



**79<sup>th</sup> 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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 Tanya Norris, Angelo State University  
 Barbara Barton, Knickerbocker  
 Elmer Kelton, San Angelo  
 Ross McSwain, San Angelo

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

**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

**Nasworthy  
Suite**

*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

**Tucker**

**Center**

*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

**Nasworthy  
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

**Tucker  
Center**

*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

**Davidson**     Awards and Business Meeting  
**Conference**  
**Center**  
**Rms. 101-**  
**104**



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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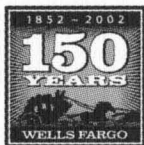
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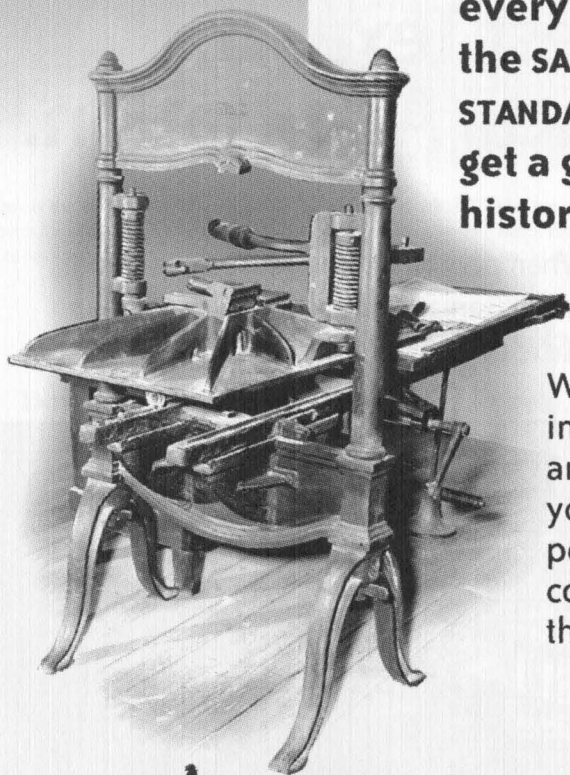
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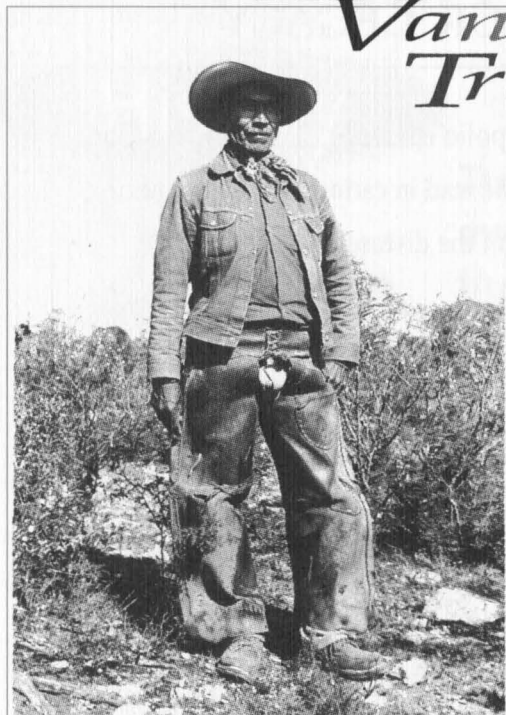
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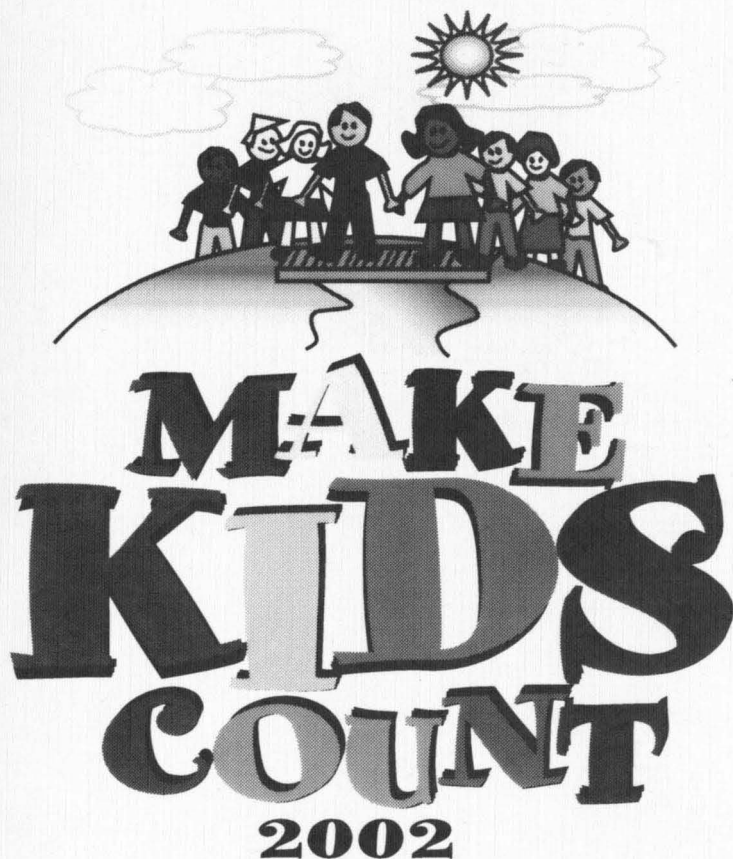
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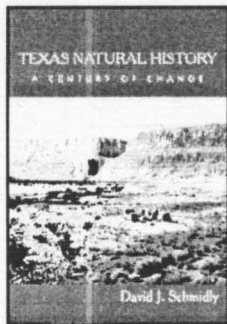
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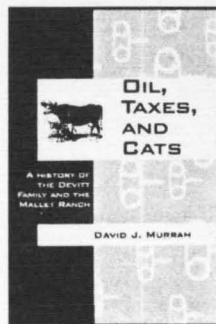
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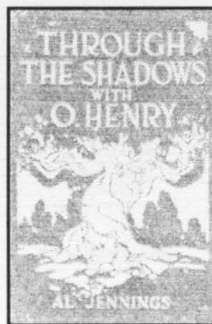
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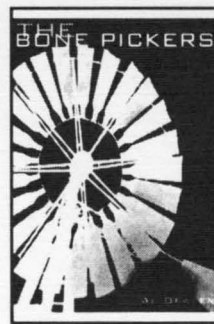
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