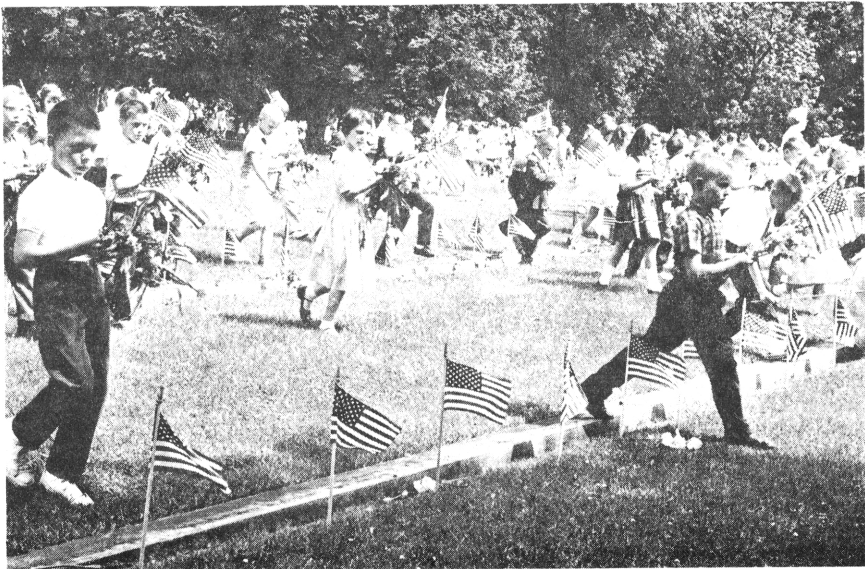




**PROGRAM**

*One Hundred Twenty-Fifth  
Anniversary*

*Gettysburg  
Memorial Day  
Exercises*



*Children strewing flowers on Memorial Day in the Gettysburg National Cemetery, which was dedicated November 19, 1863, by President Abraham Lincoln, on the graves of 5,442 soldier dead including 3,722 Civil War Soldiers.*

**MONDAY, MAY 25, 1992**

**GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA**



## *Memorial Day Parade, 2:00 P.M.*

### FIRST DIVISION - (School Children)

(Forms at the High School, via Alley to East High Street, west on High Street to  
Baltimore Street to meet other Divisions and proceeds to the Soldiers National Cemetery)  
Escort — Gettysburg Borough Police  
Officials of Public and Parochial Schools  
Gettysburg Elementary School Children  
Gettysburg Parochial School Children

(Remaining Divisions forms on Springs Avenue)

### SECOND DIVISION - (Honor Division)

Escort - Gettysburg Boro Police, Pennsylvania State Police, Adams County Sheriff and Gettysburg  
National Park  
Honorary Parade Marshal Sgt. Major John P. Bodnar, USMC Ret.  
Gettysburg Senior High School Band

### THIRD DIVISION - (Civil War Historic)

Commandery-in-Chiefs Color Guard (SUVCW)  
11th Penna. Vol. Inf., SVR Fifes and Drums - Gettysburg, PA  
SVR Marching Units - Massed  
Independent Federal Re-activated Units  
CSA Re-activated Units - Massed

### FOURTH DIVISION - (Military)

Battery B, 1st Battalion, 108th Field Arty, PAARNG - Gettysburg  
Co. C 1st Battalion, 314 Mech. Inf. - Gettysburg  
572nd Military Police Companies - Fort Ritchie, MD  
American Red Cross Marching Unit & Disaster Van - Harrisburg, PA

### FIFTH DIVISION - (Veterans)

The Lyric Band of Hanover, PA  
American Legion Post #202 - Gettysburg  
Albert J. Lentz Squadron #202 - Sons of the American Legion  
Harold H. Bair Post #14 - American Legion, Hanover  
Other American Legion Marching Units  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #15 - Gettysburg  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2506 - Hanover  
Other VFW Marching Units  
Catholic War Veterans Post #1342 - Bonneauville  
AMVETS Post #172 - Fairfield  
Korean War Veterans Marching Unit  
Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc. Post #59, Gettysburg, PA  
Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc., Post #26, Carlisle, PA  
Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc., Post #41, Chambersburg, PA  
Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc., Post #53, Waynesboro, PA  
World War I Barracks #2974 in Autos  
Disabled American Veterans Chapter #105 in Autos  
Auxiliaries of the Veterans Post in Gettysburg in Autos

### SIXTH DIVISION - (Boy and Girl Scouts)

Gettysburg Junior High School Band  
Girl Scouts of The Penn-Laurel Council - GSA  
Boy Scouts of the Black Walnut District - BSA

### SEVENTH DIVISION -

Gettysburg Elementary School Band  
Pennsylvania Rangers (Mounted) Color Detail  
Zembo Temple Shrine Mounted Patrol - Harrisburg

The 1,500 School Children carrying flowers are asked to place them on the graves of the Veterans buried on the inner semi-circle during the singing of "Safe in the Arms of Jesus." At the same time, Boy and Girl Scouts are to strew flowers on the graves in the National Cemetery Annex. In case of inclement weather, the ceremonies will be held in the Reigle Auditorium at the Gettysburg Junior High School at 3:00 p.m.



*At the Soldiers National Cemetery — 3:00 P.M.*

Introduction of the Master of Ceremonies .....	The Hon. Francis I. Linn <i>Mayor of Gettysburg</i>
Master of Ceremonies .....	The Hon. Kenneth J. Cole <i>House of Representatives</i>
The National Anthem .....	Gettysburg Senior High School Ceremonial Brass Band
Opening Prayer .....	The Rev. Robert MacAskill <i>Gettysburg</i>
The Gettysburg Address .....	The Hon. James A. Getty <i>Originator and Owner of "A. Lincoln's Place"</i>
"Battle Hymn of the Republic" .....	Wayne D. Hill <i>Baritone, Gettysburg</i>
Memorial Day Address .....	K. Leroy Irviss <i>Past Speaker - Pennsylvania House of Representatives</i>
Placing of Memorial Wreaths:	
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War .....	Lowell V. Hammer <i>Commander-in-Chief, Potomac, MD</i>
The American Legion .....	Brad Parrish <i>Commander, Post #202 American Legion, Gettysburg</i>
The Veterans of Foreign Wars .....	George F. Powers <i>Commander, V.F.W., Post 15, Gettysburg</i>
Disabled American Veterans .....	Fred Casey <i>Commander, D.A.V., Chapter 105, Gettysburg</i>
World War I .....	Earl Smith
Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc., Post PA-59 .....	Stanley Sharrah <i>Commander, Gettysburg</i>
Gettysburg Battlefield Marine Corps Detachment .....	Robert Kidwell <i>Commander, Gettysburg</i>
" <i>Faded Coat of Blue</i> " .....	Wayne D. Hill <i>Baritone, Gettysburg</i>
Memorial Day Musical Salute .....	11th PA. Vol., Inf., Fife and Drum Corps <i>Under the direction of Sgt. David Swisher, Gettysburg</i>
Strewing of the Flowers by 1,500 School Children and Scouts on Veterans Graves " <i>Safe in the Arms of Jesus</i> " .....	Gettysburg Senior High School Band
Fire of the Volley .....	Combined American Legion Post 202 & V.F.W. Post #15, Gettysburg
Taps .....	Michael Fox <i>Gettysburg Senior High School</i>
Closing Prayer .....	The Rev. Robert MacAskill <i>Gettysburg</i>

The committee is indebted to the Superintendent of the Gettysburg National Military Park and his staff and the Borough of Gettysburg who assisted in making this Memorial Day observance a success. Their cooperation is greatly appreciated.



**MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE**

General Chairman .....	William J. Little, SUV-CW
Secretary/Treasurer .....	Joseph O. Sanders, VFW
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## K. Leroy Irvis



K. Leroy Irvis, formerly the Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, was elected to serve in that position on January 1, 1983, for the 1983-84 Session of the General Assembly. Irvis began his political career in 1958 when he was elected to the House of Representatives from Pittsburgh's Hill District. He was re-elected to that seat for fifteen consecutive terms.

Irvis has been in the leadership of the House since his third term, when he was elected Democratic Caucus Chairman and became the first Black representative elected to the House Leadership. Irvis rose through the ranks of leadership as Majority Caucus Chairman, Minority Whip, and Majority Leader. In May 1977, the House unanimously elected him Speaker. He was the first Black ever elected in the United States since Reconstruction era after the Civil War - the highest elected position ever held by a Black in Pennsylvania. In January 1979, the Democratic Caucus elected Irvis to serve as the House Democratic Leader for the 1979-80 session. He was re-elected to the post of Democratic Leader for the 1981-82 session.

Irvis has sponsored legislation addressing his concerns for education, civil rights, health, consumer protection, prison reform, housing and governmental reform. His most noted achievements include the sponsorship and passage of legislation creating the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, the Pennsylvania Higher Education Equal Opportunity Program; the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency; and, the Minority Business Development Authority. Irvis is also credited with suggesting the creation of the Community College System in the Commonwealth.

As a legislative leader, Irvis has supported reforms to promote efficiency and accountability in the business of the House of Representatives. Such reforms include creation of the House Ethics Committee; the Lobbyist Registration Act; Legislative Audit Advisory Commission and the House Bipartisan Management Committee.

Irvis was a delegate to the 1967-68 Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention; and, delegate to the Democratic National Conventions in 1968, 1972, and 1980. At the 1980 Democratic National Convention, Irvis served as Vice Chairman of the Pennsylvania Delegation and as Convention Co-Chairman. In 1982, Irvis was elected to serve as a member of the Democratic National Committee.

A native of Saugerties, New York, Irvis graduated summa cum laude, with degrees in History and English, from New York Teachers College. In 1939, he received a Masters Degree in English Literature from the University of New York at Albany. In 1969, the University awarded him the "Distinguished Alumnus Award for Political Leadership," honoring his work as a political leader. He also was awarded an honorary doctorate in Public Affairs from his university, S.U.N.Y. at Albany.

Irvis began teaching, in the Baltimore Public Schools. During World War II, his teaching career was interrupted while he served as a Civilian Attache to the War Department and taught aircraft riveting. In 1945, Irvis moved to Pittsburgh, to direct public relations for the Urban League. Later, he worked as a steel chipper for Crucible Steel and news commentator and writer for the Pittsburgh Courier radio station. As an active community leader in Pittsburgh, Irvis organized the first demonstration against downtown department stores for their discriminatory hiring practices against Blacks.

While attending the University of Pittsburgh Law School, Irvis served on the Law Review Staff, became a member of Phi Beta Kappa Honorary Fraternity, and was awarded the Owens Fellowship. Irvis was elected to the Order of the Coif, and, in 1969 his law degree was converted into a Juris Doctorate.

After graduating from law school, Irvis served as a law clerk. In 1957, he was appointed Assistant District Attorney for Allegheny County. He held that position for six years, and later joined the law firm of Rose, Schmidt and Dixon. Later Irvis became associated with Baskin & Sears, P. C., of Pittsburgh.

Many organizations have honored Irvis for his public service, including: the NAACP for the commitment to civil rights, the Conference on Black Basic Education, the University of Pennsylvania, and the Pittsburgh Junior Chamber of Commerce. In 1979, Lincoln University of Pennsylvania conferred upon Irvis an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws.

Irvis' civic involvements have included membership on the Boards of the United Black Front, Community Action Pittsburgh, Neighborhood Assistance Advisory Board, Three Rivers Improvement and Development, Greater Pittsburgh Business Development Corporation, the Post Gazette Dapper Dan Club, the Bidwell Cultural and Training Center, and WQED Public Television. He was a Trustee of the University of Pittsburgh and a member of the University of Pittsburgh Medical School Advisory Committee. He currently is Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Pittsburgh and Distinguished Presidential Scholar at Temple University.

Irvis has promoted the arts in Pennsylvania by supporting legislation creating the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. In 1977, he initiated the Legislative School Art Exhibit, an annual event which gives Commonwealth students the opportunity to display their work in the Capitol.

Irvis is married and has one daughter, Sherri and a son, Reginald.