



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Marty Humphrey

Spring is in the air...along with pollen, mold, dust, and lingering cold germs. The sounds of Spring are no longer birds, but instead coughs and sniffles. Hopefully, you have been able to avoid the misery, but if you haven't, you have plenty of company.

We have our trip to Waco coming up on May 15. It is not too late to join us, just let Teresa know and she'll get you all the information. It looks to be a great time. Anyone who took the Oklahoma trip last year can attest to the fact that it was a ball and everyone had a great time. Come join us, you will learn a little history, have lots to eat, and share the time with some great friends-and make some new ones.

The form-based code meetings also start this month. The public is welcome to attend and I do hope to see many of you there. The group developing the plan needs to hear your voice, the future of the Stockyards needs to hear your voice and your passion. Teresa will be sending information out to everyone on dates and times.

Another item for May is negotiating the Museum's lease renewal. We started talks with Hickman Properties, our landlord, last week so we should know what the final proposal for the new lease amount will be soon. Please keep us in your thoughts during this process.

Finally, we will be opening on Sundays starting Memorial Day weekend (we need the income). The hours will be noon to 5:00 pm and we could use some volunteers to staff the museum on those Sundays. The more volunteers, the better! You can sign up for one Sunday for the summer, one Sunday a month, or every Sunday...what an offer!! You won't be working alone, if you have never worked in the museum, don't worry, we will team you with a Pro. If you already volunteer, then we will pair you with another individual volunteer to create the perfect team.

The major war may be over, but we still face battles, so as far as the Stockyards and its history are concerned...Let's keep it real! ~Marty



Membership Newsletter May 2016

Be Sure to Attend the NFWHS Meeting on
May 12th at 7pm,
Inside the Livestock Exchange Building.

A Night at the Stockyards Museum Scavenger Hunt!

Test your knowledge of the Stockyards Museum.
Fun, Prizes and the best Cookies you've ever had!



Texas Ranger & Dr. Pepper Museum Road Trip

Sunday 5-15-2016 at 8:30am.

Meet at 8:30 at Bob Bolen Public Safety Complex parking lot around 9 am.
505 W. Felix, Fort Worth 76115.

Texas Ranger Museum: \$7 for adults and \$6 for seniors.

Dr. Pepper Museum: \$8 for adults and \$7 for seniors.

For more information call Teresa at 817-625-5082.

Glimpses of the Past... **68 Years Ago This Month.**



In May, 1948 a fire broke out in the cattle pens in the Stockyards resulting in an estimated \$644,000.00 loss.

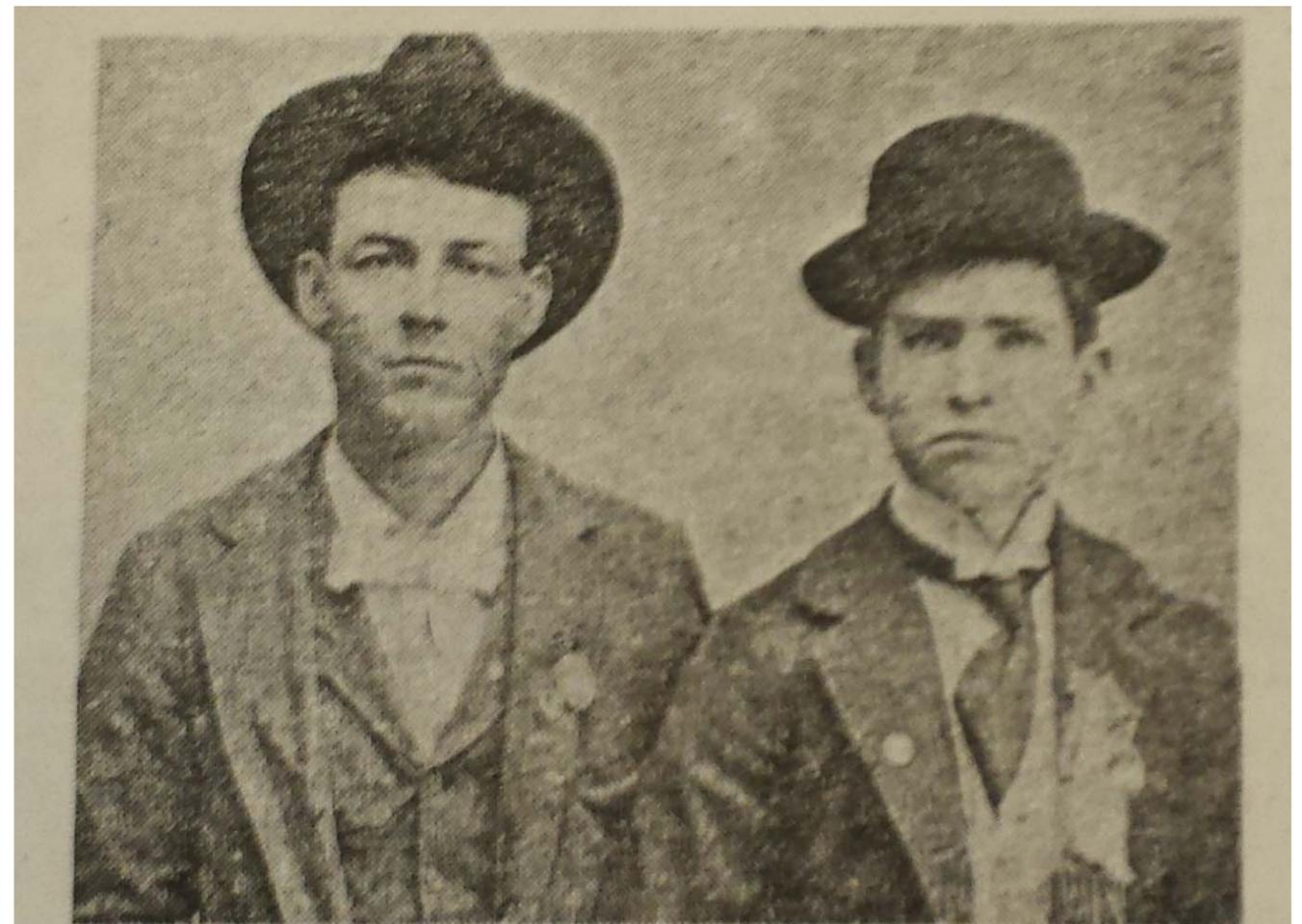
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Continue to keep Pat Simpson in your thoughts and prayers as she recovers from illness. We miss her here in the museum!

Museum Volunteer, and member, Bobby Creel, is in the hospital at Harris Downtown. Please keep in him in your thoughts.

This newspaper clipping was featured in , *In Old Fort Worth* by Mack Williams. Notice they called the event, "indoor cowboy riding contest" instead of an indoor rodeo.



FIRST WINNER — Emory (Emaline) Gardenhire, right, was the winner of the first indoor cowboy riding contest ever held in Fort Worth, in 1917. He is shown with Dan Bellows, a prominent cattleman of that period, in this photo made after his victory.