



# THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*By Marty Humphrey*

Welcome to summer in Texas, at least that is what I tell the visitors to the Museum when they complain about how hot it is. One of our best sellers is the cold bottled water and our biggest draw is air conditioning.

The foundation work in the office area is finished and the floors are straight again. The office looks and smells great with the new carpeting and Teresa and Melissa have been working to get the office back in order. With moving everything out, it has given the ladies a chance to rearrange the furniture as it was moved back into the rooms. One thing that we did was move the decorative smaller safe that was in the front office out into the museum for the cashier cabinet display. Be sure to drop by and see it. The museum floor (over by the street-light) is next and will probably start right after the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

The Stockyards have sure been in the newspaper lately. We honestly don't know anything other than what we've read in the paper. With XTO leaving Fort Worth, the beautiful old Swift office building that was carefully restored a few years ago is for sale. Let's hope whoever buys the building will honor its history and the marvelous work Bob Simpson and Joy Webster had done to bring back its glory. That building is a true treasure and one of the few things left that provides a window to the past.

Other news makers are the run-off election for Council District 2 is over and we welcome Carlos Flores as our new Councilman; the former Wells Fargo Bank building is on its way out, and a new hotel will be built on that site; and the restoration of the Mule Barns is due to start after the Red Stegall Weekend in October. Also, don't forget the biggest October event of all, that's right it's the annual Saints and Sinners Tour at Oakwood Cemetery. The tour is our annual fund-raising, but more importantly, it's our opportunity to educate our visitors about the great men and women who shaped Fort Worth and the Northside.

Stay cool, - *Marty*



Membership Newsletter July 2017

## Don't Miss the July 13th Meeting at 7pm!

Our Special Guest is Tyler Alberts of the Fort Worth Military Museum.



The Military Museum is our new neighbor with their recent move to the Stockyards.

Mr. Alberts will touch on the future of the museum and on Camp Bowie and World War I.

Bring a friend!

\*Inside the Livestock Exchange Building



*New Members!*

**Risky's Steakhouse  
Commission Agent Level**

### HISTORIC DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 12, 1999 - The Fort Worth Herd started
- June 29, 1976 - Fort Worth Stockyards becomes Historic District
- July 19, 1876 - The first locomotive in Fort Worth
- July 26, 1962 - Armour & Co. closed the Fort Worth Plant
- August 1, 1923 - Due to annexation, Niles City became part of Fort Worth.
- August 15, 1919 - Camp Bowie, home to the 36th Infantry Division during WW1, closed.
- August 9th, 1930 - Stockyards National Bank blown up with nitroglycerin in robbery.

### Glimpses of the Past...

### B.B. Paddock



B.B. Paddock moved to Texas in the fall of 1872. He settled in Fort Worth and made the development of his adopted city his major career. He is primarily remembered as editor of the Fort Worth Democrat (1873–81), president of the Fort Worth and Rio Grande Railway Company (1885–89), founder and executive secretary of the Fort Worth Board of Trade (1901–09), and four-term mayor of Fort Worth (1892–1900).

B. B. Paddock served first as Editor of the Fort Worth Democrat then as Editor of the Fort Worth Gazette.

The Democrat became the first daily newspaper in Fort Worth, starting daily service on July 4, 1876.

In 1875 Paddock begged for a packing plant to be built in Fort Worth. "There is no reason why Fort Worth should not become the great cattle center of Texas." he had proclaimed in the Democrat. The first answer to his plea came in 1881 when W.E. Richardson came from St. Louis to Dallas to establish a pork packer. When Paddock learned of this he went to Dallas and lured Richardson to Fort Worth.

Paddock is also remembered as publisher of the 1873 Tarantula Railroad Map (which showed nine railroads radiating from Fort Worth long before the first trunk line's arrival).

Paddock died on January 9, 1922, at his home in Fort Worth.

"In the death of Captain Paddock, Fort Worth has lost a far-sighted, faithful and generous friend. In dangerous times he fought for the rights of this city as only a big man can fight, and he loved her as only a big man can love. With rare devotion and ability he served Fort Worth as mayor for eight years and later the Chamber of Commerce as its secretary.... his far vision, unflinching courage and devotion to Fort Worth made him its master builder. We owe him a debt of undying gratitude...." quoting from a proclamation from Mayor E. H. Cockrell who ordered all flags to half mast.

Below is the map drawn by Paddock in 1873, three years before the first railroad arrived, depicting his dream of Fort Worth becoming a rail hub. This map would become known as the "Tarantula" map.



### NFWHS News by Teresa Burleson



Member and volunteer, Bobby Creel, had to have an outpatient surgery and is at home being nursed back to health by his wife Christy. Get well soon Bobby!

**Congratulations to member and volunteer, Ed Brown,** for being awarded the Golden Horseshoe Award from Stockyards Station. As some of you know, Ed is a Tour Guide here in the Stockyards and because of his dedication to providing a memorable experience to those that visit the Stockyards, he was awarded this token of their appreciation.



Ed Brown with the Golden Horseshoe on his hat.

In 2013 Ed became a NFWHS member and a volunteer in the museum every Thursday. Soon after, he decided he also wanted to be a tour guide and he accepted a position with Stockyards Station. Since that time Ed has been given the unofficial title of "Mr. Stockyards" by his co-workers. Ed said he loves the Stockyards because his roots are here and it gives him the opportunity to relive the history of his ancestors. He also wants people to know how much volunteering at the museum has enhanced his life with new friends and adopted family.

If you would be interested in volunteering in the Stockyards Museum call Teresa at 817-625-5082 or email at [nfwhs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nfwhs@sbcglobal.net).

### Happy Birthday to Cattleman's Steakhouse!

Celebrating 70 years in the Fort Worth Stockyards!

The restaurant was established by Jesse and Mozelle Roach in 1947. Today, it's owned by Marti Taylor and Larry Heppe, who are adamant about staying with the core business of high-quality steaks. It is an icon in the Stockyards and offer a good steak at reasonable prices. One of the most popular items on the menu is calf fries!



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