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## Schedule of Events

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events in 2013 & 2014. Meetings are held in the Program Room at the Haggard Library, 2501 Coit Rd., Plano, TX from 10:15 to 12:30 unless otherwise noted:

### Today's Topic:

**December 21, 2013**—Show and Tell—share your family history finds with the group.

### Future Topics

**January 18, 2014**—Richard Monroe will present “A Century of Texas Immigration”

**February 15, 2014**—To Be Announced

**March 15, 2014**—To Be Announced

**The Legacy Users Group** meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, downstairs at Haggard Library from 1:30 to 3:30. There is an after meeting session if you need one on one help. Contact [ptxlegacy@verizon.net](mailto:ptxlegacy@verizon.net)

If you have an idea about a program or a speaker, email Charlie Law at [programs@genealogyfriends.org](mailto:programs@genealogyfriends.org).

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## Publications For Sale

The following are available from Genealogy Friends:

Public Land Survey Systems	\$5
Plano Star Courier Index 1904-1910	\$20
Plano Star Courier Index 1911-1917	\$20
Cemeteries of Collin County, TX	\$40
Collin County, TX Voter Registration Index 1867	\$20
Place Names of Collin County, TX	\$10
Railroads in Collin County, TX	\$10
Colonial Ills, Brews & Concoctions	\$10
Library 101: Using Dewey Decimal Sys	\$10

## Genfriends Membership

### It's time to renew your membership.

Our membership year runs from October 1 to September 30. Individual memberships are \$30 a year and family memberships are \$50.

The money we raise is used to purchase materials for the Genealogy Section at Haggard Library.

Download the membership form on our website <http://genealogyfriends.org/news/> send it in with payment to

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## 2014 National Conferences

RootsTech will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah 6-8 February, 2014. Visit <https://registration.rootstech.org/2014/portal/newreg.wv> for more information.

The National Genealogical Society national conference, "Virginia: The First Frontier" will be held in Richmond, Virginia 7-10 May 2014. Registration is now open. Visit <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/event-registration/> for more information.

The Federation of Genealogical Societies conference, "Gone to Texas" will be held in San Antonio, Texas 27-30 August 2014. Visit <https://www.fgsconference.org/> for more information.

## Genealogy Friends Logo Shirts & Tote Bags

We have logo t-shirts, sweatshirts, Henley's and polo style shirts available.

The shirts have a 3" dark green logo printed on the left chest. All shirts are available in toddler through XXXL.

T-shirts \$15

Long Sleeved T Shirts \$18

Sweatshirts \$20 (white, neutral, ash, light blue, pink, yellow and sand)

Henley's \$20 (white, ash or natural)

Polo Shirts \$20 (white, ask or light blue)

Tote Bags \$17



## Flashback—Tracing Our Collin County Roots

By Brenda Kellow

This is the first article in a series beginning with the December issue of Genealogy Friends' Newsletter, [www.genealogyfriends.org](http://www.genealogyfriends.org), in which I report what I read in the old issues of The Plano Star Courier Newspaper, beginning with the 1953 issue. As a native of Collin County I feel Plano histories in particular always ignore the 1950s through the 1980s. I hope Flashback—Tracing Our Collin County Roots fills that void. I won't be rewriting history, just reporting what appeared in the newspaper. I will mention some of the things going on such as births, deaths, marriages, visits of townspeople and their guests, people graduating from high school, people in piano recitals, even a few of the local store advertisements, a brief mention of politicians running for office, and some of the movies showing at the local Palace movie theatre referred to as 'the show.' I hope it is a fun article acquainting the reader with the old settlers of Plano and giving a sense of the environment back then.

I also write Tracing Our Roots in the Plano Star Courier Newspaper, a weekly genealogy column since 1995. Access it at [www.tracingourroots.weebly.com](http://www.tracingourroots.weebly.com)

The Plano Star Courier, Plano, Collin County, Texas, July 16, 1953

Plano Star Courier, established in 1888. Arthur A. Bagwill, editor, publisher and proprietor. Telephone number 33. Subscription rates: 1 yr. in state \$1.50. 1 yr. out of state \$2.00.

p. 1. It's dry in Plano. A two-inch rain fell in Plano yesterday. Each drop was two inches apart.

Rev. Lenton Poss preached at the morning and evening services at the Christian Church. Mrs. Poss and son Michael are visiting her family in Temple.

The Freeze-Ette Ice Cream and Drive-In opened Tuesday in Plano at 1102 S. Avenue K just south of the Cotton Belt Railroad. The Freeze-Ette roly poly clown will welcome visitors.

The Belleview Addition just started in NE Plano near the elementary school that has started up [Mendenhall Elementary]. It will have curb and gutters. Proclaims Plano's motto, "Plano, where everybody is somebody."

Mrs. Jewel Raby's Funeral was held at the Christian Church in Allen. The service was conducted by Rev. Roscoe Bell and Rev. C. C. Geen. Burial in Allen Cemetery. Mrs. Raby was born in Allen, Feb. 22, 1901 and is the daughter of T. F. and Mary (Mankins) McMillen.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Adams travel to Hopkins County Sunday where he is the Memorial Day speaker.

Rev. A. W. Peirce of Plano preaches at the Fannie Harrington Chapel in NW Plano each third Sunday. The church celebrates 50 years on August 16.

E. J. Baxter, formerly of Plano, is in St. Paul Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vavra, Jr. visited briefly in Plano on way to Sherman. They live in Dallas where he is in the bakery business. [Possibly the Vavra Bakery in Casa Linda.]

The Collin County Baptist Worker's Conference was held in Plano at the First Baptist Church. Pastor Rev. F. H. Siler is Moderator. Principal speaker was Rev. G. B. Bradshaw, formerly pastor of the North McKinney Baptist Church.

Elbert A. Randles was speaker at the Plano Lions Club. Dressed as a cowboy, Randles started off the meeting with a bang from his six-shooter.

Murphy infant Roy Lafon suffered bruises when he fell from his high-chair. The Harrington ambulance rushed him to Wysong Clinic in McKinney for treatment.

Supt. E. A. Sigler asked anyone interested in being in the Pep Squad or cheering section to be at the front of the auditorium on Tuesday at 6 o'clock.

Miss Carolyn Carpenter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Carpenter of Plano was taken to the St. Paul Hospital where she will undergo an appendectomy.

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Renner Methodist Church begins revival on July 26 announced Rev. Hugh B. Daniel. C. J. Fogel leads the singing, and Norma Wells will be at the piano.

North Texas Municipal Water District met Tuesday in Wylie. Alex Shell Jr. was Plano's representative. A contract will be drawn shortly and presented to the ten member cities. Currently, cities get their water from deep water wells which are becoming increasingly shallow. Having additional water will insure Plano's continued growth because of its abundant water supply. Lavon Lake is in the process of being closed and it will begin filling this fall. Plano residents are expected to vote favorably on this contract.

Rev. D. L. Hammer announces Big Springs Baptist on Jupiter Road begins revival on July 23.

The 'Dish Shower' for the Plano Community Center's goal was for a service of 75, but Chamber of Commerce President Roy Murrell expects 100 when all the dishes are counted. Mrs. Murrell was chairperson for the event sponsored by the Business and Professional Women of Plano.

For FHA Loans see A. R. Schell and son, phone number 127.

- p. 2 Three Plano Air Force reservists spend two weeks in training at the 8708<sup>th</sup> Pilot Training Wing based at Hensley Field in Grand Prairie and Eagle Mountain Lake airport. F. Sgt. Willie F. Carter 912 19<sup>th</sup> St., A 1C Elmer L. Whitaker 912 19<sup>th</sup> St., A. B. Leon G. Allen 1205 14<sup>th</sup> St.

When you dine out, dine at the Dutchess Restaurant, Fit for a Queen, 1912 Ave. K., phone 322.

Carpenter Brothers, your Ford dealers.

Plano Masonic Lodge #768 installed officers: Clifford Skiles; Clyde McDowel, Curtiss Watson, Frank Beverly, Nathan E. White, Lewis Haun, Frank Robinson, Bud Norton, Paul Junker, James Hays, John Jinks.

Jose Ferrer makes his singing debut at the State Fair Musical "Kiss Me Kate" on July 19.

- p. 3 District Deputy Grand Master W. Frank Boren calls urges all Masons to attend meeting Wednesday. Western Auto Store, B. J. Stubs, Owner, phone 293.

- p. 4 Harrington Pharmacy, for the Little Lady's own toiletries, phone 14.

Plano's Palace Theatre: Montana Belle with Jane Russell in true color, Scared Stiff with Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis.

Misses Carolyn and Carmen Carpenter welcomed former classmates Misses Jessie and Beatrice Crouse now of Indiana.

Homer L. Adams' brother Eulice is in the Ashburn Veteran's Hospital in McKinney.

Cristies' International Harvester has nine pickup trucks for sale at low prices.

Reverend Raymond V. Horn pastor of the First Methodist Church was the speaker at the Rotary Club that meets at the Community House.

- p. 5 All your Jewelry needs at Everett and Logan Jewelers, owners Roy Everett and Elwood Logan.

Hood Realty seeks farms to purchase.

W. T. Griffin, Real Estate, phone 110.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bagwill hosted niece and nephew Mr. and Mrs. Walthall and children Jimmy and Patricia of McKinney.

Vernon Hartline is spending the week in Wichita Falls with his cousin Terry Angel.

The E. L. Sherrill family visited his brother Arlan in Garland.

Plano High Colored School's split session begins July 20 per principal W. S. Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Jewel DeVasher are on a business trip through Mississippi, Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee and Arkansas. They will visit relatives in Mississippi and Kentucky. DeVasher's Dress Shop will remain open under the supervision of Gladys Wood.

Mrs. Harvey Angel and Nancy, Mrs. Edward Angel and twin daughters of Farmers Branch are visiting Mrs. Edward Angel's parents in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Thomas W. Forman, native of Plano and a graduate of Plano High School and the University of Texas, retires

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after 40 years with the U. S. Engineers. Forman was the designer of the Galveston ship channel construction. Pigs for sale. See Homer Horton.

All summer merchandise must go at DeVasher's Shop, 1509 15<sup>th</sup> Place. Phone 311.

Hickory smoke barbecue at Roscoe White's Corral, 5418 Mockingbird Ln., Dallas.

Varo Mfg. Co. of Garland received additional contracts from the Air Force. Varo pioneered development of precision airborne electronic power supplies for use with the highly accurate electronic bomb, rocket and gun sights used on the newest and fastest jet fighters and bombers, such as the F-84, F-86, and B-47.

Allen's Drug Store for all your prescription needs.

p. 6 Mrs. Nellie Pannell and niece Marjorie went to Sherman to visit Mrs. W. J. Pannell, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Henson.

John C. Collinsworth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Collinsworth, received a telegram from the war department that their son was wounded in battle in Korea. Their other son Elbert is on his way to Japan.

p. 7 Dr. Geo. W. Apple, Jr., M.D., 1534 Avenue K, phone 424.

Dr. O. T. Mitchell, M. D., 1514 Avenue K.

Dr. Jerry O. Thompson, D. O., 1310 Avenue K, phone 34.

H. M. Harris, Attorney at Law, Chaddick Building.

M. L. McMenamy, plumbing and heating, 1701 Avenue H, phone 63.

For unmatched beauty in flowers see D&D Flower Shop.

Dr. A. H. Porterfield, Dentist, Chaddick Building.

The Dallas Morning News delivered to your door, Frank Robinson #364M and Billy Wayne Creed #28J.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Young hosted her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. McMasters from Tennessee.

I.O.O.F. Lodge #114 installs officers: J. A. Campbell, W. E. Carroll, G. C. Prince, Raymond Thompson, Raymond Hinton, H. Moore, B. R. Hurry, Ray Haun, P. F. French, Jack Burnside, J. C. Smith, Bill Buchanan, W. O. Bickle, Walter Uselton.

Dugger Implement Company, Plano, has the rake that makes the better hay.

Jarrell Buick Company, like Christmas in July, 1518 Avenue K, phone 34.

p. 8 Miss Cora Lee Hastings, bride of Frank Forman formerly of Plano, June 22. Daughter of Mrs. Dora Hastings of Wyoming. Mr. Forman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Forman of Plano. Rev. A. C. Caton officiated. Mr. Forman graduated from Plano in 1948. The couple will live in Montana.

Miss Jacquelyn Storey Emerson of Dallas engaged to Dr. Stanton J. Barron, Jr. of Corsicana. The couple married on July 25.

Mrs. C. O. Walker was a patient at City-County Hospital in McKinney.

Mr. R. C. Carpenter of Dallas was 97 last Saturday.

Mrs. Emma Patton fell ill at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stout and daughter Kay.

Rev. A. W. Peirce, First Methodist Church, has broken his heel. During his illness, W. R. Anderson teaches his well-attended Baraca Class.

Feel marooned. See Joe Bradshaw, Insurance, 1021 W. 15<sup>th</sup> St., phone 113.

Gulf Service Station, run by Leon Lewis.

President Mrs. Arthur Stout, called a meeting of the elementary PTA.

Mrs. Owen Dunn spent last weekend with her son, Pvt. Ronnie Dunn, who is stationed at Fort Bliss, El Paso.

Mrs. George Wyatt will lead the May Dye Circle of the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Live Aldridge of Plano went to Saint Paul Hospital Monday in the Harrington ambulance.

Brighten up your outdoors. See Murrell's Hardware.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McCauley thank everyone for helping them celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.