



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Marty Humphrey

We are nearing the time of the year when the temperature gets cooler, the foliage begins to change colors and we start thinking of the holidays. Our Saints and Sinners Tour will be October 24-26 and we hope everyone can visit the famous, and not too famous, residents who will be telling their life story this year. This is a fund-raiser for the Society (and partly for the fate of the museum) so please be sure to tell your friends, relatives and co-workers to spend an hour or so with us on Saturday or Sunday to be totally entertained AND to help support the NFWHS.

We are looking hard at our financial situation and whether we will be able to keep the museum open. Being a member of the Society, you already realize the importance of keeping the doors open to share and educate about the rich history of the Stockyard era. We don't want to lose our history; after all, we can't go forward successfully unless we look back to where we have been. The museum is important so that the older generation can reminisce and share their experiences with others and the younger generation can learn how we got to where we are today...the touch, the sights, and yes the smell plays a much greater part in learning than something you read in a textbook. Our museum is a treasure, please help us keep the doors open. There are so many ways to help---funding, ideas for fund-raising, grant writing, networking with others who could help, prayers, etc. ---we appreciate anything you can do.

Enjoy the cooler weather, it is Texas, so we will go from hot to cold in a moment's notice. Remember to take the Oakwood Tour and we hope to see you at the next monthly meeting. We truly appreciate our members, you are the best!! ~ *Marty*

New Trustees

Trustees were elected at the September meeting and are:

- John Pugh
- Gerlind Capling
- Robert Baker



Membership Newsletter October 2014

The October Member Meeting is on October 9th at 7pm,
inside the Livestock Exchange Building.

Have you ever wondered if there are any haunted buildings in the Stockyards? Do you have a personal experience of the paranormal in the Exchange Building? I know some of us do!



For the October Society meeting we will be hearing from Sarah Samson who is a tour guide with the Haunted Stockyards Tour. Come and be prepared to be spooked!



Mark your Calendar for the Most Exciting NFWHS Event of the Year!

The 9th Annual Saints and Sinners Tour
On October 25th and 26th at Oakwood Cemetery.

Walk under magnificent oaks on graveled paths to meet many of the famous and infamous characters of early Fort Worth as they tell the stories of their lives and times.

Walking Tours at 1:00 pm and 3:30 pm on Saturday and Sunday Only.
Adults-\$10 and Students/Children \$5

The Twilight Tours are Sold Out.



No Reservations Needed for Walking Tours.

Glimpses of the Past...

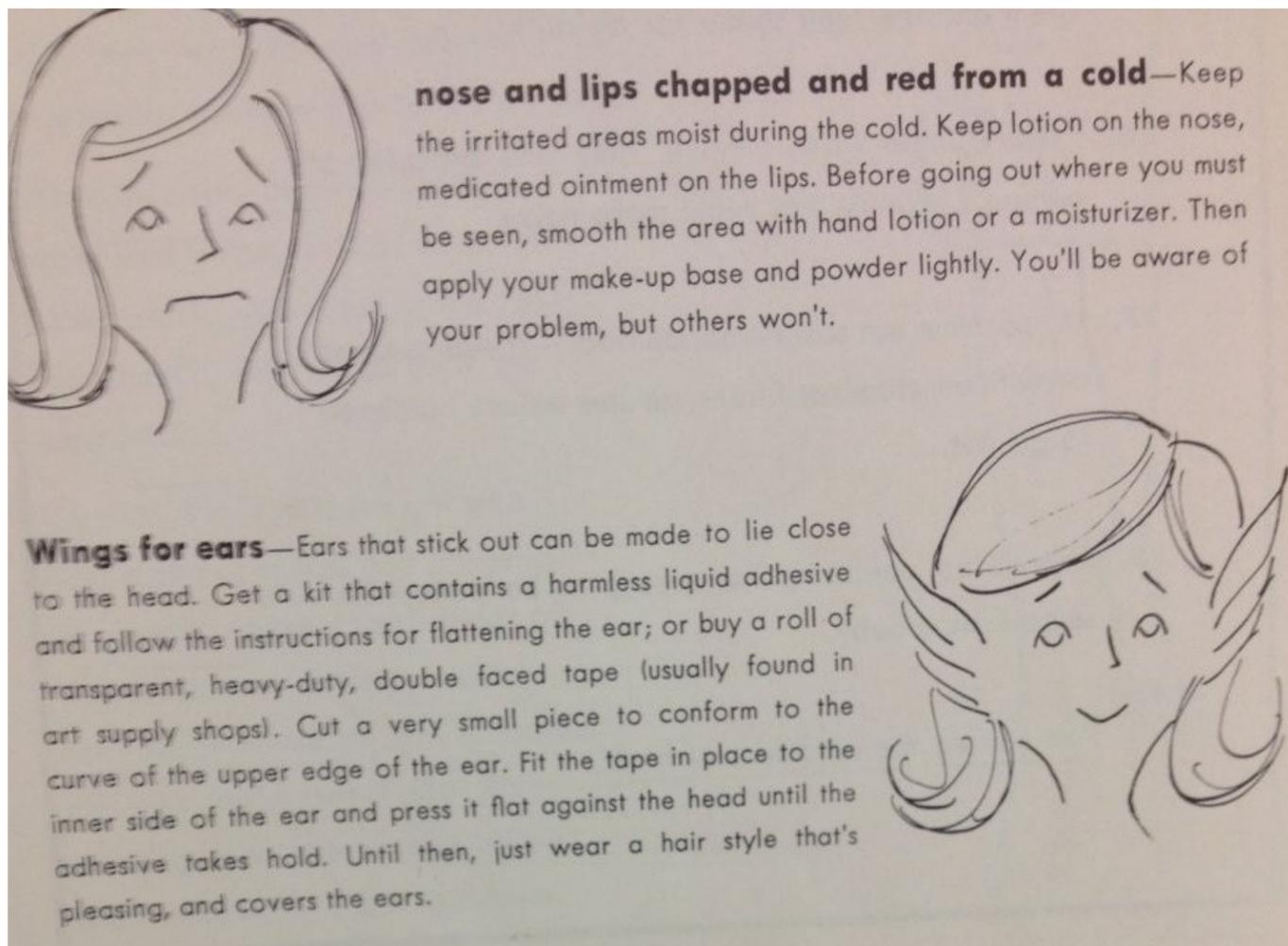
The Wendy Ward Charm School

In the 1960s the Montgomery Ward department stores offered the Wendy Ward Charm School for girls. The course lasted 6 weeks and taught poise, etiquette, posture and grooming. Once a week the girls would meet at the department store and learn how to walk, sit with good posture and conduct themselves like ladies. The classes would end with a fashion show and each girl received a diploma.

Teenage girls were also taught dating etiquette and how to act like a lady. A quote from the handbook instructs, "Your job is to make a boy feel like a man — not to make him too much aware that you are a girl."

My favorite quote from the handbook was in the How to Sit Like a Lady chapter. It stated, "Your knees should be best friends, never parted." (That is still good advice today!)

Here is an excerpt from the handbook. You may find this helpful if your ears stick out!



NFWHS News by Teresa Burleson



Thank you to all who donated to the NFWHS and Stockyards Museum on the North Texas Day of Giving. It was the first year we had participated in the program and it garnered us a few more dollars than we had before. Every little bit helps!

Keep Diane and Jimmy Carter in your thoughts and prayers. Diane has had a rough go of it in the last few months. First she suffered from back trouble and then fell and broke her tail-bone. Then, her beloved mother, Nita Walburn, passed away on August 26th at the age of 100. And on September 19th, Diane had knee surgery. The NFWHS sends our well wishes and heart felt condolences.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Saints and Sinners Tour, one day, two days or a few hours, please call 817-625-5082 or email, nfwhs@sbcglobal.net, and let Teresa know.

On Saturday, September 21, The Palace Light Bulb celebrated 106 years of continuous burning. The birthday cake (picture on the right), had a photo of the bulb made from sugar on the icing. It was served in the museum and shared with many well wishers that stopped by. The bulb is the second longest burning bulb, second to a bulb in Livermore, CA, in a fire station. Remember the date next year and come by to celebrate with us.



The Christmas Season is just around the corner. Don't forget when it comes time to decorate the tree that the Stockyards Museum Gift Shop has several unique Fort Worth and Texas themed ornaments. You can also find a great line of children's books and gifts for all ages.



Welcome to New Members! Thomas and Kristi Healey.

We are glad to have you as a part of the North Fort Worth Historical Society.