

Mr. Martin, foreman of a ranch, lives in house at ft. of hill in old Fort Griffin. Road bus at Albany with him.

PROGRAM  
West Texas Historical Association  
40th Annual Meeting

Albany, Texas: The auditorium of the Nancy Smith Elementary School

78 present A.M.

9:30 A. M.

*Brown*  
Robert Nail presiding X

- 9:35 - 9:55 The Mission Hotel at Putnam..... John Berry, *Clyde*
  - 9:55 - 10:15 "Reverse Migration" in Texas ..... *Dr.* Floyd F. Ewing, Jr.
  - 10:15 - 10:35 Old Fort Richardson ..... John Whisenhunt  
*Wichita Falls*
  - 10:35 - 10:55 Establishing the First Churches in West Texas ..... L. G. Smith  
*Colida, New Mexico*
- 11:-- 12:00, Visiting the Albany-Shackelford County Historical Exhibit  
*Abilene*

12:00 - 1:30

*125 present at luncheon*

Luncheon

Luncheon Speaker.....John Stevens

Business Meeting, President Brown presiding

*58 members in attendance at 2:30 P.M.*

1:30 P. M.

John Cravens presiding

- 1:30 - 1:50 X Tracing the Trail of the Mier Expedition... *absent* Joseph Blanton
- 1:50 - 2:10 West Texas' Underground Railroad ..... *Dr.* Ralph A. Smith  
*A.C.C.*
- 2:10 - 2:30 A Little More About the Vigilantes..... Ben O. Grant  
*Hardin Ammons*
- 2:30 - 2:50 Dyess Air Force Base..... *Sargeant* John Hatcher,  
*Dyess Air Force Base, Abilene*

Adjournment

Membership is open to anyone interested in local and regional history. Dues are \$5.00 annually, which includes a copy of the YEARBOOK published late each fall. Present members may pay dues today if they wish.

W. T. H. Assoc.

THE 1963 ANNUAL MEETING

The fortieth annual meeting of the West Texas Historical Association was held on Saturday, May 4, 1963, in the Nancy Smith Elementary School at Albany. ~~The first session was held in the~~ President W. Earl Brown called the first session to order at 9:30 A. M. <sup>were on hand</sup> Seventy-eight persons heard the four papers presented during the morning. At 11:00 o'clock two buses carried the group to visit the interesting and edifying Albany-Shackelford County Historical Exhibit ~~xxx~~ ~~While in the city, the group had the usual~~ and to hear a delightful calliope concert by ~~Bob Green~~ Mr. Bob Green. The visitors then returned to the ~~school~~ school auditorium ~~xxx~~ ~~where they were entertained~~ by the "Seven Harps," a local group of young ladies, with a rendition of four Civil War and folk songs.

At the luncheon session in the school cafeteria 128 persons heard an interesting and provocative address entitled "One World and the French Revolution" by Dr. John C. Stevens, Assistant President of Abilene Christian College. During a short business meeting the Secretary-Treasurer's favorable report was adopted ~~without any~~ and officers, as recommended by a nominating committee headed by Mr. Ben O. Grant, were named. Mr. Ernest Lee of Wichita Falls was elected president, Mr. John Berry of Clyde was elected to fill the vice-presidency vacated by Mr. Lee, and Mr. Brown was given the vacant place on the Executive Council. All other incumbent officers were re-elected. Editor ~~Report~~ Richardson explained that most business was considered by the Executive Committee each year prior to the annual meeting, and stressed the need for <sup>total</sup> additional members. <sup>The Association has</sup> ~~There were at the time~~ 129 individual and 87 library members.

A motion by Mr. Grant to establish the price of all Year Books at \$5.00 per copy carried. The Association also officially expressed its thanks to the ladies of the Albany-Shackelford County Historical Society for their outstanding job in providing excellent facilities, food, and entertainment for the meeting.

Professor John Cravens of Midwestern University presided at the afternoon session. Fifty-eight persons remained to hear the three papers on this part of the program. Mr. Joseph Blanton who was on program for a fourth paper was not present.

In addition to the luncheon address by Dr. Stevens, the following papers were presented:

- "The Mission <sup>o</sup>Hôtel at Putman" .... John Berry, Clyde
- "Reverse Migration in Texas" .... Floyd F. Ewing, Jr., Midwestern University
- "Old Fort Richardson" ..... Donald ~~Wayne~~ Whisenhunt, Texas Technological College
- "Establishing the First Churches in West Texas" .. →  
L. G. Smith, Abilene
- "West Texas Underground Railway" ..... Ralph Smith, ←  
Abilene Christian College
- "A Little More about the Vigilantes" ... Ben O. Grant, Hardin-Simmons University
- "Dyess Air Force Base" ..... John Hatcher, Dyess Air Force Base, Abilene