



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Marty Humphrey

Where has the year gone? Summer is almost over, schools have started, and stores are already advertising fall and Thanksgiving. I do think we are all ready for the cooler weather, but that isn't here yet. Labor Day weekend will be the last Sunday we will be open for the summer. I would like to give a shout out to our wonderful volunteers who gave up their Sunday to work in the museum this summer: Sarah Biles, Debi Carl, Debbie Clarke, Sue Ann Hayley, Skip and Marty Humphrey, Paul and Melissa Hunter, and John Pugh.

We are all getting ready for the annual Saints and Sinners Tour at Oakwood. We again have some very interesting "residents" for the Tour, plus musical programs for the popular Twilight Tour. Reservations for the Twilight Tours go on sale September 1st, just call Teresa and she will get you on the list. Even though Denise Marin is nursing her husband, Fern, back to health, she will be organizing the volunteers and would love to get you on the list. So, if you are interested, call Teresa at 817-682-5082 and she will let Denise know you are interested.

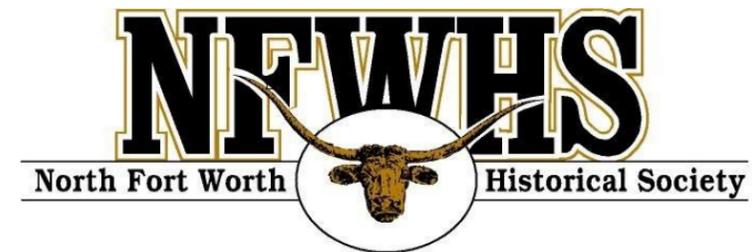
We had to remove all the photos and documents on the west wall of the museum for the window repair and Teresa took the opportunity to do some reorganization of the displays in the Museum. All I can say is that it looks fantastic. She has added displays for the beginnings of Fort Worth, Camp Bowie, and the Railroad. Drop in and check it out.

Speaking of railroads, when the weather is a tad cooler, watch for the announcement for the dedication of the Belt Railroad Historical Marker. Many thanks to Dan Lamb for his hard work and research, plus a little prodding, to get the historical marker on behalf of our historical society.

We have a fantastic membership and I appreciate each of you. We enjoy visiting at meetings, in the museum, and at events like the Saints and Sinners Tour. If you aren't able to get out like you used to, give us a call or drop us a card letting us know how you are doing.

As far as how things are going in the Stockyards with the Task Force and future development, all I can say is we desperately need the citizens of Fort Worth to write or email your Mayor and City Council to let them know your views on what should or should not be allowed in the Stockyards, such as limitations of the building heights, and to request that the City designate the Stockyards as a Local Historic District. The address is Fort Worth City Council, 1000 Throckmorton St., Fort Worth, TX 76102. Or you can email Mayor Betsy Price at Betsy.Price@fortworthtexas.gov or Sal Espino at district2@fortworthtexas.gov. Other City Council members contact info can be found at <http://fortworthtexas.gov/staff/>.

Let's keep it real. ~ *Marty*



September Membership Newsletter 2015

Join Us for the NFWHS September Meeting!
September 10th at 7pm in the Livestock Exchange Building

Our own Keith Bridwell is our Special Guest and will take us on a walk over the cattle pens, behind the Livestock Exchange Building. We will go on the catwalk while Keith tells of the history of the yards.

Be sure to join us and **wear good walking shoes!**



Mark Your Calendars!!!!

The North Fort Worth Historical Society's
10th Annual

Saints and Sinners Tour

Oakwood Cemetery

701 Grand Ave.
Fort Worth, TX

October 30-November 1, 2015

Walking Tours

Saturday and Sunday

1pm and 3:30pm—**\$10.00** for adults ~ **\$5.00** for Students & Children
Pay Admission at the Gate the Day of the Tour.

Twilight Tours

Friday and Saturday Evenings

6:30pm — \$20.00

Seating in the Chapel is limited.

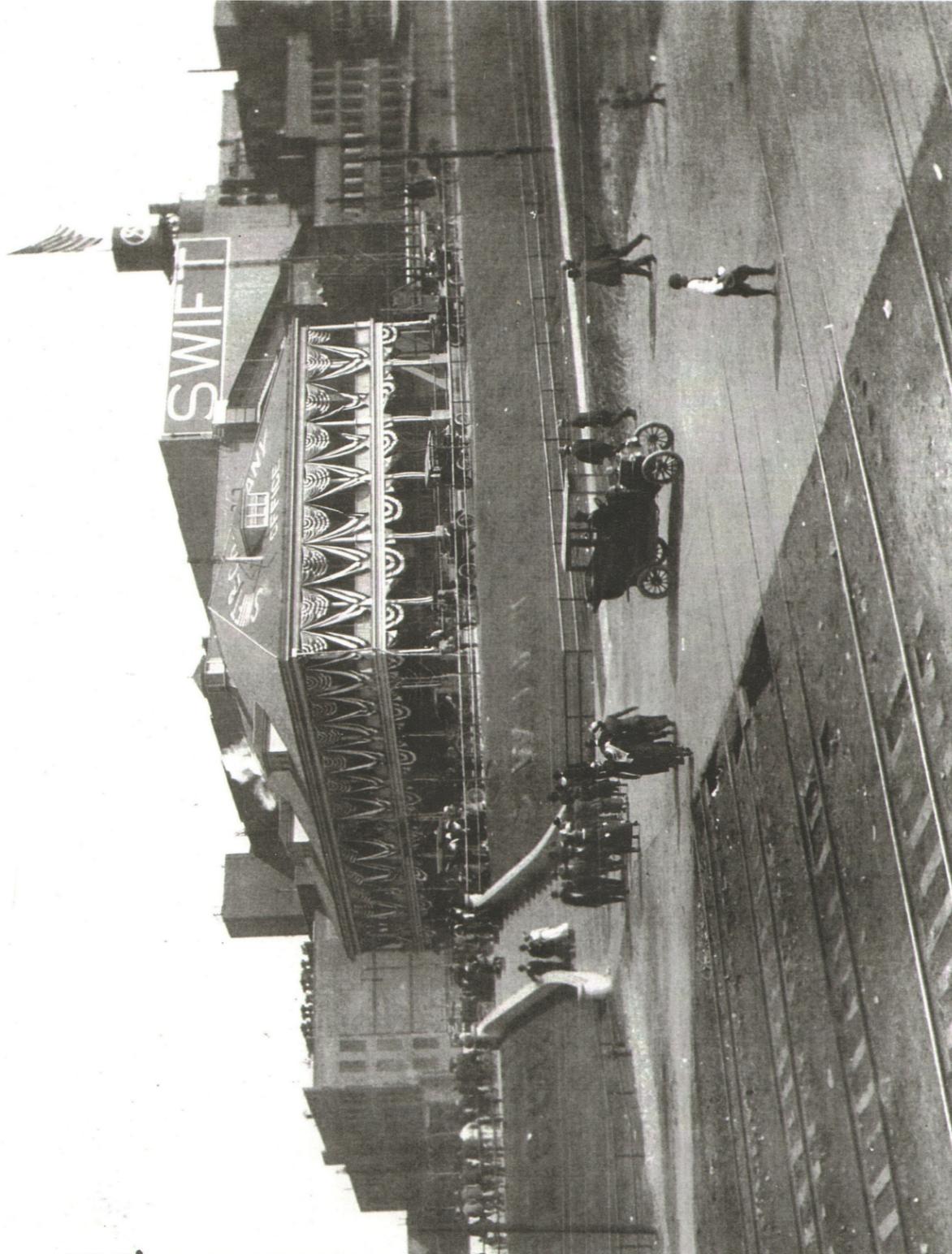
Reservations are available for purchase on September 1st.

For more information or reservations for Twilight Tours, call 817-625-5082



Glimpses of the Past...

You'll have to turn the paper sideways to see this photo of the Swift Packing Plant in 1915. It was during some type of celebration, note the decorations on the building.



NFWHS News by Teresa Burlison



We send our condolences out to volunteer and member, Bobby Creel and his family, for the loss of his father, Billy, on August 12.

We also send our sympathy to the family and friends of Kip Turner. Kip, also known as Brazos, was a reenactor with the Legends of Texas.

Mary Aycox has had a recent surgery on her hand. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Longtime friend of the NFWHS, Fern Marin, has undergone a back surgery. His wife, Denise, is taking care of him and nursing him back to health.

Keep the Creel family, Turner family, Mary Aycox and Fern and Denise Marin in your thoughts and prayers.

Special Guest in the Stockyards Museum

On Friday, August 14th, the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NASJRB) held a change of command ceremony for outgoing Commander, Navy Capt. Gil Miller and his successor, Navy Capt. Michael Steffen. Capt. Steffen came into the Museum on Saturday afternoon with approximately 20 members of his family who had travelled here for the ceremony. The family included his mother, father, siblings and their family, most being from Virginia and Iowa. They toured the museum for quite a while and Skip Humphrey had the opportunity to talk to many of them. They all seemed to enjoy the museum and the kids loved the Victor Talking Machine.

Election of Officers

During the August meeting an election was held to determine the NFWHS Officers for the upcoming year. There were no changes and the Officers will remain the same.

President: Marty Humphrey

1st Vice President: Debi Carl

2nd Vice President: Sarah Biles

3rd Vice President: Paul Hunter

Secretary: Debbie Clarke

Treasurer: Skip Humphrey

*Trustees will be elected at the September Meeting.