

WEST TEXAS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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43rd Annual Meeting
Abilene, Texas, May 13, 14, 1966
Hardin-Simmons University, Student Center, Room 208

May 13, Dinner, 7:00 p. m., Plates \$2.00
(Followed by an informal social hour, H-SU History staff hosts)

"West Texas A Haven for Health-seekers".....Billy Mac Jones
Exhibit of Western Texana.....Miss Vernie Newman, Director

Saturday, May 14, 9:30 a. m., Little Auditorium of the
Hardin-Simmons Chapel-Auditorium (East Entrance)

Ralph A. Smith presiding

"Early Settlements Along the Upper Colorado".....J. Dexter Eoff, D. D. S.
"Ciboleros and the Extermination of the South Plains Buffalo"...Charles Kenner
"The Settlement of the Cross Timbers, 1850-1869".....B. P. Galloway
"Some Northwest Texas Trails After the Butterfield Era".....Mrs. Virgie Johnson

NOON LUNCHEON

Room 208, Hardin-Simmons University Student Center
Plates \$1.50

Business Session: President Fred Cotten presiding

"Some Ingenius Suggestions for Disposing of Texas Public Lands"..John L. Waller

Afternoon Session
Same auditorium

John N. Cravens presiding

"The Kiowa Indians and New Mexico, 1800-1840".....Forrest D. Monahan, Jr.
"Frontier Military Life at Fort Richardson, Texas".....Don Wisenhunt
"The Letters of David Williams, Pioneer of the North Concho".....Elton T. Mims
"Peter W. Gravis on the Texas Frontier".....James M. Day

ADJOURNMENT

Miss Newman has been busily engaged in securing and setting up exhibits of Western Texana on the second floor of the Student Center. Do go by to see these displays.

The Association welcomes new members. Dues are \$5.00 annually, and members receive a copy of each YEARBOOK as it comes from press. The address is Box 152, H-SU Station, Abilene, Texas, 79601.

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April 18, 1966

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Hardin-Simmons University

Dear Friends:

The enclosed program and card should be reasonably self-explanatory. We are hoping for another in the long line of excellent meetings of the Association, and see no reason why this one should not be the equal or better. We do need you and your friends to help make it so.

If you cannot come for the dinner and fellowship hour on Friday evening, May 13, we hope you will not miss the program and luncheon and exhibits on Saturday, May 14. There will be:

- (1) the dinner and fellowship on Friday evening, May 13, beginning at 7:00 o'clock, Room 208, Student Center.
- (2) the program and the luncheon on Saturday, May 14, -- luncheon in Room 208, Student Center, and the program in the Little Theater of the Chapel-Auditorium, east entrance.
- (3) Western Texana exhibits in the Student Center on Friday evening and all day Saturday, under the direction of Miss Vernie Newman.

A card is enclosed for your use in sending in your reservations for both or either of the two meals. These two must be by reservation only, because the University Dining Hall is not a public dining room. The management is glad to help us in the meeting by serving the dinner and the luncheon, and both will be well prepared and served, but they must be by reservation only. Please stamp the card, after filling it in, and return it by Thursday, May 12.

We hope very much that you and your family and friends can be here with us for this meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Madge M. Grba
Secretary-Treasurer *sdh*

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The 1966 Annual Meeting

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The forty-third annual meeting of the West Texas Historical Association was held at Hardin-Simmons University, ^{on} ^{and} May 13^A 14, 1966. The meeting began with a dinner on Friday evening in the Student Union Building. Fred Cotten, president of the association, introduced Dr. T. R. Havins who presented to Dr. Rupert N. Richardson a copy of Twenty-five Years on the Outside Row by Peter W. Gravis, with an introduction by Dr. Havins and James Day. The book, an important source on the Texas frontier, was dedicated to the late Dr. H. Bailey Carroll and Dr. Richardson.

Dr. Billy M. Jones of Angelo State College was the principal speaker. He presented an interesting paper titled "West Texas, A Haven for Health Seekers."

The dinner meeting, which was attended by eighty-two people, was followed by an informal social hour sponsored by the Hardin-Simmons history faculty. An interesting feature of the hour was the Western Texana exhibit which had been secured and set up under the direction of Miss Vernie Newman of McMurry College.

Dr. Ralph A. Smith of Abilene Christian College presided over the Saturday morning session which included the presentation of the following papers: "Early Settlers along the Upper Colorado," by J. Dexter Eoff; "Early Days on the North Concho As Revealed in the Letters of David Williams," by Elton T. Mims; "The Settlement of the Cross Timbers, 1850-1869," by B. P. Galloway; "Some Northwest Texas Trails After the Butterfield Era," by Mrs. Virgie Johnson.

Indicative of the increasing interest in the West Texas Historical Association was the large attendance at the luncheon session. Ninety-five people were served with President Cotten presiding. Dr. Robert C. Cotner read a resolution relating to the death of H. Bailey Carroll, long-time director of the Texas State Historical Association. Dr. Carroll had died at his home in Austin on May 12. Dr. Cotner moved that the resolution be sent to Mrs. Carroll. The motion carried unanimously.

At the business session Mrs. Joseph Grba, Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, made her annual report.

The nominating committee recommended the reelection of the incumbent officers for the ensuing year. Miss Vernie Newman, Professor of History at McMurry College, was nominated for 4th Vice President to fill a vacancy not filled last year. The nominations of the committee were accepted unanimously.

Dr. John R. Waller of Austin was the principal speaker at the luncheon. His address, "Some Ingenious Suggestions for Disposing of Texas Public Lands," was interesting and well-received.

Dr. John N. Cravens of Midwestern University presided at the afternoon session during which the following papers were presented: "The Kiowa Indians and New Mexico, 1800-1840," by Forrest D. Monahan, Jr.; "Ciboleros and the Extermination of the South Plains Buffalo," by Charles Kenner; "Frontier Military Life at Fort Richardson, Texas," by Don Whisenhunt; "Peter W. Gravis on the Outside Row of the Texas Frontier," read by T. R. Havins for James Day^W was attending the funeral of Dr. H. B. Carroll.