

Dallas County Pioneer Association

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SPRING 1996

President:
Nancy McRae

DINNER MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1996

Vice-President:
William D. McRae

**Asbury Hall
Lovers Lane United Methodist Church
9200 Inwood Road**

Secretary:
Rhonda Morris

\$7.25 per person

6 p.m.

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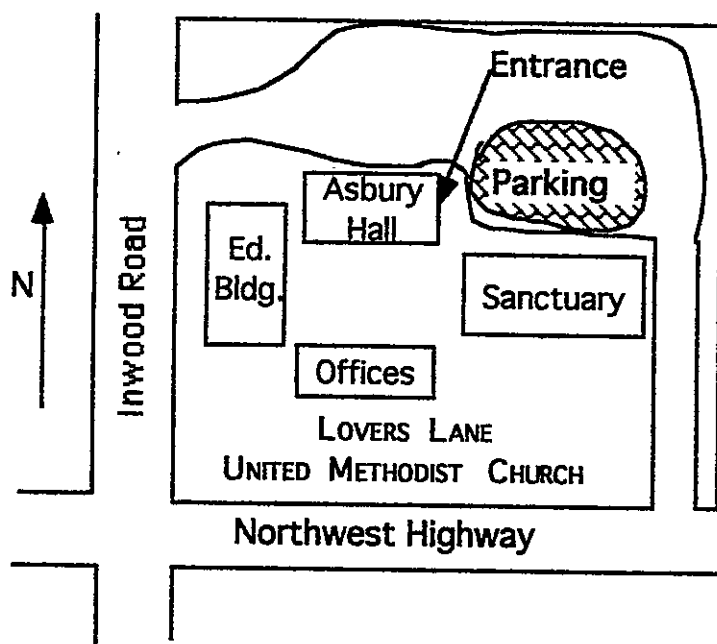
Newsletter:
Marjori Sharp

A catered chicken dinner will be available and reservations will be required. If you do not care to eat, just come for the meeting at 7 p.m., but we must have a "head count" for the caterer. Please call Bill McRae @ 521-8654 to make your reservations. It would be helpful if you mailed your check, payable to DCPA, to Bill @ 3500 Dartmouth, Dallas, TX 75205. You will also be called by the Telephone Committee. If you make a reservation and cannot come, you will be expected to pay your share. (This will be catered — we don't have to serve or clean up!) You may enter the Church parking lot from Northwest Highway or from Inwood Road (see map on page 2) and park near the porte-cochere or entrance to Asbury Hall.

Our program for the evening will be a presentation by **Kirk Dooley** on his book *Hidden Dallas*. He will take a look at the city many Dallasites never see—or never see the significance in—as he travels across the area and across time. His emphasis is on the historical "why" as much as the historical "what" when it comes to Big D. He will show us how to appreciate our city and will challenge us to focus on a Dallas we've probably never seen. He believes that by better understanding our city's past, we can help shape our city's future.

Native Dallasite Kirk Dooley, a graduate of Highland Park High School, currently serves as managing editor of the Dallas Mavericks' monthly magazine and is publisher of *Homesick Texan*, a newspaper for Texans outside Texas. His weekly Texas travel column, *Waltz Across Texas*, is syndicated in thirteen newspapers across the State, including the *Park Cities News*.

Kirk and his wife, **Charlotte**, are chairmen of the annual Park Cities Fourth of July Parade. They live in University Park with their daughter, **Maggie**. Ω



Due to uncertainty about the availability of Wyatt's Cafeteria for our meetings in the future, we are trying to pursue and investigate other possibilities and locations, as evidenced by our December meeting at Cochran Chapel United Methodist Church and our upcoming meeting at Lovers Lane United Methodist Church. In trying to get a consensus of what our general membership prefers, we are asking that you use the "ballot" on page 9 of this newsletter and give us your opinion.

DCPA made a gift of \$1,000 to the Texas/Dallas History and Archives Division of the Dallas Public Library for the purpose of purchasing a microfilm storage cabinet. When combined with another gift by the Forest Avenue High School Alumni Association, the Library was able to order an eleven-drawer cabinet that will hold 880 reels of microfilm. This \$1,500 cabinet allows for a significant amount of storage for copies of historical documents. A plaque will be placed on the cabinet acknowledging the major contributors. DCPA has received two letters of appreciation from the Library.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

A NEW YEAR — A NEW PRESIDENT

But, first things first:

We all owe **Frances James**, our immediate past president, our thanks and appreciation for a job well-done. Frances spent a great majority of her time and energy on our Association's business, keeping track of everything going on in Dallas historically. We will sorely miss her presidency, but she has agreed to continue keeping us updated. It was a difficult decision to follow Frances in this job, but with God's help, and yours, I plan to have a great year with some interesting programs.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank Marjori Sharp for an outstanding newsletter. We have received many compliments, especially from those members who are unable to attend our meetings. Marjori is also responsible for chairing and getting published *One Hundred Twenty Years, a History of the Dallas County Pioneer Association*, which is a wonderful look back at our history and contains a wealth of information, some of which has not been previously published.

Our organization depends on each one of us. We all can't do everything, but we can all do something. So please try to say "yes" when asked to serve on a committee or take on a job—or better still, call and volunteer! Ω

Nancy McRae

MINUTES OF MEETING DECEMBER 7, 1995

The Dallas County Pioneer Association held its regular meeting on Thursday, December 7, 1995 at Cochran Chapel United Methodist Church, 9027 Midway Road.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag was made and **Robyn Bowling** led the group in the pledge to the flag of the State of Texas.

Our meeting was held on Pearl Harbor Day and **Earl Cullum** thanked those veterans who were in attendance and asked that we remember those who fought and died for our country on that infamous day.

The meeting was called to order by President **Frances James**, and the following announcements were made:

The nomination of officers for 1996, along with a brief description of each nominee, was given. The nominations were: President, **Nancy McRae**; vice-President, **William D. McRae**; Treasurer, **John Winniford**; Secretary, **Rhonda Morris**; Newsletter and Roster, **Marjori Sharp**; and Historian, **Helen Swint**. All were confirmed as submitted, with no additional nominations made from the floor.

The membership voted to give \$1,000 to the Texas/Dallas section of the Dallas Public Library for a new file cabinet to house the microfilms of Dallas County court minutes.

The membership voted to accept the revised by-laws as submitted.

The booklet on the DCPA, *One Hundred Twenty Years: a History of the Dallas County Pioneer Association*, was distributed to members in attendance and will be mailed to members not attending at a later date.

Our Christmas dinner was accompanied by the beautiful sounds of Celebration, a chorus from Garland High School.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. **Ω**
Rhonda Morris

EPILOGUE TO DECEMBER DINNER

Frances James has given us a follow-up on the December meeting that will leave you with a warm feeling:

We had a great attendance at our meeting on December 7, 1995. There was an abundance of food left over; if you wanted a second helping it was there waiting for you. After everyone left and we realized

the "leftovers" would spoil if not cared for, we utilized the adequate refrigerator in the kitchen of the Meadors Building. Friday morning, **John Winniford**, **Bill McCrae**, and I went back to be sure we had cleaned up carefully enough the night before. I brought my largest roasters and bowls and we emptied out the caterer's serving equipment and loaded all the delicious food in my station wagon and I delivered it to a facility in Joppa.

This facility is home to five senior citizens who have no other place to live and four school-age boys who live there as foster children. I knew there would be enough food to feed this ready-made crowd.

I recently discovered the neighborhood called Joppa when I became involved in the new emphasis on the Trinity River last year. This black community on a bend in the Trinity River south of downtown Dallas existed before 1900, as it is on Sam Street's Map of Dallas County dated 1900. The name, Joppa, is found on maps of the Holy Land; it was the chief port for Judah. My source says the wood for Solomon's Temple was floated down from Lebanon to this port.

Charlie Jackson, the entrepreneur who is trying so hard to help her neighbors [in Joppa] called me twice to tell me the food was delicious and they had enough for two days! **Ω**

TIME TO PAY DUES
PAY TREASURER JOHN WINNIFORD
AT THE MARCH MEETING OR MAIL TO HIM
6927 CHEVY CHASE
DALLAS, TX 75225-2416

You can pick up your copy of *One Hundred Twenty Years, a History of the Dallas County Pioneer Association*, at the March 7 meeting. If you want additional copies, they will be available for \$5 each, plus \$1 for postage, if mailed.

If you have corrections, additions, or deletions to make to this booklet, please type and send to Marjori Sharp, 4544 Harry's Lane, Dallas 75229. There won't be another printing any time soon, but we will accumulate revisions for the next one.

GET YOUR NEW ROSTER AT MARCH MEETING

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

We welcome **Natalie Newton Massengale**, who traces her ancestry to **Martha Eliza King** and **Robert Degge Jones**, who came to Duck Creek in 1855. Their daughter, **Mary Elizabeth**, married **Charles Samuel Newton**, who was the son of **Mary Hanford Bristol** and **Charles Gordon Newton**. Charles Gordon came to Dallas in 1847. He and Mary Hanford were the parents of **Frank King Newton**, father of **Charles Frank Newton**, who was the father of Natalie. Natalie lives at 3037 North Trinity Road in Denton, 76208. Her telephone number is 817/387-2698.

Joan Simpson Moore is descended from the early day Witts of Dallas, of which four families were present at the first meeting of the DCPA in 1875. **John Witt** married **Ellender Penny** and they moved from Virginia to Peters Colony in 1843. Their son, the Rev. **Eli Witt**, married **Elizabeth Miller**, and Eli and Elizabeth's daughter, **Sarah Elizabeth**, married Capt. **John T. Sheegog**. The daughter of this union, **Fannie**, married **William Lee Fulton** and they had a daughter, **Carrietta**. Carrietta married **Joseph Henry Simpson** and they were the parents of Joan. Joan's address is 2047 Winrock, Houston 77057, telephone 713/977-9198.

Robert Vertreese Barnes, Jr., joins a host of descendants of **Emily Hunnicutt** and **John Beeman** who are members of DCPA. The Beemans were among the very first settlers in Dallas County in 1841. Their son, **John Scott Winfield**, married **Elizabeth B. Merrifield**, and they had a daughter, **Sarah Katherine**, who married **Robert Lee Herrin**. Daughter **Ethel** married **Decker Lee Barnes**, and they were the parents of Robert. He lives at 10036 Rustleleaf, Dallas 75238, and his phone number is 348-6728.

Susan A. Gilbert has joined her husband, **Marlin L. Gilbert**, and **Betty Moore** has joined her husband, **Louis E. Moore**, in membership. We are happy to have these two new dual memberships.

We welcome the return of **Nellie O'Connell** to membership after an absence of several years. Nellie and her late husband, **John J. "Bud" O'Connell**, are descended from **Catherine Talbot** and **William Potter** and are related to longtime member **Eva Jane Potter Morgan**. Her address is 11714 Parwin Dr., Dallas 75230, phone 369-2048.

Clarence M. Cockrell is the brother of Life and Charter member **Mary Alice Dealey**, and they are descended from **Sarah Horton** and **Clarence Cockrell**. Clarence has visited us often; we are glad he has joined DCPA. His address is 7031 Regalview Circle, Dallas 75248, phone 239-7002. Ω

FINALLY, COUNTY SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION PLANS ARE UNDER WAY

Sunbonnets and overalls. Hayrides and taffy pulls. Cotton wagons and stagecoaches.

It looks like it might all be coming together, thanks to the organizational and management skills of **Lindalyn Adams**, chairman of the opening day festivities marking the Sesquicentennial Celebration of Dallas County. (After State, town, and now County, we have learned how to say it, how to spell it, and what it means: a 150th anniversary.)

Ask our commissioners why we didn't get started on plans until November 1995. We are feverishly having twice-weekly meetings to get together a celebration for March 30, the day the County was formed by the Texas legislature in 1846. Denton County is also celebrating its 150th this year and they had it all in place and ready to start by January.

This date for the opening day party has already been changed because of conflicts, and now will be held on Saturday, April 20, the day before San Jacinto Day. Both the Dealey Plaza (Triple Underpass) and the Historic Plaza to the east of Old Red will be used, and

portions of Main, Houston, and Market streets will be closed. Then, it is hoped, there will be some significant monthly event as a part of the year-long celebration, with every city and town in the County participating. A meeting to coordinate all the activities has been scheduled with all the mayors.

Opening day, April 20, will start at 10 a.m. with a Caravan of Wagons recognizing Dallas County communities and the arrival of the Longhorn Cattle Drive. The official ceremony will start at 11:00 with a welcome by County Judge Lee F. Jackson. A Marine Band has been invited to play our national anthem, and other musical presentations will be made by massed choirs and orchestras and school children. Entertaining history of the County will feature descendants of pioneer families. The speaker for the commemorative address is yet to be named.

At 12 noon a barbeque lunch will be served on the lawn, with musical entertainment on the stage by a variety of community groups. Reservations for this catered luncheon must be made by purchase of tickets ahead of time. The price of the luncheon is \$10, and your invitation to the opening day events will tell you how and where to get your tickets (as a member of DCPA, you will be receiving an invitation).

A "Happy Birthday" Salute will be made at 2 p.m. and all events will conclude at 2:15.

John Crain, of the Summerlee Foundation, has been named chairman of the Sesquicentennial Committee. A telephone line, 653-7278, with voice mail message capacity, will remain active through April. It is located in the Historical Commission office on the sixth floor of the Records Building.

Churches throughout the County will be asked to plan a special service to commemorate the Sesquicentennial sometime during the year. An old-time brush arbor to use for monthly community services will be constructed at Old City Park. We hope to involve the schools and the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

Each historical organization will be invited to set up a

display about their group on tables on the first floor of Old Red, and numerous items are being considered for sale as commemorative souvenirs.

Your contributions and suggestions will be greatly appreciated: call the number for the Sesquicentennial Committee, 653-7278; or, Lindalyn Adams, 521-0689; or, John Crain, 363-9000; or, your member on the Committee, Marjori Sharp, 358-4838. Ω

REMINDER

Have you paid your 1996 dues? This is a reminder to take care of this very important obligation if you have not already done so. Thanks.

John Winniford, Treasurer

DEAR FRANCES JAMES:

You have passed the torch and should be allowed to slow down and catch your breath. We know you won't do that, so we are not shy about asking you to keep on keeping us aware of things we sometimes don't even know we should know.

You gave us three years of inspired leadership as our president, after years of service as program chairman and historian, even during some sad personal losses. Thankfully, you will remain on our executive board, so you will have a forum, and we will have that same forum where we can continue to take advantage of your expertise.

You have been called the "cemetery lady" because of your work in researching and restoring our old cemeteries and educating and rallying us to pay attention to them. **Larry Powell** of *The Dallas Morning News* called you the "Dallas historical monitor" and we can't think of a better name for you or of a better person for the name.

So, thank you, thank you very much, Frances, for all you have given us and for all we know you will continue to give us. Ω

OUR NAME IN THE NEWS

Our member, **Pat Randolph**, who writes a column for the local newspaper, *Northside People*, gave us a plug in the January 11 issue:

"Folks who attended the winter meeting of the Dallas County Pioneer Association enjoyed a fine dinner, a delightful program and picked up their 'it-happens-once-in-a-lifetime' history book of the Association, *One Hundred Twenty Years*. Those who worked on the excellent publication include history committee members **Earl O. Cullum**, **William F. Jacoby, Jr.**, **Frances James**, **Nancy H. McRae**, **William D. McRae**, and the chair, **Marjori G. Sharp**."

We like to be mentioned, and who knows: Pat could hit some reader who belongs with us. Ω

DUES are DUE

"DALLAS": HOW COME?

There has been much controversy over the question of for whom the City of Dallas and the County of Dallas were named: vice-President **George Mifflin Dallas** or his older brother, Commodore **Alexander J. Dallas**.

On the City, we go with **A.C. Greene**, who votes for A.J. Consider the two personalities first: George was a sloe-eyed, long-haired, "drawing room" dandy; A.J. got a reputation during the 1820s fighting pirates in the Carribean and became well-known in Texas during the Texas Revolution when he was in charge of the American Squadron in the Gulf of Mexico. He was a naval hero of his day, and Greene says that A.J. fired the first naval shot at the British during the War of 1812.

The County definitely was named for George: as President **James K. Polk's** vice-President, he strongly supported the annexation of Texas, and since there already was a county in Texas named Polk, they settled for that of the vice-president.

When Dallas County was formed in 1846 it had four towns: Dallas, Cedar Springs, Farmers Branch, and Hord's Ridge. In the next fifteen years new communities would form at Trinity Mills, Brackenridge, Cochran Chapel, La Reunion, Eagle Ford, Scyene, Cedar Hill, Pleasant Run, and Lancaster.

Dallas County, thirty miles square, was created on March 30, 1846, by the first legislature to convene in the new State of Texas. The town of Dallas, so-called long before George was ever heard of in these parts, was made the seat of county government by the legislature on April 18, 1846. The City of Dallas, half a mile square, was incorporated on February 2, 1856. Ω

FINAL FAREWELLS

Dr. **Mary Beth Lasater** died on October 2, 1995 (we received notice on December 8, too late for our Winter newsletter). She taught chemistry at Carter High School and was president of the Mary Ann Lawhon Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas. She was also active in the Dallas Genealogical Society and was a member of Oak Cliff Presbyterian Church, where she served as secretary of the Women's Society and was a Sunday School teacher.

Mary Beth is survived by three children. We extend our sympathies to them and other members of her family.

Clare G. Weakley, Jr., lost his brother, Dr. **David Robert Weakley**, on December 13. Author of numerous scientific publications, Dr. Weakley was on the editorial board of *Cutis*, one of the largest medical publications in the world, and was known as an international lecturer in the field of dermatology.

We extend our sympathies to Clare and others in Dr. Weakley's large family. Ω

Pick-ups at the March meeting:

- (1) Your new Roster.
- (2) Your copy of *One Hundred Twenty Years*, if you missed December meeting.

CEREMONIES PENDING FOR CROCKETT GRAVE MARKER

The Texas Historical Grave Marker has finally been received for **John McClannahan Crockett**, to be placed at the site of his grave in the Pioneer Cemetery near the Convention Center in downtown Dallas. The date for the ceremony has not been set, but probably will be sometime in April or May. This Marker was financed through the Bruhns Foundation that was established through the White Rock Rotary Club.

This generous check will cover the cost of four grave markers at this Cemetery. Research is now underway for **James Martin Patterson**, who, along with **John Smith**, had the first general store in Dallas. Information is also being compiled for **Alexander Harwood**, longtime county clerk, and **John Jay Good**, district judge. All four of these people were very involved in community issues and were instrumental in organizing Dallas County in 1846.

If any members of these families are around, please call so that we may include them in the documented history and the dedications. Ω

Frances James

COCHRAN CHAPEL CEMETERY MARKER DEDICATION

A Texas Historical Marker will be dedicated for the Cochran Chapel Cemetery on Sunday, April 21, at 2 p.m. The Cemetery is adjacent to the Cochran Chapel United Methodist Church at 9027 Midway Road in Dallas, at the corner of Midway Road and Northwest Highway. Everyone interested is invited to attend.

This Cemetery was begun in April 1853 and holds the graves of some of our earliest pioneers, including **Nancy Jane and William Cochran**, **Sarah and Thomas Williams**, **Serena and Obadiah Knight**, **Amanda and George Record**, and **Margaret and John Bachman**.

A number of our Pioneer Association members are descended from these families. Ω

John Winniford

PICKING UP BITS 'N PIECES

There seems to be a renewed interest in preserving Dallas County history.

- The City of Cockrell Hill is starting to gather the necessary information for a Texas Historical Marker for this early Dallas County community. **Wesley Cockrell**, as a thirty-four year-old farmer, was here before 1848. There was a stagecoach stop in this vicinity and later the interurban. The old two-story brick school building is still in use—as a facility of the Baptist Church!

Descendents of owners of the first stores have memoirs to share. The cemetery where Wesley and other family members are buried is being researched for an application for a Marker, too. Dallas County Pioneer members **Bernie Coffey** and **Donald Dorward** are two instigators of all this activity.

- **Gene Nicholl** is trying to gather as much information as he can from all alumni of Arcadia Park Schools. If

GRIN AND BEAR IT



"This is the birthplace of the inventor of the historic marker!"

he has not contacted you yet and you have some information, be sure and get in touch with him: his telephone number is 233-9186. Arcadia Park was annexed to the City of Dallas in 1941; at that time it consisted of 800 acres and over 1,000 persons. Many had come to Dallas to work at the North American Aviation Plant and in other war-related activities.

- The building known as the Munroe Shops is being preserved by DART. The latest plans may be complete and we can expect a report from **Rick Brown**. As a DCPA member with connections with DART, he will let us know the latest scoop. The building is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

- Watch the papers for an announcement concerning the Dallas County Sequicentennial Celebration and Old City Park. Plans are being formulated to highlight some of the earliest churches from all around the County. A special entrance charge will be negotiated at the Park for the occasion. April would be a good month for this to happen!

- The Gaston-Gregg Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans have volunteered to beautify the Garvin Cemetery. This is the same cemetery the Boy Scouts cleaned up twice last year. Also, the Lakemont Academy across Northwest Highway is planning on using the site as a history project. The Sons will be leveling off the ground and salvaging the stones as needed. They plan on doing the necessary research and procuring Veterans' Markers for any missing headstones. **Curtis Flatt** will be the "straw boss" for this project.

- From the Channel 8 coverage of the vandalism at McCree Cemetery, many calls were received. DCPA member **Mary Sutherland** has been involved in this project for a long, long time. **Sonja Van Sickle** and the cameraman were so careful to get the light just right! As soon as the Board of Trustees for this Cemetery have come to a decision as to what to do about the stones, the vandalism damage will be

corrected. This is the Cemetery the Key Club from Garland worked on so hard last fall.

- The original high school in Dallas, which many know as Crozier Tech, was disposed of by DISD. Now to find out what the new owners plan on doing. Since it is on the National Register, some requirements must be met. A City of Dallas Landmark designation and application for a Texas Historical Marker are being prepared. There is a DART station in front of the building on Bryan Street. A lot of land and a sturdy building for \$4.2 million.

- Someone called and said they had recently moved into a house and in the backyard was a headstone from somebody's grave. He mentioned that he could not move it, as he is handicapped. So I had to wait until one of my big, strong grandsons came by and asked him to go and get it. I was so excited, as it is in mint condition and it says:

J.M. TUCKER

born

Feb. 1, 1841

died

Jan. 20, 1926

What hopes have perished
with you my son.

TUCKER

I feel sure there are some family members that would be as excited as I was when I saw the good condition of the stone. The thief that moved it may have done the family a favor, as all the rest of the stones at the nearby Ferris Cemetery have been hauled off, used as flower bed borders, or to fill in a hole someplace. I believe it was at the Ferris at one time. If J.M. was born in Dallas, he was one of the very first babies. I checked some of my sources and have not found any family yet. Ω

Frances James

MARIE CAILLET, AUTHOR

In our new booklet, *One Hundred Twenty Years*, we mentioned the writers that we know of among members of the DCPA. Now we are aware of another, one who has edited an almost-one-of-a-kind book: Marie Caillet of Little Elm, Texas.

Marie, who is a Charter and Life member, co-edited (with **Joseph K. Mertzweiller**) *The Louisiana Iris* in 1988. She helped found the Society for Louisiana Irises in 1940 while teaching in Lafayette, has written many of their publications, and edited their quarterly newsletter. When she retired and moved back to the family homestead in north Texas she brought the irises with her and has become an authority on the 200 different varieties, four of which bear her name. It is in her blood: she is a descendant of **Julien Reverchon**, a botanist who taught at Baylor Medical School.

The Louisiana irises are a group of beardless irises native to Louisiana, occurring as far *west* as East Texas and as far *north* as Arkansas and Missouri, and, *nowhere* else in the world. Now, however, thanks to Marie and her colleagues, they are grown as far north as South Dakota and as far off as Japan, Australia, Germany, and South Africa. She donates thousands of rhizomes to public gardens, friends, neighbors, and hundreds of visitors every spring who come to see her glorious display of blooms, and says, "Try them!" If you belonged to the Herb Society of Old City Park you would have visited her and benefitted from her generosity more than once. Ω

PAVILION STARTED AT OCP

Ground was broken in December for an octagonal 4,000-square foot pavilion in Old City Park, to be known as the "Chatauqua Pavilion". It would have been a welcome facility for the early DCPA, which held many of their meetings at this first city park.

Scheduled for completion in April, the Pavilion will be an all-weather structure that will accommodate as many as four hundred at one time and will be a revenue-producing addition to the Park. It will serve the Park as a setting for educational programs, school tours, lectures, musical and dramatic performances, and historic re-enactments. It will also be available for business groups, schools and religious institutions, informal picnics and catered functions.

Corgan Associates, Inc. is architect and Centex Bateson Construction Co. is the contractor for the new Pavilion. Ω

100-YEAR-OLD BOOKS FIND A HOME

Remember our "want ad" in our Winter newsletter: "Hundred Year-old Books Need TLC"?

Owner **Earl O. Cullum** says: "We have donated the 28-volume *Encyclopedia Britannica* of 1893 to the Dallas Historical Society, to be placed in the little school building at Old City Park. That's Pilot Grove Schoolhouse, Old City Park, 1717 Gano Street.

"The bindings need work, but later on you may want to see these 100-year-old books there." Ω

BALLOT

Please check one of the following options and mail to Bill McRae at 3500 Dartmouth, Dallas, TX 75205—or, call Bill at 521-8654—or, bring it to the meeting on March 7.

- () Prefer staying at Wyatt's as long as possible
- () Prefer trying different places with a catered dinner
- () Prefer having a meeting with no dinner.

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.

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