

# PEARLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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"Dedicated to preserving the history and heritage of "Old Pearland"

## President's Message

As I am writing this section of the **Newsletter**, the temperature outside is about 100 degrees. Does anyone think this is the result of "Global Warming" or "Climate Change" which now seems to be the proper phrase with the media? Many of our older members have told of their experiences working in the hayfields, shoveling terraces in the rice fields or roustabouting in the oil fields back in the 30's and 40's in the days before air conditioning; and a quick look at a **Texas Almanac** shows the record high temperature ever recorded in **Texas** was 120 degrees at **Seymour, Texas** in 1936. We certainly had some really hot weather back there in those days when we all cooled off with a swim in a nearby rice canal which we shared with the fish, turtles and snakes. So the idea of "Global Warming" doesn't resonate too much with those of us who vividly remember those hot days in the hay fields or oil field. One good memory about those hot days is remembering the ice cold "**black diamond**" watermelons we would get at **Mrs. Cunningham's** ice house. (Editor's Note: For all the young people who might read this, the "ice house" was a store where you actually bought ice and not a beer joint.) Man, after a day of work out in those 100 plus degree days an ice cold "**black diamond**" melon was a heavenly treat. What great memories.

Also the passing of each of our older **Historical Society** members brings back some wonderful memories even as we grieve his/her passing; and also invariably brings forth comparisons of those days when we had no air conditioning and times were so rough; but invariably it seems we always wind up saying, "yes, the times were really hard but we wouldn't trade with the young people of today". The passing of **Mr. Jack Dempsey** really set me to thinking about those days when **Pearland** was really

in area just what "**Old Pearland**" is today, when you knew everyone in town, and when you had troubles there was always a friend or a neighbor who was ready to offer a helping hand. We discuss this further in the **Newsletter**. It is always an ongoing topic at our **Historical Society Reunion Luncheon** which is **Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>** this year. Fill out the reservation form attached to the Newsletter and get your tickets. It is always a great day to see those old friends and renew those old memories.

Best regards to all.

Mickey Mark

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*Don't forget our quarterly meeting Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> 7:00 P.M. at the Knapp Senior Center on Park Street. Homemade cookies, coffee, soft drinks and visitation with old friends follows the meeting. See you there.*

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## What's Happening

At the **April** quarterly meeting the current officers were re-elected for another 2 year term. Officers are as follows:

**President: Mickey Mark**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Luther Cunningham**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Carleen Nichols Mark**

**Treasurer: Peggy Farthing Long**

**Secretary: Brenda Martin Riggs**

Also members voted to again use **Central Texas Barbecue** to cater the **Reunion Luncheon**. Price will remain at \$8.00 per person.

In the April issue of the **Newsletter**, it was mentioned that in a co-ordinated project between the **Pearland Old Townsite Group** historic homes inside the old townsite will be identified. Thanks go out to members **Dwight Bittick and Brenda Martin Riggs** for their work in identifying and gathering history on the old homes. The **Historical Society** will be establishing the criteria for a home to qualify as a **Pearland** historical home. Also **Society member Carl Talbot** is working on designing a plaque for historical homes. We will be discussing this project in our July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

The **Old Townsite Group** has instigated a program to identify the “**Old Townsite**” homes of the month. The first winner was the home of **Ruth LeClere** on **North Washington Street**. **Ruth’s** gorgeous home certainly has added beauty to “**Old Pearland**”. It is impressive to look at but even more impressive is the flower garden behind the fence. A tour through **Ruth’s** side and back yard is reminiscent of a trip through **Moody Gardens in Galveston**. If you were not aware **Ruth** is one of the owners of **Central Texas Barbecue**, the ones who furnish the tasty barbecue at our annual **Reunion Luncheons**.



**1<sup>st</sup> Home of the Month Ruth LeClere’s home on Washington Street**

The home of the month for the month of **July** is the beautiful home of **Helen and Luther Cunningham** on South **Washington Street**. Not only is this home a beautiful old home; but it is also a very historic home. Known to old timers around Pearland as the old **Palmer** house, it was built around 1909. A look at an old photo will give one an idea of the amount of work and loving care **Luther and Helen** have put into making their home the show place it is today.



**Luther & Helen Cunningham – July Old Townsite Home of the Month**



**Same house approx. 1925 – Known as the Palmer house. Little girl in picture is Margurite Massey Smith. Quite a difference between the house of 1925 and the Cunningham house today.**

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*I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.* -- Will Rogers

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### **Among Our Members**

It is always sad to write about the passing of our **Historical Society** members and other long time **Pearlanders**. Many of us often comment about how few “old timers” are now left in modern **Pearland**.

**Society Member Frank Waddle** passed away April 14 after a long battle against cancer. **Frank**, who was a home builder in **Conroe**, was a 1957 **PHS** grad. He was a fine man who always greeted old friends with a wide smile and a firm handshake; and you couldn't miss him in a crowd in his long sleeve white dress shirt and starched blue jeans he always wore. Our sympathies go out to his wife, **Donna** and all the members of his family.

Long time **Pearlander** and **Society Member Rosalie Miller Acree** suffered a stroke and passed away suddenly on May 1<sup>st</sup> at the age of 89. **Rosalie** came to **Pearland** in the 40's after she married **Berry Miller** and was a person who was always ready to extend a helping hand to those who needed it. **Rosalie** had been in **Trinity Oaks** assisted living facility for quite some time before her death. She will be missed.



**Jack Dempsey, Army Air Force Cadet circa 1941**

**Society Member** retired **Air Force Colonel Jack Dempsey** passed away June 18<sup>th</sup> at the age of 94 in **Norfolk, Virginia**. **Jack Dempsey** was a former **Pearland** teacher who was a legend to those students who were fortunate enough to have had "**Mr. Jack**" as their teacher. Although he had not lived in **Pearland** since 1941, "**Mr. Jack**" never forgot his roots and was buried at **South Park** with full military honors. Reflecting on **Jack Dempsey's** interesting life story is also a reflection on the little community of **Pearland** prior to **World War II**. (See story further in the **Newsletter**)

**Luther "Bud" Raney** passed away April 25<sup>th</sup> after a very long battle with cancer. **Bud** was the youngest of the **Raney** boys and a man who was liked by everyone. **Bud** was married to **Peggy Cogbill Raney** and lived in **Conroe**. He will be missed.

**Brenda Hebert** passed away suddenly at the age of 49 on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Many of our members knew the **Hebert** family who lived off **Garden Road** and went to school with **Brenda** or one of her brothers, **Terry, Gary or Brian**.

Former **Pearlander Howard Kowis** passed away on May 11<sup>th</sup> at **Hill Top Lakes, Texas**. His daughter, **LeAnn Kowis Llewellyn**, is someone who always has a friendly greeting to you when you walk into **Ace Hardware in Pearland**.

Former **Pearlander John Saffle** passed away suddenly at his home in **Las Vegas, Nevada** on April 25<sup>th</sup>. **John** was a 1950 graduate of **PHS**. He was an outstanding football player for the **Oilers** and won a scholarship to **Baylor University**. Many of you will remember that **John's** father was superintendent at **South Park Cemetery** back in the 40's and early 50's. His sister, **Mary Jo**, was married to **George Olin**. His sister, **Sally**, lives near **Austin** and is the widow of **Grant Dimmitt**. His brother **Joe David** is a **Baptist** minister. **John** is survived by his wife, **June**, and 3 daughters.

Long time **Pearlander Nell Fuller** passed away June 26<sup>th</sup>. Those of you who have been around **Pearland** for a number of years will remember **Nell's** work with the **Women League of Voters** and with the **VFW**. She was a dedicated community worker.

**Ronnie Ellis**, youngest son of **Pearland** residents, **Buddy and Alice Ellis** passed away suddenly June 30<sup>th</sup> at the age of 52. The **Ellis** family is one of the really long time **Pearland** families. **Buddy Ellis** was one of the members of the **Pearland Volunteer Fire Dept.** whose names are listed on the **Fire Dept.'s** charter of incorporation of **Jan. 8, 1954**. Other names on the charter were **H. D. "Buck" Johnston, D. L. "David" Smith, David Scott, Bill Perrin and Tom Alexander**. Losing **Ronnie** at the early age of 52 is a tough loss.

Former **Pearlander** and 1952 **PHS** grad **Samuel Cecil "Bubba" Jamison** passed away June 29<sup>th</sup> due to a brain tumor. **Bubba**, the son of **Sam and Mildred Jamison**, was living in **New Mexico** the time of his death.

1948 **PHS** grad **Irvin Baggett** passed away June 21<sup>st</sup> in **Midfield, Texas**. **Irvin** was one of 4 **Baggett** brothers – **John**, class of 1946 (deceased) **Billy Jack**, class of 1950 and **Doug**, class of 1953.

**Society Member Susan Smith Lenamon** reports that **June 11<sup>th</sup>** is a day which will “live in her infamy”. Her Dad, **Society Member David Smith** took a fall and had to be rushed to E.R. His great grandson, 4 year old **Cooper Gartrell (grandson of Leah Smith Bateman)** was rushed to the hospital with 104 degree fever and his granddaughter, **Lacey Bateman Gartrell** went into labor and gave birth to **Lucy Loren Gartrell** ; and **Lucy** had to stay in the hospital due to jaundice. (keep reading below for the good news)

June certainly was a rough month for the **Smith/Lenamon family**. Again on June 11<sup>th</sup>, **Susan and Ben’s** grandson, **Zachary Davis**, was in a mowing accident and suffered a severe laceration to his foot. He is in a wheelchair for the summer as he cannot put ANY weight on it. Here’s hoping July is a better month.

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### **And The Good News**

The good news is although **David Smith** did have a knee injury he is now mobile, taking therapy three times and week and improving each day. The good news on young **Cooper**, for whom so many have been praying, is that his cancer is not in relapse and his blood count is up. Also newly born **Lucy** is home from the hospital and doing well.

In the last issue of the **Newsletter**, we wrote about the health problems of members **Pat Talbot Burkett** and **Bob Peirsol**. It is great to report that both **Pat and Bob** have recovered and both are now doing well. Each of them went through a very harrowing time.

Also member **Carl Halik** is doing very well after going through colon surgery sometime back.

Congratulations to **Society members Larry and Nancy Phillips** who will celebrate 50 years of marriage in **August**. To celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, they took a trip to **Alaska**, our 50<sup>th</sup> state back in June. **Larry** reports they had a great time and hopefully by this time they have developed the 2500 or so pictures he took. It is also really good to report that **Nancy** is doing well after going through the ordeal of surgery and radiation treatments for oral cancer.

While most of us are sweating out the hot and humid **Pearland** weather, **Society Members Nolan and Kathleen West** are enjoying the cool weather of their summer **Colorado** home. **Kathleen** reports she and **Nolan** have a granddaughter to brag about. **Kathleen** writes, “Our son **Mark** and his wife **Susan** who live in **Regency Park in Pearland**, have a daughter **Amy**, who has received an appointment to the **Air Force Academy**. She will report 3 weeks after graduation to begin basic training. She will be on the gymnastic team for the **Academy**.” Don’t blame you for bragging, **Kathleen**.

**Society Member Mary (Long) Borm** was named **Volunteer of the Year** for 2008 by the **Hays County United Way**. Although she is retired from her business of auditing nonprofit organizations she continues to work as a volunteer or board member for many of those organizations in **Hays County (San Marcos)**. Congratulations, **Mary**.

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### **Pearland Teams Go To State**

The folks in **Pearland** had reason to be very proud of their high school athletics program this spring. Both the **Oilers** baseball team and girls’ softball team won the **Regional** championships and advanced to the **State** tournament. Unfortunately both teams were defeated in the first round semi-final game at the **State** tournament. Never the less, what a great accomplishment to have both the baseball team and softball team make it to the state tournament. Congratulations **Oilers!!!** It was mentioned earlier that **Bob Peirsol** had made a recovery from his trying times in the hospital with a punctured intestine. One thing which probably hastened **Bob’s** recovery is that his and **Ann’s** granddaughter, **Jamie Henry**, was a senior center fielder on the **Lady Oilers** softball team and **Bob and Ann** were anxious to get to **Austin** to see **Jamie** in action.

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Another Society Member who is certainly entitled to be very, very proud is **Vi Price**. **Vi’s** daughter, **Sheryl Searcy** passed away suddenly back in **April** of 2006. **Sheryl** had taught **English** at **Pearland** for approximately 2 decades. In February of this year the **Pearland School Board** voted to name the new 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Center “**Sheryl Searcy Ninth Grade Center**.” What a fitting tribute to a dedicated teacher to have a school named in her honor.

Congratulations, Vi. You have good reason to be very proud.



Sheryl Searcy

*Editor's Note: Our Historical Society is very appreciative that our school administration and school board recognizes the importance of Pearland history. The school district devotes a week in October to teach Pearland history and we now have twelve schools named for either a Pearland family or a person who has contributed greatly to our community. In addition to Sheryl Searcy Ninth Grade Center, the following schools have names familiar to long time Pearlanders.*

**Elementary Schools:** H. C. Carleston, Barbara Cockrell, C. J. Harris, E. A. Lawhon, and Massey Ranch

**Middle Schools:** Alexander Middle School, Sam Jamison, Rogers Middle School and Leon Sablatura

**Jr. High:** Berry Miller

**High School:** Glenda Dawson

For those of you who have not lived in **Pearland** for a period of time, you will be amazed at the number of schools in **Pearland** and probably find it incredible to think we now have two high schools. **Pearland High School** graduated 996 seniors this year. Next year will be the first year that **Glenda Dawson High School** will have a graduating senior class. The new **Dawson High School** will open in **September**. For the past two years **Dawson** students have been attending school at the old ninth grade center. Below is an aerial photo (thanks to **Brenda Riggs**) of the **Dawson School** layout on **Cullen**.



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### Dawson High School

For you “old timers” imagine you are on the big bus after school. **Dawson High School** is just north of “**Dead Man’s Curve**”, a little bit down the road from **Jollison’s Dairy** and across the road from **Rose Mary Drisch Raney’s** house.

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### Historical Society Website Gets a Face Lift

Thanks to **Society Member Ray Kliesing** for the makeover of the appearance of our website [www.pearlandhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.pearlandhistoricalsociety.org) . Take a look and see if you don’t think it looks a little more appealing. **Ray** does a great job as our webmaster. In regards to our website, we received an interesting e-mail from a man named **Charley Bleifield** who says he was a **Pearland** resident from 1979 to 1992. He said he some great memories of his years in **Pearland** and suggested we check out a website called **Texas Escapes** ([www.texasescapes.com](http://www.texasescapes.com)). **Mr Bleifield**, now living in **Colorado**, felt **Pearland** should be included at this website. It is a site with information and pictures of hundreds of **Texas** cities. We have contacted the **Director of Texas Escapes** and hopefully will have a **Pearland** story and pictures on that site before too long. Check it out. A very interesting website.

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### Looking Back

When **Mr Jack Dempsey’s** son **Jack, Jr.**, (appropriately called **Jackson** as in **Jack’s** son) called me to tell me **Mr. Jack** had passed away and would be buried at **South Park** with a military funeral, I immediately started thinking about how

**Mr. Jack** and other **Pearland** teachers of that time impacted the lives of those of us fortunate enough to have had the wonderful, dedicated teachers who were in the small community of **Pearland** back in the 30's and 40's. It also brought back thoughts of **Pearland** in the 30's and 40's and what a difference in the **Pearland** we know today.

When my family moved to **Pearland** in 1940, the population of the unincorporated town was probably around 300 people. Today it is fast approaching 100,000. My first memory of **Jack Dempsey** was watching him play semi-pro baseball for the **Pearland** town team in a beautiful baseball park which was on **Galveston Street** where the **Pearland School Administration** was before they moved to the old **Wal-Mart**. The ball park had a wooden fence all the way around, a covered grandstand with dressing rooms and showers underneath. **Jack Dempsey** was not a big man – probably 5'8" or so and around 145 lbs; but as a 10 year old baseball nut I was astounded when he would hit a home run over the left field fence as he did many times. A hurricane in the fall of 1941 blew the ball park away and then in **December** of 41 we had **Pearl Harbor** and until after the war baseball was not on the minds of the people of **Pearland**.

When I started to **Pearland Elementary School** in the fall of 1940, the entire school was at the site of what is now **Pearland College Center**. The high school was in the building on the south end of the campus. The graduating class of 1941 had 14 students. The **Pearland High School** graduating class of 2009 had 996 students. In 1940 **Mr. Jack** was one of the elementary school teachers. There was a demeanor about the man that commanded respect. One of his former students said "he kept order in the class, yet never raised his voice. He was gracious, kind, articulate and compassionate". That was certainly my impression of him also. The one thing which really amazed every boy in school was the fact that **Mr. Jack** could stand on his hands and walk on his hands completely around the softball base paths. We were in awe of the man. Then in the spring I was fortunate enough to play 3<sup>rd</sup> base on the elementary school softball team **Mr. Jack** coached. He taught us the fundamentals of baseball and we were champions of **Brazoria County**. **John Massey** was our pitcher. Every time **John** and I get together we have to reminisce a bit about **Mr. Jack** and our team.

In **October of 1940** the **U.S. Government** passed the **Selective Service Act** and young men were drafted into military service for a term which was supposed to be just one year. I never knew why **Mr. Jack** joined the **Air Force** but since he was eligible for the "one year" draft, I am assuming that had something to do with it. The draft for what was supposed to be for one year prompted a popular country western song by the "**Prairie Ramblers**" and also later recorded by **Red Foley** called "**I'll be back in a year, Little Darlin**". The words went like this:

I'll be back in a year little darlin'  
Uncle Sam has called and I must go  
I'll be back don't you fear little darlin'  
You'll be proud of your soldier boy I know

I'll do my best each day for the good ol' USA  
And we'll keep Old Glory waving high  
I'll be back in a year little darlin'  
Don't you worry darlin' don't you cry

I'll be back in a year mother darlin'  
Uncle Sam has called and I must go  
I'll be back don't you fear mother darlin'  
You'll be proud of your soldier boy I know

I'll do my best each day for the good ol' USA  
And we'll keep Old Glory waving high  
I'll be back in a year mother darlin'  
Don't you worry darlin' don't you cry

Of course before those young men had served their one year and were back home, the time was extended and then came **Pearl Harbor** and those who did come home after the war had served about 5 years in the service. The **Pearland High School** yearbook for 1943 has pictures of 43 **Pearland** men who were serving in the military. When **Mr. Jack** joined the **Army Air Force**, **Pearland** had two school buses. Throughout the 40's the school continued to have two buses, 2 drivers and one custodian .

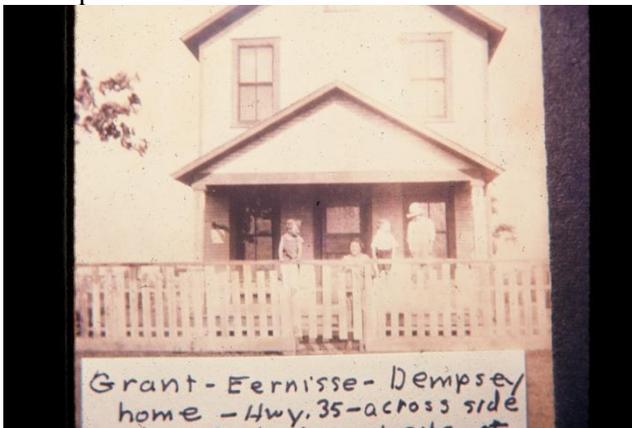


**Bus drivers and custodian – 1948 L-R: Bud Griffin, Sam Jamison, Mr. Jones (Custodian). The little guy is John Carl Jamison and yes, bus driver Sam Jamison is the person for whom Jamison middle school is named. These 3 men made up the bus driving and custodial help in the district at that time.**

Today the **Pearland School District** probably has 175 or so buses and bus drivers and custodians must number in the 100's. Below is a picture of the bus yard on **Plum Street**. The picture shows one of eight rows of buses in the yard.



**Mr. Jack** joined the **Army Air Force** as a **Cadet** and except for visits now and then never returned to **Pearland**. He never forgot his roots however; and **Jackson** said he always talked about his days both growing up and teaching here. During the war he flew **B-17** bombers over **Europe and North Africa**. He survived some very scary flights and received the **Distinguished Flying Cross** for a mission over **North Africa** when his squadron of six **B-17's** dropped their entire bomb load on 79 **German** tanks and wiped out all 79 tanks.



**Dempsey home N.E. Corner of Hwy 35 and Plum**

When the war ended, **Mr. Jack** stayed in the **Air Force** and became a full colonel flying **B-52's** for the **Strategic Air Command**. Upon his retirement from the **Air Force** he returned to his love – teaching school. For 10 years he taught at **Lake Taylor High School in Norfolk, Va.** He has been a faithful member of the **Pearland Historical Society** sending many comments back about various articles which have been in the **Newsletter**.

When **Jackson** called about his **Dad**, I sent out the usual e-mail about one of our members passing away with information about the time and place of the military funeral for **Mr. Jack**. I also thought about that group of teachers at **Pearland** back there in the 30's and 40's and how few of us students are still around to pass the word about them and about **Pearland** as we knew it then. It occurred to me that there weren't many of us left who would be at the service. Those who were there who had known **Mr. Jack** as a teacher were **Charles and Gertrude Logan, Evelyn Martin Lawhon, Edwin and Peggy Long, Luther Cunningham, David Smith, Carl Talbot, John Massey** and myself. I hope I didn't leave anyone out. I don't think I did.

At the funeral **Reverend Dariel Newman** of the **First Methodist Church** talked about those men whom **Tom Brokaw** called "**The Greatest Generation**" and related some stories which had been told to him about **Mr. Jack**. I sat there thinking about how many of that generation are leaving us every day and how few of us are left to tell the story of **Mr. Jack, Lloyd Hawkins, Billy Wall, Fay B. Hunter, Oleta Campbell Hawkins, Hazel Skinner Muetz** and the story of **Pearland** as we knew it.

I don't think anyone can attend a military funeral and not get tears in your eyes when that mournful rendition of "**Taps**" is played. As it was being played, I was thinking "farewell **Mr. Jack**. Thanks for your service for this great country, thanks for all the great memories and thanks for never forgetting your roots in a tiny little town called **Pearland, Texas.**"

With the passing of each older **Pearlander**, a piece of the history of **Pearland** also passes.

## Still Looking Back

In the story about **Ronnie Ellis'** death, it was mentioned that his father, "**Buddy**" **Ellis** was one of the persons listed on the **1954 Texas State Charter of the Pearland Volunteer Fire Dept.** In our **Historical Society** files is a "**History of the Pearland Volunteer Fire Department.**" There is no author listed on the document but in reading over the history, it brings back a lot of memories of earlier years in **Pearland.** And it also brings back the memory of a couple of incidents that totally shocked the community of **Pearland.** The first was a **Pearland** disaster which happened on a **January** night in 1944. As a then 13 year old, I clearly remember getting on the "big bus" one morning and bus driver **Bud Griffin** greeted me with these words: "The school burned last night." What a shocker!! The elementary school of which the people of **Pearland** were so proud had burned completely to the ground. It was never determined the cause of the fire. In retrospect, you can imagine the turmoil in the town that next morning. What were those students who were in grades one through seven going to do? I can't recall how many days those students missed. Perhaps some of our members who were in elementary school at that time may remember. I do remember in a very short time they were attending classes in the old **Methodist Church** (2 churches back) and then shortly later the "**Old Style Inn**" was converted from a beer joint to a school house where the elementary students went until the new school was completed. That new school is now the **Pearland College Center on Grand Blvd.**

The other tragedy occurred in 1970 and also sent a shock and sadness all through **Pearland.** Four of our volunteer firemen lost their lives in a traffic accident as they were returning from a **Brazoria County Fireman's Association** meeting in **Angleton.** **Jimmy Matlock, Elmer Payne, Howard Sanford and Fred Blount** were all killed when the driver of another vehicle crossed over the center line causing the head-on collision. **Escue Harris,** who was later to be one of our fire chiefs, miraculously survived the crash. Once again the shock of the loss of four good men went through our community.

Reading the history of the **Pearland Volunteer Fire Department** certainly brings back a lot of memories of past days in **Pearland;** but it also is a story of the dedication of a group of men who gave of themselves for the good of the town. The burning of the

elementary school in 1944 apparently was the impetus for the forming of the **Volunteer Fire Department.** The first fire truck was built at **Clyde Oblinger's Monarch Garage** when volunteers took a truck chassis, built and added a water tank and hose. **Clyde** kept the truck at his garage pulling it out in the mornings so he could work and then parking it back inside for the night. Space doesn't permit the telling of much more history; but one item certainly illustrates the changing times. Whoever the historian was wrote that when **Pearland incorporated in December** of 1959 the owners of the **Gulf, Sinclair and Humble** service stations all agreed to donate 10 gallons of gas each month to the **Fire Department.** (At the price of gas in 1960 this probably amounted to about \$2 each per month.) Perhaps in future issues of the **Newsletter,** we can write more about the history of the **Volunteer Fire Department** and the men of **Pearland** who gave of themselves for the good of their community.

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**Don't forget to get your tickets for the**

**annual Reunion Luncheon on**

**Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Reservation**

**form attached.**

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*In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm, and three or more is a Congress. -- John Adams*

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**See you at the quarterly meeting, Tuesday night, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 P.M. at the Knapp Center. We need your input on what criteria and guidelines should be established for determining what homes in Old Pearland qualify as Historical Homes.**

RETURN THIS FORM TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE AT THE PEARLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY "REUNION LUNCHEON" SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2009 AT THE PEARLAND COMMUNITY CENTER. TICKETS ARE \$8.00 PER PERSON

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, count me in for a good time at the annual Historical Society Reunion Luncheon.

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for luncheon tickets.

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**SPOUSE OR GUEST'S NAME**

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Membership Form - - Pearland Historical Society

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ covering membership dues of \$15 per person for the following persons for the year 2009

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Note: Dues paid in the last quarter of the year cover the following year. Mail to: Pearland Historical Society, P.O. Bo 1333, Pearland, Texas 77588

