



HONEYSHUCK CELEBRATES 40 YEARS 1973 - 2013

On July 7, 1973, Honeyshuck was dedicated as a historic site by the efforts of Congressman William Hungate and his wife, Dottie. The Honorable Carl Albert, Speaker of the House of Representatives, rendered the dedication speech, portions are shown below:

"I have long been a Champ Clark fan. He has been in my life ever since I was a small boy in a two-room country school in Bug Tussle, Oklahoma. Champ Clark believed it was the duty of every Congressman to represent his district and to serve the interests of his constituents. Even after he became the most prominent Speaker since Henry Clay, he never did forget that he was Congressman from the 9th District of Missouri. He worked at the problems of his constituency with the same zeal, energy and concern with which he approached the most pressing problems of state. In his book, *My Quarter Century in American Politics*, he gives the finest account of the manner in which Congressmen who served with him were called upon to do "the chores of their office."

This 9th Congressional District of Missouri is one of the rare districts of the nation. Except for a brief interlude of two years following the Harding landslide, it has only had three Congressmen in 80 years. The first of them, Champ Clark, was elected when he was 42 years old; the second, Clarence Cannon, was elected when he was 43 years old; the third, Bill Hungate, was elected when he was 41 years old. But this is only a small part of the story. With one of the greatest Speakers in the nation's history in Champ Clark, with the strongest Appropriations Committee Chairman of all time in Clarence Cannon, with a brilliant rising star in the House of Representatives in Bill Hungate, this has been the best represented Congressional District in the United States in this century.

When he first took office on April 11, 1911, Champ Clark said, "Election to the high Speaker's position is an exceptional honor for which you have my profound gratitude."

But statistics do not really tell the Champ Clark story. The impact he had upon the House of Representatives and on the nation earned him his high place in history.

Here in this small Missouri City, in this small rural county whose fertile fields are nestled in the valley of the great Father of Waters, once lived and loved and worked one of America's great noblemen. The scenes that he cherished here we preserve to be cherished by all. Honeyshuck is a national shrine because Champ Clark lived there. We dedicate it to the life he lived, the things he did to preserve for ourselves and for our children the hope and promise of America."

MISSOURI FLAG HONORED AT CEREMONY IN CAPE GIRARDEAU



The Champ Clark House and Museum was proud to share and celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Missouri flag in March. The flag, which is housed at Honeysuck, flew over the state capital building in 1913 and was gifted to the Champ Clark House by the Governor Elliott Major Family. The flag was created by Marie Watkins Oliver, wife of State Senator R.B. Oliver, who resided in Cape Girardeau. Board of Director member Mary Millan attended the ceremony in Cape Girardeau when the ceremony was held on March 21-22.

HUNGATE FLAG RETIRED



On Friday, July 26, a ceremony was held to honor and retire the flag which stood at the desk of Congressman William Hungate at his office in Washington, D.C., when he served as the Representative of the 9th District. Friday, July 26, was proclaimed "Bill and Dottie Hungate Day" by the City of Bowling Green for the restoration efforts the couple made to Champ Clark's home. The local VFW conducted the ceremony and presented the flag to Mrs. Hungate.

2013 HAPPENINGS AT HONEYSHUCK

2013 was a year with many improvements made at Champ Clark's home. Honeyshuck was partially repainted to freshen up the appearance and maintenance of the house. Plans are to finish painting next summer. Landscaping was also accomplished this summer. The house next door to was redecorated and is called The Champ Clark Annex. The Annex will house memorabilia and other treasures from Bowling Green and Pike County and is open to the public.

HONEYSHUCK DINNER CELEBRATES 40 YEARS Keynote Speaker: Dottie Hungate

The annual Honeyshuck Banquet will be held on Thursday, October 24, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at Bowling Green First Presbyterian Church. RSVP's are encouraged to be sent by October 18, 2013. The price for the event is \$20.00 per person. This annual event will celebrates 40 years since William and Dottie Hungate purchased the home to become a museum in the memory of Champ Clark.

Annual Banquet of the Champ Clark Honeyshuck Restoration, Inc.

Please reserve ____ tickets at \$20 each for \$ ____ Donation/Honorarium/Memorial \$ ____.

My check in the amount of \$ _____ payable to CCHSR, Inc., is enclosed.

Names: _____

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**Return to: The Champ Clark House, P.O. Box 162, Bowling Green, Missouri 63334 by
October 18, 2013.**

Thank you for your continued support of The Champ Clark House and Museum (Honeyshuck).

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