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100 YEARS AGO  
Grant and Pillow  
Invade Kentucky

By LON H. SAVAGE  
Special Writer

Kentucky's neutrality came to an abrupt end 100 years ago this week.  
Within a 48-hour period, both Union and Confederate troops were marching on its soil, guns bristling. Before the week was out, the state—birthplace of both Presidents Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis—was in the Civil War for keeps.

Two men were responsible: Brig. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, new commander of Union troops at Cairo, Ill., and Gen. Leonidas Polk, a former Episcopal bishop now commanding Confederate forces along the Kentucky border in Tennessee. To Polk went the credit and discredit—for moving first. Acting without orders from above, Polk advanced on the strategic hill town of Columbus, Ky., on the Mississippi River.  
Polk had entered the ministry after graduation from West Point, took Columbus because he believed probably correctly, that if he didn't the Yankees would.

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Spectators watch as Birmingham firemen replace equipment after an apartment building fire call on an occasion at 327 S. South-Then, the firemen put out the fire in the incinerator. There was no fire damage to the apartment, he said.

DOWN TO EARTH

Michigan Grown Grapes Are Both Beauty, Food

By ALICE WESSELS BURLINGAME  
Special Writer for The Birmingham Eclectic

Recently your writer traveled to Keeler, near Hartford, Mich., to visit the famous Irons Vineyards. This area is picturesque, and the southwestern part of Michigan because it is in the center of the rich fruit belt. All fruits are grown in great quantities by specialty growers.  
The vineyards covered 150 acres and provided many lessons in grape culture as given by Charlie Albert, whose business is to see that his acres provide an abundant crop.  
He believes that it is necessary to string only two wires for support between posts planted about 25 feet apart. The vines are approximately 6 feet apart. The lowest wire would be 30" above the ground while the other wire would be 18 inches above the lower one.

NATURE NOW

By Lydia King Freese  
Special Writer for The Birmingham Eclectic

Knowledge of the Past Often Explains Present

Those of you who follow this column may often wonder why the life of past ages is so important. To comprehend such vast reaches of time requires the greater stretch of the imagination than most of us can command. Yet without some knowledge of the past the present is often blurred.  
To understand time, scientists of the world have dedicated themselves with a kind of fierce and selfless devotion. The paleontologist is one of these.  
He studies the life of the geologic ages gone by. His days are given to investigating the fossil record and rock strata in which it is sealed to reconstruct the life history of extinct plants and animals and relating them to their proper places in the sequence of time. When he finds a new fossil, he correlates it with the known fossils of his knowledge.  
Mrs. Freese of modern flora and fauna have a true, though incomplete, picture of life long upward climb.

The GREEK scholars early pondered over the meaning of such fossil corals and shells as came to their hands, but it was not until the beginning of the 19th century that the science of comparative anatomy.

His studies led to the discovery that fossils of lower and earlier rocks differ from existing organisms more than those of recent or upper formations. As the knowledge of later scientific investigations was completed, all of time was divided into five great geologic periods, each with its own characteristic plant and animal types.

A MILLION years is the geologist's rule for the measure of time. What to us is a staggering sum to him is but a moment. As new discoveries are made, it has been replaced at that moment as new discoveries are made. It has been replaced at that moment as new discoveries are made. It has been replaced at that moment as new discoveries are made.

PRESENT calculations made from the study of the radioactivity of the oldest rocks place it somewhere between two and a half and four billion years. The geologic time-table must, therefore, be constantly revised as knowledge grows and no man knows the percentage of error in our present calculations.  
An estimated time table of Earth's history and its life trends is:

I. ARCHEOZOIC: 2800-2100 million years ago

II. PROTEROZOIC: 2100-650

Michigan Offers Fall Colors Service

There needn't be any guesswork in planning a fall color tour in Michigan, according to the state tourist council.

The council again is offering prospective autumn travelers a personalized service to let them know, by individually addressed cards, when Michigan's fall color display is at its peak.  
This color information plan now is in its seventh year of operation. The program alerts travelers to the progress of Michigan's autumn display as it moves from the far reaches of the upper peninsula into lower Michigan.

Anyone wishing to be posted on fall color in Michigan should send the bare and address for Fall Color Service, Michigan Tourist Council, Lansing 26.

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Michigan Opens Early Autumn Vacation Season

Michigan's early autumn vacation season is well under way.

The September-October calendar of coming events in Michigan features a variety of special celebrations and activities, including fairs, festivals and sports events.

Copies of the free calendar are available from Michigan Tourist Council, Lansing 26.  
SOME of the big events scheduled for September include the Sept. 1-10 State Fair at Detroit; the Sept. 2-4 Championship Rod and Boat Regatta on the St. Clair River at Clark Lake near Pontiac; Sept. 4 at the Northern District Fair, Holland; Sept. 5-6 at the annual Old Car Festival, Sept. 10-17, at the Paul Bunyan Airplane Club, Detroit; Sept. 29-Oct. 1 at Traverse City.

Other September events on the calendar include amateur baseball tournaments, state championship horse show, gunnery, target festivals, the Labor Day Walkathon across the Mackinac Bridge, championship dog trials and an antique show.

WEEKLY VISIT

He Services 'Little Cities'

By Irma N. Davis  
Staff Writer

BORN IN LONDON, Ontario, at the turn of the century, Johnston began his training as an apprentice while in his teens. During the first World War he worked in a shoe factory "until three days after the Armistice."

He lived in Windsor for about a year before coming to Detroit "for a few weeks" in 1924. From there he moved to Birmingham.

When asked why he chose Birmingham, Johnston is brief and to the point.  
"Well, I stepped off the old DUR car well, it was a job—that's how I got here."

"For nearly a year he worked for the Consumers' Power Co. then was employed by W. H. Miller, Birmingham plumber, until 1929."

NEXT CAME a year of travel in California and almost four years at the boat in the Great Lakes where I ended up as a third class stowaway."

In 1934 he married his wife, former nurse, and returned to Birmingham as a plumber. He established his own business in 1945 and plans to move his firm into a modern building proper in the near future.

Now a master plumber, Johnston says his honest life has long been a moving around—anywhere from 7 to 13 in the morning until 10 in the evening. "I'm not working," he is figuring."

THAT EVENING, Grant hurried back to Cairo where he was pleased to find a message from Fremont. That afternoon, gunboats began steaming up and troops were boarded. Grant waited until nightfall for word from Fremont, then boarded, and the feet set sail.

The Yankees arrived at Paducah about dawn, September 6, and occupied it without resistance. The residents, who had expected the Yankees and hoped for Confederate help, were panicked and frightened at the presence of the invader. Grant wrote later:

"The northerners quickly made themselves at home. One wrote he 'never saw so many pretty women...'"

Confederate troops, "came out of their doors looking pale and frightened at the presence of the invader," Grant wrote later.

Within a week he was sent off to Tennessee as the South's second-in-command. The top job was held up by Adjutant General Samuel Cooper and with authority to take over the South's war in the west.

Next week: Robert E. Lee's first Civil War battle is a failure.

Three Named To ARF Board

Three Birmingham area residents have been elected to the board of trustees of the Michigan Association of Rheumatism and Arthritis (MARA) Foundation.  
The board, headed by Mrs. John Sterling, 871 N. Oberstar, Birmingham; Charles Kelly, 928 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills; and Cadillac; the annual Old Car Festival, Sept. 10-17, at the Paul Bunyan Airplane Club, Detroit; Sept. 29-Oct. 1 at Traverse City.

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