



Dallas County Pioneer Association

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PROGRAM FOR MARCH 2, 1995

President:
Frances James

Professor **Joseph W. McKnight**, Southern Methodist University School of Law, will enlighten the Pioneers with tales of early Texas law on Thursday evening, March 2. Some of the people who made and executed the law, and some of the laws, were exceptional, to say the least. Our speaker will make their stories come alive.

Vice-President:
Nancy McRae

Professor McKnight's great grandparents lived in Dallas 1865-1870 and then moved to Austin. His grandfather was born in Dallas in 1869. Professor McKnight himself has lived in Dallas for many years. Ω

Secretary:
Rhonda Morris

Helen Swint

Treasurer:
John Winniford

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Historian:
Helen Swint

Since our December meeting there has been a lot of activity that concerns the descendants of Dallas County Pioneers. For instance, Bob Phillips Productions spent the day at the Pleasant Mound Public Cemetery filming **David Herold** and the necessary equipment working to resurrect a large grave marker that had been toppled by vandals. The marker was for a Civil War veteran, and when David finally lifted the stone out of the dirt and the ant beds, there was the Civil War information. His name was **William H. Rowe**, who died in 1888. His land was in the Mercer Colony section of Dallas County. (Three miles along the east side of Dallas County was Mercer instead of Peters Colony.) I hope that we are able to find some descendants.

Program Chairman:
Helen Swint

Membership Chairman:
Nancy McRae

Telephone Chairman:
Bill McRae

Hidden behind the campus of Paul Quinn College was a small cemetery that was called to my attention. I went out there last year on July 4—I remember that it was really hot. We could not even get into it to see whose it was, as the gate was wedged shut by vines and saplings—I also spotted some poison ivy. On January 28 a troop of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts arrived at the site. This Troop No. 188, from the First Christian Church in Irving, filled sixty-five bags of debris and even brought along a shredder to reduce the mass! The Girl Scouts "only worked four hours", I was told, but the Boys stayed until late afternoon. It is beautiful, and the lost graves are those of **R.A. Simpson** and his wife **MAS**. This project was organized by **Travis Endsley** for his Eagle badge. The Scout Master for this Troop was **Dale Fulenchek**.

Newsletter:
Marjori Sharp

Meetings:
Wyatt's Cafeteria,
Forest Lane &
Marsh Lane

During the Christmas holidays from school Boy Scout Troop No. 769, who meet at the Plymouth Park United Methodist Church, attacked with great vigor the Letot Cemetery on Shady Trail. This project was organized by **Frank Horak** for his Eagle award.

The Scout Master was **Randy Graham**. Both of these Troops are in the Irving Western Star District. If you have a chance, drive by and see what the boys and girls, with the help of interested parents, can do. I understand they even had a stove on the tailgate or some arrangement and cooked their lunch. Sounds like fun! The Highway Department is furnishing wild flower seeds to beautify both of these spots.

Tentative plans are to clean up the Horton Cemetery in Arcadia Park, and we shall be sure and invite them to the dedication ceremony later in the spring for this site. As soon as the Garvin (Smith Hall) Cemetery is found by the head scout who is looking for overgrown cemeteries I think this one on Northwest Highway will get the treatment, too. He found the Cochran, but I told him he missed the Garvin, so he is going exploring again.

I was informed that the County Volunteer Coordinator is also looking for community service projects for their people to perform. That may help some more neglected areas.

In case you have been trying to get any family history from the deed records on the second floor of the Records Building, you will surely have discovered that only about one-half of the microfilm readers work on any one day. This is very exasperating, especially after you have lifted the heavy index books that are usually misfiled and found the volume and page number that you need. But relief may be on the way! The County purchasing agent advertised for bids to purchase NEW READERS!!! Hope this does not take too long - the old readers are really past their prime.

A Special Surprise will be coming in a few weeks: **Marjori Sharp, Earl Cullum, Bill Jacoby, Nancy and Bill McRae** and your president are compiling a 1995 version of the history of the Dallas County Pioneers Association. There is one included in the *Memorial and Biographical History of Dallas County*, but that book was published in 1892. You will be pleased to see with what good company you are associated.

GOLF WILL HAVE A CENTENNIAL IN 1996: In 1896, two Dallas businessmen, **H.L. Edwards** and **R.E. Potter**, having been introduced to golf in their native England, laid out a six-hole course on a prairie in Oak Lawn, sent to Boston for clubs and balls, and introduced golf to the area. From this venture arose the Dallas Golf Club, which today lives on as the Dallas Country Club.

In the United States, the modern game was first played on a three-hole course laid out in a pasture at Yonkers, N.Y. Golf received little popular support until 1913, when **Francis Ouimet**, a 20-year-old former caddie, won the United States Open Tournament over heavily-favored British stars. Ouimet's victory gained nationwide attention and thereafter interest in the sport boomed. Plans are being made to celebrate Golf in Dallas in a big way in 1996. More on all this later!

PROCTOR AND GAMBLE SITE: The Proctor and Gamble site on Lamar Street has been purchased by the Dallas Independent School District. Four facilities now used for service centers will be housed on Lamar now. Proctor and Gamble came to Dallas in the 1920s and were in business for over seventy years at this site.

DALLAS HIGH SCHOOL: Since 1886 the site on Bryan Street between Hawkins and Pearl has been used as a high school. When the new Magnet School in Oak Cliff, Townview, is completed, the building on this site will be declared surplus. Bryan High, Crozier Tech, Central High, Dallas High, Dallas Tech—all are names this facility has been called. Many thousands of students were trained for their life work at this facility. A very active, intent group of people are involved in finding the best use for this building. Students from all around the County came to this school and there has been a night school here for over ninety years!

The original building is in excellent shape and could be adaptively re-used by DISD or some other public entity. With plans for downtown housing, where would those students go to school??? Let's think about this one long and hard. The School Board has

agreed to wait a month before making a decision. What about a performing arts center? Was not there supposed to be some plans when the Art Museum moved from Fair Park to have a facility for local artists or crafts to be in the area? Come on; think up some more practical solutions: we need to save the building.

REYNOLDS PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S HOME: Surely, someone remembers seeing the Reynolds Presbyterian Children's Home at 7447 Greenville Avenue. It was at this location from 1923 until 1960. This interesting discovery I made when looking at the Bracey Plat Map dated 1958. After a few telephone calls I found **Ann Byers**, president of the now-named Presbyterian Children's Services in Waxahachie. This is where the Home moved when the land was purchased for Presbyterian Hospital. Ann Byers sent me copies of some pictures of the buildings that occupied the site. She told me a story about the Home during the Depression: Since it was supported by churches, donations came in the mail. The superintendent during these very difficult years was **R.M. Read**. He would stand out by the mailbox every day when the postman was due and hurry in with whatever envelopes that needed to be opened. When checks or money were included, he would rush out to buy the food they needed, sometimes for the next meal. In 1955 there were seventy-three children in the Home.

This Home was started in Albany, Texas, in 1916, on the campus of Reynolds Presbyterian College. When the Home was established in the Dallas area, the community surrounding the site was Vickery. People who went to school in Vickery have an annual reunion, and some of these former clients attend those meetings. If anyone is interested, I have a lot more information on the area that I will be glad to share.

TRINITY RIVER PLANS: The series of meetings that have been ongoing since last August came to a conclusion for Phase One. Many interested citizens of Dallas have participated for months to decide what could or should be done with this great asset for Dallas. Money is to be included in the list of items for

the bond election that will come up in May. A series of Town Hall meetings will go on around the City this next month, so if your councilperson calls a meeting, try to attend and see what could happen. The River could be our "front yard".

My input has been to have signs along these various hike, bike, or equestrian trails to explain the history of the area they pass through. We need to be involved so that the information is correct. I also told the crowd that the signs would slow down the "passers-by", they would be hungry and have to stop along the way to eat. If we slow them down enough, the tourists may get tired and stay all night, adding to our Hotel/Motel Tax. I have information on these plans, in case you want to get more involved. Ω

Frances James

FROM THE DESK OF...

Dues-paying time and the mail is heavy.

It is a time for staying in touch with some of our members who can't make our meetings, for various reasons. That is because they write a friendly personal note—for instance:

From **Virginia M. Stallings**: "Enclosed is my check for 1995 dues to DCPA. I want to remain a member even though it is not possible for me to attend the meetings at this time. I like the newsletter and want to continue to receive it. . . I do really want this year's Roster . . ."

From **Jimmie D. McSween**: "I don't get to go to the meetings anymore - but read the newsletter 'from cover to cover'".

From **Margaret Swann**: "All good wishes for the New Year! Truly enjoy the great newsletter." [Such beautiful handwriting!]

Sure is nice to hear from y'all, and you can bet we will keep getting the newsletter to you. Ω

MINUTES OF DCPA MEETING, DECEMBER 1, 1994

The Dallas County Pioneer Association held its regular meeting on December 1, 1994, at Wyatt's Cafeteria on Marsh and Forest Lanes. There were seventy-four registered members and guests. Pledges of allegiance were made to the flags of the United States and Texas.

President **Frances James** called the meeting to order. Our speaker, Judge **David Jackson** and his wife, **Ginger**, both fourth-generation local area Texans, were introduced and the following guests were asked to stand and be recognized: **Pat Norton**, guest of **Marie Hunter**; **Frances Brandon**, guest of **Marie McMahan**; **Gene Hull**, guest of **Marcelle Hull**; **David Evans**, guest of **Faye Evans**; **Kevin and Jennifer Vilbig**, children of **David Vilbig**; **Beverly Sewell**, daughter of **Louie-Payne Dyer**; and **Dianne Janicek Reed**, daughter of **Irma Janicek**.

Frances James reported that Mrs. **Gerard Dickinson** will have hip replacement surgery on January 10.

Applications for two new members have been received and they were in attendance: **Doris Corinne Heffen Barnes** and **Marsha Carol Barnes Leach**, both of Dallas.

The Honor Roll Committee, composed of active members on the Roll, each year may nominate two members, one from the 1875-1952 list of the original Pioneer Association, and one from the modern or current list of members (1979 to the present). These nominees are persons who have made outstanding contributions to the DCPA. **Earl Cullum**, chairman of the Honor Roll Committee, presented the names of **William H. "Buck" Hughes** from the original list and **Mattie Carr Hughes** from the latter group to be voted on. Nominations may be made from the floor and there were none. The above names were elected by acclamation and their names will be inscribed on the Honor Roll plaque.

John Crain of the Dallas County Historical Commission, at the Awards Luncheon, presented awards to

Frances James, William F. Jacoby, Jr., and Claire Weakley for their individual contributions: to Frances for her aid, expertise, and research in the placement of historical markers in the County; Bill, in behalf of DCPA, for the two volumes of *Proud Heritage*; and Claire for his time, money, and effort spent on the Pioneer and Memorial Cemetery in Garland.

The following announcements were made: **Jim Terry** reported on the Grapevine Springs Park dedication at Coppell. Jim was "strawboss" of the prisoners used in some of the work there.

Brick King, charter member of DCPA, passed away on November 20, after his 102nd birthday on the 11th.

The last reburial at Freedman's Cemetery, Lemmon and Central Expressway, was made on November 29th. Dedication was held on December 2.

Frances spoke on the article in the *Dallas Morning News* regarding **David Herold**, who has been doing restoration work on the tombstones at Pioneer and other old cemeteries in the area.

Frances reported that a fund has been established by DCPA and a check has been received to be used for restoration and conservation of old cemeteries, as well as for purposes of education, publicity, and public relations. Contributions to this fund will be welcome.

The president also reported on the little Mexican cemetery in West Dallas on the old Portland Cement property. This cemetery is near the site of the proposed Pinnacle Park, and should be monitored. The Fugitt Cemetery at N.A.S. Dallas is also being monitored.

There will be a dedication for Millwood Cemetery at Lavon on June 10, 1995.

The new slate of officers for 1995 were installed by **Earl Cullum**, past president: **Frances James**, president; **Nancy McRae**, vice-president; **Rhonda Morris**, secretary; **John Winniford**, treasurer; and **Helen Swint**, historian.

The program was then turned over to Judge Jackson, fourth-generation Dallasite, historian, and antique gun collector, who presented a program particularly interesting to many of our members whose ancestors served from Dallas in the Civil War, "Arming of the Third Texas Cavalry".

This Confederate unit was composed primarily of residents of Dallas and nearby counties. It was assembled one year before the "Great Fire" in 1860. Its members originally furnished their own horses and weapons and wore homespun clothes of various colors and designs, with a red ribbon on the hat to identify the unit. It was organized as the South Kansas-Texas Regiment under Col. Greer.

Most of the men were armed with what they brought from home: a squirrel gun, a pistol, and a bowie knife. In July 1861 they were issued two, already obsolete, horse pistols, more familiarly known as brassbound pirate guns with 12-inch barrels. They were said to be "not good guns", and Judge Jackson, who has at least two in his possession, demonstrated the awkwardness in trying to load one in combat.

Col. Twiggs, later Brigadier General, a Southerner, was commander of the U.S. forces in San Antonio when hostilities broke out. The guns Judge Jackson displayed came from this arsenal.

As the War progressed, the prized Union-issued, six-shot Colt revolvers were captured and they had replaced the oldstyle guns by the end of the War.

The Third Texas Cavalry served valiantly in a number of states, and was probably best known for its participation in the Battles of Iuka and Corinth, Mississippi.

A question-and-answer session followed, and then we were adjourned. Ω

Nona Williams, Secretary

TIME TO PAY DUES
PAY TREASURER JOHN WINNIFORD
AT THE MARCH MEETING OR MAIL TO HIM
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FORGET THE ALAMO? THE MAINE?

Did you see it? Can you believe it?

Did you see the article in *Reader's Digest*, condensed from *The Wall Street Journal* entitled "Hijacking America's History"? Here is the opening sentence:

"Imagine a version of American history in which George Washington makes only a fleeting appearance and is never described as our first President."

Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address" gets one mention; Civil War general and U.S. president Ulysses S. Grant gets one mention; Robert E. Lee gets none; none for Paul Revere, Alexander Graham Bell, Thomas Edison, or the Wright Brothers.

This is the version of history of *National Standards for United States History: Exploring the American Experience*. As Lynne V. Cheney, writer of the article, says: "And if these standards are approved by the National Education Standards and Improvement Council - part of the Clinton Administration's Goals 2000: Educate America Act - students from grades five through twelve may begin to learn. . ." an entirely different version of American history from what you and I learned.

Goals 2000 Act was signed by President Clinton last year. It establishes a process for approving standards and examinations based on them and also offers millions of dollars to states to join the program, guaranteeing that "much that is significant in our past may begin to disappear from our schools." Dallas and Texas history are part of this past.

Lynne Cheney, a fellow at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, was chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities 1986-1993. As she says, "We are a better people than *National Standards* implies, and our children deserve to know it."

For more information or to share your concerns, write Committee to Review National Standards, 1150 17th St. NW, Suite 1100, Washington, D.C. 20036. Ω

FINAL FAREWELLS

Ernest R. (Brick) King passed away on November 20, 1994, at the age of 102. Brick was a charter member of DCPA and although he was unable to attend many meetings, we—those of us who had the privilege of speaking with him on the telephone—realized he was truly a wellspring of history of the area and loved to talk about it. He lived his entire life in Oak Cliff, where he knew well Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker and their “upstanding and law-abiding” families. His nickname came from his bright red hair. He will be missed.

We extend our sympathies to members who have lost loved ones since our last Roster was published:

Louise Bocquin	Gail Meletio Madden
Mary Ellen Burtner	Robert M. Skiles
Mildred Collins	Alice C. Styron
Earl O. Cullum	Juanita Durden Williams
Gerard Dickinson	Mary Alice Winniford
Edwina Dyes	Polly Wright
Bertha Fritz	

Sara McGee Ω

S.O.S. Telephone Chairman Bill McRae needs help. *We have a great group of volunteers on our Telephone Committee, but we need more. We are one big bunch, and getting bigger, so if you can help with our calls, please call Bill and volunteer. Call him at 521-8654.*

GRAPEVINE SPRINGS PARK DEDICATION **SAM HOUSTON SLEPT HERE**

“We are here to celebrate the occasion of the bicentennial of Sam Houston’s birth (1793-1993) and the sesquicentennial of his journey from the Republic of Texas capital, Washington on the Brazos, to Grape Vine Spring, 1843.

“Today, we commemorate ‘Sam Houston’s Camp Ground’ in Grape Vine Spring Park, in the City of Coppell, and its dedication as an historic park fifty-seven years ago.

“Now, November 18, 1994, the citizens of Dallas County, through the Dallas County Commissioners Court, Commissioner **Jim Jackson** presiding, rededicate the Grape Vine Spring (historic open space) Preserve back to its people.” [Jackson recounted the historical background of the Park Preserve for the period 1937 to 1994.]

This is an excerpt from the printed program of that ceremony. This was a “rededication” because the Park had been so designated in 1936 (centennial year of the State of Texas) when twelve acres of land were donated by **A.N. Miller** and **J.D. Thweatt** to Dallas County. Formal ceremonies dedicating the Park were held on June 17, 1937. Following are some excerpts from this program quoting writeups of the event in newspapers of that day:

The Grapevine News, June 17, 1937: “Talks were made by Emmett Coats, Postmaster at Coppell for more than 15 years, Temple Houston Morrow, grandson of General Sam Houston, who told of Houston’s dealings with the Indians, G.B. Dealey, President of the Dallas Historical Society, Epps G. Knight, President of the Dallas County Pioneers Association, Commissioner Tom Fields of Dallas County and others.”

The Dallas Times Herald, June 16, 1937: “Gus W. Thomasson, District Director of the WPA, gave the principal dedication address. Royall R. Watkins presided. Temple Houston Morrow made a short talk. Other speakers included G.B. Dealey, President of the Dallas Historical Society, and Epps G. Knight, President of the Dallas County Pioneers Association”.

The Dallas Morning News had a similar story, also mentioning Epps G. Knight of the DCPA and noting that the creation of a park at the site was originally suggested by the Dallas Historical Society. Captions from pictures apparently accompanying the story but not shown in the program include: “Epps G. Knight, President of the Dallas County Pioneers’ Association (right) is handing a gourd of water from the springs to G.B. Dealey, President of the Dallas Historical Society.”

In August 1843 **Sam Houston**, president of the State of Texas, made the journey to Grapevine Springs with the purpose of negotiating a treaty with local hostile Indians at Bird's Fort on the West Fork of the Trinity River. He had invited members of several tribes to meet with him in the Three Forks area. He left the capital in late July, did a little political speaking along the way, and camped out near present-day Palestine, then near today's Kaufman, and finally to White Rock Springs, which would become Dallas County in 1846. Then to Cedar Springs and on to Bird's Fort. He had a guard of about thirty men with him. The Indians didn't show up, and the party moved on to Grapevine Springs on the Elm Fork. Houston returned to Washington on the Brazos and his commissioners, "Generals Terrell and Tarrant" negotiated the conclusion of the "Treaty of Peace and Friendship" in September. Ω

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Doris Corinne Haffen Barnes was born in Illinois, but has lived in Dallas forty-nine years. She traces the ancestry of her husband, **Robert Vertreese Beeman**, born in Plainview, Texas, to **John** and **Emily Hunnicutt Beeman**, who arrived in Dallas County in 1841. They lived on White Rock Creek and are buried in Beeman Memorial Cemetery. Their son, **John Scott Winfield Beeman** married **Elizabeth B. Merrifield** and both are buried in the Beeman Memorial Cemetery. Their daughter, **Sarah Katherine**, married **Robert Lee Herrin**, and they, too, are buried in the Beeman Cemetery. **Ethel Herrin**, their daughter, married **Decker Lee Barnes** and they are buried in Grove Hill Cemetery. Their son was Robert Vertreese, who was born in Plainview. He married Doris in Rockwall in 1944 and died in Dallas in 1993.

Doris Barnes lives at 11026 Strayhorn Drive, 75228. Her telephone number is 279-2201.

Marsha Carol Barnes Leach shares the lineage of her mother and father in the immediately preceding outline. She was born in Dallas, the second of their four children. She married **Carl Michael Leach** and quoting her, "following myself there is a seventh and eighth generation, all living in Dallas."

Marsha's address 11030 Strayhorn Drive, 75228; phone number 270-8572.

Ramona Roberts found some errors in our copy of her family information in the Winter 1994 newsletter and sent us the following corrected copy. (We sometimes stumble over handwriting.)

Ramona Faye Curry Roberts also lists membership in many historic preservation organizations, including the Texas Historical Commission. She descends from **Jones** and **Mary Ann Ellis Greene**, who came to Dallas County from Illinois and settled near Lancaster. He died in 1864 and she in 1916, and both are buried in Edgewood Cemetery in Lancaster. Their daughter **Lucy Greene** married **John William Curry**, who was born in Virginia in 1853. She died in 1919 and he in 1922, and they also are buried in Edgewood Cemetery. Their son **Samuel Eric Curry** married **Faye Belle Marlin** in 1923. He is buried in Plainview. Ramona is their daughter, and she was born in Plainview. She married **J.B. Roberts**, born in Quanah, and they are the parents of three children.

Jones Greene came to Dallas in 1843. Behind his wagon was a young colt which became the famous quarter horse Steel Dust, founder of the American Quarter Horse.

Ramona lives at 1400 Amarillo Street, Plainview, 79072. Telephone 806/296-7546. Ω

SICKBAY

Herbert Hughes
Bill Jacoby

Nancy McRae
Gerard Dickinson

We are delighted to report that they are all improving, though none is running any "footraces" yet - they are improving!

If you or anyone you know in our membership has an illness or a loss of a loved one, please let me know 226-1675. Ω

Sara McGee

A.C. GREENE OBSERVATIONS ON DALLAS STREETS

We have two articles about the naming of the streets of the City of Dallas written in 1991 by A.C. Greene, our eminent Dallas historian, in his column, "Texas Sketches", in The Dallas Morning News. You will remember them, but we thought it would be nice to see them again, together:

Some original streets still crisscross Dallas

The original street map of Dallas, drawn in pencil around 1845, shows eleven streets running (roughly) north-south and eight extending east from the Trinity River, which then ran where the Triple Underpass is today.

Dallas' original Block 1 is now Dealey Plaza. Some of the streets may have been laid out and named as early as August 1842. All the original streets were named by John Neely Bryan.

The original streets eastward from the Trinity River were Water, Broadway, Houston, Jefferson, Market, Austin, Lamar and Poydras. The north-south streets were Calhoun, Walnut, Carondelet, Burleson, Elm, Main, Commerce, Jackson, Wood, Polk and Columbia.

Of those original streets, Commerce, Main and Elm haven't changed, except for being squeezed together at the Triple Underpass. The four earliest bridges over the Trinity were at the foot of Commerce. Houston, Market, Austin and Lamar remain, as do Jackson and Wood. But Poydras, which once went from Walnut through Columbia, is now only one block long. Burleson became Pacific Avenue in 1873, when the Texas & Pacific Railway built on it. The rails came up in 1923, but the name stuck.

Water, Broadway and Columbia streets have disappeared. Water Street bordered the Trinity River and was supposed to become a major avenue, once Trinity navigation began. For years, lands were reserved on Water Street for municipal docks. Water Street disappeared when Union Station was built and rail tracks expanded in 1915, but Broadway remained until 1935 when Dealey Plaza buried it. Columbia, at the

south edge of the original town, was named Arlington briefly, then rail lines also submerged it.

In the 1940s, Jefferson Street was renamed Record (because the county records were kept along it), which is ironic because it was renamed so as not to be confused with Jefferson in Oak Cliff - the 1886 extension of the original Jefferson. Polk Street, south of Wood, became Young, honoring the Rev. W.C.C. Young, Dallas' first street commissioner. At the north end of original Dallas, Calhoun and Walnut streets gave way to Corbin and Munger, and Carondelet became part of Ross Avenue.

Although John Neely Bryan laid out the original town on what he thought was his 640-acre Peters Colony grant, it was discovered that his acreage impinged on the Grigsby League survey, so Mr. Bryan lost sixty of his 640 acres.

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Streets' names, histories pique readers' interest

Few topics pique reader interest more than the naming and histories of Dallas streets. Probably this is because we are more familiar with the streets than with any other form of civic landmark - and then, certain streets are forever connected with memories good or bad. For instance, in 1946, on returning from the service, I found that the name Buena Vista had been removed from the street where my parents lived and the name Belgrade substituted - somewhat baffling in that Buena Vista (pleasant view) was a good description of how you could observe the Dallas skyline, especially at night. At the time of the change, most of the street's residents couldn't have told you where or what Belgrade (the capital of Yugoslavia) was.

Lefty Creekmore, of Dallas, writes: "I particularly noted your (recent) mention of Poydras Street 'now only one block long'. How sad! Back in the '20s, Poydras was a narrow but lengthy street, with little traffic, one block east of Lamar, dead-ending at Elm Street. On the southeast corner was a Piggly-Wiggly store where I worked at my first job as a teen-ager. The personnel consisted of myself and the store manager (no meat market). This was before shopping cen-

ters, and downtown Dallas was a hubbub of activity. Across the street from the store was a prosperous bank (National Bank of Commerce, now BancTexas), whose key stockholder and president (J.B. Adoue) was a well-known citizen actively engaged in promoting the progress of a growing city.

"Piggly-Wiggly at this time had stores scattered all over the metropolx. Three were in the downtown area — the one on Poydras, one near the Palace and Majestic theaters, and one on Record Street (then Jefferson) near the County Criminal Courts building. In due time I worked in both the Elm Street stores, while an older brother worked in the Jefferson Street store. Not generally known, and a little out of the ordinary (to say the least), one of his duties one day each week was to make the 'rounds' of the city jail nearby. He would take orders from the prisoners, cash of course, and deliver their purchases the next day. This arrangement was all legal and proper as set up with the approval of jail personnel in charge. A few items, however, eventually had to be restricted, such as yeast cakes, dried fruits, Blue Ribbon malt, etc., as it did not take the jailers long to discover the prisoners were blending these items in some manner to make an alcoholic drink to raise their spirits while serving time!" Ω

PAY YOUR DUES TO JOHN WINNIFORD

MORE SICKBAY!

Our Sickbay chronicler herself, **Sara McGee**, has joined the hospital crowd as of February 14. She had carotid artery surgery (we don't know the two-bit word for it) and at last report was doing well. We sure do wish her a speedy recovery.

Our treasurer, **John Winniford**, carries on a sort-correspondence with our out-of-towners when it is time for paying dues. He had a note from an out-of-stater, Mrs. **Charles G. Bowen**, on February 7, saying that Charles had surgery for colon cancer in November and he is doing well. The Bowens live in San Diego, California. We are glad to hear from them, and send our wishes for a continued recovery. Ω

CONDOLENCES

We are sorry to learn of the death of Mrs. **Margaret Davis McRae**, mother of **Bill McRae**. Mrs. McRae, who died on February 3, just short of her ninety-fourth birthday, lived in Tallahassee, Florida. We extend our sympathies and best wishes to Bill and wife, **Nancy**. Ω

ATTENTION, TELEPHONE COMMITTEE:

You are our lines of communication to almost all individual members, and I would really appreciate your letting me know if you speak with or learn of the illness of any of our members or if they have lost a loved family member. PLEASE HELP - I would appreciate it so very much. Ω

Sara McGee

Do you know that we have established a separate fund for cemetery restoration, and you can contribute to it? This fund is to be used specifically for restoration and preservation, and for education, public relations, and brochures pertaining to cemeteries. This account will be handled by our treasurer, John Winniford. Ω

EARL'S PEARLS

(from Earl Cullum's Archives)

Automobiles advertised in 1919 City Directory:

American	Ford	Paterson
Apperson	Grant	Peerless
Briscoe	Haynes	Pilot
Buick	Hudson	Reo
Cadillac	Hupmobile	Saxon
Case	King	Sayers
Chandler	Lexington	Stearns-Knight
Chevrolet	Mitchell	Stephens
Cleveland	Nash	Templar
Cole	Oakland	Texan
Dodge	Oldsmobile	Velie
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PICK UP YOUR NEW ROSTER AT MARCH MEETING

The DALLAS COUNTY PIONEER ASSOCIATION is dedicated to preserving the history of Dallas County and those who settled here before 1880. Anyone interested may apply for membership regardless of when their ancestors came here.

Membership dues are: Individual, \$10 initiation fee and \$15 per year, or \$150 for a Life Membership; and Couple, \$15 initiation fee and \$25 per year, or \$250 Life Membership. If interested, please contact: Membership Chairman, Dallas County Pioneer Association, P.O. Box 12496, Dallas, TX 75225-0496 for brochure and member application.

The organization meets for dinner and a program at 6:00 p.m. the first Thursday of each March, June, September, and December. Currently these quarterly meetings are held at Wyatt's Cafeteria, Forest Lane and Marsh Lane in Dallas.

Visitors are always welcome. The meeting room is open at 5:30 p.m. for dining and fellowship. Program starts promptly at 7:00 p.m.

**ANOTHER INCENTIVE TO COME TO THE MARCH
MEETING: NEW ROSTERS
COME AND GET IT, YOU WILL NEED IT.**

We added 15 new members this year!



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