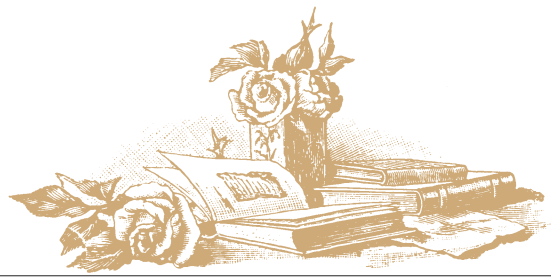


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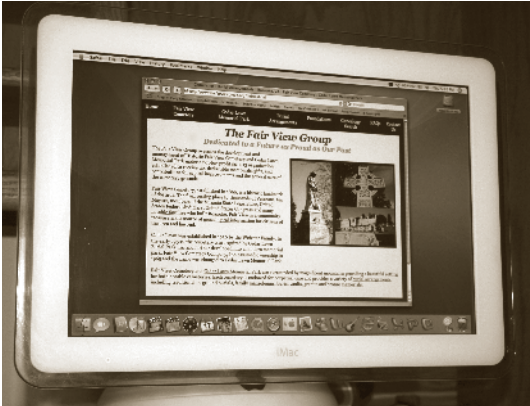
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## Fair View Announces a Web Site for Information and Genealogy Search



We hope you will share the web site address below with others who have an interest in historic Fair View Cemetery or Cedar Lawn Memorial Park, and may not receive the annual Fair View newsletter.

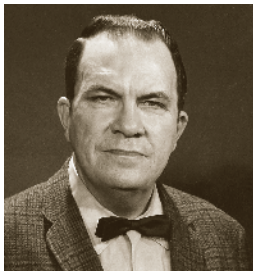
**[www.thefairviewgroup.org](http://www.thefairviewgroup.org)**

The Fair View Group is pleased to announce the launching of a web site dedicated to providing comprehensive and vital information. Regardless of where you or your family may reside, the internet will deliver it to you.

Of particular importance is the Genealogy Search which records the names of all those interred since the establishment of Fair View in 1890. The on-line search also includes those interred at Cedar Lawn Memorial Park.

The Fair View Group web site attractively portrays the history of Fair View Cemetery, and information regarding pre-need or at-need burial arrangements, a printable Walking Tour Map, 25 frequently asked questions and answers, and contact information for our staff.

Historians and family members have found that Fair View Cemetery maintains the best-kept historical records of any large public cemetery in Virginia. We are pleased that internet technology now allows us to share the story of Fair View almost 118 years since its development.



## Honoring the Memory of The Legendary Irving Sharp

November 18, 1915 – November 25, 1993

The mention of his name still brings a smile and fond memories of perhaps our area's most famous gentleman ever, "Cousin Irv" Sharp. As notable as the Mill Mountain Star during his career, his reach went far beyond the Roanoke Valley.

Sharp started his career in 1936 playing piano and singing on WDBJ radio. Soon after he became an announcer. He gained national status in the mid-1940s when a fledgling soft drink company, Dr. Pepper, picked up his country music program and aired it on 120 stations coast-to-coast. Many will remember Irv as the "Dr. Pepper Man" awarding Silver Dollars to lucky folks throughout our area.

When WDBJ television began broadcasting in 1955, Sharp went with it. He was host to such shows as "Town Crier", "Cartoon Theatre" and "Top O the Morning". Late in his career at Channel 7, he hosted "Mornin'" along with Artie Levin and Dexter Mills.

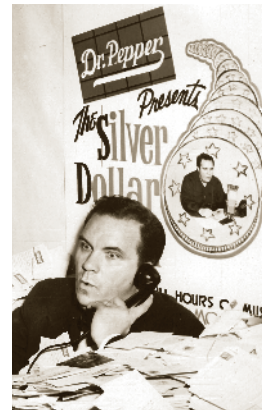
In the earlier days of the 40s, 50s and 60s, Irving traveled extensively "in this part of the country" with Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs, Grandpa Jones, the Wilburn Brothers, Don Reno, Porter Wagner, Roy Hall and Herndon Slicer, among others.

A benevolent man, yet shy to receive praise, Irv received many commendations from organizations including, The American Legion, Goodwill Industries, Disabled Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, United Way and the Senior Citizens Advisory Council.

Irving chose Fair View Cemetery as his final resting place. His wife Mary and children Wendy, Judy and Irv survive him.

Thanks for the Memories.

*We extend appreciation to Curtis Downey for his contribution of photographs, and information about his beloved working associate at WDBJ.*



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## Family Service Counselor: “A rewarding experience serving families”

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Mike Bratcher brought 12 years of cemetery experience when he joined The Fair View Group this summer.

“It is extremely refreshing to be with an organization that truly cares about the families we serve,” said Bratcher.

Mike’s responsibilities include meeting with the family, coordinating arrangements with the funeral home, leading the procession to the gravesite, as well as remaining there until interment is complete.

In the days following the service, Mike offers a condolence visit to ensure needs have been met and all concerns are satisfied. Arrangements may be made at that time for selecting a memorial marker.

“I have always believed that you are only as good as the people who surround you, and with the dedicated management and staff here, I look forward to a long and rewarding career with The Fair View Group,” said Bratcher.



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## Plans for New Equipment Building Still on Hold Awaiting Funding

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In 2005, plans were announced to construct a new equipment, maintenance and storage building to replace the 1900 barn. Given the deteriorated condition of the barn, portable trailers were rented for safe storage of graveside and other equipment.

We extend appreciation to many individuals and families who have sent contributions specifically for the much-needed project. Fundraising efforts will continue and added to the funds earmarked for the new building. If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution toward this critical need, please call 540.344.4263.



**The “barn” has served Fair View since the early 1900s and once stabled the horses that worked the grounds.**

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## Long Summer Drought Takes Toll on Newly Planted Trees

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During the fall of 2006, seventy new trees were planted at Fair View. The major tree-planting project included sixty white pines to the east side of the cemetery to provide a buffer from the adjoining property.

We are saddened to report that forty-five of the trees did not survive the lack of rain combined with intense heat. Our dedicated grounds staff made every effort to save the trees through reasonable watering, but it was necessary to remove them during October. When sufficient moisture has been restored, the trees will be replaced.



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## Radford University and Patrick Henry High School Groups Schedule Visits

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The Family Service Counselors, management and cemetery staff welcome groups throughout the year to tour historic Fair View Cemetery.

Radford University regularly schedules a visit for the Gerontological Nursing students as a part of their work to better understand and deal with the passing of life.

History students from Patrick Henry High School will also tour the cemetery to learn of the impact Fair View offers relating to regional history.

Historians, Veterans and other organizations have been constant with their visits since the establishment of the cemetery. The final resting place to thousands of Veterans, ten Mayors, members of the Virginia Legislature, United States Federal Judiciary, United States Congress and many notable families who built Roanoke, Fair View is a community treasure and a source of genealogical information for citizens of this area and beyond.

Should you wish to schedule a group tour, please contact the office. It is one way we try to provide a sense of history and relate the importance of preserving these historic grounds for future generations.



*The Fair View Foundation gratefully acknowledges those who have generously contributed  
to the preservation, maintenance and beautification programs  
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In our continuing effort to preserve and enhance the beauty of Fair View, new street signs will replace those that have faded over time. The streets are an important part of Fair View's history, and the signs are helpful in providing directions for visitors wishing to find a family plot or gravesite. A Fair View Walking Tour Map is available at the cemetery office or can be printed from the new web site.

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## Regarding Burial Vaults and Memorial Markers

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Did you know that you may purchase vaults and bronze or granite memorial markers at Fair View? By doing so, you are providing funds for the continual care and improvements at the Cemetery.

Whether you choose a pre-need or at-need selection, we suggest you take the time to compare options and costs by calling our office. Many designs are available from which to choose. Our courteous staff is always available to assist and answer any questions you may have. Markers are installed by our own experienced Fair View team.



The Fair View Foundation has been established to receive tax-deductible memorials, gifts and contributions of any form, whether it be for a specific capital improvement or for the general care of the cemetery grounds.

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