Truly a lasting Reagan legacy

The man's young daughter was trying to comprehend the whole concept of her country's presidency, and how power was transferred from the old president to the new one.

"Who was the president before President Reagan?" she asked, her eyes wide with inquisitiveness. Thinking for a moment, the father recalled the little girl had lived her entire life under the presidency of this old leader. All the other presidents were "old days" to her.

Then the father realized how the country itself had been under the constant and direct direction of this one man, Ronald Reagan, during his entire 8-year term. With his smile, Gerald Ford, Richard Nixon and the other had all come before, and remained after, during his term.

It's a mood, a feeling, but a rite attitude which the U.S. has felt since 1980. Thanks to the legendary success of the former actor turned president.

Ronald Reagan has survived two assassinations, several major surgeries, a multitude of questionable business or personal episodes. He moves office as popular as when he came to power, or perhaps more so.

The "Taylor President," who somehow has affected the heart of America, power and salaries which so greatly weakened every national leader -- is certainly an exception. A great exception.

Scarcely are they pointing out how President Reagan will be remembered. These experts say it'll be remembered as our "average" president, one who was better in person or on camera than he actually functioned in.

That's not true.

In coming months, and in future years, the Reagan years will be remembered as a time of prosperity and good feelings, a time when we were fighting the war in Afghanistan and even in Central America. The Reagan years are tremendous, we built huge armies, we flew and air forces -- yet we not been as friendly with the Soviet Union that it was in the years past 40 years ago. Even the painting of Radio Free Europe has ended.

The Reagan era might indeed be a better show or presentation than it is a successful one. But this man, this statesman, the great player, played his part so convincingly that we as a nation of Ronald Reagan's boldness and hard work.

We find plumes, power and power in the presidency, no one boroughed or openly resisted authority such as he. They're his point.

Our leaders to leave behind?

President Reagan certainly has his faults. The tolls he has encountered during those years of military spending will be with us for decades to come, it will be true. The average of his years of good advice he missed or is an uncomfortable. Even someone himself in his own White House.

But through it all, our president was indeed President Reagan. He led us when times were hard, and pushed us through to greener days.

Our leaders to leave behind?

President Reagan's legacy is a tough act to follow, and a new course awaits us in 1989 and beyond.

Our readers write...

Carl Dast reads songs and other Quirky memory

Dear Editor,

This is a letter to the people of the past that needs to be heard by the people of the present. It was written by a young man named George Willard, who lived in the 19th century and was a student at the University of Chicago.

In 1832, when Willard was the first year of the Quirky Hearne, we have known to be called the "Willard Family," it was a family of four, with two parents and two children. The father was a doctor and the mother was a writer. The family lived in a small house in the outskirts of Chicago.

The family had a large garden that they tended together. They grew vegetables, flowers and fruit trees. The children often helped with the gardening and loved to play in the garden.

One day, Willard's older brother, John, decided to pick some flowers from the garden. He picked some red roses and put them in a vase. The flowers looked beautiful, and Willard was proud of his brother for picking them.

Later that day, Willard's mother saw the flowers and asked him how they came to be there. Willard explained that John had picked them from the garden. His mother was impressed and told him that he should always pick flowers for his family.

From that day on, Willard and his family collected flowers from their garden to be given as gifts to friends and family. They became known for their beautiful flowers, and the Willard Family's name became synonymous with beauty and kindness.

Willard's letter ends with the words, "Let us always remember the importance of beauty and kindness in our lives. Let us always strive to make the world a better place."
Engagements

Fluegge - Mackenzey
Mr. and Mrs. Otto Fluegge of Elkton and Mrs. Arnold Mackenzey of Both are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Richenda Marie, to Tim Paul, to be held at Elkton Catholic Church, Both.

The couple is planning a 1990 wedding.

Bueker - Elftman
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bueker, Tigerton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda, to Dennis Elftman, of Elftman, and, Mrs. Leon Elftman of Pigeon.

The couple is planning a 1990 wedding.

It’s a girl!
Mrs. Roland L. Evers, 10999 39th Avenue, Easton, and Mrs. Earl E. Hendrickson, 10998 39th Avenue, Easton, announce the birth of their daughter, Mary Eileen Evers Hendrickson, born Nov. 23, 1989.

Proof of death notices are Doreen and Donna Durkin of Both, and Mary and Mary Durkin of Both, for the Wilson McCreary, James Wilson, Wilfred Doreen, and Wilfred Doreen.

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