

WEST TEXAS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Abilene, Texas

Fifty-first Annual Meeting

April 5, 6, 1974

Texas Tech University

Lubbock, Texas

Friday, April 5

2:45 P. M.

Tours and research information, Southwest Collection, Room 102, Social Science Building (park only in "Visitors Parking").

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6:30 P. M.

Social Hour and Registration, Faculty Club, University Center (across parking lot and south of building with two bell towers). Courtesy staked Plains Westerners.

7:30 P. M.

Dinner: \$4.00 per plate\*  
Ballroom, University Center  
Dr. Ernest Wallace, Presiding

Address: Dr. Frank B. Conselman, Director, International Center for Arid and Semi-Arid Land Studies and President, American Institute of Petroleum Geologists, "The Permian Basin: From Desert to Energy Empire."

Saturday, April 6  
Room A, Museum  
(4th Street and Indiana Avenue)

8:30 A. M., Registration continued

**MORNING PROGRAM**

W. C. Holden, Presiding

- 8:45 a. m. William R. Shafter Commanding  
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Paul H. Carlson
- 9:10 a. m. Brown County's Fry Oil Boom  
James Day
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Wayne Henneberger
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Texas  
Wilson E. Dolman III

10:25 a. m. COFFEE BREAK

Clayton W. Williams, Presiding

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Years of Transition  
Ben Proctor
- 11:05 a. m. Development of the Cotton  
Stripper  
Lowell Carlson
- 11:30 a. m. Railroad Regulation in Texas: A  
Railroad Point of View  
John M. Brockman
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try: Rich Coffee  
Bishop Powell

12:20 Morning Session Ends

1:00 p. m.

**LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING**

President Ralph A. Smith, Presiding

Museum: Plates \$2.75\*

\*URGENT: Reservations for dinner and lunch-  
eon should be made with the Department of  
History, Dr. Ernest Wallace, P. O. Box 4529,  
Texas Tech University, Lubbock, 79409, by  
Tuesday, April 2.

The West Texas Historical Association organized in April, 1924, published its first YEAR BOOK in June, 1925. Volume 49, 1973, 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. An Index, hard cover, for Volumes 1-45, is now available at \$10.50.

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

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

Reservations for both the dinner and the luncheon must be made in advance. (See p. 3.)

\*Subject to change

Ernest to get up this preliminary program for the special attempt  
of the participants - not mailing anything to Frank Conselman  
and not mailing now to others.  
What about publicity? Do you want me to write these men  
for information about themselves and - in the case of ~~Frank Conselman~~  
Conselman to mention two others  
Will you do that  
yourself? I shall  
supply our paper with all  
that they will take, but our  
publicity will be sufficient

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UTEP James Day  
Bot 3843 Station A El Paso, TX 79423

9:50 a.m. History of Bridges in West Texas  
Texas Highway Department, Austin 78701 Wayne Henneberger

10:15 a.m. Conflicts Over Land: The Settlers and the Ranchers  
in West Texas  
Hist. Hist. U.T., Austin Wilson E. Dolman III

Intermission

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Department of History, T.C.U. 76174 Ben Procter

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Dept. History Angelo State University

URGENT!

Luncheon at 1:00

Make reservations for luncheon and dinner - \$2.75 and  
\$4:00 respectively - with Department of History, Texas  
Tech University, Lubbock, Texas 79409, by Tuesday,  
April 2.

Bee County College  
Route 1, Beeville, Texas 78102

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TENTATIVE PROGRAM

W.C.

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+2:55

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RESERVATION FOR MEALS AND EVENTS. Most of you are aware, I am sure, that for group dinners and luncheons prepayment reservations are necessary to obtain long-range price and service commitments. Our only alternative is to go to a cafeteria. Thus, please fill in the accompanying preregistration and reservation form and return it with your check or money order in time to reach the Department of History, Texas Tech University, by Tuesday, April 2. Reservation requests received after that date will be honored subject to available places resulting from cancellations and the ability of the food service to make the necessary adjustment. A prepayment refund will be made for cancellations received in the Office of the Department of History on or before April 3 and, after then, when we can substitute a late request.

The Friday banquet will be the best and most expensive meal that the University Center serves, a large steak with all the trimmings. The Saturday luncheon will be provided by a popular caterer. The cost of the two meals, we are pleased to report, is only 25 cents more than that of the dinner alone of the TSHA in Waco.

Although registration for the other events is not necessary, it would be helpful if we could have some indication of approximately how many planned to be present for each event.

MOTELS. Lubbock has many national motels, including the Holiday Inn, Howard Johnson's, Imperial 400, Ramada Inn, Travel Lodge, Rodeway, and Villa Inn (Best Western). Three quality motels near the campus are: Rodeway Inn, 2401 4th Street, about 4 years old and popular with visiting dignitaries, \$11.00 singles--\$16.50 doubles; Lubbock Inn, 3901 19th Street, advertised as "Lubbock's Newest and Finest," \$12.00 singles--\$18.00 doubles (special rates for WTHA); Country Inn Motel, 4105 19th Street, more modest than any of the above named, \$10.00 single--\$13.00 doubles. Please make your own motel reservations; be certain to mention that you will be attending the meeting of the West Texas Historical Association and desire commercial rates.

SOUTHWEST COLLECTION. Room 102 Social Science Building (on Circle). Director Sylvan Dunn and his staff will be available between 2:00 and 6:00 P.M. to give tours and answer questions pertaining to its holdings and services.

RANCH HEADQUARTERS. Museum, 4th Street and Indiana Avenue (NW corner of campus). Guided tour at 4:00 P.M., Friday. Convenient, ample, and unrestricted parking available.

SOCIAL HOUR AND REGISTRATION. Courtesy of Staked Plains Westerners.  
6:30 P.M., Friday, Faculty Club, University Center, located  
across the parking lot and directly south of the Administration  
Building (two bell towers on top) and directly across the  
street in front of the Library.

BANQUET ADDRESS. 7:30 P.M. Friday, Ballroom, University Center.  
Please make reservations in advance. \$4.00 per plate. Non-  
members welcome.

SATURDAY REGISTRATION (Con't). 8:30 A.M., Museum, 4th Street  
and Indiana (NW corner of campus).

SATURDAY PROGRAM. 9:00 A.M., Room A, Museum. Convenient, ample,  
and unrestricted parking at all hours available.

SATURDAY LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING. 1:00 P.M. Museum.  
Non-members welcome.

PARKING:

MUSEUM: Convenient, ample and unrestricted at all hours.  
CENTRAL CAMPUS BEFORE 5:30 P.M.: Stop at entrance gate and  
get "VISITOR PARKING PERMIT." Park only in spaces marked  
"Visitor Parking." Each lot has such spaces. Parking lots  
adjacent to Social Science Building and Administration Building  
are most convenient to the Southwest Collection.

CENTRAL CAMPUS AFTER 5:30 P.M. Friday. For the Social Hour and  
Banquet park between University Center and Administration  
Building (except in areas marked "Reserved 24 Hours Daily"  
and those reserved for "President-Staff and Board of Regents").  
Should this lot fill, you may park directly to the east (in  
disregard of signs reading "Temporary 2 Hours" and "30 Min.  
Only") in front of the Texas Tech Bookstore and in the marked  
spaces along the street (facing north) between these two lots  
and east of the Administration Building. These convenient  
spaces should be far more than needed. Should preregistration  
however, indicate the possibility of additional space, personnel  
will be on duty between 6:00 and 6:30 P.M. to assist.

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Second Session - Clayton W. Williams, Presiding

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- 11:55 a.m. "Pioneering in the Concho Country: Rich Coffee," Bishop Powell, Angelo State University
- 1:00 p.m. Luncheon: Museum. Business meeting.

Non-members are cordially invited to attend all sessions, banquet, and luncheon.

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