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CAMP MEETING

March 10, 2014

**Speaker: Mark Bucanan, Memphis Brigade
Commander**

**Topic: Recruitment and Retention
7:00 p.m. at the Germantown Regional
History and Genealogy Center**

Don't miss our next camp meeting.

The Calamity of Appomattox

(An interesting take by H. L. Mencken from the
The American Mercury, September 1930)

No American historian, so far as I know, has ever tried to work out the probable consequences if Grant instead of Lee had been on the hot spot at Appomattox. How long would the victorious Confederacy have endured? Could it have surmounted the difficulties inherent in the doctrine of States' Rights, so often inconvenient and even paralyzing to it during the war? Could it have remedied its plain economic deficiencies, and become a self-sustaining nation? How would it have protected itself against such war heroes as Beauregard and Longstreet, Joe Wheeler and Nathan B. Forrest? And what would have been its relations to the United States, socially, economically, spiritually and politically?

I am inclined, on all these counts, to be optimistic. The chief evils in the Federal victory lay in the fact, from which we still suffer abominably, that it was a victory of what we now call Babbitts over what used to be called gentlemen. I am not arguing here, of course, that the whole Confederate army was composed of gentlemen; on the contrary, it was chiefly made up, like the Federal army, of innocent and unwashed peasants, and not a few of them got

into its corps of officers. But the impulse behind it, as everyone knows, was essentially aristocratic, and that aristocratic impulse would have fashioned the

Confederacy if the fortunes of war had run the other way. Whatever the defects of the new commonwealth below the Potomac, it would have at least been a commonwealth founded upon a concept of human inequality, and with a superior minority at the helm. It might not have produced any more Washingtons, Madisons, Jeffersons, Calhouns and Randolphs of Roanoke, but it would certainly not have yielded itself to the Heflins, Caraways, Bilbos and Tillmans.

The rise of such bounders was a natural and inevitable consequence of the military disaster. That disaster left the Southern gentry deflated and almost helpless. Thousands of the best young men among them had been killed, and thousands of those who survived came North. They commonly did well in the North, and were good citizens. My own native town of Baltimore was greatly enriched by their immigration, both culturally and materially; if it is less corrupt today than most other large American cities, then the credit belongs largely to Virginians, many of whom arrived with no baggage save good manners and empty bellies.

Back home they were sorely missed. First the carpetbaggers ravaged the land, and then it fell into the hands of the native white trash, already so poor that war and Reconstruction could not make them any poorer. When things began to improve they seized whatever was seizable, and their heirs and assigns, now poor no longer, hold it to this day. A raw plutocracy owns and operates the New South, with no challenge save from a proletariat, white and black, that is still three-fourths peasant, and hence too stupid to be dangerous.

The aristocracy is almost extinct, at least as a force in government. It may survive in backwaters and on

puerile levels, but of the men who run the South today, and represent it at Washington, not 5%, by any Southern standard, are gentlemen.

If the war had gone with the Confederates no such vermin would be in the saddle. The old aristocracy, however degenerate it might have become, would have at least retained sufficient decency to see to that. New Orleans, today, would still be a highly charming and civilized (if perhaps somewhat zymotic) city, with a touch of Paris and another of Port Said. Charleston, which even now sprouts lady authors, would also sprout political philosophers. The University of Virginia would be what Jefferson intended it to be, and no shouting Methodist would haunt its campus. Richmond would be, not the dull suburb of nothing that it is now, but a beautiful and consoling second-rate capital, comparable to Budapest, Brussels, Stockholm or The Hague. And all of us, with the Middle West pumping its revolting silo juices into the East and West alike, would be making frequent leaps over the Potomac, to drink the sound red wine there and breathe the free air.

My guess is that the two Republics would be getting on pretty amicably. Perhaps they'd have come to terms as early as 1898, and fought the Spanish-American War together. In 1917 the confiding North might have gone out to save the world for democracy, but the South, vaccinated against both

Wall Street and the Liberal whim-wham, would have kept aloof – and maybe rolled up a couple of billions of profit from the holy crusade. It would probably be far richer today, independent, than it is with the clutch of the Yankee mortgage-shark still on its collar. It would be getting and using his money just the same, but his toll would be less. As things stand, he not only exploits the South economically; he also pollutes and debases it spiritually. It suffers damnably from low wages, but it suffers even more from the Chamber of Commerce metaphysic.

No doubt the Confederates, victorious, would have abolished slavery by the middle of the 80s. They were headed that way before the war, and the more sagacious of them were all in favor of it. But they were in favor of it on sound economic grounds, and not on the brummagem moral grounds which persuaded the North. The difference here is immense.

In human history a moral victory is always a disaster, for it debauches and degrades both the victor and the vanquished. The triumph of sin in 1865 would have stimulated and helped to civilize both sides.

Today the way out looks painful and hazardous.

Civilization in the United States survives only in the big cities, and many of them – notably Boston and Philadelphia – seem to be sliding down to the cow country level. No doubt this standardization will go on until a few of the more resolute towns, headed by New York, take to open revolt, and try to break out of the Union. Already, indeed, it is talked of. But it will be hard to accomplish, for the tradition that the Union is indissoluble is now firmly established. If it had been broken in 1865, life would be far pleasanter today for every American of any noticeable decency.

There are, to be sure, advantages in Union for everyone, but it must be manifest that they are greatest for the worst kinds of people. All the benefit that a New Yorker gets out of Kansas is no more than what he might get out of Saskatchewan, the Argentine pampas, or Siberia. But New York to a Kansan is not only a place where he may get drunk, look at dirty shows and buy bogus antiques; it is also a place where he may enforce his dunghill ideas upon his betters.

Surprising Foods Used in the Civil War

By Lee Millar



As I was researching meals for Civil War reenactment events I came across an interesting article that explains some of the food we eat today were manufactured during the Civil War and were used by soldiers. I am sure there are many more than what I found, but here are a few that we still use and eat today.

Underwood Deviled Ham – In 1822 an Englishman, William Underwood, created a condiment business which started out with mustard and ended up with ketchup, marmalade, cranberries, and pickles. Out of demand and necessity for his product, he started packing his products in tin containers, or cans as we call them today. He passed away in 1864, but his company was doing very well selling his canned goods to the government during the Civil War. This would provide a longer shelf life for the soldiers. The ham product actually wasn't created until 1868, but his company did provide other canned goods for the soldiers.

Lea and Perrins Worcestershire sauce – There wasn't much information on this product but it has been around since 1835 and was first sold in 1838 by John Wheeley Lea and William Henry Perrins

Borden's Condensed Milk – Before the 19th Century, drinking milk was not as popular as it is today. They thought there were health risks involved because when it came straight from the cow, it would have to be consumed within hours, especially in the summer heat, to avoid spoilage. In 1856, Gail Borden, was granted a patent for the sweetened condensed milk. In 1861, the Union Army purchased the milk for use in field rations given to the soldiers.

Van Camp's Pork and Beans – Gilbert Van Camp and his wife, Heaster, began this company in 1861. They began canning fruits and vegetables and sold them in their family store in Indianapolis. Later they found the pork n beans tasted better when it was mixed with tomatoes and was served hot. They marketed this product and also sold them to the Union troops during the Civil War.

And of course, canned sardines and canned peaches in use today were around in the 1860's and were eaten by soldiers of both Blue and Gray.



The Confederate Calendar 2014 Event Schedule

A listing of events of interest for Southern Heritage organizations:

March

- 10 Germantown -- Lee Camp meeting, TnGen Center, Old Poplar Pike, 7pm
- 11 Collierville -- Wigfall Greys meeting, VFW, 247 Center St, 7pm
- 13 Memphis -- Forrest Camp meeting, Jason's Deli, Poplar @ Highland, 7pm
- 19 Memphis -- Gen'l Forrest Chapter UDC meeting/lunch, Chickasaw Country Club, 1130
- 20 Memphis -- Chalmers Camp meeting, 7pm
- 29 West Tenn -- UDC District meeting, location TBA

April

4-6 Shiloh -- annual Battle of Shiloh living history encampment & demonstrations

10 Memphis -- Forrest Camp meeting, Jason's Deli, Poplar @ Highland, 7pm

12 Ft. Pillow -- 150th anniversary reenactment

14 Germantown -- Lee Camp meeting, TnGen Center, Old Poplar Pike, 7pm

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?? Cordova -- Shelby County History Festival, Davies Plantation

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25-26 Union City, TN -- SCV Tenn Div convention

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?? Germantown -- annual Civil War historic site tour, Lee Camp sponsor

26 Shiloh NMP -- Memorial Day & Family picnic, CS Burial Trench (Tour Stop #13), 11 am

Photo of the Month



These pro-independence Southern Sudanese Christians have no trouble understanding what Lincoln and the Yankees wouldn't admit

SCV LIFE MEMBERS ROSTER

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Winston Blackley	Eugene Callaway
John Cole	W. Kent Daniel Jr.
James Anthony Davis	Hubert Dellinger Jr., MD
H. Clark Doan	Eugene Forrester
Robert Freeman	Donald Harrison
Frederick Harrison	Frank Holeman
M. Gary Hood	William P Hunter, Jr.
Bobby Lessel	Jerry C. Lunsford
Frank M. McCroskey	Steve McIntyre
Arthur Oliver	Charles Wendell Park
Steve Reason	Larry J. Spiller, Jr.
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Commander's Corner

Our February meeting was very good, and well attended by both members and guests alike. Hilton Cohea of Bankhead's Battery provided our presentation on his relative from the 4th Texas, Archibald Cohea from the time he enlisted till he died in combat. A great message, and a reminder to know your relative. If you want to know more, Joe Burns and the Tennessee Genealogical Society can point you in the right direction, quickly and with minimal expense if any.

Our committees are in place and going to work. For those of you who missed, they will be headed as follows: Arthur Oliver, Finance; Mark Buchanan, Membership; Jeremy Elkins, Scrapbook; Ken Chrestman, Headstones and Markers; Mike Daugherty, Newsletter; Joe Burns, Genealogy and History; Brad Waters, Programs; Bruce Lynch, Public Relations. These men should be reaching out to potential members, however if you see a committee where you think you can and would like to be of assistance, please reach out to them as well.

Darwin Concon was presented with his membership certificate, and Joe Burns was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his work and dedication to the Camp over the last year. We welcome Darwin as a new member and thank Joe for his service.

We had an update on the Parks situation, and the City is really dragging its feet and trying to make the case go as long as they can apparently. We will win this fight, and I think we will win it soon. Keep the faith, gentlemen, we will NOT back down!

We had 6 members volunteer to help out the Chalmers camp with setup for the Civil War and Military Show in Southaven. They thank us for our help, and have reported that this is the smoothest and fastest that setup has ever gone, so thank you to those members that went to help.

There will be a Confederate Memorial Service at the cemetery at Ole Miss in Oxford on Sunday, May 4 at 2:00 PM. We would like as many re-enactors as



possible to attend, and if you don't, please show up as a spectator. The Color Guard has committed to attend, and as I understand it this is a pretty big event. Keep in mind how many Mississippi folks show up here for Forrest's Birthday - we should support events that close in kind. I understand that there will be BBQ and good Southern fellowship following the ceremony too. I hope to see you all there.

While we're on Memorial Services, our camp in conjunction with the UDC will be holding a Memorial Service for 17 unknown soldiers of Price's Brigade at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Bartlett on Saturday, May 31 at 10 AM. I recently went there with a few volunteers from the Headstones and Markers Committee, and we moved a Southern Cross of Honor that had been improperly placed and placed Battle Flags by each marker. We'll be going back to clean up the area in early March - removing some leaves, possibly cleaning a large stone in the center of the line, and maybe planting some grass in the area. That project is taking shape nicely. Keep in mind the Elmwood Memorial service is the next day,

June 1 at 2:00 and we would like to see maximum Lee Camp representation at that one as well.

We are on the lookout for any and all appropriate community service projects in our neck of the woods, so if you hear of something that sounds appropriate, please bring it to me or any officer of the camp and we will jump on it. There are multiple re-enactments and Living Histories upcoming. While re-enacting may not be your thing, there are plenty of ways to educate the public about the truth regarding the South's decision for constitutional self-government and the war that ensued. We profess to be Living Historians, and we know these stories, please share them. Share them with your friends, your kids, and other people who may be interested. These are very exciting times for our camp, and we need and desire your participation. I look forward to hearing from you or seeing you at an event soon!

Submitted with my compliments,

Mike Daugherty
Commander

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Commander Mike Daugherty presents SCV membership certificate to Darwin Concon



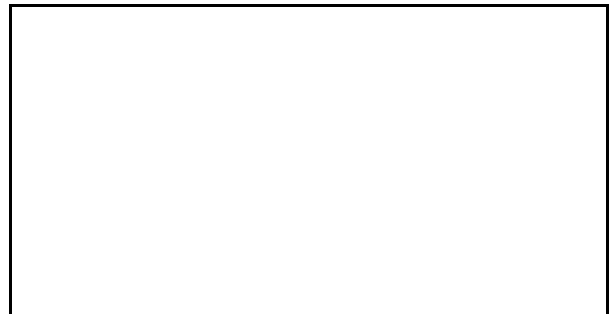
Joe Burns is presented a plaque by Past Commander Tarry Beasley in appreciation for his dedication and hard work for the Lee Camp



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