

Dallas County Pioneer Association

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WINTER 1995

HOLIDAY DINNER

President:
Frances James

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1995

Vice-President:
Nancy McRae

**Meadows Hall
Cochran Chapel United Methodist Church
9027 Midway Road**

Secretary:
Rhonda Morris

\$6 per person

6 p.m.

RSVP

Treasurer:
John Winniford

The members of Cochran Chapel United Methodist Church have graciously allowed us their facilities for our quarterly meeting on December 7. **Porter Cochran**, DCPA member, who is also a Cochran Chapel member, has made the arrangements.

Historian:
Helen Swint

It is fitting that we meet at this historical location: the area is not only the site of this Church and the homeplace of the Cochran family, built in 1895, but also is where the Cochran Chapel Cemetery is located.

Program Chairman:
Helen Swint

A catered dinner will be available and reservations will be required. If you do not care to eat, that is fine—but we must have a “head count” for the caterer. If you will be later than 6:00 we will save you a generous portion, if you have a reservation! When you are called by the Telephone Committee, let them know. If you make a reservation and cannot come, you will be expected to pay your share.

Membership Chairman:
Nancy McRae

Telephone Chairman:
Bill McRae

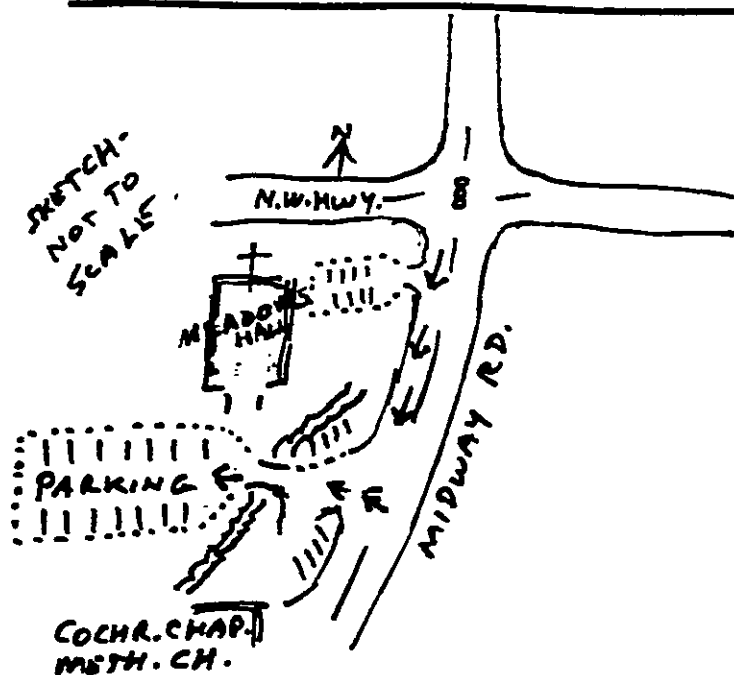
The address of Cochran Chapel United Methodist Church is 9027 Midway Road, just south of Northwest Highway. Enter from Midway Road. (See map on page 2.)

Newsletter:
Marjori Sharp

Our program for the evening will be the Celebration, a chorus from Garland High School, who will entertain us with seasonal music. One of this group, **Jimmie Bowling**, is the brother of **Robyn Bowling** and the son of **Shannon** and arrangements for the program were made by Robyn and Shannon. Celebration, under the direction of **Randy Hooper**, performs all over the metroplex area and has been selected to sing at the Myerson.

Meetings:
Wyatt's Cafeteria
Forest & Marsh Lanes

The Nominating Committee will present their slate of officers (see page 5). And of course, nominations from the floor are always welcome (just be sure you clear this with your nominee beforehand). Election and installation will take place immediately. Ω



Directions to Cochran Chapel

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By the date of our December 7 meeting you should have received your copy of the proposed revised By-Laws. It seems that the membership has never before had a copy of the entire set of rules we use. Please take time to read them and we shall offer them for adoption at the meeting. The committee that worked for three months on the revisions was composed of Nancy and Bill McRae, Bill Jacoby, Edna Hart, Rhonda Morris, and Frances James.

The newest publication of the DCPA, *One Hundred Twenty Years: A History of the Dallas County Pioneer Association*, will be available at the meeting. The History Committee, Earl Cullum, Bill Jacoby, Frances James, Nancy and Bill McRae, and Marjori Sharp, have compiled as much information on the early years of DCPA as we can find. Each member will receive one copy and additional copies will be available for \$5 each. Postage will be another \$1, if we mail it. This will make a nice Christmas gift for family members.

Limited copies of the first volume of *Proud Heritage* are still available and there is still a supply of *Volume II*, so buy or order these for gifts. They are \$35 each.

On October 18 Mayor **Ron Kirk** invited interested citizens who had participated for months on the Trinity River Corridor Project to a meeting. This was the first opportunity these citizens had been given for an update on this project since last May. The Corps of Engineers are working and the Mayor has been to Washington to visit with the necessary political figures to insure that funds are included in their portion of the project. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is being approached, as part of the area has already been designated a State Park. Dallas Parks and Recreation is working on their portion, as much of the land within the city limits is already owned by the City—some is even currently used by Dallas golfers. The County has purchased certain tracts for open spaces and this is also being coordinated. Mr. Kirk said that this project, in his opinion, is as important to Dallas as Dallas/Fort Worth Airport was. It affects the entire County—it could put us “on the map” in a big way! The reason Dallas County was settled was the river. The plan is to make the Trinity River our front yard, instead of a dumping ground for all obnoxious uses.

The Purse Building at 601 Elm Street has been advertised for sale again. This structure has been owned by the County for years and used for office space; now they no longer need it. A slight problem with this building is that the east wall has a second owner to be included in negotiations. There may be some tax incentives offered to the purchaser of this building, due to its historic designation. When built in 1905, it was occupied by the Parlin and Orendorff Implement Company of Canton, Illinois. It suffered a fire at one time but was rebuilt. The name Purse Building derives from a furniture company that occupied the building in the 1960s.

By the time you receive this newsletter perhaps all the secret negotiations concerning the first high school in Dallas will be out in the open. The Dallas Independent School District has been less than cooperative in letting the citizens of Dallas County know what is going on with the building. Keeping up has been a very frustrating experience, as it has become a game

called "Keep Away". There are various organizations around that should be involved with a dignified re-use of this facility, either as continued use as a school or being occupied by several organizations concerned with the arts. If you remember when the relocation for a new Dallas Museum of Art was proposed (and citizens were being asked to fund the purchase of land [\$28 million] instead of leaving it at Fair Park) the plan was to have space for various artists and training to take place in the area. This site would have been the spot. Plus, there is a Dart station right in front of the building. The minimum bid quoted in the legal notices of the paper was \$4.2 million, and any potential buyer would have three weeks to come up with the funding. So much for democracy and DISD!

As important as the Sesquicentennial of Texas Statehood is, you would have thought there would have been a yearlong celebration. When Texas was annexed to the United States in 1845 the land mass that came along with it was nearly one-third of the area west of the Mississippi River. Not only was all of the current area of Texas annexed, but much more, including parts of New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, and Wyoming, and as was pointed out in the Symposium on October 20-21 at the University of Texas at Arlington, some of northern Mexico.

This Symposium was an in-depth look at the significance of Texas' becoming a state. The history books that I have pass over this period very lightly; therefore, it was a really enlightening two days spent filling in the facts that are not covered in the so-called edited history books. Mark your calendar for 1996, as the plans are for two symposiums. On September 26-28 the first subject will be Railroad History, very important part of Dallas County history! On October 25-27 the subject will be the U.S.-Mexican War, 1846-1848. DCPA has just had a taste of this subject, as Steve Butler, president of The Descendants of Mexican War Veterans, was our program in September and brought his books. You will remember that Brigadier General John Eisenhower researched this subject at UTA and **Marcelle Hull** helped him. The collections in the UTA library are quite extensive.

Marcelle, though retired from her position in the library at UTA, will always be available to help us with our history. She recently found an article in a quarterly issued at Fort Worth dated 1900 called The Bohemian concerning Dr. **Adolph F. Gouhenant**, ancestor of our DCPA members **Carolyn** and **Paula Selzer**. The article covered the French Colony (called it Icarian Colony) and its history. Dr. Gouhenant was described as being an "all around genius in music, painting, and the languages". He was also an early photographer and some of his pictures can be seen in the Dallas Public Library. This article also mentioned that the good doctor was killed by a train in Springfield, Missouri and was buried there. Archeologist **Alex Troup** discovered the site last year and a marker was placed in the cemetery.

Speaking of Alex, on October 26 the *Dallas News* had a lengthy article about him and his exploits "digging up Dallas". It is too bad we do not have a museum in which to place all these treasures. Some of us are more interested in Dallas County artifacts than in dinosaurs! The article quoted a newcomer to Dallas who mentioned that Alex is not a trained archeologist; my rebuttal would be that "he is out early in the day and late in the evening in the cold and muck saving the pieces from the dump". The trained archeologists are busily looking for a fund to pay them and trying to stop the contractor from digging, costing the citizens of Dallas extra money to build or repair certain areas of the County. Too bad there is not a fund available to cover these projects ahead of time.

There is a new exhibit on the Seventh Floor of the downtown library called "Built to Last", photographs from the Acme Brick Company Collection. Another must see! It will be there through next January 15. **Ω**

Frances James

Membership dues for the year 1996 will be payable January 1—\$15 for a single membership, \$25 for a couple. If you bring your check to the December meeting it will be very much appreciated

John Winniford, treasurer

MINUTES OF MEETING SEPTEMBER 7, 1995

The DCPA held its regular meeting on Thursday, September 7, at Wyatt's Cafeteria, Forest and Marsh Lane. There were fifty registered members and four guests present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was made to the flags of the United States and the State of Texas.

President **Frances James** called the meeting to order.

Marjori Sharp is working diligently on the history of the Pioneer Association. If you have information about the history, please contact her. The goal is to have the final version ready by December.

Proud Heritage, I and II, are now available at McCall's Store at Old City Park.

A big thank you from **Carol Roark** of the Dallas Public Library to **Faye Evans** for her assistance in copying many old and worn books used for Dallas research. These copies have been sent to the bindery and should be back in October.

Frances James updated us on the history of golf in Dallas, soon to be one hundred years old. Stevens Park in Oak Cliff may have been named for Dr. **John Stevens**, who owned the property at one time.

On March 30, 1996, Dallas County will be one hundred fifty years old. The Dallas County Historical Commission is in the process of celebration arrangements. Marjori Sharp is a member of the Dallas County Sesquicentennial Committee in charge of these arrangements. [If you have any ideas, give them to her.]

Keep your eye on "Old Red", the old Dallas County Courthouse. It is estimated that \$9.5 million is needed to refinish the restoration. Hopefully, the first floor can open soon for viewing.

A Nominating Committee has been formed to search for candidates for the 1996 officers of the DCPA. If

you are interested in serving on the Executive Board, please contact Sara McGee.

Member **Rick Brown** presented an update on the restoration of the Monroe Shop (an old interurban car barn). DART has received \$2 million in federal money to use for restoration.

Proposed By-Laws changes have been received and published in the Fall newsletter. The Board will meet to discuss the proposed changes and a vote will be held at the regular Winter meeting.

Helen Swint, Historian and Program Chair, introduced speaker **Steven R. Butler**, a fifth generation Dallasite and teacher at Richland College. Steven is the author of many books, including *How to Find Your Mexican War Veteran Ancestor*. He is the founder and current president of The Descendants of Mexican War Veterans, with over 300 members in over thirty states. Steven spoke about the involvement of Dallas County in the Mexican War.

The Mexican War was a popular war in Texas. Some 8,000-plus men participated, many new immigrants to the state. It is often confused with the war for independence from Mexico or even the Spanish-American War at the turn of the century. Mexico did not recognize the Treaty of Velasco and claimed Texas as a territory. Mexico had warned annexation of Texas by the U.S. would lead to war. On July 4, 1845, the Republic of Texas voted to accept the terms of annexation and on July 26 the American flag was raised on Texas soil. Beginning almost immediately after the vote, the war began and lasted until 1848.

The men of Dallas County were quick to volunteer for the Mexican War and the first company was formed at Cedar Springs. This company traveled to Austin where other North Texas companies joined together, then proceeded to San Antonio where they were mustered in as Company E of the 3rd Texas Mounted Volunteers. The second company raised contained over 100 men and was mustered in as the 1st Texas Mounted Volunteers for twelve months. This company headed to the Rio Grande then on to the coast.

They were supplied new Colt six shooters and their basic dress consisted of buckskins with high boots and hats of all types. Both companies were involved in few skirmishes.

For further information on the Mexican War, the University of Texas at Arlington has a wealth of information on the subject. A question and answer period followed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Ω

Rhonda Morris

Come to the December meeting for a delightful program, a fine dinner, good fellowship, AND to pick up your it-happens-once-in-a-lifetime history of the DCPA, One Hundred Twenty Years.

OFFICERS FOR 1996 PROPOSED

The following names are submitted by the nominating committee (Chair, Sara McGee; Nona Williams and Edna Hart) for officers for 1996:

President – Nancy McRae
Vice-President – William D. McRae
Treasurer – John Winniford
Secretary – Rhonda Morris
Newsletter and Roster – Marjori Sharp
Historian – Helen Swint

Respectfully submitted,
Sara McGee, Chair,
Nominating Committee

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

We welcome **Kathryn** and **Charles F. Dodge, III**, to membership in DCPA. Charles' first ancestors in Dallas County were **Letitia Reddish** and **David Myers**, who came in 1846 from Montgomery County, Kentucky, to live at Farmers Branch.

Their daughter, **Sarah Myers**, married **Andrew Jackson Clark** the year they arrived in Dallas. Sarah and Andrew's son, **Henry Clay**, married **Mary**

Lizetta Francks, and they were the parents of **Henry Clay Clark, Jr.**, who married **Hale Barbour Dodge**, and they became the parents of Charles. Charles is married to **Kathryn Charlyne Pond**, who was born in Fort Worth.

They live at 1301 Briarwood, Arlington, Texas 76013. Their telephone number is Metro 817/469-8258. Ω

CROCKETT GRAVE MARKER DUE EARLY '96

In late October the Texas Historical Commission notified **Jean Sims**, Chair of the Dallas County Historical Commission, that the grave marker for **John McClannahan Crockett** had been ordered from the foundry. Current backlog is about sixteen weeks—but no promises!

Crockett was among the pioneers attending the first meeting of our Association in September, 1875.

The marker will be placed at the Pioneer Cemetery between Marilla Street and Griffin Drive on the grounds of the Dallas Convention Center. The dedication date will be selected after the marker has been received. Ω

SICK BAY

Marie McMahan had a toe amputated; **Herbert Hughes** was in the hospital; **Marjori Sharp** had carotid artery surgery; and **Dennis DuPriest** has been ill.

We are happy to say that we have lost no members recently, but we extend our sympathies to members who have suffered losses: to **Mary Sutherland**, whose cousin **Faye Crosby Hatfield**, died in late October (Faye submitted many articles to *Proud Heritage*); and to the family of **Dorothy Berger**, a former member who died on September 6. Ω

Sara McGee

THANKS, RHONDA AND KPMG

A round of applause from DCPA for **Cecil H. Moore, Jr.** and KPMG Peat Marwick, LLP, for the copy of our newly-revised By-Laws which you will receive in the mail. KPMG is located at 200 Crescent Court, Suite 300, Dallas 75201, (214) 754-2000.

Our secretary, **Rhonda Morris**, has used the facilities in her office at KPMG and the generosity of Mr. Moore, Area Managing Partner, for the printing and mailing of the By-laws. Ω

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, from MACKIE DEALEY

We were proud to read in the September 25 edition of the *Dallas Morning News* about **Mackie Dealey's** birthday present to a good friend: Mackie fulfilled the birthday wish of 102-year-old **Louise Irby Wise** when she took her friend to The Ballpark in Arlington to see the Texas Rangers play.

A ten-year fan of the Rangers, staying up in front of her TV when the game goes into extra innings, Mrs. Wise had never been to a game. She says baseball keeps her young and Mackie says Mrs. Wise is an inspiration to her.

We think Mackie is an inspiration. Ω

COMMITTEE FORMED FOR SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Dallas County was created by the Texas Legislature March 30, 1846.

In October County Judge **Lee Jackson** convened the first meeting of the Dallas County Sequicentennial Celebration Committee and asked the members to propose any combination of events and activities that it thought it could successfully undertake.

Jean Sims, Chair of the Dallas County Historical Commission, chaired the meeting. She suggested that the first event be held on March 30, 1996, with successive activities to be conducted throughout the rest of the year. **Lindalyn Adams** accepted the chairmanship of a subcommittee to develop plans for this first event.

Other possible activities discussed included honoring churches and businesses that have been in existence for one hundred years; asking the Community College District to do a documentary on the County; working with all of the towns and cities that are located in the County for their part in the celebration; and having a race for joggers and runners, originating from several points around the County and ending at the Old Red Courthouse.

Lindalyn Adams called a meeting on November 9 between the Friends of the Old Red Courthouse Steering Committee, the Dallas County Historical Commission, and the Sesquicentennial Committee to discuss the organization of the kickoff event on March 30. **John Crain** was introduced as the chairman of the Sesquicentennial Committee, appointed by the Commissioners Court.

The second meeting of the Sesquicentennial Committee was scheduled to be held on November 13 to discuss possible events and activities identified by the Event Development Committee. This subcommittee, chaired by **David Pickett**, is composed of former Commissioners Court members who serve on the full Committee, John Crain, and Jean Sims.

In connection with this 150th anniversary of the County the Sheriff's Department has proposed a monument to honor all law enforcement officers through the years. The only problem is that the area in which they want to place the large monument is within the National Historic District of the West End. The Dallas Landmark Commission, The Dallas County Historical Commission, and others will have to be included in this project, as restrictions are already in place for the area as to what can be done at this site. Ω

EARL'S PEARLS

(from Earl O. Cullum's archives)

Dallas, 37,000 Years Ago

John Neely Bryan's arrival in 1841 is often thought of as the beginning of Dallas history. According to a "Dallas" Magazine article in October 1956, that date misses the mark by 37,000 years. No author is given, but the article suggests that possibly the earliest known American lived here about 35,000 B.C. Finds just north of present Dallas County by amateur archeologists **Wilson W. Crook, Jr.** and **R.K. Harris** suggest this early date.

The scene near Lewisville was once a hunters' campsite and indicates the presence in the area of Pleistocene mammoths, giant bears, bison and armadillos, American camels, native horses, antelopes, and many smaller varieties. Also found were spearpoints, stone scrapers, hammers, and choppers.

Found in Dallas County, in the same river terrace formation, were human bones in the Lagow sand pit near Fair Park, dating back 37,000 years. The bones of the "Lagow Man" were discovered by Dr. **Ellis W. Shuler** and have been safely stored at SMU since 1921. It appears that Lagow man drowned in quicksand and no tools nor camp artifacts were found with his skeleton.

It appears the Trinity River could be three miles wide and in dry times have only a few trees along its banks. The area brought many hunters through the ages, and finally came the Plains Indians, then the white men, and us! Ω

DECEMBER 7, A DAY TO REMEMBER

It is fitting that all Americans should gather in groups of any size and remember this date in 1941, the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. So we are fortunate to be in this good company for our quarterly meeting with the opportunity to reflect on those war-time days and to count our blessings.

The following, relating to the conclusion of what was begun on December 7, 1941, was received too late for inclusion in the Fall newsletter, and we think it has a place here:

September 2, 1995
To the Membership:

Congratulations to all of you "long-timers" and your families, who survived the "Greatest War in the History of Mankind," both overseas and on the homefront. Now you have also earned the "Long Life" Award by surviving for another fifty years, even unto today and into the future.

Health and Happiness to all of you on this historic V-J Day anniversary of the end of that "Greatest War." Ω

Earl O. Cullum

**GET YOUR HISTORY BOOK
AT THE DECEMBER MEETING**

Merry Christmas Gift!

Another incentive to be sure to attend the December meeting—if you need more than a change of menu, change of venue, and a great musical program—is to pick up your little copy of the latest publication of the DCPA, *One Hundred Twenty Years: a history of the Dallas County Pioneer Association*.

The History Committee of six: **Earl O. Cullum, Bill Jacoby, Frances James, Nancy and Bill McRae, and Marjori Sharp** have worked for just less than a year on researching and compiling all possible data on this organization founded by our ancestors in 1875. It will contain a listing of that first group, a listing of the latest group (that's us), a little poetry, a lot of quotes, a list of historic landmarks in Dallas, some reminiscences—come get yours and start reading.

Copies will, of course, be mailed to our out-of-town members. Each person is entitled to one free copy; additional copies will be \$5 each, plus \$1 if mailed. Ω

PICKING UP BITS 'N PIECES

by Frances James

Cemetery Update

Vandals have been destroying headstones at the cemeteries again. A lot of damage was done at a pioneer cemetery in a county north of Dallas and also at Mt. Calvary and McCree Cemeteries in Dallas County. The McCree Cemetery, which has received care and concern by one of our members, **Mary Sutherland**, was given a boost recently. The Garland High School Key Club gathered forces and on October 7 expanded great efforts to help with restoration of the site. This group cleared the premises of trash, bushes and fence rows were cleaned, and the debris was picked up immediately. **Robert Cammack**, another DCPA member, was the writer of a thank you letter to Dallas City Council member **Donna Halstead**, who made the arrangements to have the brush picked up by the owner of a company under contract with the City.

Another Boy Scout Troop is repairing damage to the Garvin Cemetery on Northwest Highway. Several years ago vandals had attempted to destroy the crypt by knocking a hole in it. Police were called, but the only bid received to repair it was for over \$300. Now the Scouts, working for their Eagle Badge, have taken on the project of restoring the site. This is to be more than mowing, as permanent repairs will be made. The homeowners along the way contributed to the mowing by a commercial firm so that the boys could effect the other repairs. Lakemont Academy, across the highway, is considering a long term commitment to keeping the site maintained as a community project. I was invited for lunch at the school and pointed out to the students all the history to be learned from their study of the site: from the flora and fauna along the creek, the birds that visit this quiet spot, and the residents of the Cemetery and all their stories! This Cemetery is named for a native of Missouri, **James G. Garvin**. Garvin came to Dallas after the Civil War and owned a grocery store on Ross Avenue and several rental properties, as well as his farm.

The Letot Cemetery on Shady Trail Road was cleaned up last spring by a Boy Scout Troop from Irving.

They came back this fall to finish what they had started. They made an inventory of the gravestones, numbered each one, prepared a map and a list of the locations, and have furnished the 7th Floor of the Central library and the DCPA with a copy of their project! **Mike Horak** was the Eagle Scout responsible for this phase of the projects. The Scout's dad has offered to use the same computer program and "do another one". Be sure to take time to see the project displayed at our next meeting. I think it is great. Another of DCPA's members, **David Vilbig**, was involved with the Scouts on this project.

Interested residents from Rowlett are working on gathering information for the Big "A" Cemetery in Rowlett. This site along a curve in a creek is the last resting place for many of the early settlers on the far east side of Dallas County. Some of the names on the stones are Kirby, Tucker, Welk, Coomer, Schrade, and many others. There are still burial sites available at this spot for family members and local residents of Rowlett, and plans are being made to continue wrought iron fencing surrounding the entire land area. Williams Funeral Home in Garland has been involved in the planning. Much of this area of the County is still owned by descendants of the early settlers, who are associated with good things for their town!

Shady View Park

The history of the DCPA mentions more than one meeting at Shady View Park. Some of us were not quite sure where that was. A little research revealed that the Park was near Keller Place in the town of Old East Dallas (1882-1890) created by **William J. Keller**. In 1875, W.J. and his brother **C.E. Keller** chartered the Commerce and Ervay Street Railway to promote a real estate venture in South Dallas. W.J. soon took control and added a second line, the Dallas Street Railroad Company, which ran along San Jacinto Street. This streetcar line was subsequently extended to the vacant land called Shady View Park. The Park allowed beer to be bought and consumed. City Park, the only other park at that time, did not allow beer. The town of East Dallas was annexed to the City of Dallas in 1889-1890.

Entrepreneurs had used this tactic before to transport potential buyers to land available for development, and by using the site as a park, saved it for future sale as homesites. The first house built in this addition in 1886 was Keller's home at the corner of Washington and Ross. He sold it in 1889 to **William Brown Miller** (owner of Millermore). This home was later sold to Judge **William Clark** in 1897, whose son Tom became Associate Justice of the Supreme Court in 1949 and whose grandson, **Ramsey**, was appointed U.S. Attorney General in 1967.

In the 1890s City Treasurer **W.H. Gaston** was an officer in one of the local banks. He owned many acres of land in the County and apparently was one of the directors of Shady View Park's activities. In 1894 he donated to City Park all the animals in the Shady View Park menagerie. (These animals were later the nucleus of the Dallas Zoo). This donation of animals caused some fussing with the city fathers at this time, as they did not want to spend the money to build cages or to buy food.

The materials used to compile this item are not quite clear as to the actual park site—one address given was at San Jacinto and Capitol. This description would be

near the area we now know as City Place. Keller's name is on land from Ross north to about Capitol street. Ω

Christmas at Penn Farm will be celebrated for the first time this year, Friday – Sunday, December 15–17! For more details call Pat or Andy Penn, 293-7824.

HUNDRED YEAR-OLD BOOKS NEED TLC

Earl O. Cullum has a complete 28-volume set of 1893 Encyclopedia Britannica, which needs a loving home. The aged leather covers are cracked at the spine, but the interiors are in mint condition. This set is an excellent 19th-Century reference, available without cost to anyone who will mend the covers and treasure the 100-year-old books. Call Earl at (214) 358-2222 if interested.

Six column-inches of the set are devoted to "Automaton" (a self-moving machine), but "Automobile", "Aeroplanes", "Airplanes", and "Airships" are not mentioned. Twenty-four pages are devoted to "Aeronautics" (Balloons), and two-and one-half pages to the Ancient Pyramids. Ω

Merry Christmas

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. Meeting room opens at 5:30 p.m. for dining and fellowship. Program starts promptly at 7:00 p.m.



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