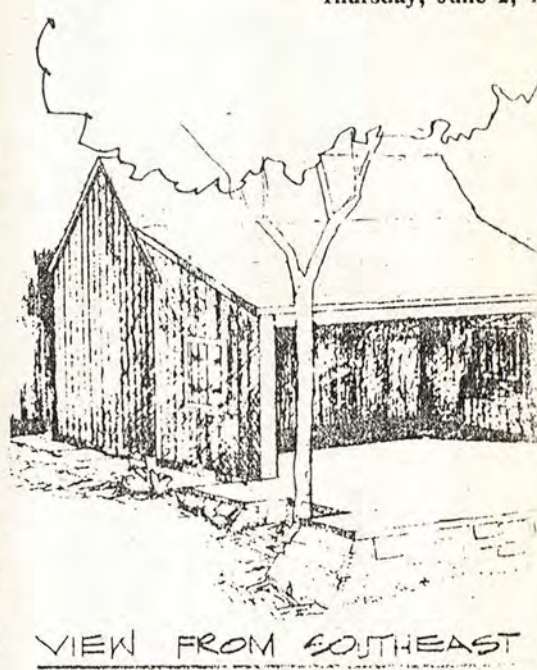
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VIEW FROM SOUTHEAST  
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## Mrs. Bell honored

The O.E.S. assembled at the new home of Larry and Betty Bell on Sunday afternoon for the purpose of honoring Mrs. Pauline Bell on her appointment to Grand Representative to New Hampshire.

At the entrance of the living room were bouquets of beautiful roses and the game room

## Horse show scheduled

The Washington County 4-H Horse Show will be held on Saturday, June 4, at the Northwest Arkansas Riding Club Arena. The arena is adjacent to the Fairgrounds. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and classes will start promptly at 10 a.m.

The show is open to all 4-H members in Washington County. Both junior and senior divisions will be held in most classes. The following classes will be held:

Halter Classes, Showmanship at Halter, Trail, Pony Pleasure, Western Pleasure, Gaited Pleasure, Reining, Youth Horsemanship, Barrel Race, Pole Bending, Flag Race

was decorated with a variety of mixed flowers and in with the woodwork of the room.

Out of town guests included Mrs. Howard Fayetteville; the appointments Grand Patron, Electa respectively Mr. Jack Stoeckel, daughter Linda Ark., Miss G. G. burger, also of Arkansas, and Mrs. Dale H. Springs, Mrs. F. Conductress; Mrs. Howard Neese; Mrs. Sam W. Grand Patron, Alville and Mrs. H. Cabool, Missouri.

Two large shows served with punch and were decorated with flowers of New Hampshire other with purple State flower.

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## Brigadiers split with Rogers



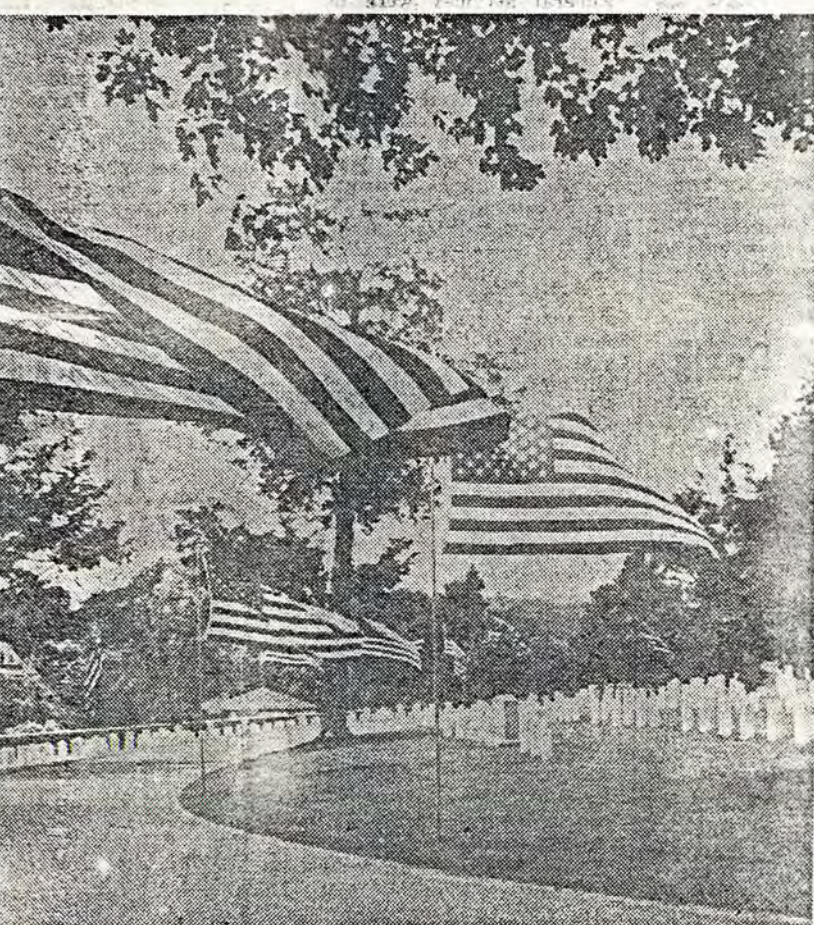
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## Avenue Of Flags

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## At Prairie Grove

# Skirmish Grows Over Battlefield

By RALPH IVY  
Times Staff Writer

The skirmish at Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park has flared again. At stake is positioning a new amphitheater on the park grounds where it can serve the public yet preserve the historical integrity of the Civil War battlefield.

Officials of the State Parks and Tourism Department are convinced the present site proposal can best meet both needs, and are ready to open bids on the project June 15 with construction scheduled to start about July 1.

Several historians, however, contend that the site is the worst of four proposed, and its location in a ravine near the center of the park is precisely where a crucial engagement of the 1862 battle occurred.

The opponents also criticize the Park Department for not holding public hearings before the final selection was made. They are now seeking such hearings even if it means that construction of the amphitheater is again delayed.

The amphitheater was proposed by Rep. Bill Ramsey of Prairie Grove because of local interest by Prairie Grove amateur musical and theatrical groups. As approved by the state legislature, the building will be a multi-purpose one designed to portray a style of architecture common to the Civil War period.

It is the second time that amphitheater site location has come under attack. Last summer, when it was announced that the \$30,000 project had been approved and that the amphitheater would be built near the northeast edge of the park, the critics opened fire.

Leading the attack was a Fayetteville Civil War history

buff, Pat Horan, who contended that the location of the building there would severely detract from the battlefield theme. It was up a nearby slope, he said, that Union soldiers charged into the Confederate's right flank, and it was there that some of the heaviest fighting of the engagement took place.

Also, the first site proposal would have placed the new structure next to the old Archibald Borden House, an ancient building that was standing at the time the fighting took place. Through Horan's efforts, the Borden House has subsequently been placed on the National Register of Historic Places, and the Parks Department also said it would find a more suitable site.

"The opinion was that we had erred on location," said Bob Moody at the time, planning manager for the state agency, "and it appears that their concern seems justified."

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Moody said he was unaware of any strong objections. He can't say their staff was enthusiastic, he said, but added, we asked if there were any strong objections with going ahead with the proposed site. There was no response."

Moody said his office also did not have any later information.

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## Arraignment On Possession Set

Virgil Eugene Lee, 22, of Rudy is expected to be arraigned Monday in Washington Circuit Court on a charge of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

Lee was arrested late Thursday night by two Washington County sheriff's deputies as he drove his car on Hwy. 16 east near Elkins. The deputies, James Hankins and Ray Ward, pulled Lee's car over to the side of the road after they observed it swerving back and forth across the highway.

The deputies arrested Lee on suspicion of driving while under the influence of drugs. A tow truck driver later discovered two sacks containing about two pounds of a green vegetable substance in the trunk of the Lee car.

## Roberts Honored

James L. Roberts, Washington County Deputy Sheriff scored 99.3 in firearms during the basic police training course which he completed earlier this month.

His score was second in the class and he has been named to the "Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy Possible Club." Since the origin of the club 11 men have been named to membership. Roberts achieved an academic grade of 91 per cent.

tioners took to the highway for the first long summer holiday.

By 9 p.m. EDT Saturday, 97 persons had died in traffic crashes.

The National Safety Council has estimated that 400 to 500 persons will lose their lives on the nation's roads over the three-day weekend.

The traffic fatality count began at 6 p.m. Friday and ends at midnight Monday.

Over the three-day Memorial Day weekend last year, 442 persons were killed in traffic accidents.

The highest toll for a Memorial Day was 629 deaths in the 1968 four-day observance.

## Crash Kills Two

CLARKSVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Two persons were killed Saturday in the crash of a small airplane about 20 miles east of Clarksville, the Johnson County Sheriff's department said.

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Graveside service will be at 1:30 p.m. Cemetery.

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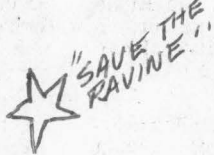
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It has come to our attention that the State Department of Parks and Tourism is moving ahead with plans to build an amphitheater-pavilion at the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park, and it is our understanding that, despite recommendations from staff historians and protests from area residents, the plans call for the erection of the amphitheater-pavilion right in the middle of The Ravine with featured so prominently in the battle of Prairie Grove in December of 1862.

The Ravine was the apex of General Herron's Union charges, and on its brow, and in the field east of The Ravine is where the 34th Arkansas C.S.A. of Washington County received their baptism of fire. In writings about the battle, it is documented that "...there were no more men alive and unwounded in the ravine by that time." And it is recorded that soldiers camped in this ravine after the battle, sheltered from the cold December night. These facts alone should prevent construction between the two dirt roads which traverse this ravine and where the natural contours come together to form the main feature of the Ravine. Nevertheless, "Bids for the project are scheduled to be opened June 1, with construction scheduled to begin by July 1."

The Ravine is too important a feature of this battlefield which the Park was established to preserve to be obliterated by a modern amphitheater-pavilion. Fortunately, there are several alternate locations in the Park and you are urged to consider one of them instead of the Ravine area which should be preserved intact. The Washington County Historical Society and The Civil War Roundtable of Arkansas both consider a potential site south of the two dirt roads, which traverse the Ravine, as the minimum adjustment of project plans. In other words, "Save The Ravine."

Governor Pryor, you have stated in a recent letter that "The Department of Parks and Tourism is under a legislative mandate to construct an amphitheater at Prairie Grove. The bill was sponsored by a resident of Prairie Grove, Representative Bill Ramsey." However, there is no mandate to destroy the entire Park concept when alternative sites exist. These sites have been recommended by area residents and historians from the Department of Natural and Cultural Heritage. Your recent veto in March of Park expansion funds, because of budget considerations, makes it impossible to begin restoration of the old Archibald Borden house. This action may be redeemed by helping us to "Save The Ravine."

A public hearing to consider alternative sites for the amphitheater/pavilion should be held before bids are taken for construction.

Patrick Horan



## Springdale Commentary

By Bob Reed

It has become quite popular to talk about energy conservation. Everybody's doing it -- President Carter, congressional leaders, Governor Pryor, Fayetteville's Board of Directors, etc. Closer to home, there have been numerous articles and editorials. But where's the action? Springdale could be unique by taking positive action; talk is cheap.

There is a ready-made way to tell whether or not Springdale is serious or just talking. Are the city fathers playing games, pretending they're in favor of energy conservation, or merely talking a big war against waste?

The test? Between Springdale's Holiday Inn at the south end of town and the Ramada Inn just south of the Mall

there are no less than 85 huge lamp posts with two 400 watt lamps on each, 800 watts per post. This stretch of four-lane highway is lighted as though it were the main street in downtown Springdale. At present, these lights burn all night. Why not turn them off automatically at 10 p.m. when very few people have when very few people have use for them. This would save a lot of energy during the eight hours between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

If you drive this area after 10 p.m. and notice the lights are off, you can know someone has done something to save energy. On the other hand if the lights are still burning late at night, you can take it for granted that local talk about energy conservation has been just that--talk.

### ★ MAY 25 ★ Tofu

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a lot of tofu, they have a lot of the hard beans to grind. They have rigged a unique human-powered motor to help them: your basic bicycle whose chain is geared to the grinder handle so it turns the mill, not the back wheel. The pot employed in cooking the soybeans and rice is a large enamel-lined tub set on a specially welded frame. This equipment was all made in the shop.

Attached to the kitchen is a wood shop where Jim makes various equipments needed in the business. There are large vats where soybeans are drained. These vats were constructed without glue or nails. There are also trays for pressing the wet tofu. Soon the shop will be manufacturing and selling kits with detailed instructions so people can make tofu at home. Even bought at the Ozark Food Coop, tofu is inexpensive.

A careful examination of the new American tofu cookbooks reveals their wide possibilities. A good one which includes 500 recipes is THE BOOK OF TOFU, FOOD FOR MANKIND by William Shurtleff and Akiko Aoyagi. But how many of us understand this new food well enough to cook with it? Not many, and that's a huge problem.

So Thom and Jim are offering a series of classes on tofu. At a typical class Thom opens by saying, "Estimates vary, but 15,000 to 40,000 people die of starvation every day. That's a city the size of Fayetteville. Here in the U.S. the problem isn't starvation so much; we are concerned with over-consumption." This class is held in a small room you enter from the garden, adjoining the kitchen and the wood shop. Students sit on plain wooden benches without backs.

"Grains, fruits and nuts have been the basis of the human diet for thousands of

years. We want to show you that we can be wiser about how we eat, and enjoy better health for doing it." There is an intensity in the statement, a plea for people to stop being cynical about the issue of world starvation. "The amazing thing is that we can get all our vital proteins for 50 cents a day."

The boys tend the garden outside the door, and these vegetables supplement their grain diet. They speak a different language than the old-time residents of Fayetteville did, but their habit of grains and vegetables isn't much different.

The classes are very small. There is no charge for them. The people who come are not treated to the opulence of the University with its soft cushions and its hundred-million-dollar-a-year budget. Thom and Jim cannot afford that. They are both spare-looking fellows, and the people who want to learn about tofu don't seem to mind the hard little benches that other times serve in the wood shop. Some of these students are genuinely hopeful about the world food crisis. They are receptive to the idea that world starvation can only be avoided if the very wealthy countries change their ways--a modern American, almost Christian concept. It is shared by many people, including President Carter, who also wants something to change about America.

In the tofu class you get to taste the food. The dishes are delicious. There is a slide show about tofu as a way of life in Japan. Thom is more than a good cook. His demonstration is as convincing and thoughtful as that of television's "Galloping Gourmet."

Once one grasps the fact that tofu and soybeans are the same, and that the soybean is as deep in the heart of Arkansas as the famous razorback, the idea of tofu ceases to be so strange, even on Gregg Street in the ancient Ozark Mountains.

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"Grapevine" May 25, 1977 Fayetteville, Arkansas



\$11,000 and would announce another fund raising campaign in June to raise \$60,000 more.

The Museum also is supposed to get \$225,000 from a bond

them to obtain greater local support. Offers are being made to more than 120 institutions in 36 states and the District of Columbia.

"ARKANSAS GAZETTE"  
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## Pryor Backs Preservation, Use of State's Landmarks

Governor Pryor said Thursday that he hoped the days of demolishing landmarks had ended and that people had stopped believing that something had to be placed in a museum in order to be preserved.

## 20 Sentenced In Thai Coup

BANGKOK (AP) — Thailand's martial law regime Tuesday sentenced 20 persons, including five journalists, to prison terms ranging from five years to life for involvement in an abortive military-led coup attempt.

The alleged ringleader of the bid for power March 26 was executed last month and four of his accomplices already are serving life terms.

Prime Minister Tanin Kraisri, with approval from the cabinet and his advisory council of military leaders, meted out the sentences Tuesday under the broad powers allowed him in the constitution.

The life sentences went to Sompote Piyaoui, a wealthy businessman and newspaper owner, and Maj. Gen. Chalerm Kumlopwong, former head of the army's transportation command. Both are at large, with Sompote, a major shareholder in Bangkok's luxury Dusit Thani Hotel, rumored to have fled to Singapore.

## Jerusalem Jews Rejoice, Mourn

• New York Times News Service

JERUSALEM — The Jews of Jerusalem celebrated Thursday the 10th anniversary of the day when stone walls and barbed wire that had separated this historic city for 19 years were torn down and Jerusalem was physically reunified.

The celebrations, long planned by the Mayor Teddy Kollek, were muted and restrained because of the helicopter crash in which 54 Israeli soldiers were killed. Thursday was a day of national mourning for the victims.

Many festive events scheduled by Kollek — neighborhood block parties and songfests — were

He voiced the hopes in remarks prepared for delivery to a noon luncheon session at the Train Station at the first Governor's Conference on Historic Preservation.

The governor cited renovation of the Train Station as an example of what he wanted to see more of. "It is, after all, possible to maintain the classic lines of this impressive building and still put it to practical use."

The state is doing this by renovating the Old Postoffice at Little Rock at a cost of \$500,000 and by using Trapnall Hall.

He said persons wanting offices are finding that older structures can be "perfectly suited" to their needs and they often are surprised at this.

He called on preservationists, conservationists, planners, environmentalists, naturalists and industrialists to put aside any differences they may have and "join forces in our determination to use what we have been given from yesterday."

## Passage in Error, Scholar Contends

GLASGOW, Scotland (UPI) — A British Old Testament scholar has argued that an error in the Bible made it seem as though King David had tortured prisoners of war to death when, in fact, he had simply put them to work.

Dr. John Sawyer told the Glasgow University Orientalist Society that the interpretation erred when it said David "put them [war prisoners] under saws, and under harrows of iron, and under axes of iron, and made them pass through the brick-kiln."

He argued the passage should read:

"He set them to work with saws and other iron tools, shovels and toothed, and made them work in the brick-kilns."

The words referring to tortures and killings were added in the Sixth Century B.C. at a time

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# JCPenney

The Lincoln VFW and Aux. of Post 4675 will meet on Tuesday evening, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the VFW Hall for their regular monthly meeting. This will also be the annual election of officers. All members are urged to attend this important meeting.

The Alliance of Visual Artists will hold its monthly meeting on Sunday, April 24 at 1:30 p.m. at Deep End in the Presbyterian Center, 902 W. Maple, Fayetteville. All artists are invited to attend. Topics of discussion will be the proposed rental/purchase gallery, the May 7 art exhibit and sale and the intra-arts event. There will also be a special demonstration of pen and ink drawing techniques. For further information, call Linda Welch, 521-6492, Fayetteville.

The Board of Directors of the EOA of Washington County, Inc. will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 21 in the EOA Conference Room on the Veterans' Adm. Grounds in Fayetteville. "PRAIRIE GROVE ENTERPRISE" APRIL 21, 1971

★ Final approval of a site for the amphitheatre in Battleground Park was given this week, according to Rep. Bill Ramsey. The site will be just east of the caretaker's cottage, utilizing the natural slope of the ravine located there. Bids for the project are scheduled to be opened June 1, with construction scheduled to begin by July 1.

FINAL !! No PUBLIC HEARING!  
Lee Terry, Prairie Grove Chief of Police, has reportedly been admitted to a Gravette hospital suffering from chest pains. Terry entered the hospital on Monday for more observation.

The Prairie Grove Senior Honor Society will sponsor a car wash Saturday, April 23 at Dillons parking lot in Prairie Grove from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost will be \$1.00 per car and the proceeds will go into the Honor Society fund to be used for related projects.

Harold Bartholomew family singers will present an evening of gospel singing at Baptist Ford on Sunday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m. They will also be at the Hoge Community Church on Thursday, April 21 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The Bethel Grove 4-H Club will have a clean up day Saturday, April 23, beginning at 1 p.m. This will go along with the county wide clean up. They will clean the roadside to and from the club house. All members are to meet at the club house to start the clean up.

A spring breakfast will be served on Saturday, April 30 at the Prairie Grove United Methodist Church from 6 to 9:30 a.m. Tickets will be \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children under 12. The menu will include orange juice, coffee, ham, scrambled eggs, biscuits, gravy, jelly and bran muffins.

Daylight Savings Time will go into effect at 2 a.m. Sunday, April 24. This will necessitate turning your clocks FORWARD one hour. If you go to bed at 10 p.m., then set your clock up to 11 p.m. before you go to bed.

In this issue is a coupon to fill in if you wish to subscribe for a one-year membership to the West Washington County Emergency Medical Services, Inc. Details may be found in the

"PRAIRIE GROVE ENTERPRISE" APRIL 21, 1971

## Study Club

Mrs. Dolph Helm and Mrs. M.A. Dorman were hostesses for the Study Club Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Dorman.

Mrs. Emmett Davidson, president, opened the meeting, welcomed the guests, and announced the theme, "Prominent Women".

Mrs. Owen Delap led the collect. Mrs. Martha Weaver, secretary, called the roll and asked each member to respond with the name of an outstanding woman.

Two musical numbers which all enjoyed were given by Katy

Hall and her mother, Robert Hall of the church school music department.

Mrs. Ruetta Carrigan presented the most interesting slide lights of six presidents from the book "Women of the White House", using Mrs. Eisenhower, Bess Lady Bird Johnson, Kennedy, Pat Nixon and Ford.

Mrs. Irene Delap substituted for Mrs. Al who could not be present giving the story of the Stephen Foster, read many of the songs by

## FARMINGTON folks 'n feature

By Betty Cochrane  
267-3335

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Nance were called to Mansfield, Ark. by the death of her stepfather, Jeff Bull. Glend and Darrell Samules, Joan Nane and Joyce and Nick all attended the funeral Wed. afternoon held in Mansfield.

Bobby Lee Carlisle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Carlisle, suffered a broken hand in a bicycle accident Easter Sunday. He said he was speeding and trying to leave rubber and he ran into a speed limit sign.

Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Spears and boys were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs.

Donald Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer returned home Tuesday after two weeks vacation in the south. They spent a few days with Dorothy's sister, Rudd and family in Montgomery, Ala., where they had lots of fishing and sightseeing.

From there they visited Elmer's cousin, O'Neil and family in New Richie, Fla. Spent two days in Thomasville, Ga., visiting an army buddy of Elmer, Col. W.S. Stewart and

Dorothy reports lots of fishing and Elmer got a lot of visiting done. On the home they visited in Georgia. Didn't see President Carter, his mother or Billy, but see their home, Amy's and Billy's service station.

Reports everything commercialized there weren't very impressed. They were glad to be home at all of the places they

## Troop 99 reports

Tuesday, April 12th, Troop





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DAVID PRYOR  
GOVERNOR

May 9, 1977

Mr. R. D. Keever, President  
Civil War Roundtable of Arkansas  
Post Office Box 7281  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72207

Dear Mr. Keever:

Thank you for your letter expressing your concern over the construction of an amphitheater at Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park.

The Department of Parks and Tourism is under a legislative mandate in Act 593 of 1975 to construct an amphitheater at Prairie Grove. The bill was sponsored by a resident of Prairie Grove, Representative Bill Ramsey.

I have contacted Mr. Richard Davies, Director of State Parks, and he informed me that the amphitheater was originally planned for another site in the park but that the location was changed on the advice of the Department of Natural and Cultural Heritage. The Parks Division had the amphitheater redesigned to blend with the other architecture in the park. When the new site in the ravine was announced, Mr. Davies said his staff was notified again about the possible detriment that might result from the amphitheater's being placed in the ravine.

At that time, the State Parks Division set up a meeting with Representative Ramsey and personnel of the Department of Natural and Cultural Heritage, including the Director, Miss Anne Bartley. Mr. Davies said that the points and locations you mentioned in your letter were discussed. The primary problem with putting the amphitheater where you suggested is that the area is already too congested. In addition, the backdrop for the amphitheater would be an uncontrolled county dirt road and an extremely large chicken house. The Parks Division feels that if an amphitheater is to be built at the park, the site on the bottom west side of the ravine, with its natural amphitheater effect on the east side, would be the least obtrusive and most aesthetically pleasing site for it. I have enclosed a conceptual drawing of the theater. Unfortunately, anywhere in the park would be an intrusion into the historical integrity of the area. Because of all the factors involved, the decision was made at the meeting to go ahead and locate in the ravine. NO! 50!

The Parks Division plans to use the amphitheater as one focal point for the battlefield interpretation. A new position for an historical interpreter should be available at Prairie Grove during the next fiscal year and the Parks Division has plans to more fully interpret what happened during the battle. In addition, they plan to purchase the Borden House, east of the ravine, which is the only antebellum structure left from the battle.

\* \* *Landscape problem* - The Bandstand is very rarely used.  
② *The PICNIC AREA* - is uphill - the chicken house is almost out of sight, and, you can just barely hear a big rooster crow.



FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS, SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 1977

## Borden House Is Added To Register

By PAT DONAT  
TIMES Staff Writer

Washington County has placed yet another historic site on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Borden-Hall House, east of Prairie Grove Battlefield Park, now owned by Mrs. J.W. Grissom, has been placed on the register.

The nomination of the house and its approximate one-acre site was made by Patrick Horan and Stephen E. Courtney of the University of Arkansas's College of Architecture and edited for the national nomination by Dianna Kirk of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program.

The house is important because it is an integral part

of the Prairie Grove Battle fought in 1862. It is in deteriorating condition and action to save the structure is imperative. Public acquisition is being considered.

The one and one-half story frame house with a single level addition now has an 1880 exterior. The exterior cut sandstone chimneys have been removed but can be located. The building stood on the actual battleground during the Civil War Battle and it is mentioned in most of the official military reports filed shortly after the battle.

The front facade faces north across the valley of Illinois River. The first level contains five bays. The central bay consists of a portico and a

stylized triangular - pedimented entrance door with sidelights. The portico is covered by a half-hipped roof, decorated with lattice work at the eave and supported by turned columns.

The four bays that complete the first level of the facade contain double-hung, six-pane windows trimmed with a similar triangular pediment as the trim is repeated on the the one over the front door. The end dormers contain double-hung six-pane sashes with the central dormer larger, indicating, according to the architects, that a different type portico once existed since the present portico roof extends halfway over the door opening.

The symmetry of the house

is re-enforced with identical east and west facades. The central hallway contains a rear door and an "L" shaped stairway leading to the top half-level. The stairs feature winders, turned newel, shaped handrail and plain balusters.

The carved wooden fireplace mantels have rectangular openings and contain pilasters and entablatures, bed mouldings and mantel shelves. The west mantel features a moulded frieze, and the east mantel is plain.

Paper and baseboard coverings and mantel shelves. The plaster on wood lath walls of the lower rooms and the ceilings were also plastered. The floors are supported by log joists.

During the battle the Confederate right flank was anchored around the house and orchard where the main fighting took place. Gen. Francis J. Herron attacked the Confederate right flank under Gen. Thomas C. Hindman near noon on Dec. 7, after making a spectacular 10 mile forced march across Missouri and Arkansas. Some four hours later Gen. James G. Blunt came on the field to unite the Union forces and the battle continued until about 7 p.m.

ACCOUNTS GIVEN  
The compilers of the nomination have included first hand accounts to demonstrate the historic significance of the house and its relationship to the battle.

General Herron reported that more than 300 soldiers fell in the battle, many on the slopes about the house where the most severe fighting took place. General Herron's official report states, "When within 100 yards of the ridge, the 20th Wisconsin and the 19th Iowa Infantry were ordered to charge a battery placed near a farm house (Borden House) on the edge of the hill."

The Borden House was again mentioned in Colonel Orme's report of the action by the 94th Ill. The 19th Iowa had received and returned the fire of the enemy and now advanced steadily up the hill to the left of the white house and across the orchard back of the house to a fence, behind which the enemy in

greatly superior force were concealed."

Major Kent of the 19th Iowa Illinois Regiment, "Meanwhile filed this report: 'The regiment was ordered to advance to the left of the white house on the hill to support the 20th Wisconsin which was hotly engaged. The 19th Iowa, led by Lieutenant Colonel McFarland, advanced up the hill steadily and across the orchard back of the house when the 20th Wisconsin gave way.'

HEAVY FIRE  
"The 19th still advanced to the fence adjoining the wood when the enemy, concealed, arose to their feet, three regiments deep, pouring a destructive fire on us from three sides which caused the

regiment to waver and fall back to the battery on the left of the road leading up the hill."

A report made later states, "The next day after the battle we went to the field and saw the burial details putting the dead in trenches. The piles of dead where the battery was fought over near the Hall-Borden House were frightful and the ground was muddy with blood."

Viewed later by Prentiss, a journalist, the battleground was described as it looked to him in 1888:

"Not far from the house were depressions in the ground and piles of gravelly and barren earth covered with green mould. These mark the trenches where the Union dead were buried and from whence their poor bones were afterward removed. There were other trenches in the orchard now enclosed. All this ground was fought over."

Records show that 338 were killed and 1,630 wounded in the action. Nearly 600 of the wounded died. Of these 430 died in the Army hospital at Fayetteville, 150 in churches and homes of Cane Hill, Prairie Grove and others along the Cove Creek and Telegraph Road.

### MANUSCRIPT

A typed manuscript in the Rare Documents file of the Arkansas History Commission, entitled, "Personal Recollections of the Battle of Prairie Grove," thought to have been written by Mrs. Staples, nee Morton, in 1896 states:

"Early in the day the battle commenced on the Borden farm east of the grove, lasting until sunset, winding up on the Morton farm one mile west. The families were ordered west to the first cellar, which was Morton's."

"Those in the cellar during the battle were N.J. and J.M. Morton, Wm. Morton, Wm. D. Rogers, wife and three children, A. Borden, wife and five children, Eliza Borden, Dr. Rogers, wife and two children. All remained in the cellar till dark, but I went into the house several times to get victuals and some bed clothes and wraps for the children."

"Another shocking affair was helping to bury Mr. Borden, a brother of A. Borden, who was brutally killed in the Pittman lane."

The compilers theorize that the occupants of the Borden House were ordered out by the Confederate troops who placed sharpshooters there and possibly in the basement, which was protected from shot and shell.

### PRENTISS REPORT

The Prentiss report singled out the Borden House and states:

"The white house of today is a neat cottage with dormer windows and is occupied by a family named Hall, newcomers to the country. The inclosure about the house seems recent, and land in 1881).

(W.W. Blanton purchased the house and land in 1881).

"To the east, or in the rear of the house, is a young orchard, taking the place of the old orchard which grew there at the time of the battle. To the southward, or nearer the summit of the ridge, much of the timber has been cut away."

"To the west of the house and immediately around it there seems to have been few changes except those made by the hand of nature. The trees have grown, a change which, occurring on all these forested battlefields, alters their appearance more than anything man has done, but there would be no difficulty, we should think in a veteran, from finding again the scene."

## Tucker Finds A Challenge

By JUDY BURKE  
TIMES Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Jim Guy Tucker used to be a state attorney general, who studied the facts and then made something happen.

Now he's a U. S. congressman, who sometimes votes without knowing all the facts, and who doesn't wield much individual power.

The loss of immediate influence "requires some adjustment," said the new representative from Arkansas' Second District.

Tucker, a 33-year-old Democrat, said he misses the executive power that was his during two terms as Arkansas' attorney general.

"As attorney general, once I had made a decision, an action took place. Here, I can introduce a bill if I want to...but that doesn't mean a change will

Despite these significant drawbacks to working in the U. S. Congress, Tucker said he's having a wonderful time, learning a lot, and relishing the challenge of understanding a great variety of subjects.

He's been happily "disillusioned" at the discovery that freshmen congressmen can speak up in committees and have some influence on legislation.

"There is a far greater opportunity to have an impact than I expected."

When Congress divided up the committee assignments early in the session, Tucker got a prize. He received one of the highly coveted spots on the Ways and Means Committee, which deals with all tax legislation and a number of big programs, such as Social Security and Medicare.

Tucker's predecessor, Wilbur Mills, was chairman of the Ways and Means Committee for

where Rep. John Paul Hammerschmidt of the Third District works

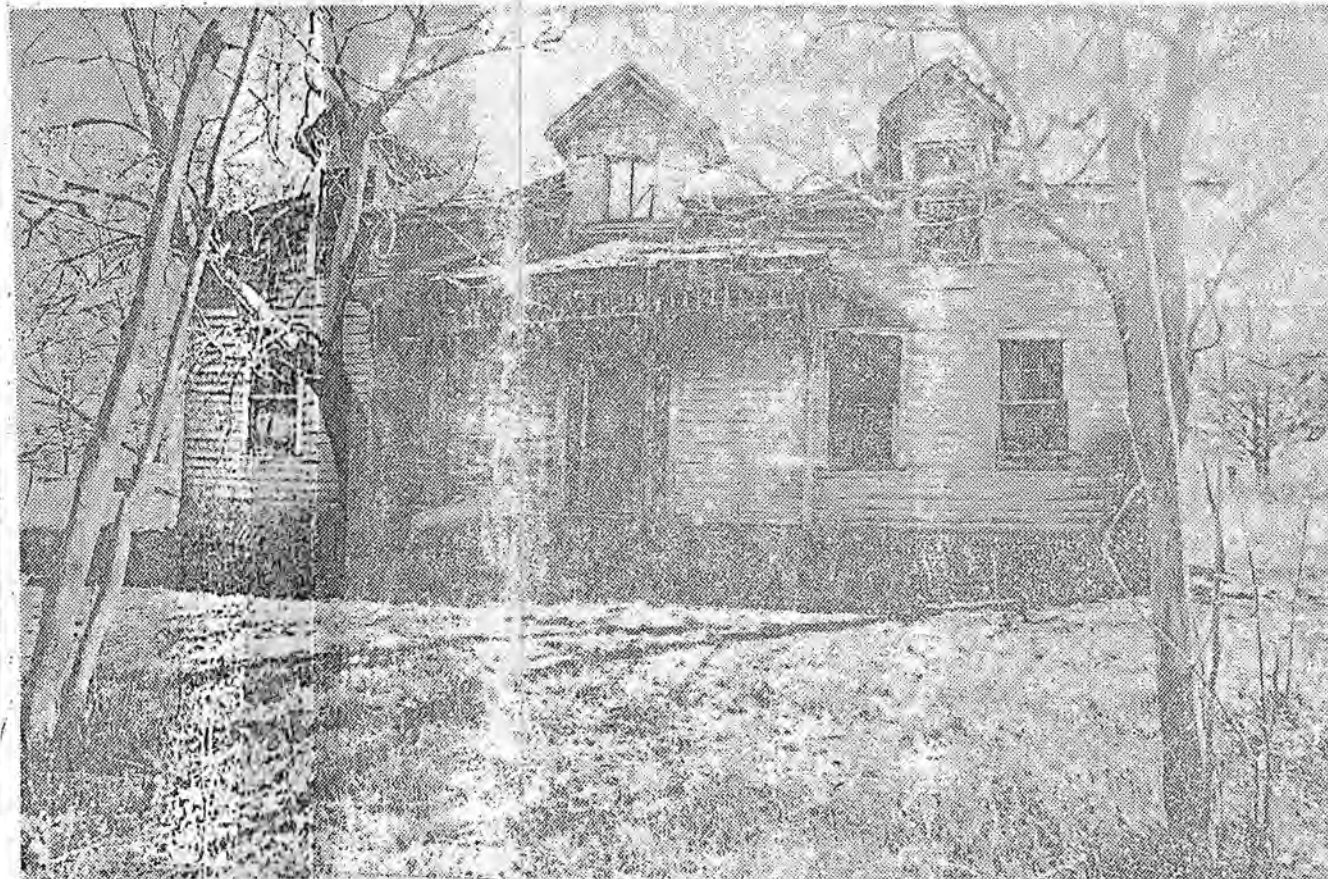
Seven people work in Tucker's office, four of them from Little Rock, one from Judsonia and two from Connecticut and New York. Robert Brown, 35, from Little Rock, is Tucker's administrative assistant, and Margaret Shean, from Little Rock, is his executive assistant.

Tucker has district offices in Little Rock and Searcy, Ark., with a total of six employees. The average age of the complete staff is about 35, Brown said.

Tucker said he gets along well with Hammerschmidt, a Republican. "We've had the opportunity to work...together...it's been a very satisfactory relationship," Tucker said.

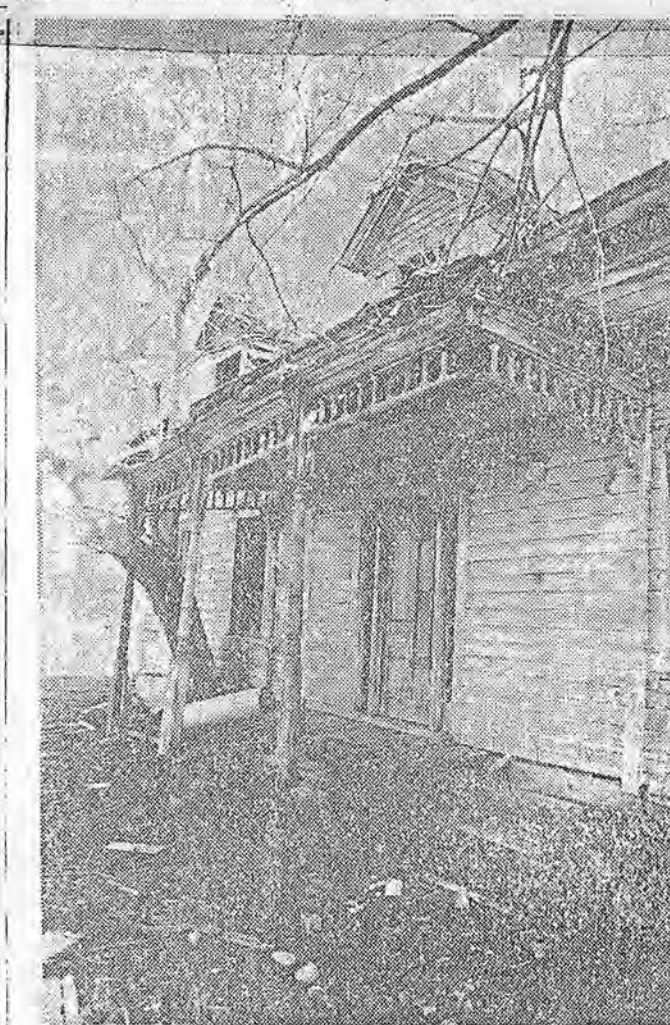
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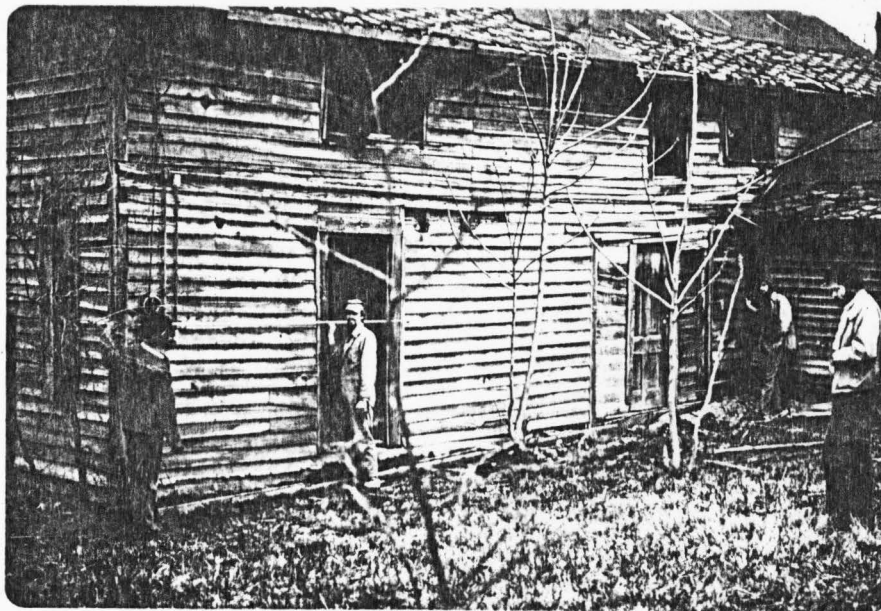
...where Union and Confederate troops once contested hotly for the position during Battle of Prairie Grove



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...as supporting posts slowly yield to time

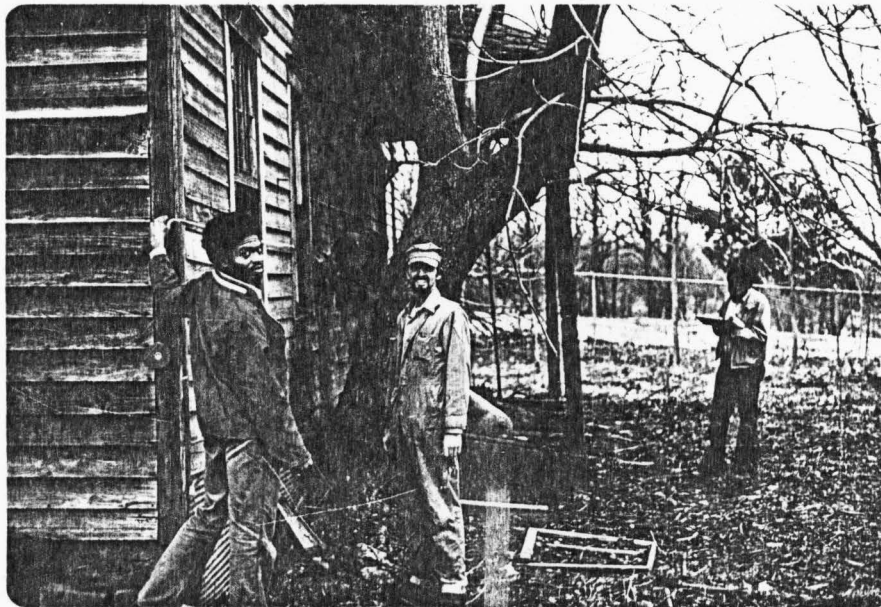




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The Preservation Architecture Team \* Prairie Grove Battlefield Park \* Arkansas

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4. BOUCE PETERSON  
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In addition, the governor vetoed a bill to appropriate about \$100,000 for the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park. He said that was more than twice the amount he recommended.



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... no longer bitter adversaries, these young men clasp hands after re-enacting a skirmish on the old Prairie Grove battle-  
field. A dedication to authenticity, and to preserving the spirit of those legendary armies, is today their common bond.  
(Photo by Leslie Sutton)

## On Landmark Battlefield

# Conflict Is Rejoined

By RALPH IVY  
TIMES Staff Writer

December 7. Prairie Grove. The wintry quiet of this small northwest Arkansas community was shattered last Sunday afternoon when a crescendo of musketry and rifle fire began to reverberate along the wooded slopes north of town.

Punctuated by the rattle of an answering drum, the gunfire grew in volume as Yankee skirmishers punched up a shallow draw, engaging rebel pickets and probing for a weak point in the Confederate's right flank.

Although a similar dispatch might have been sent from this town 114 years ago, when two large armies clashed and battled for supremacy of the Trans-Mississippi sector during the Civil War, the event described above was actually a minor re-enactment staged to commemorate that long-ago conflict at Prairie Grove.

The rally, held at Battlefield State Park, was attended by a small crowd of interested citizens in addition to the group of participants who put on the program.

by playing the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "Dixie" as volunteer detachments of the 24th Missouri Infantry - Company E - and the 6th Arkansas Volunteer Infantry - Company A - marched onto the field.

Father Robert Dienert, of St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Fayetteville, opened the program by asking those present to share in the Spirit of the Bicentennial.

Bill Ramsey, state representative from Prairie Grove, gave a brief review of the park's history, and suggested that a master plan for the park's future development would be an important aid.

R.D. Kever, president of the Civil War Roundtable in Arkansas, talked of his experiences in helping preserve battlefields around the country, developing the battle theme of the Prairie Grove Park.

The brief skirmish enactment that followed gave not only a preview of what such development could mean, but was also a vivid reminder of how the field had already been

clashed there on December 7, 1862.

"Just imagine what it must have been like, if there were not 20, but 20 thousand soldiers down there," one observer said, as he watched the rebels fire a volley into the thin line of skirmishers advancing through the leafless trees.

The men and women who staged the firefight take pride in evoking such responses, and authenticity in costumes, weaponry, and fighting tactics are their stock in trade.

Many travel throughout the country in order to participate in Civil War battle reenactments, and the group at Prairie from not only Arkansas, but Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, and one from Pennsylvania.

Other participants in the program included Cal Kinzer, who read the Gettysburg Address, and J. D. Black, an area historian, who talked on the deprivations and suffering endured not only by the armies, but the women and children caught up in the war.

Campfire songs and music, and poems by T. Anson Smith, and hot cider refreshments provided by volunteers from the

Crafts were also part of the afternoon program.

Patrick Horan, a Civil War enthusiast from Fayetteville, organized the rally with the aid of Black, after seeing a similar Bicentennial program held at Pea Ridge this year.

Although this was the initial program of this type at Prairie Grove Battlefield Park, participants indicated it might become an annual event with even more people taking part in future years.

### Judges To Be Rated

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — For the first time, Arkansas lawyers are being asked to give an anonymous rating of the performance and character of state and federal judges.

Each judge will receive the results of the survey, as they pertain to him.

The Arkansas Bar Association survey already has drawn criticism from some judges, who say nothing good can come of the project.

But, the bar believes the results will help improve the



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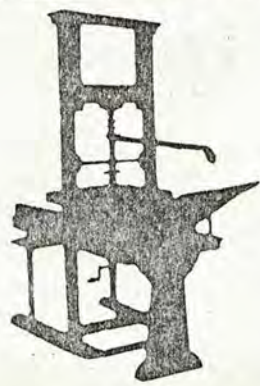
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The Archibald Borden house presently looks like this. It is in need of immediate repair as it is deteriorating very rapidly. The house was placed on the National Register of Historic Places last week.

## Historic house honored

Despite a veto last week by Governor David Pryor of a bill for funds to acquire the old Archibald Borden homestead and surrounding acreage near the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park, the house was honored this week by being placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The bill, jointly introduced by State Rep. Bill Ramsey of Prairie Grove and State Sen. Morris Henry of Fayetteville for approximately \$100,000.00 was vetoed last week on the grounds that the funding would have to come from state cultural heritage monies rather than from the Parks and Tourism Dept. as the bill indicated. However, approximately \$4800 is available from the department for the Borden House project.

The nomination of the house and its approximate one-acre site was made by Patrick Horan and Stephen E. Courtney of the University of Arkansas' College of Architecture and edited for the national nomination by Dianna Kirk of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program.

The house is important because it is an integral part of the Prairie Grove Battle fought in 1862. It is in deteriorating condition and action to save the structure is imperative. Public acquisition is being

considered.

The one and one-half story frame house with a single level addition now has an 1880 exterior. The exterior cut sandstone chimneys have been removed but can be located. The house stood on the actual battleground during the Civil War Battle and it is mentioned in most of the official military reports filed shortly after the battle. The house is located just outside the east side of the present Battlefield park and work is presently being done to get the house added into the park system.

During the battle, the Confederate right flank was anchored around the house and orchard where the main fighting took place. Gen. Francis J. Herron attacked the Confederate right flank under Gen. Thomas C. Hindman near noon on Dec. 7, after making a spectacular 110 mile forced march across Missouri and Arkansas. Some four hours later Gen. James G. Blunt came on the field to unite the Union forces and the battle continued until after 7 p.m.

The compilers of the nomination have included first hand accounts to demonstrate the historic significance of the house and its relationship to the battle.

General Herron reported that more than 300 soldiers fell

in the battle, many on the slopes about the house where the most severe fighting took place.

General Herron's official report states, "When within 100 yards of the ridge, the 20th Wisconsin and the 19th Iowa Infantry were ordered to charge a battery placed near a farm house (Borden House) on the edge of the hill."

The Borden House was again mentioned in Colonel Orme's report of the action by the 94th Ill. The 19th Iowa had received and returned the fire of the enemy and now advanced steadily up the hill to the left of the white house and across the orchard back of the house to a fence, behind which the enemy in greatly superior force were concealed."

Major Kent of the 19th Iowa Illinois Regiment meanwhile filed this report: "The regiment was ordered to advance to the left of the white house on the hill to support the 20th Wisconsin which was hotly engaged. The 19th Iowa, led by Lieutenant Colonel McFarland, advanced up the hill steadily and across the orchard back of the house when the 20th Wisconsin gave way."

"The 19th still advanced to the fence adjoining the wood when the enemy, concealed, arose to their feet, three regiments deep, pouring a destructive fire on us from

three sides which caused the regiment to waver and fall back to the battery on the left of the road leading up the hill."

A report made later states, "The next day after the battle we went to the field and saw the burial details putting the dead in trenches. The piles of dead where the battle was fought over near the Borden House were frightful and the ground was muddy with blood."

Viewed later by Prentiss, a journalist, the battleground was described as it looked to him in 1888:

"Not far from the house were depressions in the ground and piles of gravelly and barren earth covered with green mold. These mark the trenches where the Union dead were buried and from whence their poor bones were afterward removed. There were other trenches in the orchard now enclosed. All this ground was fought over."

Records show that 338 were killed and 1,630 wounded in the action. Nearly 600 of the wounded died. Of these 430 died in the Army hospital at Fayetteville, 150 in churches and homes of Cane Hill, Prairie Grove and others along the Cove Creek and Telegraph Road.

The Prentiss report singled

out the Borden House and states:

"The white house of today is a neat cottage with dormer windows and is occupied by a family named Hall, newcomers to the country. The enclosure about the house seems recent. (W. W. Blanton purchased the house and land in 1881).

"To the east, or in the rear of the house, is a young orchard, taking the place of the old orchard which grew there at the time of the battle. To the southward, or nearer the summit of the ridge, much of the timber has been cut away."

"To the west of the house and immediately around it there seems to have been few changes except those made by the hand of nature. The trees have grown, a change which, occurring on all these forested battlefields, alters their appearance more than anything man has done, but there would be no difficulty, we should think in a veteran . . . from finding again the scene."

Horan and Courtney are very interested in seeing the house preserved in its natural state and have already started measuring the interior and exterior so that work may begin on the preservation of the building as soon as funds are available. The house presently belongs to Mrs. J. W. Grissom.

The National Historic Preservation Act also authorizes 50 percent matching grants-in-aid to the States and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Grants to the States are authorized for comprehensive statewide historic site surveys and preservation plans and for preservation projects in accordance with approved statewide plans. With the exception of grants to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, all grants are made through the States.

In a letter dated February 11, 1977 from Governor Pryor to Mr. Horan, the following comments were made: "In reference to your concern about the Borden House and surrounding area, our State Parks Division has had the area appraised and plans to purchase the Borden House and the area immediately around it, if it can be worked out with the owners. Funds for this purchase will have to be derived from other projects within the park. The State Parks Division feels that the Borden House acquisition is important enough to do this."

The addition of the Borden House to the National Register brings the number of National Register properties in Arkansas to 237.

## Kindergarten to pre-register

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ison; Sleepy - Carl Birkner;  
C.E. Grimm - Roy Keck and  
Dr. Earnest - Cindy Howard.

Prompter is Teresa Keck  
and house manager is Bev  
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Admission to the play is  
\$1.25 for adults and 75c for  
students. The money derived

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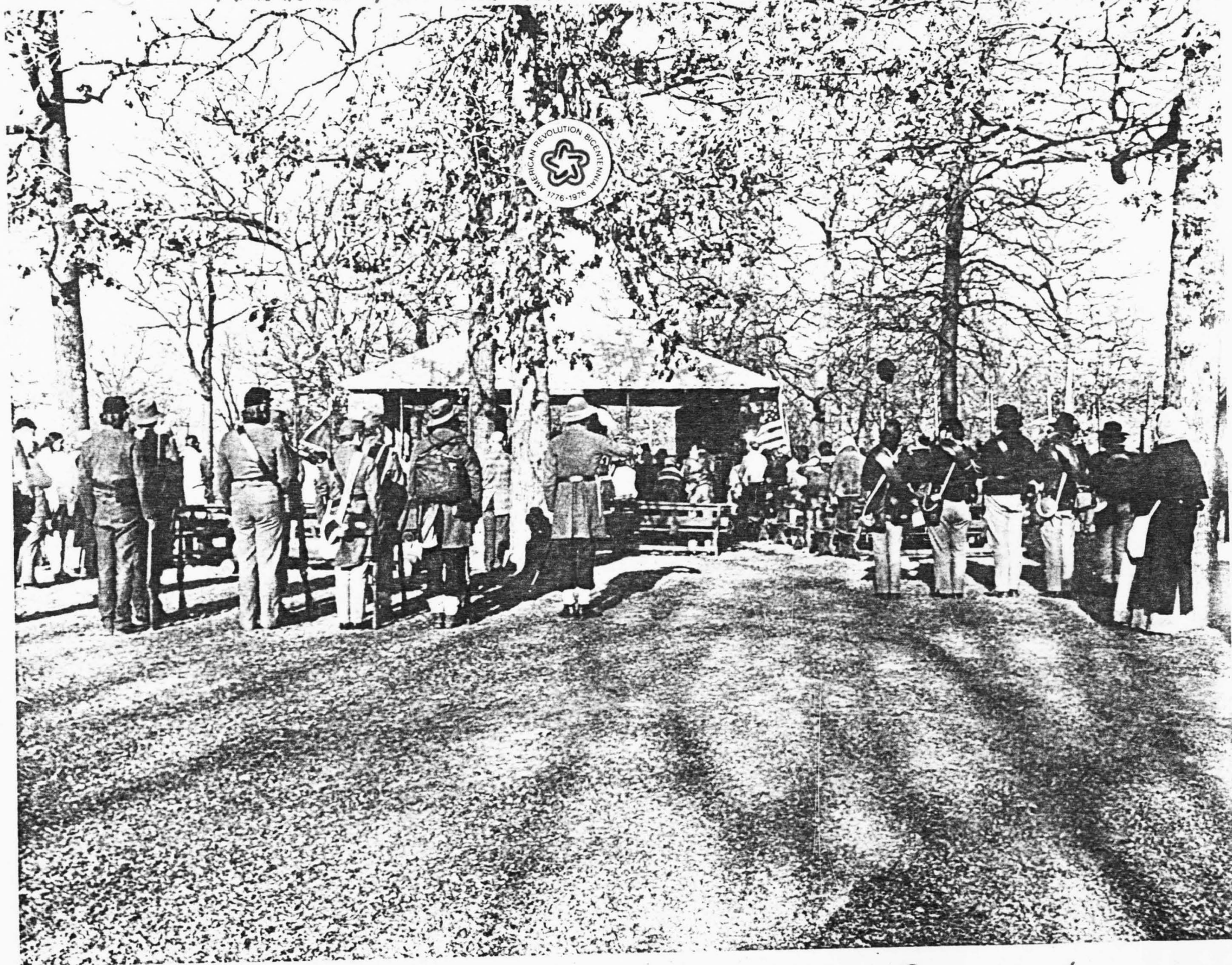
This play will be the biggest  
production of the school year  
for the dramatics club.



DeVault, left, Garry Cooper and Brenda Rosebeary go over their lines in the three act titled "Deadly Ernest" which will be presented Friday and Saturday nights. The play on by the Farmington school dramatics club. [Staff Photo]



ARKANSAS 1976 ★ BICENTENNIAL REUNION ★ PRAIRIE GROVE BATTLEFIELD PARK



Prairie Grove Battlefield ★ THE BANDSTAND ★

Sunday Dec. 5, 1976 Arkansas



## PRAIRIE GROVE



**BATTLEFIELD PARK**  
**DEC. 5 SUN. 2:30**

# Rally At Battlefield Park Features Military Drill

A special rally commemorating the Battle of Prairie Grove will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park.

The Bi-centennial event will feature a weapons drill and battlefield enactment, Civil War era music and speeches.

A group of about 15 members of Company A, 6th Arkansas Volunteer Infantry of Camp 197 of the Sons of the Confederacy, will camp at the battlefield Saturday night and drill Sunday. The unit participated in the Gettysburg, Pa. Battlefield reenactment, July 4.

Also attending will be Mark Hubbs of the state Natural and Cultural Heritage Department, and R.D. Keever, president of the Civil War Roundtable of Arkansas.

Wolf Grulkey and Gary Allbritton, a duo from Eruca Springs, will play and sing campfire songs appropriate to the period.

T. Anson Smith of Rogers will read the poems "The Blue and Gray," and "The Lost Cause." J. Dickson Black of Bentonville, an area historian, will speak on the long march made by General Francis J. Herron's

Missouri to link up with Union General James G. Blunt in an attempt to foil a Confederate thrust led by General Thomas C. Hindman.

The Gentry High School Band will play Civil War songs under the direction of Lynn Farr.

Patrick Horan, a Fayetteville artist and Civil War buff coordinating the event, will read an 1888 speech by Confederate President Jefferson Davis.

Rev. Robert T. Djenert of St. Thomas Aquinas Church at Fayetteville will speak about the Bicentennial.

The rally is free to the public. In case of inclement weather, arrangements have been made to hold the event at the Latta Barn in the Park.

## Dog Stolen

The theft of an apricot tea-cup poodle from a car owned by Miss Neta Kendrick, a resident of the Chief Motel on North College Avenue, was reported Thursday to Fayetteville police.

Miss Kendrick said the dog was stolen from the car while it was parked at a gas station on Garland Avenue. The dog

# Denver Courts To Test Sentencing Guidelines

WASHINGTON (AP) — Criminal justice experts often complain when one judge consistently hands out light sentences, while another judge in the next courtroom always gives stiff penalties for essentially the same offense.

These critics say such disparity in sentencing is grossly unfair and may be a major reason the criminal justice system isn't very effective in curbing crime.

Now, the Denver criminal courts have become the first in the nation to test a new method of ending that disparity.

The Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, describing the project today, said judges in several other states are watching the Denver experiment with an eye toward applying it to their own communities.

On Nov. 15, Denver criminal court judges began testing carefully-devised guidelines to determine which offenders are released on probation, which ones are sentenced to work projects and which ones are ordered to jail, and for how long.

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The guidelines are designed to take the guesswork out of sentencing, to state clearly what factors the judge will consider and what weight will be given to those factors.

Atty. Gen. Edward H. Levi has proposed a similar system for the federal courts. Justice Department officials studying the issue have not yet proposed legislation incorporating Levi's proposal.

The LEAA, part of the Justice Department, dealt with the issue by awarding \$348,000 to the Criminal Justice Research Center Inc. of Albany, N.Y., to draft experimental guidelines for nonfederal courts.

The project directors were Professors Leslie Wilkins and Jack M. Kress of the State University of New York at Albany and Dean Don Gottfredson of Rutgers University in Newark. About a dozen judges worked with the researchers during the two-year project.

The work yielded a set of formulas for measuring the seriousness of a crime against the offender's previous criminal record, his schooling and employment record and other factors that theoretically reflect social stability or the lack of it.

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The formula was developed specifically for Denver. It involves awarding points according to the seriousness of the crime and the offender's lack of stability.

For example, an individual convicted of a particularly serious manslaughter would get 12 points for the offense. If he were a poorly-educated drifter with a long string of previous convictions, he would get 13 points on the stability scale. These points would mean a prison sentence of eight to 10 years. Ten years is the max.

## Milam Finalist For Post At OSU

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The president of the University of Nevada at Reno is one of nine finalists being considered for the presidency of Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, the Daily Oklahoman reported today.

The newspaper said Max Milam, 46, confirmed that he is seeking the post, which pays \$50,000 annually, and confirmed that he visited the Oklahoma State campus earlier this week for interviews.

Milam said there was "no particular reason" for his desire to leave Nevada except that Oklahoma is "my part of the country."

Oklahoma State President Robert B. Kamm has resigned, effective Feb. 1. His replacement is expected to be named in January.

Milam said he is a native of Fort Smith, Ark., and is a former political science professor at Oklahoma Baptist University and Central State University in Edmond, Okla.

Milam also worked on a plan to reorganize Arkansas' state government when Winthrop Rockefeller was governor and then worked to help Gov. Dale Bumpers implement the plan.

Milam reportedly receives about \$38,000 in his current job.

## Bashful Elizabeth

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — Elizabeth Ray, in town to audition for a role in the Union Plaza Hotel's new production, "The Bashful Elizabeth,"

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reason, he suggested that the  
placement of an EMT in the  
area and the training of  
volunteers be the first step  
before assuming the cost and  
responsibility of operating an  
ambulance service.

Though agreeing with  
Eddens' suggestion for the  
present, those attending the  
meeting made clear their  
desire to place the ambulance  
in West Washington County,  
probably at Prairie Grove. No  
plan was discussed for fin-  
ancing the maintenance and  
insurance on the vehicle.

With many of the details of  
the emergency service still  
sketchy, another meeting was  
expected soon between the  
judge and mayors. In the  
meantime, the police and  
volunteers from the two com-  
munities will continue their  
crash course in emergency  
medical techniques.

The discussion of an am-  
bulance for this area and the  
volunteers to administer em-  
ergency aid are the latest in  
efforts to establish emergency  
care in this area. An am-  
bulance council composed of  
community representatives  
ended its attempts to form  
such a service earlier after  
months of effort. Opposition to  
financing the service was the  
primary reason for the failure.

Financing, though a lesser  
amount because of volunteer  
personnel, could be the key to  
the latest efforts if the am-  
bulance is obtained. Also  
involved will be the attitude of  
area residents toward volun-  
teer personnel.

Luginbuels, citing costly  
government restrictions, had  
announced last year that their  
service would end January 1,  
1976. With the efforts of the  
ambulance council underway,  
however, that deadline was  
extended throughout this year.  
With the end of the ambulance  
council, Luginbuels set this  
January 1 as the date they  
would discontinue service.

On January 1, EMS from  
Fayetteville will begin serv-  
icing the area, possibly with  
the assistance of local volun-  
teers.

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one of the Auxiliary members,  
is taken through the gift shop  
and helped until each name on  
the patient's gift list has a  
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the bag is then taken to the  
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ment where again the ladies  
auxiliary is busy wrapping  
each gift and writing the  
proper name tag. Packages are  
then taken to the mailing  
department where they are  
wrapped, addressed and taken  
to the post office. The esti-  
mated cost of the gifts,  
wrapping materials and pos-  
tage for the packages at the  
Fayetteville Gift Shop exceeds  
several thousand dollars.

Fred Hendricks, Veterans  
Hospital Director, and his  
staff, were hosts to the volun-  
teer force for lunch on both  
days of the event. Assisting  
the Legion and Auxiliary mem-  
bers were: Mrs. Mable Mad-  
dox, Fayetteville Veterans  
Administration Voluntary  
Service Representative; Mrs.  
Opal Broughten, Bentonville;  
Deputy VAVS Representative  
for the American Legion Aux-  
iliary; Robert Maddox, VAVS  
Representative for the Amer-  
ican Legion and George Ernst,  
Volunteer Service Director

Operation Christmas Gift  
Shop is a seasonal affair but  
members of the American  
Legion and Auxiliary work the  
year round to bring joy from  
the outside into the hospital.  
Legion members hold coffee  
hours, give birthday parties,  
hold game nights for the  
ambulatory patients, and pre-  
sent live music entertainment  
to the patients on a year-round  
basis.

Christmas, a time of giving,  
sharing and caring, the VA  
Christmas Gift Shop volun-  
teers do all three.



These "soldiers" staged an authentic conflict between foraging parties during special ceremonies at Battlefield Park last Sunday, Dec. 5. A Bicentennial Reunion Rally was held in commemoration of the Battle of Prairie Grove which took place on December 7, 1862. Several out-of-town people participated in the special event. [Photo courtesy of NW Arkansas Times]

## Rally honors battlefield

Anyone driving by the Bat-  
tlefield Park in Prairie Grove  
last Sunday afternoon and  
hearing gun shots may have  
thought something strange  
was happening at the park.

However, it was part of the  
Bicentennial Reunion Rally  
held there on December 5.

The rally, which was held in  
commemoration of the Battle  
of Prairie Grove which was  
fought on the grounds there  
December 7, 1862, was at-  
tended by a small crowd of  
interested and curious citizens  
in addition to the large group  
of participants who put on the  
program.

The cold afternoon program  
began as the Gentry High  
School band played three  
well-known battle tunes, "The  
Star Spangled Banner",  
"Battle Hymn of the Re-  
public", and "Dixie". Sold-  
iers of the 24th Missouri  
Infantry - Co. E and the 6th  
Arkansas Voluntary Infantry -  
Co. A, proceeded to march  
onto the battlefield for their  
part in the program. The  
Missouri Infantry was repre-  
sented by men from several  
different states and the Arkan-  
sas Infantry was represented  
primarily by men from the  
Little Rock area.

Father Robert T. Dienert of  
St. Thomas Aquinas Church in  
Fayetteville, opened the pro-  
gram by sharing the Spirit of  
the Bicentennial to those  
guests and visitors present.  
This was followed by T.A.  
Smith of Rogers, who read two  
Civil War poems.

R.D. Keever, president of  
the Civil War Roundtable in  
Arkansas, then talked with the  
group on his experience in  
helping preserve battlefields  
around the country and ex-  
pressed his interest in helping  
with the Prairie Grove battle-  
field park development. Kee-  
ver expressed a willingness to  
come back to Prairie Grove  
and talk with those interested  
in futher the development  
of the park.

Following the opening  
speeches by guests, the sold-  
iers staged an authentic con-  
flict between foraging parties  
using the revenge near the  
school house to condense the  
action. To fulfill a quote made  
by one of the soldiers around  
the camp fire, "...there were  
no more men alive and un-  
wounded in the revenge by that  
time." In an effort to let the  
visitors feel that they were  
back in the Civil War days, the  
soldiers managed to kill off  
one another so that there were  
none left. In this way, visitors  
were able to see just how  
terrible the war really was and  
what hardships were put on  
men and women during those  
days.

Other participants in the  
program included Cal Kinzer,  
a Union Volunteer from Mus-  
kogee, Oklahoma that read  
Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.  
J. D. Black, a Benton and  
Washington County historian,  
changed his speech at the last  
minute and decided to em-  
phasize the hardships on the  
women and children while the  
men were gone to war. As the  
soldiers entered the battlefield  
at the beginning of the pro-

gram, a couple were trailing  
behind with the long dresses  
and one was carrying a baby as  
they so often had to leave their  
homes during the period of the  
war.

Bill Ramsey, speaking on  
behalf of the Prairie Grove  
Lions Club, addressed the  
group and explained how the  
park was formed and how it  
had been added to during the  
past few years. It was  
indicated that perhaps a mas-  
ter plan of the park would be  
helpful in determining long  
range plans for the facility.  
Plans are presently underway  
to acquire the Borden House  
which lies at the east edge of  
the existing park and hopefully

to purchase some of the land  
which contained apple or-  
chards during the time of the  
Civil War conflict.

After an hour or so in the  
cold temperature, the visitors  
and guests stopped by the  
Latta Barn where hot apple  
cider and coffee were being  
served by Mrs. Madge  
McCuiston and Mrs. Nick  
Matthews, compliments of the  
Council of Ozarks Arts and  
Crafts.

Although this is the first  
rally of this type at the  
battlefield park, indications  
are that this might be an  
annual event with even more  
people taking part on the  
program.

## News briefs.....

The Prairie Grove Order of the Eastern Star will meet Friday  
night December 10 at 7:30 for the regular meeting at the  
Masonic Hall in Prairie Grove.

The Harold Bartholomew family will be singing and Harold  
will show his Holy Land slides at the Hogeys Church on  
Thursday, December 16 at 7 p.m.

The Prairie Grove Woman's Club will meet Wednesday,  
December 15 at 2 p.m. at the fellowship hall of the First Baptist  
Church. This will be guest day and every member is invited to  
bring a guest to the meeting with her. Members are also  
reminded to bring material and boxes for the Christmas Cheer  
Baskets which will be made at this time.

Farmington School will dismiss on Friday, December 17 at 1  
p.m. for the Christmas holiday. Classes will resume on  
Monday, January 3.

Occidental Lodge 436 in Prairie Grove will put on an Entered  
Apprentice degree Thursday at 7:30 p.m. for Rick Long. All  
area Masons are invited to attend.

The Prairie Grove American Legion and Auxiliary will have  
their annual Christmas pot luck dinner December 16 at 7 p.m.  
at the Post home. Everyone is invited to bring a covered dish  
and attend the event.

The combined youth and adult choirs of the First Baptist  
Church of Prairie Grove will be presenting the annual  
Christmas cantata, "Night of Miracles" by John W. Peterson  
on Sunday night, December 12 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited  
to attend.

The Cedar Tree Four from Oklahoma, who are Indian Gospel  
Singers, will be appearing at the Pentecostal Holiness Church  
in Lincoln on Sunday night, December 12 at 7 p.m. Everyone is  
invited to attend.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold their District 1  
Winter Conference in Green Forest on Sunday, December 12 at  
2 p.m. in the VFW Hall. Members of the Lincoln Post 4675 are  
urged to attend.

Northwest American Legion Vice-Commander Clarence  
James of Harrison has called a special meeting for all Post  
Commanders and Post Adjutants in the Northwest District. The  
meeting will be held on Sunday, December 12 at the Clarksville  
Legion Post at 2 p.m. Officers in the local Posts are urged to  
attend.

The Four State CB'ers Association will hold their monthly  
coffee-break on Sunday, December 12 at the VFW Hall on  
Wedington Road just east of Lincoln. Activities will begin at 2  
p.m. with a pot luck dinner. All members are urged to attend  
and all new members are cordially invited to participate.

Deer season will open again December 13th and run through  
December 18. Hunting will be allowed for bucks only. All

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# Park may expand

By Philip Bruce  
Enterprise Staff Writer

More than a century has passed since the Union Army from the North and Confederate soldiers from the South converged on the unsuspecting village of Prairie Grove, which was to become the setting of another bloody episode of the Civil War. Though the actual fighting lasted less than a day, over 2,500 soldiers from both armies lay dead when the smoke cleared and neither side could claim a victory.

Since that cold December 7 in 1862, much has been done to commemorate the deaths of those fallen men, many of whom probably weren't even sure of the cause they were fighting for. In 1908, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, consisting of friends and relatives of Rebel soldiers, purchased a nine-acre tract of land as a reunion ground in memory of the Prairie Grove battle. The land eventually became a park and in the 1950's the State of Arkansas bought an additional 55 acres adjacent to the reunion grounds, thus creating the Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park.

A Fayetteville man contends, however, that one of the most historic landmarks of the

battle, the old Archibald Borden homestead, has been virtually ignored by historical preservationists, and he's out to do something about it.

Patrick Horan, a University of Arkansas student, and some of his friends have recently undertaken a campaign to save the Borden House, a one-and-one-half story frame house nearly in ruin, located on the eastern boundary of Battlefield Park. The problem is that the house sits about 50 yards outside the park, is not fenced or protected in any way, and over the years has become the target of vandals who have gradually taken their toll on the ancient structure.

Horan believes the house should be part of Battlefield Park. He also believes the house should be restored to its original condition and protected as are the other structures of the park's Vineyard Village. And for the past few weeks, Horan has been working to convert his beliefs into realities.

In a memorandum to the state Parks and Tourism Department, Horan described the significance of the old homestead, told of its present physical state, and outlined his plan for purchasing and renovating the local landmark. He used written eyewitness

accounts of the battle, as told by both Union and Confederate sympathizers at the time, to prove the historical value of Borden House, all of which Horan says conclusively establish the house as central to the Prairie Grove battle.

**INACCURATE**  
According to Horan, Borden House was successfully used by Confederate General Thomas Hindman as a lure which brought the Union soldiers of Generals Herron and Blunt within easy range of Rebel guerilla gunfire. Hindman encircled the house with all the artillery he had in an effort to deceive the Northern army into believing that he and his men were headquartered in Borden House. Meanwhile, Hindman stationed his troops in the dense vineyards which surrounded the home and ambushed both Herron's and Blunt's charges as they attacked the house.

A total of 26,000 soldiers, Yankee and Rebel, fought from around ten in the morning to about seven that night. Hindman, who marched to Prairie Grove from Fort Smith, had "conscripted" or drafted the majority of his army of 12,000 along the way. But the assorted farmers and drifters whom Hindman had im-

pressed into service, along with several hundred regular soldiers, couldn't handle the combined dual forces of Blunt's and Herron's armies. When the Yankees woke up the next morning, they found that Hindman and his men had vanished in the night, presumably to fight again another day.

As the result of Horan's memo, the Parks and Tourism Department reportedly has been negotiating for the purchase of Borden House with its owner, Mrs. Helen Grissom of Houston, Texas. Mrs. Grissom has reportedly consented to allow the Borden House to be fenced into Battlefield Park if the land it sits on is purchased from her.

The project is eligible for 50% matching funds from the Parks department, with the remainder of the money left to be raised locally. The funds would be used to purchase the property and to restore Borden House to its original condition. Mrs. Grissom's asking price for the Borden House property has not yet been released.

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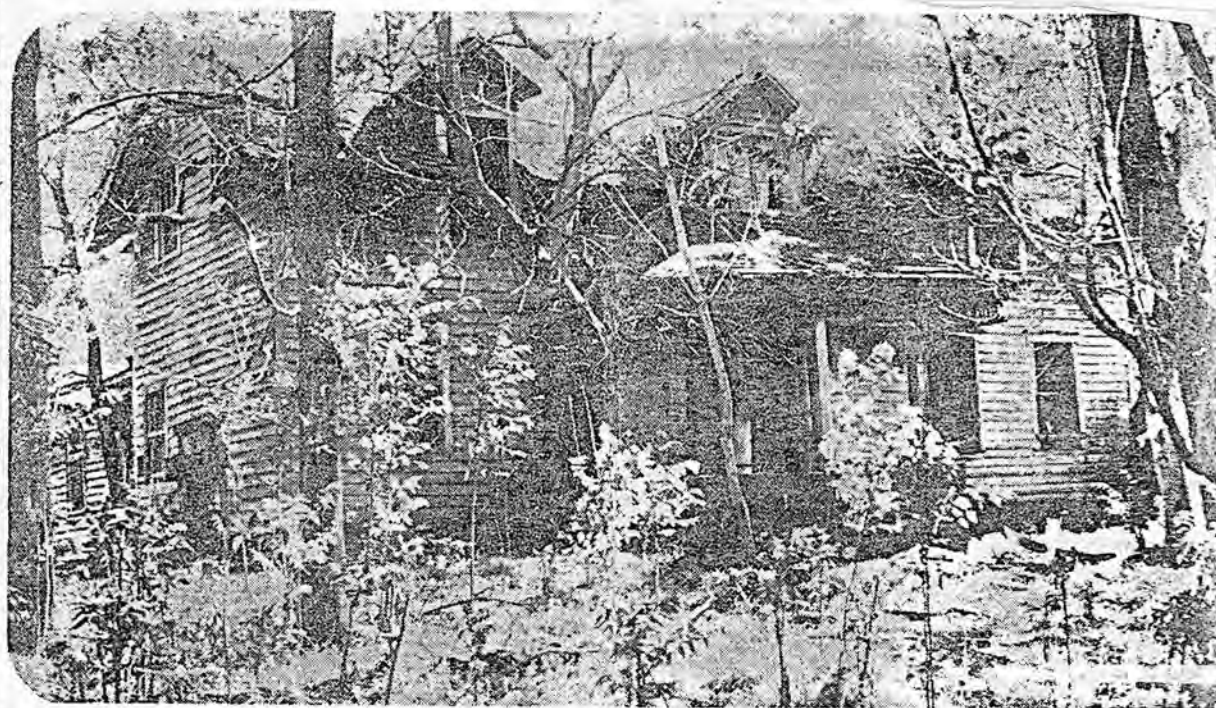
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Horan initially became interested in saving the Borden House when he learned of the state's plans to build a public amphitheater at Battlefield Park on land adjacent to the homestead. He and others objected to the state Parks and Tourism Department, saying that an amphitheatre there would distract from Borden House's historical status, resulting in the department moving its plans for an amphitheatre to another area of the park.

Borden House was used by the Confederates during the battle that gave Prairie Grove its claim to fame as a sniper's nest, strategy headquarters, and field hospital. Horan compares the house to historic Elkhorn Tavern made famous for similar services it rendered during the Battle of Pea Ridge.

Already, Borden House has received nomination to the state's Register of Historical Places and Horan believes with a little promotion, the house could eventually be named to the national historical register, as have been other area structures from the Civil War period.

The question that remains now is whether Prairie Grove and the surrounding area feels as strongly as Horan does about restoring and preserving Borden House as a link to the past, and if not whether his own form of evangelism can convince them to see the light.



The old Archibald Borden House, which was very instrumental in the Civil War battle at Prairie Grove, stands today just outside the east fence of the Battlefield Park. Several people

are interested in the restoration of the house being made to attempt to acquire the house and surrounding acreage.

## Elementary teachers feature

By Ed Staggs

This week's featured teachers are Mrs. Anita Cooper and Mrs. Louise Morse, members of the Prairie Grove Elementary School team. Both ladies have the educational foundation and experience that places them solidly into their respective positions of Learning Disabilities Resource Teacher and Third Grade Teacher.

Mrs. Cooper, L.D. teacher, reveals a background that reads like a Who's Who. Mrs. Morse, 3rd grade teacher, has a life story that could very well have been an adventurous chapter out of a Jack London novel.

For Mrs. Cooper, it all started in San Diego, California. The family later moved to Arkansas -- she graduated from Eudora High School.

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Other job experiences include: Drug store in California, Bible Society -- Vermont Churches, Youth Methodist Church.

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Mrs. Morse was born in a small town in Kansas called M. The family later moved to Stillwater, Oklahoma where she graduated from high school. Her marriage was delayed for she married and had matrimony.

Following her tour of duty in the military, Mrs. Morse spent time in Alaska. They lived in the greater Anchorage area and enjoyed the special event "New Frontier" exciting events during the Fair. This annual activity includes such activities as racing, blanket dancing, and special events. They lived in the eastern section of Alaska.

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## Bicentennial fund spent

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## ct team named

### OFFENSE

Ends - Rick Cappwell of West Fork and Frank Plummer of Gravette.  
Tackles - Randall Denzer of West Fork and Bob Morelock of Prairie Grove.  
Guards - Andy Hale of West Fork and Pete Floyd of Berryville.  
Center - Rodney Waterson of West Fork.  
Backs - Kelly Greer of Green Forest, Sam Baker of Green Forest, Cary Bartholomew of Prairie Grove, Mark Bradley of West Fork and Lee Donell of Gravette.

### DEFENSE

Ends - Bruce Atchley of Green Forest and Tim Wood of

### Berryville.

Linemen - Steve Hale of Berryville, James Foster of Prairie Grove and Ferlin Tibbets of Green Forest.

Nose guard - Rick Wise of Green Forest.

Linebackers - Wesley Alexander of Gravette, Buck Swake of Lincoln and Kevin Barrows of Berryville.

Backs - Jeff Doss of Berryville, Mike Prator of West Fork, Mark Robison of Lincoln and Chris Turnbough of Green Forest.

Outstanding Coach - Jim Long of Green Forest.

Outstanding back - Kelly Greer of Green Forest.

Outstanding Lineman - Randall Denzer of West Fork.



The Grove are from left to right, front row: Cary Bartholomew, back row: Bobby Morelock, James Foster and Sammy Pergeson. [Staff Photo]

Have a pleasant  
**Thanksgiving**



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The Prairie Grove Bicentennial Committee met Thursday night to take care of some business before the ending of the calendar year 1976. The committee has until December 31, 1976 to spend the money that was matched by the federal government for the Bob Kidd park project at Bob Kidd Lake.

It was reported that a balance of \$4721.75 remained in the fund after the bills had been paid on the work done at the park to date.

The committee voted to

spend the remaining balance in the following manner: purchase nine more picnic tables, a large slide and big swing set to be placed in the park area. Also a bill for the dozer work and other clean up at the park has yet to be paid and the remainder of the balance, approximately \$2,000, will be used for fencing and a baseball field.

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ordinance for such a tax already existed in the city, adding that his proposal would be to change the ordinance to call for an equal tax on each business.

The mayor told the assembled merchants that the tax would be used to raise approximately \$4,000 for the police department, which no longer gets the \$3,000 annual donation from the merchants known as the "night watch fund". That fund, formerly used by the merchants to hire a night watchman to check for

actually on duty within the city at all times during the night. The question rose from the fact that one policeman's salary and one-half of Chief Lee Terry's salary are paid by the county sheriff's office. The merchants were told that someone is always on duty within the city.

Although not given as the reason for discontinuance of the voluntary donations by merchants, one guest at the meeting said many merchants had complained of not receiving the service being paid

Alderman Charles Thompson suggested three categories of tax based on size and need. Other suggestions included basing the tax for each business on the number of employees.

One of the visitors at the meeting, James Hamilton, pointed out that a count of businesses in town by him indicated 87, quite a few more than city estimates. Manning pointed out that raising the needed \$4,000 would mean approximately \$50 per business if that figure were

ing traffic on Mock tripped a sensor to change the light.

Carvell, administrative officer for the A. H. D. traffic division, said the decision to issue a permit for one of these two alternatives followed traffic counts and studies of the intersection. He added that only a two-way stop for Mock Street is really warranted by the counts, but poor visibility and pedestrian traffic would make the four-way stop or fully actuated signals permissible.

Carvell pointed out that the four-way stop lights would cost

It was finally decided that the highway department would be instructed to proceed with the necessary steps toward installation of the four-way stop, with accompanying permission to change to the fully actuated system later if the city desires.

The final decision is to be made by the council in a special meeting tonight (Thursday) after it is learned if the A.H.D. will approve a four-way stop now and fully actuated lights when the city desires. Carvell told the Enterprise Tuesday morning that such permission would be given.

The old signal lights at the corner were knocked down recently when a truck hit a supporting pole. The insurance money from the accident is expected to finance part of the cost of the new system.

Two requests for use of the new fire station, one for the merchants Christmas drawing and one for a poultry growers meeting, were tabled by the council until rules for use of the new building can be formulated. Fire Chief Lee Couch is to work with the council in writing those guidelines.

The final item of business also pertained to the fire department, with Alderman J. G. Ward informing the council that the department had asked that the present siren be used only for fire calls. Ward said the fire department would like to see a separate warning system used for tornados or disaster alarms to avoid confusion with the fire siren.

Mayor Manning, calling the request a "short-sighted view" expressed his feeling that a method of warning citizens is needed.

Action was delayed on the matter until after the first of the year.



Prairie Grove's Junior High boys roundballers have played three are scheduled to play Farmington.

## Christmas

Hundreds of dollars in cash prizes are awaiting shoppers this holiday season as Prairie Grove merchants kick off their annual Christmas promotion this week.

As in past years, participating merchants in Prairie Grove will be giving shoppers tickets for a big drawing, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. December 23. A grand prize of \$250 will be awarded some lucky person whose name is drawn, and lesser cash prizes will be won by others. All cash prizes will be certificates good at local stores.

In addition to the big drawing, many merchants will be holding their own drawings for merchandise just prior to the grand prize drawing. Persons depositing their tickets in a particular store will be eligible for that store's mer-

# Battlefield rally Sunday

A Bicentennial reunion rally is being planned for Sunday, December 5 at Battlefield Park in Prairie Grove. Although the event is happening during the bicentennial year, the main purpose of the rally is to commemorate the battle which took place in the area where the park is now located. The Battle of Prairie Grove was fought on a cold day in December, 1862 during the Civil War conflict.

Pat Horan, a history student at the University of Arkansas, has made arrangements for several out of town people to attend the event and perform various activities.

A tentative program will

include Mark Hubbs and a group of approximately 15 uniformed and rifled "soldiers". Hubbs is a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and an employee of the First State Capitol which is a division of the state Department of Natural and Cultural Heritage.

The "soldiers" of Camp 197 are a group of young men from the Little Rock area who normally play the role of A Company, Sixth Arkansas Volunteer Infantry, Confederate States of America. Founded in 1961, the first year of the Civil War Centennial, the Arkansas group was one of the first of its

kind in the country and has remained one of the most active.

The group has participated in living history events and battle re-enactments across the country, including the nationally televised re-enactment at Gettysburg July 4.

The group will arrive at the Battlefield Park on Saturday night and camp out until the Sunday afternoon performance. Their wives and girlfriends also plan to participate in the program dressed as southern belles.

Other guests on the program will include R.D. Keever, president of the Civil War Roundtable of Arkansas. Keever usually speaks on why it is important to save the Civil War battlefields and describes the battlefields he has seen and helped to preserve.

Wolf and Gary, a guitarist and fiddler, will be present to play appropriate music for the event as will the Gentry High School Band with approximately 40 members expected to attend. They have several Civil War numbers prepared

as they participated in a similar event at Pea Ridge recently.

T.A. Smith of Rogers, who was also at the Pea Ridge rally, will read poems entitled, "The Blue and the Gray" and "The Lost Cause". Father Robert T. Dienert of St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Fayetteville is expected to address the visitors, also.

Other guests who have tentatively been scheduled to participate in the event are J. Dickson Black, a Benton and Washington County historian; Representative Bill Ramsey of Prairie Grove and Pat Horan has planned to give a speech which Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy, gave in the 1860's.

Plans are to have the rally at the Latta Barn or the bandstand of the park, whichever is most appropriate; and according to Horan, there will be a drill and battle re-enactment in weapon demonstration. All this is set to begin at 2:30 p.m. Sunday and everyone is cordially invited to attend. There will be no admission charge.

## News briefs.....

The Scout Roundtable monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec. 2 (tonight) at 7:30 p.m. at the First Methodist Church in Springdale. Scout leaders should plan to attend.

Westark Area Boy Scouts of America Council Recognition Banquet will be held on Friday, Dec. 3 at the First Methodist Church in Fort Smith at 6:30 p.m.



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COMPARISON OF BATTLES

AUGUST 1861  
WILSON'S CREEK, MO.  
RAY'S HOUSE • RESTORED

UNION		1,730 acre NMP	CONFEDERATE
5,400 men	TOTAL 17,400 men		12,000 men
1,317 k.w.m	TOTAL 2,547 casualties		1,230 k.w.m
16	Artillery Pieces		15

SEPTEMBER 1861  
LEXINGTON, MO.  
ANDERSON HOUSE • RESTORED

UNION		80acre State Pk.	CONFEDERATE
3,500 men	TOTAL 14,000 men		10,500 men
170 k.w	TOTAL 358 casualties		188 k.w.
9	Artillery Pieces		16

MARCH 1862  
PEA RIDGE, ARK.  
ELKHORN TAVERN • RESTORED

UNION		4,280 acre NMP	CONFEDERATE
10,500 men	TOTAL 26,500 men		16,000 men
1,384 k.w.m	TOTAL 2,684 casualties		1,300 k.w.m
50	Artillery Pieces		65

DECEMBER 1862  
PRAIRIE GROVE, ARK.  
BORDEN HOUSE • PRIVATE • DETERIORATING

UNION		64acre State Pk.	CONFEDERATE
14,000 men	TOTAL 26,000 men		12,000 men
1,251 k.w.m	TOTAL 2,568 casualties		1,317 k.w.m
42	Artillery Pieces		22

THE BATTLE OF PRAIRIE GROVE

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To Enhance Battlefield

Addition To Park Studied

By RALPH IVY  
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"Based on Horan's study, we are definitely interested in that the house does appear to have historical value to the Prairie Grove Park," Henderson said. But he added that the condition of the building, cost of restoration, availability of funds, and its priority in relation to other projects within the state parks system would all have to be evaluated before any decision is made.

CENTRAL TO BATTLE

According to Horan, a local artist and long-standing Civil War buff, the Borden house is central to the Prairie Grove battle, and must be included if the true character of that battle is to be preserved.

"The Borden house, a one and one-half story dwelling clad in an 1880's skin, is located less than 50 yards east of the battlefield park," Horan wrote in a memorandum to the department. "The surrounding land and the Borden house cannot be separated. The Confederate right flank was anchored around the house and orchard where the main fighting of the Prairie Grove battle took place. Briefly stated, General Herron attacked the Confederate right flank near noon and it was not

until 4 p.m. that General Blount came on the field to unite the Union forces which then fought together until 7 p.m.

"Consequently I intend to confine this report only to those witnessed accounts which took place on the Confederate right flank, in and around the Borden house. I believe that these reports, from both North and South, will prove how important this site is to the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park and that the existing Borden house and orchard ground must be saved as an original historical landmark intimately identified with the main events which took place on that Sunday, December 7, 1862," Horan wrote.

DOCUMENTS VIEWS

To document his arguments, Horan submitted information from official civil war histories such as "Official Records, War of the Rebellion," and Battles and Leaders of the Civil War," as well as privately written accounts by both men and officers who fought there.

The accounts were consistent in reporting that much of the day's fiercest fighting did swirl around the old homestead located next to the present battlefield park.

Horan became concerned about the fate of the Borden house and the preservation of the battle site itself this summer when he learned that the

Parks Department planned to build a public amphitheater near the Borden house.

When he and several others complained about the initial location choice, the Parks Department reconsidered and last week tentatively decided on a new location for the amphitheater.

"We had two alternative sites," said Bryan Kellar, parks planner with the department. "One was to remodel the existing bandstand (on the west side of the park away from the Borden house), or at the gravel pit (located near the southern center edge of the park). We chose to locate it somewhat north and slightly east of the gravel pit area."

SITE REJECTED

He said the bandstand area was rejected because it is in an already congested area, and would not provide adequate parking. Although the final choice is nearer the main battleground area, Kellar said it should not interfere with the battlefield concept.

The new amphitheater should be completed by next year. Funding of \$55,000 was allocated by the state legislation for the project, with about \$30,000 to be used for the actual construction and the remainder earmarked for roads, parking, and other ground improvements.

State Rep. Bill Ramsey of Prairie Grove, who secured state funds for the amphitheater project, said he believed the new site chosen should be acceptable. "The parks people have gone on record that they want to incorporate with the historical people interested in the battlefield theme," he said, "and at the same time not do away with the amphitheater."

He said architects for the structure intend to incorporate it into the existing architecture styles already present at the park, that the building would be a multi-use facility, and that it would be available for year-round usage.

Ramsey said money appropriated for the amphitheater has to be used for that purpose, and could not be diverted for purchase or restoration of the Borden property, as Horan has recommended in his memorandum to the Parks Department.

But Ramsey said it is possible that future funds for that purpose might be secured, and that he is looking with growing interest at the total battlefield concept.

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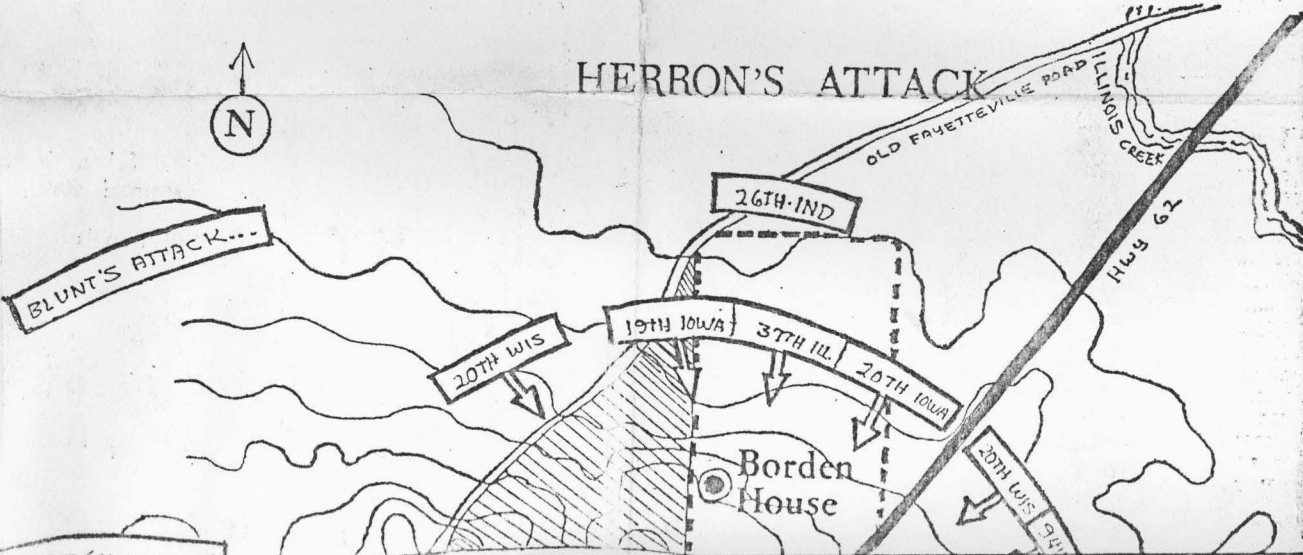
"I understand she is having the property appraised by historical appraisors," Ramsey said. "And what we are doing right now is waiting for some final figures on total cost and acreage available."

Horan argues that the house should be secured as soon as possible to protect it from further deterioration. He said the building needs immediate attention, especially a new roof to protect it from the elements.

Horan also advocates purchasing as much of the property surrounding the Borden house as is feasible, and adding it to the present battlefield park.

In comparison with the battles of Wilson Creek, Lexington, (both in Missouri), and Pea Ridge, he contends Prairie Grove was of equal tactical importance, and in terms of numbers involved and casualties sustained, was one of the more important battles fought in the Trans-Mississippi during the Civil War.

If developed to its full potential, Battlefield Park would not only be a commercial asset to the Prairie Grove community because it would attract year-round visitation, but would also ensure the preservation of an important aspect of the American heritage for the enjoyment and study by future generations.





"PRAIRIE GROVE ENTERPRISE"



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In his summarization, Horan stated, "This (battlefield) park has perhaps greater potential for historical interpretation than any park in the system and has realized at this point a lower proportion of that potential than any other park in the system."

"It's future will easily compare to the giant National Military Park at Pea Ridge, Ark., if the 'Battlefield Concept' dominates the master planning of this park. Not enough emphasis has been placed on the fact that these two important battles involved approximately the same number of soldiers and produced an equal number of casualties. They are the largest existing Civil War battlefields in the immediate four state region.

"We also have a first class historical landmark in the Borden House, which served as an important observation post and sharp-shooter's den during the battle, and as a field hospital afterwards. This house can also describe the history of farming and raising apples in Northwest Arkansas. The Archibald Borden House will certainly be compared to the restored Elkhorn Tavern at Pea Ridge, Ark.

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The Borden House is still structurally sound after 20 years of neglect and the parks department is considering its restoration and addition to the Battlefield Park. (Photo 1942)

## Legion plans coming events

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Offensively the Tigers had 66 yards while the Cardinals etted 140 yards. Ricky Clement led the Tiger defense with unassisted tackles.

The 7th grade will play gain next Thursday (Oct. 21) t 5:45 against Lincoln at ome.

### JR. HIGH

Last Thursday, the Prairie rove Jr. High team traveled o play the highly rated West Fork Tigers. Prairie Grove, acing their toughest and strongest opponent to date, ough and battled a back and orth defensive game only to ose late in the game by a score of 2-0.

Prairie Grove against West Fork played with the intencity and spirit that has been acking much of the year.

Offensively, Prairie Grove was virtually stopped by a stubborn West Fork defense. The offense gained only 9 yards for the evening. Execution, penalties and turnover still hamper the offense, however in practice this week the ff was looked better.



However, grades for men have been increasing almost twice as fast as women over the last four years. Only one-fourth of the families represented by the report can pay for their children's education in public four-year institutions where the annual cost is estimated at \$2,800. The median family income is \$16,400, about six per cent since 1975, but less than the rate of inflation. The average parental contribution toward college expense is estimated at \$1,170. Costs for private four year colleges average \$4,600.

## Civil Defense Change Noted

Blaming "tricky wording" in the Civil Defense bill which now calls for cities and states to limit civil defense planning to preparing for nuclear attack, Washington County Civil Defense Director L. B. Gilbow, said he is certain congress will change the wording in the near future.

However, Gilbow said, since only about 25 per cent of Washington County's Civil Defense funding comes from federal sources, even if the law is not changed, Washington County's plans will be little changed.

About 90 per cent of CD planning in Washington County is geared to natural disasters, Gilbow said. However, he added, in case of nuclear attack on the United States, unless by "some fluke we should get a direct hit," most Washington County residents would survive.

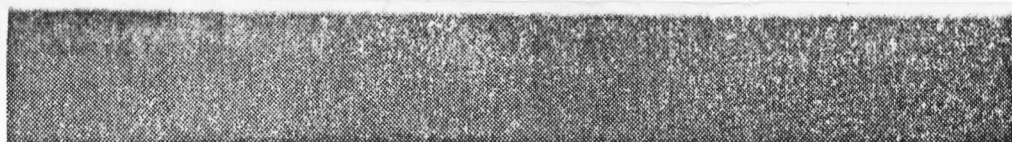
"We have underground shelters for 110,000 persons," Gilbow said, far more than is needed for our population." He said that most are adequately stocked with food and water.

Gilbow noted that the emphasis on nuclear defense is in response to the fact that the Soviet Union spends approximately \$5 per person per year on nuclear defense preparedness. "In contrast, we (the U.S.) spend 38 cents per person per year."

The Soviet Union, he said has prepared to evacuate 85 per cent of its population to adequately stocked underground shelters within a half-hour. He said Fayetteville and Springdale residents could all be moved underground within three hours, but that it would take three days to move the entire population because of communications and roads. He said that unless the area received a direct nuclear hit "our death toll would be under one per cent and that from accidents involved in moving that many people in a short time."

However, Gilbow said, little will be changed in future Civil Defense planning in the county unless such changes are ordered by County Judge Vol Lester. "About 90 per cent of our planning is for natural disasters," he said. "Natural disaster planning continues to occur efforts." "The state does allow defense personnel in case of nat-

Presst said on the new requirement for nuclear preparedness which instituted in the state of Delaware, which is now being implemented in each of the AP states.



## Sunrise And Morning Fog

The sun edges over a hill on a chilly Northwest Arkansas morning to illuminate a low-

lying bank of fog still clinging to the fields of western

Washington County. (TIMES- photo by Ken Good)

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## For Battlefield Building

# Suitable Site Sought

By RALPH IVY  
TIMES Staff Writer

Plans for a new 1,300 square foot combination public amphitheater and pavilion at Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park have been temporarily delayed to allow park planners time to locate a more suitable site.

It was originally proposed that the facility be located at the northeast edge of the grounds, but several critics of the plan said the construction of the facility there would detract from the battlefield theme. It was up the nearby slope there that Union soldiers charged into the Confederate's right flank over 100 years ago, and it was there that some of the heaviest fighting of the engagement took place.

"There is a small knoll there that was a critical part of that battle," said Patrick Horan, a Fayetteville artist and Civil War buff, "and quite frankly, locating an amphitheater there, with roads and large parking lot, would have destroyed the effect."

Horan believes that the battle of Prairie Grove is historically comparable to the more noted battle of Pea Ridge, and that its site should be preserved. "There were 26,500 men involved in the two days at Pea Ridge compared to a similar figure of about 26,000 that fought the one-day battle at Prairie Grove. And the casualties were also comparable. It was an important battle in the western campaign."

## Regional Forum Set On Handicapped

A regional forum to discuss the needs and solutions to problems of the mentally and physically handicapped will be held at the Richardson Center in Fayetteville Sept. 18.

Washington county residents are invited to participate to share views and opinions from the grass roots level for inclusion in the agenda for the state Conference on Handicapped Individuals, to be held Nov. 7-9 in Little Rock.

The state conference is a forerunner to the White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals, scheduled in May 1977 in Washington.

Gordon Page, regional administrator for Social Services Division here, is coordinator for the forum to be held from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The five areas of concern for the handicapped in which forum participants are requested to concentrate their attention are health, education, social and environmental, economic, and special concerns.

Horan was one of several who contacted the state Parks and Tourism Department about the amphitheater when the proposed location was first announced.

"We received comments to that effect from probably half a dozen people immediately after we announced the project," said Bob Moody, Planning and Development Department manager for the state agency. "The opinion was that we had erred on location and it appears that their concern seems to be justified."

"I can flatly say now that we won't locate the amphitheater where it was originally planned," he said.

Horan became aware of the amphitheater plans while documenting the history of the Archibald Borden house, an ancient structure that was in existence during the battle, for inclusion in the National Registry of Historic Places.

He then contacted personnel at the park, in the city of Prairie Grove, and at the state Parks Department to present his arguments that the amphitheater as planned should not be developed there. He also talked to State Representative Bill Ramsey of Prairie Grove, who had initially secured the legislative funds for the facility.

"It seemed to me," Horan said, "that the park could go in either direction, development as a real battlefield park, comparable someday to the national park at Pea Ridge, or it could become just another park with swimming pool, parking lots, and so forth with no overall plan or direction."

Many were receptive to the battlefield plan. "All I talked to were very interested and cooperative," he said.

Funding of \$55,000 for the amphitheater was allocated by the state legislature, with about \$30,000 to be used for the actual construction of the building, which would not include permanent seating. The remainder is to be used for roads, parking, and other ground improvements.

Moody said the amphitheater was first proposed because of local interest by Prairie Grove amateur theatrical and musical groups.

Construction plans call for a multi-purpose building designed to portray a style of architecture common to the Civil War period.

The new structure will have a dual purpose, serving as either a public open-air pavilion or as an outdoor theater, complete with dressing rooms and stage settings. When used as a theater, a movable portion would be installed to separate the front half of the building into a stage and the rear half into dressing rooms and a storage area. The petition would be removed when the building is used as a pavilion.

Moody said new sites for the structure would be inspected

this week. "Ideally, we want a place where the land slopes from the southwest to the northeast so the light is out of the audience's eyes and not directly on the performers. Use of a slope would prevent the land surface being destroyed, while less costly to construct."

Moody said the new site selection would be publicized for about three weeks to allow public comment on the choice. "We want to have all our 'i's' dotted and 't's' crossed before we start to go ahead on this one," he said.

Moody said that after final site and plan approval, the amphitheater construction should be completed next spring.

The Borden property being considered as a potential national historical place will be reviewed Tuesday by the state review committee for historical places, and if approved, will be submitted to the National Registry of Historic Places for final approval.

"Our main purpose in nominating historical sites is to focus attention on them in the hope that citizens will try and preserve them for the future," said Barbara Woodard, deputy director of the state Historical Presentation Program. The committee of 16 persons, which includes historians, architects, and archeologists, meets to make such nominations four times a year. About 16 sites from around the state are up for review Tuesday.

## COST INCREASE

Based on an estimate increase of a minimum per cent per year by will cost \$1.5 million y salaries of the fire force; \$47,000 for fire tion salaries and \$70 capital outlay.

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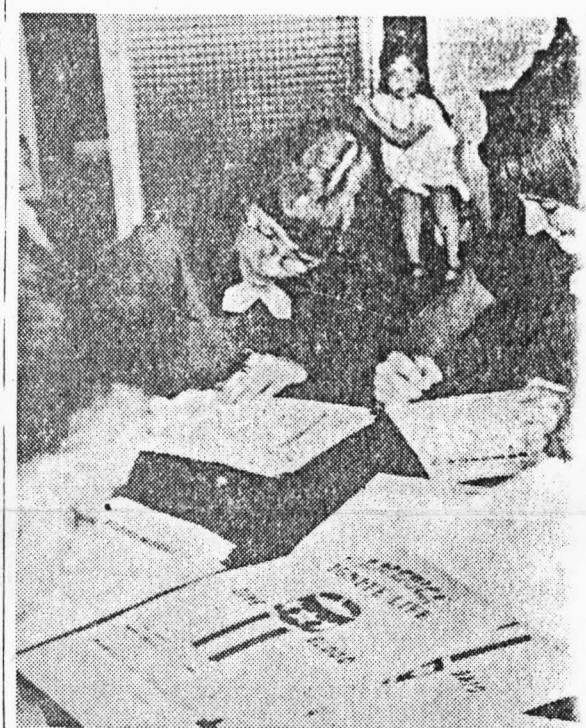
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## Posters For Blood

Girl Scouts, Linda Rohrbach, Jan Gilliland and Janet Turner, (l. to r.) work on posters to publicize the Sept. 15 and 16 visit of the Red Cross

Bloodmobile to Fayetteville. The scouts are men Senior Girl Scout who made and will the posters. The Bl

grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Proctor went after her Sunday to return her home.

guests of Mrs. Anna Conner. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Patten visited Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Carnahan Friday morning.

Grove, was presented a special certificate of appreciation last week by the Sperry and Hutchinson Company as they have been a valuable account to S&H, offering Green Stamps to their customers for more than 20 years.

The citation, recording September 8, 1956, as the date

vice, was presented to Mr. Hugh B. Neal and Howard and Margaret Carney, owners, by S&H area manager, French V. Smith.

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of these are in Arkansas. S&H was certified business in 1915.

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## Plans ready for new amphitheater

State Parks and Tourism Dept. Planning Manager Bob Moody says funds are available and plans are ready for the construction of a new 1300 square foot combination public amphitheater and pavillion at Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park.

"Except for a few minor changes which might come about from staff review or public input, these plans are pretty well firm" he said.

In a letter addressed to State Rep. Bill Ramsey, which was released for news publication, Moody said that according to preliminary cost estimates, sufficient state and federal funds are currently available to finance the project. He also outlined several points of the plan, which calls for the construction of a multi-purposed building designed to portray a style of architecture common to the Civil War period.

The new structure will have the dual capability of serving as either a public open-air pavillion or as an outdoor theater, complete with dressing rooms and stage settings. When used as a theater, a moveable portion would be installed to separate the front half of the building into a stage and the rear half into dressing rooms and a storage area. The partition would be removed when the building was used as a pavillion.

Seating would be a problem, Moody said, but could be added any time after the building was completed. He said he felt that the public would rather have a more complete facilities for the new

building without permanent seating than to have a skeletal stage area with permanent seating.

Moody told Ramsey that the parks department has expressed an interest in hearing about the type of structure local residents would prefer to have built in the park. Public hearings and forums where various ideas for the project would be positioned by area residents are one possibility, Moody said.

Benny Morris, superintendent of Battlefield Park, said that any local resident who might have suggestions concerning the project may contact Moody by writing the Arkansas Dept. of Parks and Tourism, 1510 Broadway, Little Rock, Ark. 72202.

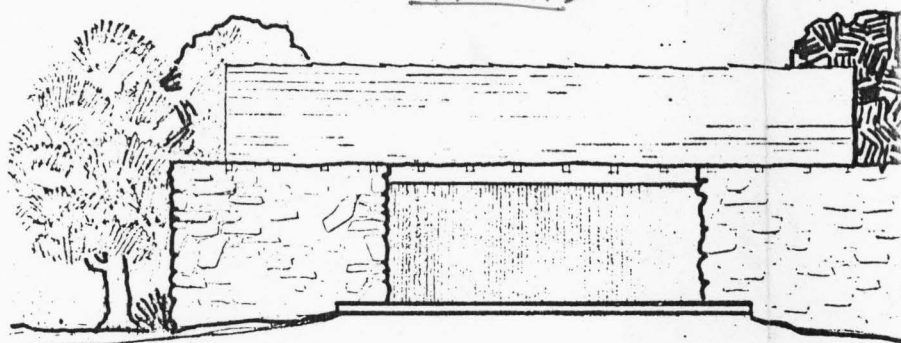
Dimensions and layouts of the amphitheater project can be found in today's newspaper.

## Park placed on national register

Prairie Grove Battlefield Park has been placed on the National Register of Historical Places by the United States Department of the Interior.

A 15"x10" solid bronze plaque was purchased by Park Supt. Benny Morris from a firm in Auburn, Indiana and mounted on the east wall outside of Hindman Hall.

Battlefield State Park had a total of 31,027 visitors for the month of July, and expect to top this for month of August.



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LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Pictured above is the architectural drawing of the new 1300 square foot combination amphitheater and pavillion to be located in the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park. The structure have a dual purpose of serving either as an open-air pavillion or as an outdoor theater, with dressing rooms and stage settings. The building is designed to portray architecture common to the Civil War period to keep in line with the other buildings in the park.

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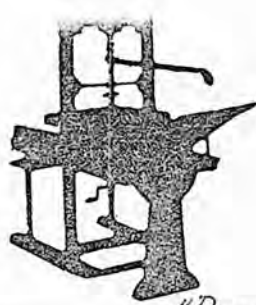
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## Assessment reminder given

The time of year is approaching when everyone needs to assess their personal property, again. This applies to all businesses also. Such assessment is an annual per-

sonal appearance process which must be repeated annually. For those coming from outside the state, Arkansas' Assessment of Personal Property is often-times an alto-

gether, new experience and many newcomers are not even aware of the requirement.

The regular period of assessment in 1978 will be from January 3 thru April 10,

inclusive. After April 10, a 10% penalty for late assessment will be added. To avoid the late assessment penalty, residents should visit one of the two offices open year

round maintained by the assessor or the special office which is opened for the month of January.

The regular offices are in the Washington County Court-

house, on the ground floor, and also in the Springdale City Hall. The main office in the courthouse is open Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and the Springdale office is open from 8 a.m. to noon and from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

For the convenience of those who live in the western part of the county, a special office is maintained, just for the month of January, in the Lincoln City Hall, and has the same hours as the Springdale office.

To further accomodate residents of Washington County, the Assessor generally opens the Annual Assessment procedures a little early each year, in about mid-December. By this time they have received the new forms, new listing of Motor Vehicle values and other "paper-work" items necessary to do this work properly. However, anyone coming in to assess in December must be prepared to answer questions about vehicle ownership which are not asked during the regular year. Anyone wanting to assess on a "Mail" basis should send their current (1977) Assessment sheet with any changes in Personal Property noted on it, along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope so it may be returned with the 1978 Assessment and accompanying "Car Cards" to sender. "Phoned-in" ment requests are not accepted with the exception those from persons who are hospitalized or who cannot get to one of the offices. Even so, a "phoned-in" request also have the material as in a "mailed-in" request it may be processed easily.

A peculiarity of the Arkansas Assessment procedures is the relation of Personal Property Assessment to licensing of passenger vehicles. One must assess her Personal Property before he/she can obtain a mobile or pick-up truck license.

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## ★ Blue-Gray reunion Sunday

By P.H. (HOPE)

The annual Blue and Gray reunion will be held at the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 4. The informal program and picnic will begin at 1:30 and will end around 3 p.m. with a

rifle salute near the old Archibald Borden farm house.

The Prairie Grove Tiger Band will feature patriotic and light music for this reunion and a pot luck picnic will be held in or around the band-

stand, weather permitting. An opening prayer will be given by Rev. Trew Lockhart of the First Christian Church of Prairie Grove.

The first Blue and Gray reunion was held in Washing-

ton County in 1886 and was organized and observed at the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park. This reunion and others will be briefly described by Patrick Horan from Fayetteville, from material drawn from the rec-

ords of the Washington County Historical Society.

If anyone present recalls some of these local events around 1910, they are invited to contribute their recollections.

The Prairie Grove 4-H Club will be recognized for their continuing help in restoring and maintaining the Confederate Cemetery at Fayetteville where the majority of the unknown Confederate soldiers, who fought at Prairie Grove, are buried.

Rep. Bill Ramsey of Prairie Grove is expected to give a presentation during the program.

A uniformed Blue and Gray rifle squad will be present at this reunion. "Soldiers" from the 8th Texas Calvary, dismounted, from Wichita Falls, will camp on the battlefield Saturday night and will join "soldiers" from the 3rd Arkansas Infantry, from Northwest Arkansas, on Sunday to drill and fire a rifle salute to the memory of the Union and Confederate troops who fought at Prairie Grove one hundred and fifteen years ago.

Several members of the Civil War Roundtable of Arkansas plan to drive in from Little Rock and may also contribute to the program. Tentative plans may include some fiddle music.

Local members of the Ozark Arts and Crafts Guild will be dressed in period clothing and will serve hot apple cider during this picnic and reunion. Kentucky Fried Chicken and hot corn will be donated, and the public is invited to bring a bowl of their favorite food for the pot luck dinner.

There will be no admission charged.

## Merchants giving away free trip

For a Christmas present this year, how about a trip for two to Las Vegas or New Orleans? Or would you prefer \$500 cash?

Those are the choices for some lucky Prairie Grove shopper this Christmas season

when the Prairie Grove merchants offer "Santa's Shoppers Choice" from now until Christmas. The choice of trips or cash will be the grand prize in the annual Christmas drawing by the merchants, which

will also see numerous prizes given by the individual merchants as in the past.

Plans for the big drawing were made at a breakfast meeting of the merchants association. It was decided at

that meeting that Dealer's Choice now underway would be discontinued through Christmas to allow for the big drawing.

As decided by the merchants, Santa's Shoppers Choice would work just like drawings in previous years. Shoppers will be given tickets which they will sign and deposit in boxes provided by participating merchants. These tickets will be given until December 23, when the drawing will be held at 7 p.m. on the back dock of the Post Office.

At that drawing, as in the past, the individual drawings will be held first before all tickets are deposited into one box for the big drawing. The grand prize will then be awarded, and the winner must be present.

The lucky winner of the grand prize will have the choice of a trip for two to either Las Vegas or New Orleans. The three-day trip will include plane tickets, hotel accommodations and \$100 in spending money. Or, if the winner prefers, he may take home \$500 cash rather than one of the trips.

The merchants voted to offer the big prize to shoppers to show their appreciation for persons shopping in Prairie Grove. It is also hoped that the drawing will encourage even



Several Prairie Grove residents participated in the arts and crafts classes held recently at the school. Those attending the classes learned many new skills and were given new ideas on how to decorate their homes, make gifts, etc.

## English teacher spotlighted

By Ed Staggs

"Along with the school's academics, a teacher must show a love for students, build upon their sense of self-

and National Honor Society.

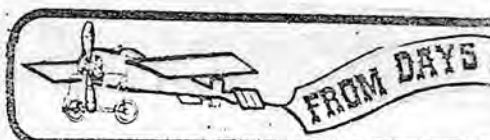
In college she was active in Women's House Government. She presently belongs to the Arkansas Association of Eng-

lish Teachers, PGEA, NEA and AEA.

Her hobbies include camping, crocheting, reading, sewing, doll making and fishing.



Carolyn Carney, member of the Prairie Grove League, presents a \$100 check to EMT Gary used on financing the new EMS Building on action came about after representatives of medical services spoke at a meeting of the

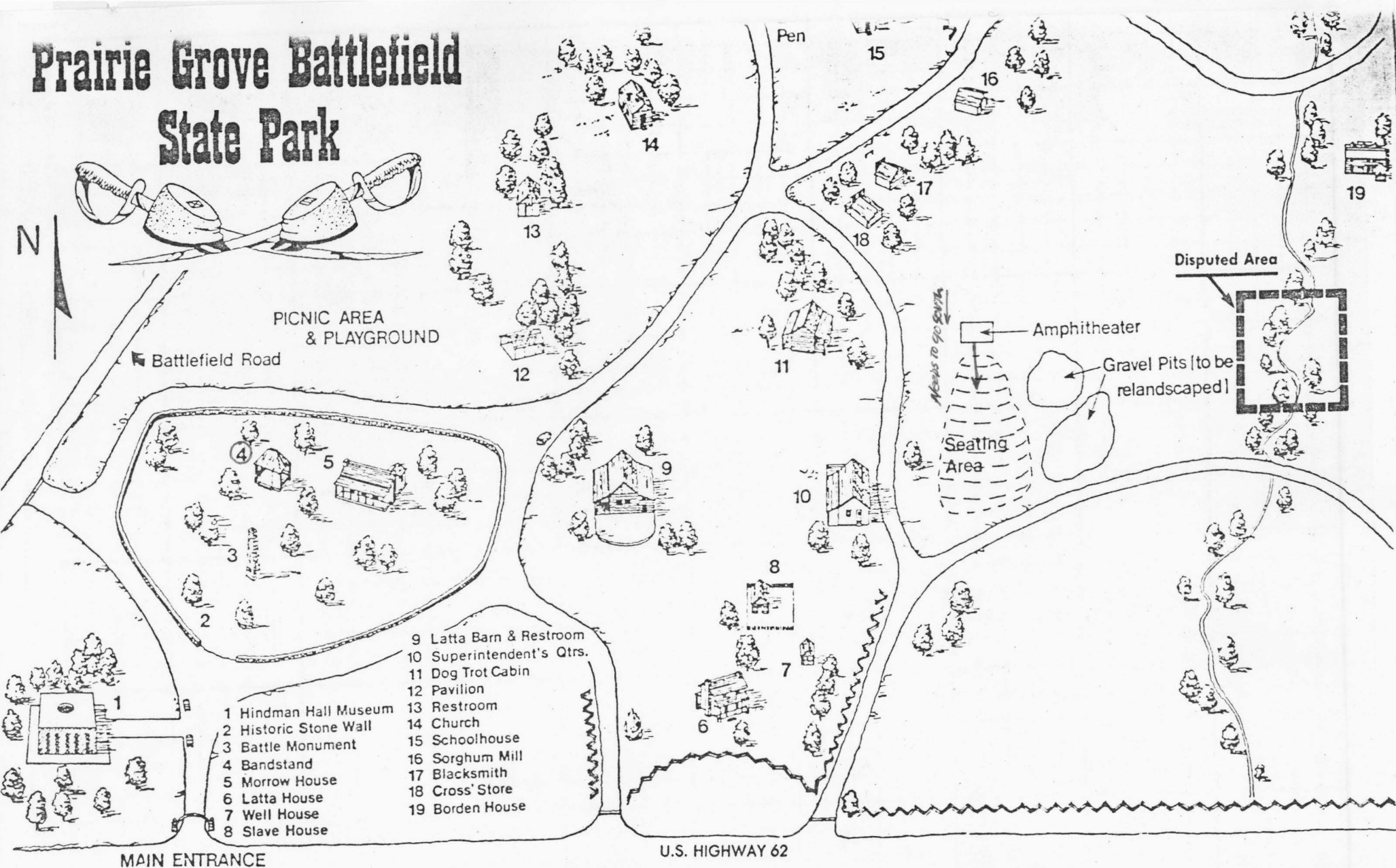


The year is 1959: Nov. 19 - Carolyn Nation president, presided over a meeting held in Cottage Thursday, Nov. 12. The purpose of the elect an FHA Pin-up Boy. Charles Stout was chosen boy this year. It and Mrs. Hobart

## Night classes a success



# Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park



## Meeting Set on Prairie Grove Battlefield Amphitheater

The state Parks and Tourism Department and the Prairie Grove Battlefield Commission will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. January 12 at Hindman Hall at the park to discuss the site of the proposed amphitheater and the further direction and development for the Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park. In May, Civil War buffs objected to the initial amphitheater site (disputed area at right) because it

was in a ravine where the most important phase of the battle took place between Union and Confederate forces in December 1862. "This ravine is too important a feature of the battlefield, which the park was established to preserve to be obliterated by a modern amphitheater which would have absolutely no connection with the battle," the Civil War Roundtable of Arkansas said in May. The

opponents suggested moving the facility out of the ravine to a flat site near U.S. Highway 62, which park officials rejected as being too close to the highway where traffic sounds would detract from theater presentations about the battle. As shown, the current proposed site is about 100 yards out of the ravine west of the initial location. The legislature appropriated \$55,000 in 1975 to build the

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# On "Forgotten" Battlefield Rally At Prairie Grove

On a cold December afternoon a group of people gathered at Battlefield State Park near the historic town of Prairie Grove for a program whose significance will become more evident as the years pass. The cause for the gathering was a rally to commemorate the Battle of Prairie Grove which took place 114 years ago on Dec. 7, 1862. The battle, while not a decisive victory for either side, involved nearly 26,000 troops.

Losses were reported as 164 killed, 817 wounded and 336 Confederate missing, and Union losses were 175 killed, 798 wounded, and 183 missing. It was to be the last major battle of the Civil War west of the Mississippi. (RED RIVER)

The rally was organized by Pat Horan, Washington County artist, who was inspired by a similar program initiated by J. Dickson Black, Benton County historian, at Pea Ridge earlier in the year.

A significant part in both programs was played by the Gentry High School Band, playing music of both the Union and Rebel armies, and other compositions associated with the era. At Prairie Grove, under the direction of Lynn Farr, the band played 'Dixie' and the 'Battle Hymn of the Republic' and as the 6th Arkansas Voluntary Infantry- Company A and the 24th Missouri Infantry- Company E marched onto the field. They also

played 'My Old Kentucky Home', 'Old Folks at Home', and 'Star Spangled Banner' during the program. Their participation in these programs during this Bicentennial year has earned the group the unofficial title of 'Battlefield Band'.

Several speakers contributed to the program, including Father Robert Dienert, of St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Fayetteville, who noted that while some were inclined to let the Bicentennial

year and its events fade as 1976 ends, there are others who feel the urgency of continuing our search for the essentials of our 'national experience' so that the Bicentennial commemoration 'will turn out to be more than just a postmortem of the past two hundred years...'

A review of the park's history was given by Bill Ramsey, state representative from Prairie Grove, who suggested a master plan for the park's development. The president of the Arkansas Civil War Roundtable, R. D. Kever, told of his experiences in battlefield preservation efforts around the country, and specifically at Pea Ridge. Wolf and Gary, guitarist and fiddler from Eureka Springs, played some traditional music.

Other participants were Black, who spoke of the deprivations and suffering endured by the women and children left at home, as well as the soldiers. T. Anson Smith read 'The Blue and the Gray' & 'The Lost Cause.' Horan read the last speech of Confederate President Jefferson Davis, given in 1888. Cal Kinzer, a Union volunteer from Muskogee, Okla., read the Gettysburg Address. Hot cider was served by volunteers from the Council of Ozark Arts and Crafts, who also participated in the program.

The re-enactment that followed included volunteers from Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas and one from Pennsylvania. These men and women travel throughout the country to take part in similar events. The Arkansas group took part in the nationally televised Gettysburg re-enactment on July 4. They take great pride in the authenticity of their costumes and weaponry, and the realism elicits such responses, "Just imagine 20,000 instead of 20..." when viewers fall into the feeling of the skirmishes.

As the last of the participants left the field, a cold rain started falling on the battlefield, as it has each of those 114 winters since the Battle of Prairie Grove.

Efforts are presently underway to expand the park, particularly to expand the park, particularly to include the historic Borden House, which is a counterpart of the Elkhorn Tavern at Pea Ridge, and to gain more public recognition of the significance of the battlefield.



Many volunteers and conscripts who fought for either side were no older than this pensive young man.



The bandstand at the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park, where the Gentry Band played during the rally.

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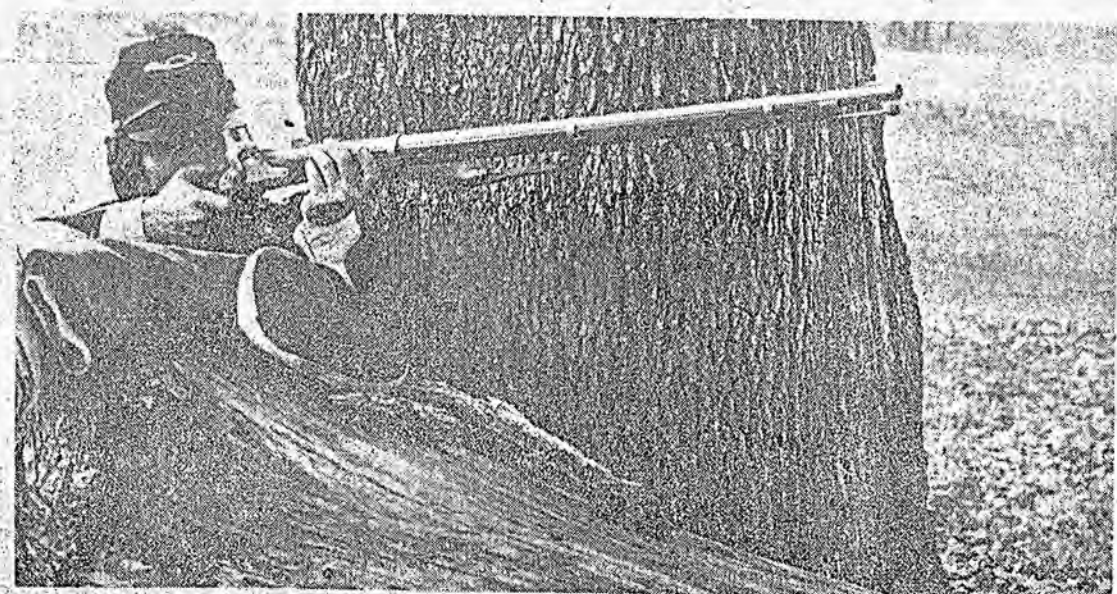


## BATTLEFIELD PARK

DEC. 5 SUN. 2:30



A symbolic handshake after re-enacting a skirmish, these volunteers are dedicated to the preservation of the spirits of their respective armies.



The hills around Prairie Grove reverberated with the sound of black-powder muzzle loaders as "the enemy" was engaged.







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# Blue-Gray reunion held

The ear-piercing blast of a cannon began the special Blue-Gray Reunion ceremonies at Battlefield Park in Prairie Grove last Sunday afternoon. The loud "boom" of one of the Civil War cannons in the park attracted the attention of visitors to the celebration as well as motorists passing the park at that particular time.

The afternoon's festivities began with a pot luck picnic lunch with plenty of Kentucky fried chicken for the small

group of individuals who showed up for the annual affair.

Following the picnic lunch, Patrick Horan, historical buff from Fayetteville, and master of ceremonies, introduced Rev. Trew Lockhart who gave the opening prayer. Horan gave an informative talk on past reunions and noted that the first reunion of this type in Washington County was held in 1886 at the Battlefield Park.

Special music was provided by Cotton Combs, fiddler,

J.C. Jones and others who displayed their musical and vocal talents to those present. The Prairie Grove High School Tiger Band also presented several special numbers, including "Dixie", which received a very enthusiastic reaction from the crowd.

Representative Bill Ramsey spoke in support of the park and noted that a full-time historian will be located at Hindman Hall in the near future. This was made possible through the Arkansas

General Assembly several months ago.

Ramsey spoke briefly about the progress being made to restore the Archibald Borden house. Money has already been appropriated for the purchase and restoration of the house which played a major role in the Battle of Prairie Grove during the Civil War. Plans are to purchase a 200'x200' lot on which the house stands, with the owner's permission. It is anticipated that actual work on the restor-

ation project will get underway in the near future.

Ramsey announced that the park would be receiving a new superintendent effective December 15. Bennie Morris, present superintendent, is retiring and will be succeeded by Edward Smith of Dardanelle. Further information on this announcement will appear next week.

Ramsey added that a meeting is scheduled in January to make final plans and receive approval on the location for the amphitheatre which has been delayed several times because of the change in locations.

Other guests on the program included a uniformed Blue and Gray rifle squad from Wichita Falls, who joined "soldiers" from the 3rd Arkansas Infantry, from Northwest Arkansas, to drill and fire a rifle salute in memory of the Union and Confederate troops who fought at Prairie Grove more than 100 years ago.

Prairie Grove 4-H Club received special recognition for their work in the upkeep of the Confederate Cemetery at Fayetteville.

The day's activities concluded with a rifle salute.



Eight Prairie Grove students were recently selected by the faculty of the Society of Distinguished American High School Students. The (right) Mary French, junior; Rhonda Bedford, Joy Harrison and row - Kenneth Wieburg, senior; Judy Durham and Sharon B. senior. Membership in the Society is designed to be a national excellence and leadership in extra curricular and civic activities of these students.

# Santa coming Saturday

Continued planning of Christmas festivities was the main topic of discussion at a breakfast meeting of the Prairie Grove Merchants Association Tuesday, with those present also going on record in opposition to a proposed city occupation tax.

In addition to other activities, merchants were told that Santa Claus will make the first of his annual appearances in the city this Saturday from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in front of Farmers and Merchants Bank. Santa will return for his second visit the following Saturday,

with plenty of goodies for the children on both occasions.

Further planning for the big Christmas Drawing was handled at the meeting, including that many merchants will be offering hundreds of dollars in prizes at their own individual drawings just prior to the big drawing. Those drawings will begin at 7 p.m., December 23 on the back dock of the Post Office.

The big Santa's Shoppers Choice offers some lucky shopper the choice between a trip to Las Vegas, a trip to New Orleans or \$500 in cash.

Tickets for all drawings are available from participating merchants.

Some Prairie Grove merchants will be remaining open until 8 p.m. each Friday night and both Thursday and Friday night immediately before Christmas. The later hours are to give all shoppers a chance to shop locally and receive tickets for the drawings.

Other plans for the month include a concert by the Prairie Grove band on Saturday, December 17. The Christmas music will begin at 2 p.m. downtown, weather per-

mitting.

Plans are also underway for possible caroling by local churches on Thursday evening just before Christmas. The merchants are contacting the local Ministerial Alliance to see how many churches would like to participate in the caroling.

The meeting Tuesday also saw the merchants present register their opposition to the proposed occupation tax, which is to be discussed at the city council meeting December 19. Merchants were urged to attend that council meeting

# English teacher sp

By Ed Staggs

Ron Sylvan is a firm believer in the three R's of Education: reading, writing, and arithmetic. However, he does feel that "the curriculum of a school should meet the needs of its students. These needs will vary in different areas of the country. When the needs of the student have been fulfilled, then, and only then, has he experienced the rewards of education."

Sylvan enjoys teaching very much. He feels very excited

Oswego Senior High School in Oswego, Illinois. That city is a small rural suburb of Chicago.

Upon graduation from high school, he moved to Mountain Home, Arkansas where his parents made their home. He attended the University of Arkansas from 1972-76. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English in 1976. Last summer he also earned a teaching certificate in the area of Social Studies. He is

# Nations wins fishing honors