



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Marty Humphrey

I hope everyone had a happy and safe Thanksgiving. Can you believe Christmas is just a few weeks away, time does fly. Speaking of Christmas, the NFWHS Christmas Party is December 8th and besides celebrating Christmas with friends, we will be celebrating the Society's 40th Anniversary. Looking back over those 40 years, there are so many members that have left us, but we are fortunate to have many still with us. What a testament to dedication, the Society has survived thanks to those early founders and our members. Be sure to call the museum office and make your reservations and join us celebrating Christmas and our 40 years of preserving the heritage of the Stockyards and North Fort Worth.

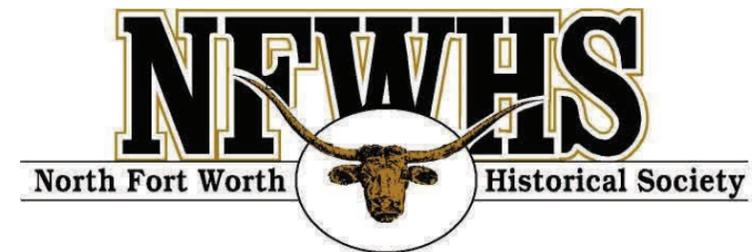
I know many are thinking...what do I get my family, friends, and coworkers for Christmas. Well, I can help you on where to shop-the Stockyards Museum! We have a great selection of books, some local talent CDs (like members Devon Dawson, David Hansford, and Teresa Burleson among others), the 2017 Stockyards Calendar (with some really neat pictures of the early years of the Stockyards) and lots of other cool things. Not only will you be finding the perfect gift, but you will be helping the Society while you are at it.

There will be no membership meeting in January, but it's the time for renewing your membership. Your membership helps the Society continue to preserve and protect the Stockyards and provides something you just can't do without- joining with a great group of people and sharing great monthly meetings, field trips, and knowing that you are a part of the movement to renew the Stockyards culture. Through our involvement, we can make our voice heard and with our knowledge of the history provide the accurate presentation of what was once the thriving Fort Worth Stockyards and North Fort Worth. What a wonderful legacy to be a part of! Let's change the awful tagline that newspapers use for the Stockyards from "tourist trap" to "cultural destination," much classier and accurate wouldn't you say.

Soon we will be celebrating a new year and listing the things we want to change, accomplish, and strengthen. Don't forget to list being an active part of the Society, either through volunteering (which creates all kinds of benefits, not just for the Society, but also to your physical and mental health), attending meetings, helping with repairs and wood-working for displays, bringing in new members, providing additional funding, and many other rewarding ventures. My sincere thanks to each of you for being a part of the Society this year, you make it the great organization that it is!

To all---Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

~ Marty



Membership Newsletter December 2016

You Are Invited to a Very Special Party!

The NFWHS Christmas Party and 40th Anniversary Celebration

When: December 8, 2016 at 7pm (Doors Open at 6:30)

Where: River Ranch—500 NE 23rd St.

YOU MUST RSVP!

Prepaid reservations of \$20 per person are required and will be taken through December 6th so we can have a head count for food preparation.

Call the museum at 817-625-5082 with credit card info.

Valet Parking has been donated for our event and since the valets are donating their time please be sure to tip them.

We will be having the ever popular Gift Exchange so if you want to participate, bring a wrapped gift (valued approximately \$20) and join in on the fun!

Vintage dress is welcome!

Thought for the day:

“The most effective way to destroy people is to deny and obliterate their own understanding of their history”

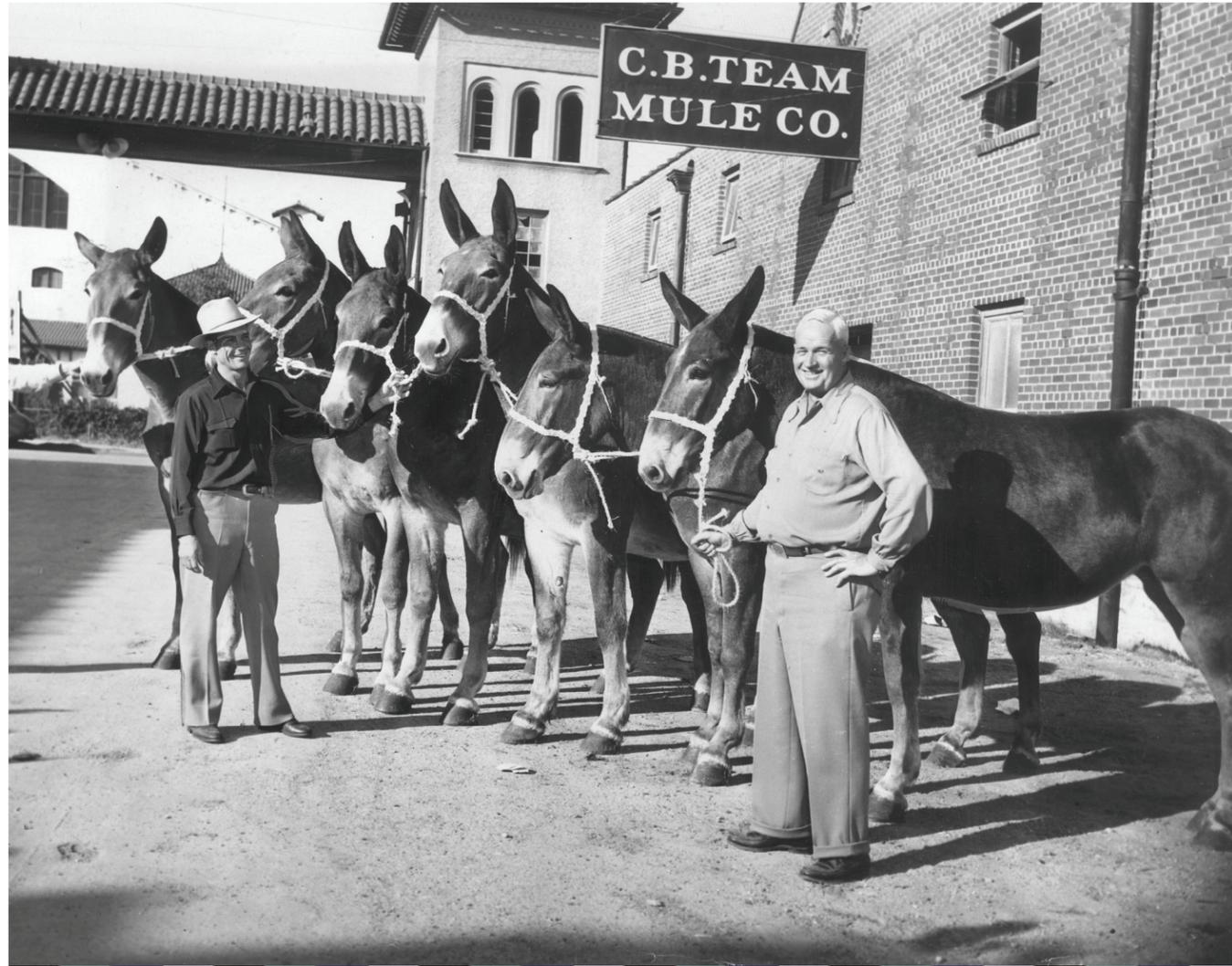
- George Orwell

Glimpses of the Past...

This photo was taken in the Fort Worth Stockyards on October 21, 1946 in Mule Alley.

Pictured are Lester Hilton and Russel W. Crane of the C.B. Team Mule Co.

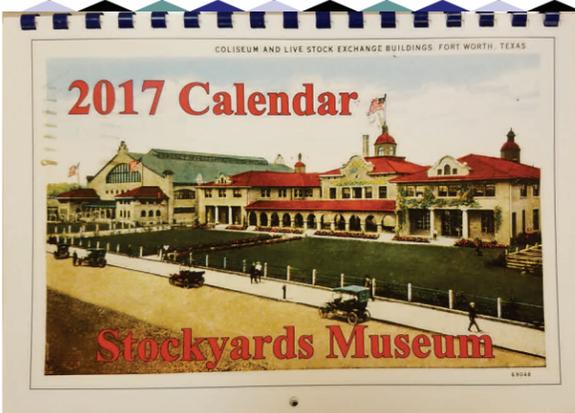
This photo and 11 other great photos are available in the 2017 Stockyards Calendar.



2016 is Almost Over!

**Be sure to buy your 2017
Stockyards Calendar!**

Available at the Stockyards Museum



NFWHS News by Teresa Burleson



We have two of our members and volunteers that had a major surgery last month.

John Pugh and **Bobby Creel** were hospitalized for surgery, on the same day! Both of them are recovering nicely and we are anxious to have them back to full speed again.

Keep Pat Simpson in your thoughts and prayers. She is on the road to recovery.

Santa arrived in the Stockyards on a Stagecoach!

He will be accepting visitors in Stockyards Station,

Photos with Santa are Friday-Sunday 12-4pm through Dec. 24th.

Bring the kids (or the kids at heart) to see Santa.



It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas!



Every year the two carriages located in the hallway and foyer of the Livestock Exchange Building get decorated for Christmas by Gerlind Capling.

In fact, throughout the year she makes sure there are pretty flowers in the carriages to brighten the photos taken by the tourists.

Thank you Gerlind!