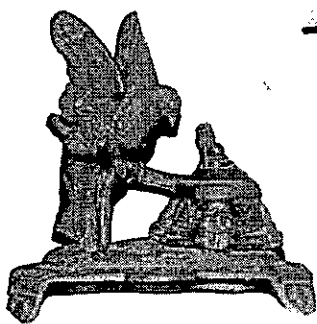


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March Program Features Jerry Haynes Presenting 'The World of Paul Crume'

By: Eva Jane Morgan, Programs

The quarterly meeting on **March 2nd** will feature Jerry Haynes, a native Dallasite and graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School and SMU, who will bring us little known details about the life of newspaper man, Paul Crume. For almost a quarter of a century Paul Crume wrote the front page column "Big D" for *The Dallas Morning News*, publishing 8,000 columns that chronicled daily life experiences from his unique viewpoint.

Haynes, who was also employed by Belo Corporation (that owns *The Dallas Morning News* and WFAA) worked at WFAA where he acted as a sport director and variety show host from 1950 to 1961. At that time he started the children's show, "Mr. Peppermint" where he remained until his retirement in 1996.

We hope you will join us for this informative presentation.

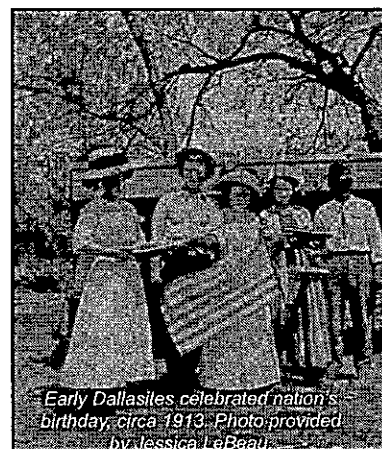
Dinner begins at 6:00 pm and the program will start at 7:00 pm at Royal Lane Baptist Church at Royal Lane and Hillcrest in Dallas.

Reservations for dinner are required. Call 214-944-5400 by 02/28.



The Bishop Arts Building

This 1928 building located at 408 W. Eighth in Oak Cliff was sold on September 1998 to developer and historic building restorer David Spence, who put the building through a thorough restoration and gave the building its current name (taken from the Bishop Arts District, where it stands). Fortunately, the building had never been remodeled, and the rugged original finishes had not deteriorated.



Early Dallasites celebrated nation's birthday, circa 1913. Photo provided by Jessica LeBeau.

By: Carolyn Selzer, History Table
Since we are celebrating Dallas' 150th anniversary, please bring any photos you may have from the 1800s or early 1900s depicting family farms or homes or artifacts for our history table. You are encouraged to participate.

Reminder

Be sure to pick up your new rosters at the March Meeting.



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From the President, Jim Foster



Our December program featured Dave Spence, our unofficial "Mayor of the Bishop Arts District." Dave has restored no less than eight old buildings in that area and he has gone to great lengths to ensure that each and every building retained as much of its original character as possible. Dave, a fellow DCPA member, brought a wonderful program on the history of the Bishop Arts district. This area, located in North Oak Cliff, received its name after many local artists that located in the area about ten years ago. As the rent increased, the artists moved out and were quickly replaced by locally-owned restaurants.

Dave mentioned that the area, once popular for riders wanting to switch streetcar lines, is now a popular night spot for Dallas area citizens wanting to enjoy a trendy restaurant with local flavor.

Our hats are off to another DCPA member, Dan Fauver. Dan is president of North Texas Cemetery Preservation, a non-profit organization that helps maintain and improve Dallas County historical cemeteries. He is also an officer with the Texas Youth Commission and spends at least eight hours per week on his day off teaching our Dallas area youth offenders how to contribute back to society by restoring our historical cemeteries. His program has been so successful that he now has the only program in the Dallas office of the TYC where the young offenders request to be assigned to that project.

I had the privilege of visiting with one of the groups in January and was truly amazed at how the cemetery



DCPA Members Committed to Preservation

The January program, presented by David Spence (above) gave the membership in attendance a rare view of early 20th century photos of the Bishop Arts district and related stories about the street cars that used to run in Oak Cliff.

Mr. Spence has a restoration business and is responsible for renovating old apartment buildings, warehouses and other businesses in the neighborhood.

Dan Fauver is dedicated to preserving cemeteries in Dallas county, working with at-risk youth to help maintain these historic burial grounds.

restoration program could have such a major and powerful impact on these young offenders while also making a significant difference in both the cemetery and the community. This is a program that you would have to experience first hand in order to understand. The youth actually felt that this program made a difference in the community and they also felt that for the first time that they were making a difference and each and every one felt that they had made a worth while contribution. It was finally time to go home at the end of the day and they were all still working and ask for more time in order to finish their project.

Thanks to Dan, the DCPA, and its members, the volunteer coordinator of the TYC has selected this project to be featured on the National and Global Youth Service Day which will be held on April 21, 2006. Call the DCPA at 214-944-5400 for additional details.

You can make a difference by getting involved. Last year was a year of tremendous growth. Our website went online and people from all over the world can now find out what we are all about. An average of 80 visitors per day are now checking us out. Our most frequent visitors are members of the armed forces serving in Iraq. We get folks asking for information as well as those sending information. Believe it or not, the DCPA website has been a big booster for our organization.

You can help us continue to grow. Volunteer to help organize the library, serve as chair of the New Member committee or volunteer in other ways that will help us to continue growing.

Our March meeting is sure to be another one that you will not want to miss. Get your reservations in early by calling 214-944-5400.

Looking forward to seeing each of you there.



AROUND TOWN WITH FRANCES JAMES

The City of Dallas had its 150th Birthday on February 2, 2006. The charter made Dallas a city rather than a town. The early settlers in Dallas County were disgruntled and unsatisfied by the treatment they had received from the Peters Colony leaders during 1841-1848. After Texas became a state in February 1846, pioneers in the Three Forks Area decided to send someone to the first legislature asking that this area become a county in the new state. Dallas County was carved out of Old Nacogdoches County, created in 1836, one of the four oldest civilized settlements in Texas, and Robertson County created in 1837. These encompassed a large area and were very unhandy for the Three Forks people to transact their county business.

Most of the business any of our ancestors were able to transact was at the County level. The State Legislature in 1850 did designate a number of Counties, to satisfy the requests of these settlers. In 1850 four hundred and sixty (460 white males - no one else was allowed to vote) voted and two hundred and forty four (244) decided in the run-off that Dallas should be the County Seat instead of Cedar Springs or Hord's Ridge.

It was not that these homesteaders were really concerned about local

politics, they did not have to pay taxes, they did not have to serve on juries and law and order was not a big problem as there were no more than two people per square mile. Most settlers had a gun and knew how to use it.

By 1856 the village on the banks of the Trinity River of Dallas had grown enough and enough citizens (about 350) had arrived from other cities that the legislature was petitioned for a charter and Dallas became a CITY!

Irving Archives

Irving, Texas observed the 25th Anniversary of the founding of The Irving Archives on February 23, 2006. Many of the original families have shared some of their prized possessions with the Irving Public Library for this display. Other than some display cases that change from time to time, you are welcome to stop by and request to see various articles any time.

John Neely Bryan Book Out

Steve Butler has just let us know he is re-publishing his John Neely Bryan biography. It should be available by March and he is charging \$6.00 to pay for costs if ordered in multiple copies. Let him, or us, know and we shall try and help him distribute this small book about Dallas' founder.

The Kirby Building

One of the most architecturally beautiful buildings in downtown Dallas is back in the news. Built in 1913 as a companion building to the Adolphus Hotel, the Busch, later renamed the Kirby Building was designed by Barnett, Hayes, and Barnett from St. Louis. Lang and Witchell were involved locally in the construction of the seventeen story skyscraper on the corner of Main and Akard.

When built in 1913, A. Harris Department Store occupied the first five floors. The Busch Building and the Adolphus were connected by a tunnel said to provide heat from the exhaust of the Hotel, but during Prohibition rumored to deliver alcoholic beverages to the hotel.

Through the last ninety-three years this building has seen many tenants come and go since it started out as retail and office. In 1998 it was converted to loft apartments. The current owner now says he will remodel into condos. Irregardless, the structure is on the National Register, it is a Registered Texas Historical Landmark and City of Dallas Landmark and is an exceptional property in Downtown Dallas.

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A FINAL FAREWELL

We say goodbye to Beverly Francis Randolph who passed away on February 1, 2006, following a stroke. He was much loved and admired by his family and friends.

He grew up in New York and honorably served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII. He graduated from St. Louis University in 1947 and moved to Texas. He worked in the appliance business and then established and operated the Ranger Heating & Air Conditioning Company for many years. After selling the company, he became a Certified Financial Advisor and Insurance Consultant. He was a longtime member of the St. Monica Catholic Church, Toastmasters, Knights of Columbus, the Sierra Club of Dallas, the CVC Center of Presbyterian Hospital and a Knight of the Holy Sepulchur. He was preceded in death by his son, Paul Beverly Randolph. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Randolph, his son Patrick Randolph, his daughters Susie Randolph and Jane Randolph Feldman, his loving granddaughter, and Alexandra Marie Feldman.



Visit our web site at: www.dallaspioneer.org

The Dallas County Pioneer Association is dedicated to preserving the history of Dallas County and those who settled here before 1880. Anyone who is interested may apply for membership regardless of when they, or their ancestors, came to Dallas County. Contact the Membership Chairman for an application.

Membership Dues:

\$20	Per year	\$200	Life membership
\$30	Couple	\$300	Couple Life membership

The Association meets quarterly for dinner and a program at 6:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each March, June, September, and December. The meeting room opens at 5:30 p.m. for fellowship and dining. The program starts promptly at 7 p.m.. Visitors are always welcome.

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