

Fairview Cemetery Preservation Association
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NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE ON BOARD

Photo of Mrs. Bigbee did not arrive in time for newsletter. It will appear in the next issue.

The *Torrance County History* gives us a little background on the Bigbee family. In 1925, two sisters, daughters of Judge and Mrs. Louis Penry of Fort Worth, homesteaded near Encino, New Mexico. Allene Penry Long was a widow with three children. Her sister Mildred was a schoolteacher. The women were warned about those "wild Bigbee boys," but the two sisters married the two brothers anyway. Dade and Frank Bigbee, two of the eleven children of David and Cynthia Bigbee, came with their family to the Estancia Valley in 1908 on an "immigrant train" from Missouri. Dade and Frank founded the Bigbee Brothers Cattle Company which flourished for over sixty years and is part of the pioneer history of the Estancia Valley.

The Board of Directors of the Fairview Cemetery Preservation is pleased to acknowledge this generous gift and extends its heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Pickel.

ANNUAL MEETING AT MATTHEWS SEPT. 20

Janice and David Matthews will host the annual meeting of the association at their home, 2 Pinonero, (off General Sage) Thursday, September 20, 5 p.m. New officers and directors will be elected. Anyone with an interest in Fairview Cemetery is urged to attend. If you have any ideas, suggestions, complaints or compliments to offer, this is your opportunity.

(Note from Editor Meyer: We hope none of you have thought of our association in the same way a friend of my husband's did. The friend came by to pick Lee up while we were having a Fairview board meeting and commented that it must be awfully morbid to have to attend meetings for a cemetery. Lee told him not at all--that we had a great time at our meetings! So keep that in mind. We get the business meeting over quickly and efficiently. While refreshments are served, we visit and exchange ideas about how to improve and promote our work at Fairview).

\$5,000 GIFT TO OUR ASSOCIATION IN MEMORY OF ALLENE PENRY BIGBEE (pictured above)

The \$5,000 check which came in June from Allene Bigbee Pickel was a complete surprise, but it was a welcome one indeed. Mrs. Pickel is the daughter of Allene (Mrs. Dade) Bigbee who died in June 1989. Mrs. Pickel served as personal representative of the Bigbee estate and chose our association as a recipient. We are very appreciative. The intent of the gift was that it be used for perpetual care at Fairview. We asked Mrs. Pickel if she had a preference on how it is spent. She wishes the Fairview Board of Directors to make that determination. The money is earning interest right now, but the board has informally discussed the possibility of going ahead with another section of the sprinkler system--which will include the graves of Allene and Dade Bigbee. A decision will be made soon at an official board meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our annual Spring Clean-up day was held May 19. We had a relatively small number of workers this year. Two or three people came from some distance (one was Jim Fincke from Fort Sumner, brother of our late president, Gil Fincke). After a long winter season it takes a lot of effort to get Fairview looking nice for Memorial Day. We hope to get more people interested for next year. If you were not there you missed a great potluck lunch afterward. It was Ruth Summers idea - a good one worth repeating.

Our new lawn sprinkling system, an extension of the system installed a year ago by Jim Vandersys and his son, is complete and working. All of Sections D, C and part of B are now irrigated (see map) by turning a few valves. Approximately 50 commercial grade pop-up sprayheads were installed. The installation cost the association \$7400 and was completed during the first week of August. Jim Vandersys and Warren Jones managed this project for our association.

Three men shared the duties of Grounds Chairman this summer. It is necessary to go to Fairview almost every day to observe what needs attention and to direct the caretaker. Amado Summers and Bob Clifford supervised the maintenance activities from mid-May through mid-August. Frequent rains through July and August have helped keep the cemetery green - much prettier than during last summer's heat, winds and drought.

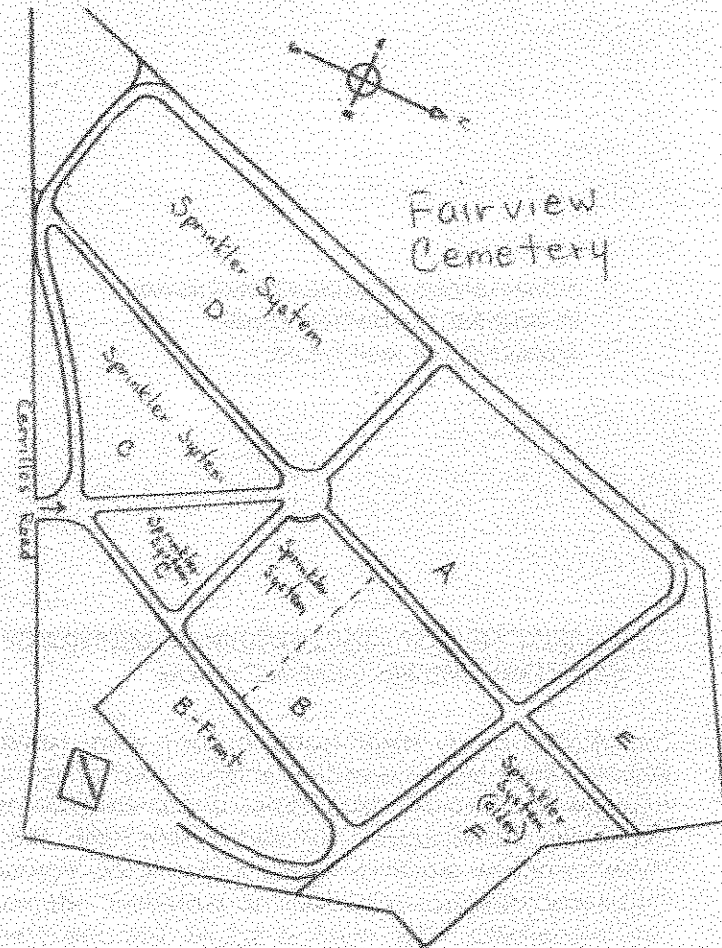
The officers and Board of Directors look to the continued, steady improvement of the physical condition of Fairview. As funds permit, there is much that we need to do. We welcome your thoughts - and your contributions.

Warren Jones, President

THE 'REST OF THE STORY'

President Warren Jones is very modest in his report concerning the new section of sprinkler system. Those of us who watched all of it from beginning to end know how much time and work were involved. Warren and Jim Vandersys spent a tremendous amount of time on the project. The pipe company drew a sprinkler plan for the proposed work and Warren put it out for bids to three firms. The job was awarded to the lowest bidder and from the day work was begun, until the project was accepted about two weeks later, Warren and Jim were at the cemetery constantly. We are fortunate to have had both of them to oversee this project. They are satisfied that we got a good job. Thanks to both of you.

This map will give you a clear idea of how much has been done so far on the cemetery sprinkler system. The areas remaining to be done are about equal to what we have already installed. Section B (front) near the caretaker's residence, and the remainder of Section B will probably be the next area to be done. Section A includes the burials moved from the old Masonic/Odd Fellows Cemetery downtown near the turn of the century. There have never even been any faucets in that part of A. Section F, next to the New Mexico School for the Deaf, has a sprinkler system which was installed by the Woman's Club before they turned Fairview over to the County. Caretaker Tim Espinosa has recently gotten it in good working order. It is very gratifying to see progress like this, and to know that we are spending your contributions to the very best advantage.



HERITAGE DAY AND POT-LUCK LUNCHEON CALLED GREAT SUCCESS - TENTATIVE PLANS TO REPEAT IT IN 1990

Warren Jones mentioned the clean-up in his report, but we want to tell you more. Following the clean-up, about 25 people met at the Odd Fellows Hall adjacent to Fairview for a potluck luncheon and 'Heritage Day.' The food was marvelous! A nice touch was the Centennial placards which we got out of storage and Chairwoman

Ruth Summers posted around the room. People who had not attended our 1984 Centennial had an opportunity to see pictures and historical information on Fairview families which was used on Centennial Day for the RIP Tour (Revisiting Important People). Everyone who attended thought it was a good addition to Clean-up Day and said it should be repeated next year.

WILL YOU VOLUNTEER TO SERVE ON OUR BOARD?

We need people, particularly men, who are willing to serve on our board of directors and to become directly involved with the work on the grounds at the cemetery. It can be a difficult and sometimes frustrating job, but because a few dedicated men have been willing, Fairview is now in far better condition than when we began our association nine years ago. We are emphasizing the need for men because they work directly with the caretaker and other men at the County. However, if any woman would like to tackle it, we would be pleased to have you. Call the president or fill out the form at the end of the newsletter.

HEADSTONES FOR OLD GRAVES ORDERED

Six stones were ordered for old graves this month and will be installed by the time we hold the annual meeting. Two of interest are being done by the Historical Committee of the Presbyterian Church (Mary Boshen was the mover on this). They are for two women, Florence Kohler and Vera Whitsett, missionaries who virtually gave their lives to the church. Other old Fairview families who have added markers are Du Val, Bowlds and Wilson.

SANTA FE GARDEN CLUB PLANTS ENTRANCE BEDS

The women of the Santa Fe Garden Club planted two sizes of marigolds in the two entrance beds again this spring. They were doing well when a colony of gophers took up housekeeping at the site. Tim has been trying to eradicate them, but it is a difficult battle. A few of the plants did not survive, but the remainder are thriving. Thank you, Garden Clubbers.

CONTRIBUTIONS SINCE MAY NEWSLETTER

In addition to the wonderful bequest of \$5000, our association has received contributions in the amount of \$1543. But as we reported in the May newsletter, these large gifts are used only for special projects like the sprinkler system, not for maintenance. Our cemetery expenses continue as usual, so your regular contributions are needed and welcome. The board thanks each of you. The donations of \$1543 were in amounts ranging from \$10 to \$250. They are as follows:

Abernathy, Margot Pope*	McDaniel, Versie D.*
Barker, Mrs. Charles*	Meyer, Marian*
Bentley, Verda R.*	Millford, M/M Stanley*
Bowlds, Mrs. C. C.*	Milligan, Harold F.
Catron, M/M Thomas B. III,*	Miller, Mrs. Oscar
Claffey, Marguerite*	Montezuma Lodge No. 1*
DeCastro, M/M Fred	Naranjo, Maria E/Juana
Duncan, Donna*	Nesbit, Kittie
Fincke, James R.*	Pomomis, Katherine
Gans, M/M Harold J.	SFHS Reunion Committee*
Granito, Teofila	Santheson, Maree B.*
Hillyer, M/M John*	Shirley, Sue*
Johnson, Mrs. Maurice E.*	Toulouse, Betty
Levine, Marilyn	White, Mrs. Kenneth A.
Leverich, Ann*	Zinn, M/M Frank
Livingston, Leona	

***MEMORIALS**

To Consuelo Summers from: Margot Abernathy, Mrs. Charles Barker, Marguerite Claffey, Santa Fe High School Reunion Committee (Class of 19??), M/M John Hillyer, Marian Meyer and Maree Santheson; to W. J. Bentley from: Verda R. Bentley and Ann Leverich; to Stephen Ellis Catron from M/M Thomas B. Catron III; to Gil Fincke from Donna Duncan; to Harry and Ola, Bill, Bob and Gil Fincke from James R. Fincke; to Jennie & W. F. Cartelou and Martha Watt from M/M Stanley J. Millford; to Dr. Madison Milligan, Kathleen & May Milligan from Harold F. Milligan; to Howard & Opal Sleeper from Sue Shirley; to M/M Wendall V. Hall from Mrs. Maurice E. Johnson; to Bertha McCline from Marian Meyer. Note: The generous contribution of \$250 from Montezuma Lodge No. 1, AF&AM is an annual gift and reflects the interest of many Masons in our association. We were pleased when Amado's family requested that memorials to Mrs. Summers be given to our association. A goodly number were received. Also, Amado has indicated that he will plant three trees in memory of his mother. Because most of the casualties to our memorial trees have been lack of water in the winter, he intends to personally water them in the winter from a barrel on his truck.

INTERMENTS

There have been five interments since the spring newsletter: W. J. Bentley, accountant for many years for the Woman's Club when they still maintained the cemetery; Helen Brewer, who had lived in Santa Fe for almost half a century; and Consuelo Summers, mother of our Vice-President, Amado Summers; Bertha McCline, age 99, the mother of Benethel Jones; and Marguerite Wheat of Espanola.

TOMBSTONE REPAIRED, OTHERS TO BE DONE

We reported last year that Amado and Ruth Summers had offered to pay to have the James Seligman family cross repaired. The large and handsome gray marble marker was toppled and broken during our first seige of vandalism back in the early 1980s. We are glad to have it repaired and again standing guard over the family plot. Arrangements have been made for three other markers to be attended to next month. A large Kinsell stone was dislodged some time ago by a massive tree root. It will be moved on the grave, away from the offending root. A descendant of the Kinsell family sent us a check for this purpose some time ago, but we had not found anyone who could handle the heavy stone until recently. Also, the Lansing Bloom stone was sunken and will be raised, as requested by the family.

Another old historical stone will be pieced together and bonded with epoxy. It marks the grave of a young attorney who was murdered in his bed in Pecos in 1875. Philip Schwarzkopf was a merchant in Santa Fe in 1860, where he was a friend of the Speigelberg family. He studied law, moved to Mora and was on his way to attend court in Pena Blanca, spending the night at the home of a friend, Juan Baca. Another lodger, Francisco Pino, shared a room with Schwartzkopf, and was said to be the murderer. After shooting Schwartzkopf, he shot himself in the temple. Pino's wife later said her husband was subject to "insane fits." This was one of the stones moved to Fairview from the old Masonic Cemetery. There are a number of other historical old stones which are broken, and from time to time, we will try to get them mended.

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I would like to serve on the Fairview Board of Directors.

Name _____

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