



**79th Annual Meeting of
The West Texas Historical
Association**

April 5 – 6, 2002

**Angelo State University
San Angelo, Texas**

On the cover: The sign, The Rainbow's End, was developed from a deal that two oil men made in buying two Dodge cars in 1925. The sign was put into place April 1926 and spanned Chadbourne Street between the Central National Bank and Baker-Hemphill Company. (photo courtesy of West Texas Collection)

According to the Standard-Times, the oil men and the car dealership could not come to terms on the vehicles but offered to give half of the difference "to some benefaction of the city... the deal was made, with \$118 pledged toward it by each of the contracting parties." Soon the idea of a sign came up, and other businesses chipped in to pay for it. Part of the deal was that West Texas Utilities Company would furnish, free of charge, the electricity needed to operate the sign.

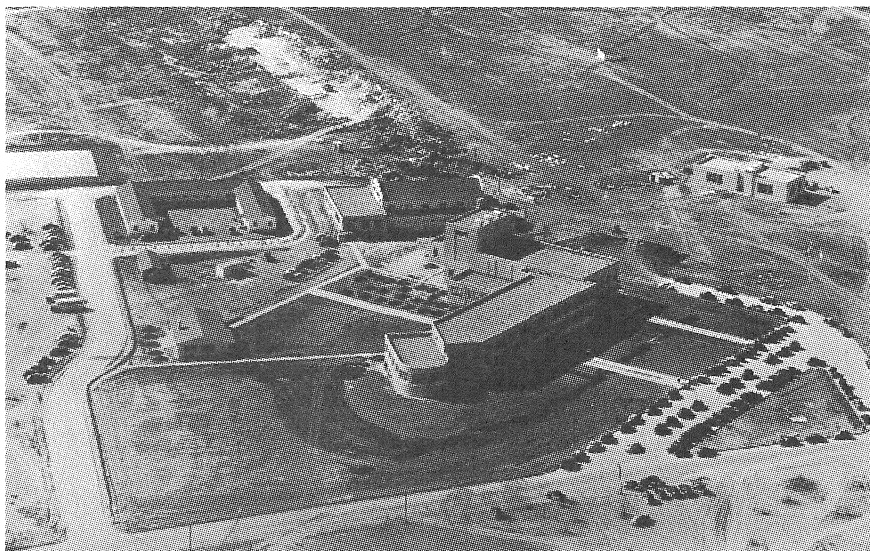
The Rainbow's End continued to be the slogan for the city of San Angelo for over a decade until the sign blew down during a West Texas sand storm. The sign was never replaced.

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Angelo State College, circa 1949. In May 1969, it became Angelo State University. (photo courtesy of West Texas Collection)

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***All session locations are in the Houston Harte
University Center, Angelo State University**

Friday, April 5, 2002

12:00 p.m. **Registration.** Continues until 5:00 p.m. and will
Foyer open again from 8:30-10:00 a.m. on Saturday.

12:00 p.m. **Silent Auction Viewing and Bidding.** Auction
Foyer items will be on display and available for bidding
West Texas until 5:00 p.m. on Friday and from 8:30 until 10:00
Collection a.m. on Saturday

Session 1 ***The San Angelo Polio Epidemic of 1949***
1:00 – 2:15 Shirley Eoff, Angelo State University, presiding

Nasworthy *Animal, Mineral, Vegetable: Counterfactual*
Suite *Explanations of San Angelo's 1949 Polio*
 Epidemic, Preston Lewis, Angelo State University

The Medical Community's Response to the Polio
Epidemic of 1949, Katie Plum, Angelo State
University

The Impact of the Polio Epidemic of 1949 on the San
Angelo Community, Karal Garcia, Angelo State
University

Session 2 ***Stagecoaching in West Texas***
1:00 – 2:15 Don Walker, Texas Tech, presiding

Tucker *Stagecoaching in Tom Green County*, Glen Ely, Fort
Center Worth

Gateway to West Texas: A History of Stagecoaching
at Castle Gap and Horsehead Crossing, Joe Allen
Crane

The Ox-Bow Trail, Wayne Lease, Garland

Session 3 *The Mexican American Experience in Lubbock:
2:15 – 3:30* *Religion, Education, and Identity*
Jorge Iber, Texas Tech, presiding

**Nasworthy
Suite** *Mexican Americans and the Catholic Church in
West Texas: The Lubbock Diocese*, David
Gossman, Texas Tech University

*Dashed Hopes and Gained Opportunities: The
Mexican American Educational Experience in
Lubbock, Texas, 1940s-1960s*, Scott Sosebee,
Texas Tech University

*'You Can't Rehabilitate a Dog': Urban Renewal,
Natural Disaster and a New Sense of Identity
Among Mexican Americans in Lubbock, Texas,
1954-1977*, Damon Kennedy, Texas Tech
University

Session 4 *Home and Abroad: The Armed Forces, World War
2:15 – 3:30* *II, and West Texas*
Bruce Glasrud, Sul Ross State University, presiding

**Tucker
Center** *The United States Army Air Forces and West Texas
During World War II*, Thomas E. Alexander,
Fredericksburg

*The Lost Battalion: The Fate of West Texans in
Southeast Asia during World War II*, Clint
Chambers, Lubbock

*Carswell AFB's Major Horace S. Carswell, Jr. and
His San Angelo Connection*, J'Nell Pate, Tarrant
County College

3:30 – 3:45 Break

Session 5 West Texas Authors

3:45 – 5:00 Terry Dalrymple, Angelo State University, presiding

Nasworthy Suite *Albert Benjamin Cunningham: Forgotten West Texas Writer*, Ken Untiedt, Lubbock, Texas

Jack Scott: The Legendary Cross-Plains Historian, Charles A. Rodenberger, Baird, Texas

William Harrison Bledsoe and the Founding of Texas Tech University, Dana Magill, Texas Tech University – **Student Award Paper**

Session 6 Ranch People and Military Officers

3:45 – 5:00 Monte Monroe, Texas Tech University, presiding

Tucker Center *The Blend of Hallie Stillwell and Big Bend*, Elleta Nolte, Lubbock

The Ira G. Yates Family Legacy in the Preservation of a Texas Icon—Longhorn Cattle, Frank Sharp, Howard Payne University

A Thoroughly Good Officer: The Life of C.B. McLellan, Mitchell G. Davenport, Jacksboro, Texas

5:45 – 6:30 Tour of Fort Concho
Meeting Place to be determined

6:00- 7:00 Reception – Fort Concho
Honoring President Garry Nall

Banquet President Garry Nall, presiding
7:00 p.m. Speaker – Mike Cox, Austin, Texas
*Scraping the Layers off the Battle of the
Paint Rock Story*

**Fort
Concho**

In The Commissary Building

Saturday, April 6, 2002

8:30 a.m. Registration

8:30-10:00 Silent Auction Viewing and Bidding
Foyer, West Texas Collection

Session 7 *Lonely Outposts: Gentlemen Ranchers and
9:00- 10:15* *Frontier Soldiers*

Tom Crum, Granbury, presiding

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*William 'Billy' Anson: Gentleman Rancher,
Horseman, and Farmer*, Shirley Eoff, Angelo
State University

Fort Quitman: Forlorn and Tumbledown, J. Mike
Laverde, El Paso

*Once the Edge of the West Texas Frontier: The
Final Years of Fort Chadbourne*, Jim Matthews,
San Antonio

Session 8

9:00 –

10:15

Residence, Reservations, and Revolution

Alwyn Barr, Texas Tech, presiding

The Fort McKavett Community in 1889, Gloria Duarte, Angelo State University

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Drought and the Short-Lived Brazos and Clear Fork Indian Reserves, Kevin Sweeney, Wayland Baptist

Camp Santa Elena and the U.S.-Mexico Frontier Defense, Troy Ainsworth, Lubbock

10:15 -

10:30

Break

Session 9

10:30 –

11:45

To the Borders of West Texas

Mark Barringer, East Texas Historical Journal, presiding

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Suite**

Cora Montgomery: Life on the Border, 1850-1852, Linda Hudson, East Texas Baptist University, Marshall, Texas

Upshaw: Saga of a Historic Black East Texas Community, Ouida Whitaker Dean and R.G. Dean, Nacogdoches, Texas

Session 10

10:30 –

11:45

Elmer Kelton's Fiction

Garry Nall, West Texas A&M, Canyon, presiding

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The Influence of the Frontier 'Grandmother of West Texas' on Women's Role in Elmer Kelton's Fiction, Lou Rodenberger, Baird, Texas

Session 10 *Elmer Kelton's Civil War Novels*, Lewis Toland,
(continued) New Mexico Military Institute

*After Midnight, 'There's Always Another Chance':
Shifting Themes in the Novels of Elmer Kelton*,
Becky Matthews, San Antonio College

Luncheon *Just Where are the Farmers in the West Texas*
Noon *Saga?*, Garry Nall, WTHA President

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The production room (appears to be a type setting area) at the Standard-Times. Men are: (left to right) Carroll R. Smith, Finis White, Ben F. Roster, Jesse Higham, Frank Aiton, Clyde Baggett, E.L. (Tiny) Hayes, and Roy Reagan. Houston Harte was the owner of the newspaper. Offices were located on Chadbourne Street.



This is the office of Wells Fargo in San Angelo c. 1908-1909. One of the most unusual things about the photo is that it is directly across from the current Wells Fargo Bank on Beauregard! The agent at the time of the photo was W.B. Burns (in gray pants and white shirt).

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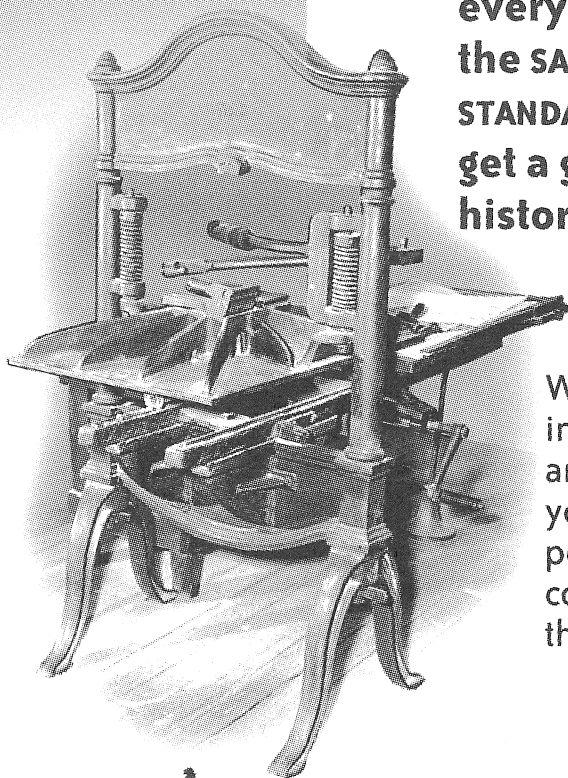
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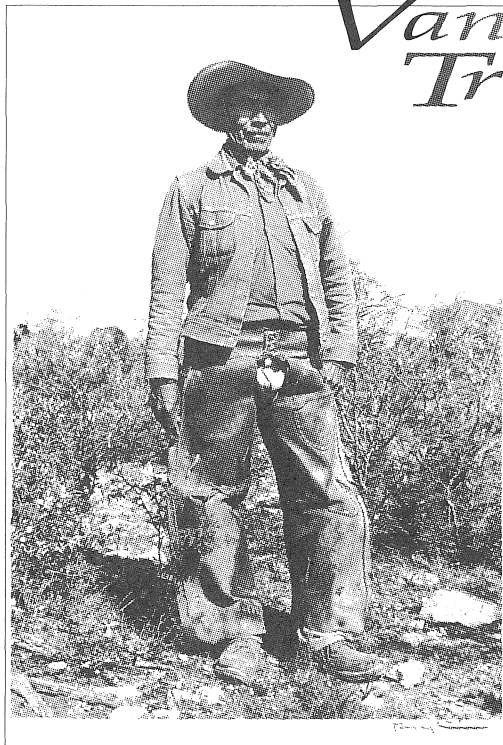


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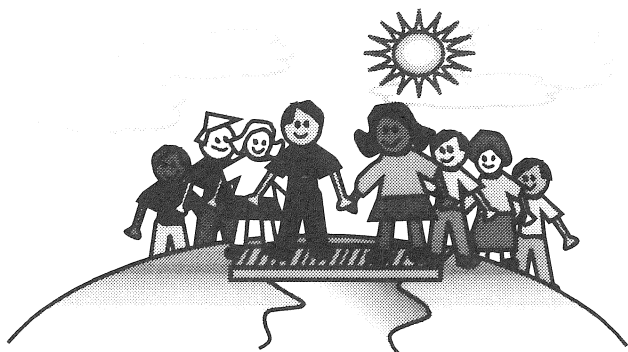
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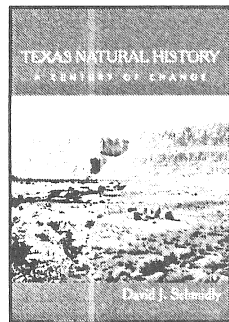
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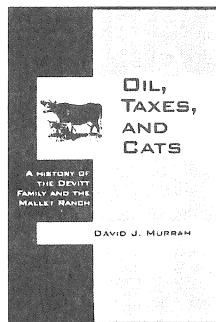
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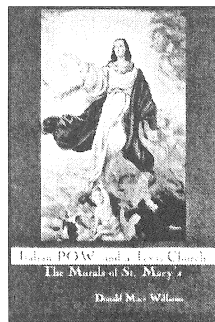
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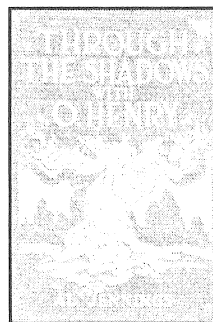
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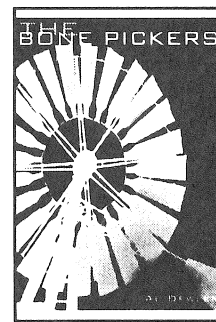
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