

**WEST TEXAS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION**  
Abilene, Texas

Forty-Seventh Annual Meeting, April 3, 4, 1970

McGlothlin Campus Center  
Abilene Christian College  
Abilene, Texas

(Ample parking space north and  
east of the McGlothlin Campus Center.)

Friday, April 3

6:00 p.m.

Coffee and social hour  
Main Room  
McGlothlin Campus Center

7:00 p.m.

Dinner: \$2.50 per plate  
Main Room  
McGlothlin Campus Center

President Escal F. Duke will call the meeting to  
order and introduce R. C. Cotner, who will  
preside

Invocation

Address: The New Western Fiction  
Mody C. Boatright  
The 1970 Fort Griffin Fandangle Sampler

Saturday, April 4

Walling Lecture Hall, North Annex of Science Hall

9:00 a. m. Registration in Foyer

9:25 a. m. Morning Session,  
Kenneth C. Neighbours, presiding

9:30 a. m. Thomas L. Blanton, Master  
of Political Strategy  
Bruce Lee Barney

9:55 a. m. Joe Bailey and Agrarian Reform  
in the Congressional Election of 1890  
Bob C. Holcomb

10:20 a. m. West Texas: A Frontier That  
Walter Prescott Webb Missed  
Richard B. Moore

10:45 a. m. COFFEE BREAK

11:10 a. m. The Butler and Lewis Indian  
Treaty of 1846  
Earl H. Elam

11:35 a. m. Excerpts from the Diary  
of Captain George Wedemeyer  
Clayton W. Williams

12:30 to 1:30

Luncheon and Business Session

Faculty Room, McGlothlin Campus Center  
Cafeteria-Style Luncheon

President Duke presiding for the business session

Walling Lecture Hall

1:40 p. m. Afternoon Session, T.R. Havins presiding

1:45 p. m. The Plundering of Laredo  
by the Somervell Expedition  
James M. Day

2:10 p. m. The Comanche Sun Over Mexico  
Ralph A. Smith

2:35 p. m. Building a City: Some Abilene Leaders  
Katharyn Duff

3:00 p. m. The Cowboy Strike of 1883:  
Its Causes and Meaning  
Robert E. Zeigler

The West Texas Historical Association, organized in April, 1924, published its first YEAR BOOK in June, 1925. Volume 45, for 1969, has just been distributed to more than 300 individual and library members.

The Association extends an invitation to membership to those of you interested in this type of activity. Membership is currently \$6.00 annually, which includes a copy of the YEAR BOOK. All earlier volumes are available at the current membership fee of \$6.00 per copy.

For other information concerning membership or YEAR BOOKS, write Mrs. Joseph Grba, Secretary-Treasurer, at Box 152, H-SU Station, Abilene, Texas, 79601.

Concerning contributions of articles for publication, write Rupert N. Richardson, at the same address.

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AFFAIRS OF THE ASSOCIATION

THE 1970 ANNUAL MEETING

The forty-seventh annual meeting of the West Texas Historical Association was held on April 3-4, 1970, on the campus of Abilene Christian College. The meeting got underway on Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. with a very pleasant social hour in the Main Room of the McGlothlin Campus Center, hosted by the History staff of the College. At the banquet that followed, presided over by President Escal F. Duke, Professor of History at Angelo State College, the approximately one hundred persons in attendance were delightfully entertained by the Fort Griffin Fandangle Sampler and afterwards heard Dr. Mody C. Boatright, possibly the foremost folklorist in America, give an interesting and stimulating address on "The New Western Fiction."

The two program sessions on Saturday were held in the Walling Lecture Hall; the business session in the McLoughlin Campus Center Cafeteria. Vice President Kenneth C. Neighbours, Professor of History at Midwestern University, presided at the session which got underway at 9:30 a.m. with sixty-two persons present. President Duke presided over the business session attended by fifty persons. The same officers, as shown in the front of the Year Book, were reelected for 1970-1971. Dr. T. R. Havins, Professor Emeritus of History at Howard Payne College, presided at the afternoon session at which a total of sixty-four persons were in attendance.

All papers, five in the morning, with a coffee break, and four in the afternoon were well reserached, unusually interesting, and highly professional.

Papers Presented

"Thomas L. Blanton, Master of Political Strategy" -- Bruce Lee Barney, Cisco Junior College.

"Joe Bailey and Agrarian Reform in the Congressional Election of 1890" -- Bob C. Holcomb, Angelo State University.

"West Texas: A Frontier that Walter Prescott Webb Missed" --- Richard B. Moore, Del Mar State College

"The Butler and Lewis Indian Treaty of 1846" -- Earl H. Elam, Texas Tech University.

"Excerpts from the Diary of Captain George Wedemeyer" -- Clayton W. Williams, Fort Stockton.

"The Plundering of Laredo by the Somervell Expedition" -- James M. Day, University of Texas at El Paso.

"The Comanche Sun over Mexico" ---Ralph A. Smith, Abilene Christian College.

"Building a City: Some Abilene Leaders" -- Kathryn Duff, Abilene Reporter-News.

"The Cowboy Strike of 1883: Its Causes and Meaning" -- Robert E. Zeigler, Texas Tech University.