



THE CYCLONE



WTHA SETS ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR MARCH 26-27 AT TEXAS TECH

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Special points of interest:

- Annual Meeting Coming Up
- Death Claims Two Long-time WTHA Members
- WTHA Hosts 200 for Open House in September

REDUCED HOTEL RATES AVAILABLE FOR EARLY REGISTRATION

It's not too early to begin planning for the 77th Annual Meeting of WTHA, scheduled to begin on Friday afternoon, March 26, at the Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library on the Texas Tech campus.

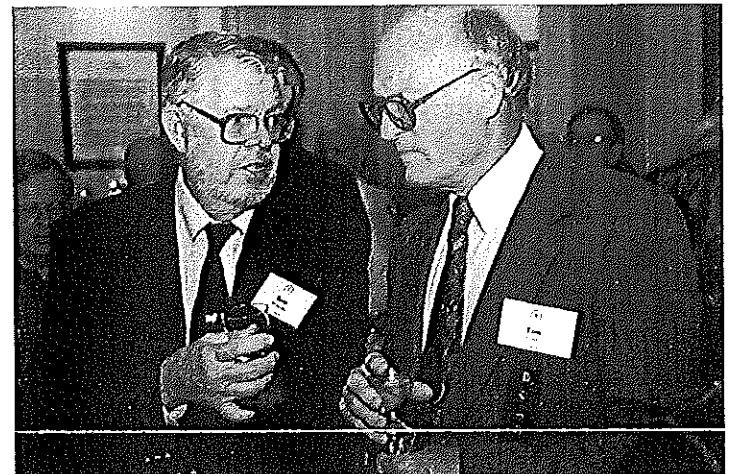
The LaQuinta Hotel at 4115 Brownfield Road is offering a room rate of \$55, provided reservations are made by March 6. Call the hotel direct at (806) 792-0065.

This year's sessions will move about; the Friday afternoon and Saturday morning sessions will be held at the Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library and the Friday evening banquet will be at the Lubbock Women's Club on historic Broadway Avenue.

The Saturday Presidential Lunch and Annual Business Meeting will be staged at the Ranching Heritage Center.

Friday night's featured banquet speaker will be Dr. Donald Walker of Texas Tech, who will tell about his research on Governor Preston Smith and modern Texas politics. Dr. Harwood Hinton of Austin will give the presidential address Saturday.

Members will receive detailed information in the program mailing later this month.



Among the more than 200 from across West Texas who attended the dedication of WTHA's new offices at Texas Tech on Sept. 18th were Ross McSwain of San Angelo (left) and Judge Tom Krum of Granbury. See story below. Photo courtesy Texas Tech Library Development Office.

OPEN HOUSE ATTRACTS LARGE CROWD FROM ACROSS WEST TEXAS

On Friday, September 18, 1999, over 200 WTHA supporters from across the state attended a festive celebration of the opening of the organization's new quarters at Texas Tech University in the new Southwest Collection building.

John T. Montford, Chancellor of Texas Tech University, extended a hearty welcome and underscored TTU's commitment to the support of WTHA.

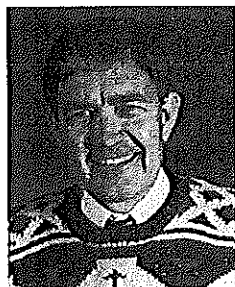
Brief presentations were also provided by B. W. Aston of Abilene, retiring executive director of WTHA; Dr. Clint Chambers of Lubbock, former member of the WTHA Board of Directors; and Dr. Alan Kuethe, Chairperson of Texas Tech's Department of History.

Special exhibits were provided by the Texas Tech University Press and the staff of the Southwest Collection.

Lubbock musician Lanny Fiel and his Ranch Fiddle Dance Band entertained while prospective members viewed WTHA's new membership brochure and a handsome exhibit of the Association's memorabilia.

WTHA owes a special thanks to event chair Sharon Kohout and her committee for making the event so successful. Members of the planning committee were Paul Carlson, David Murrah, Janet Neugebauer, Bill Tydeman, Freedomia Paschall, Tai Kreidler, Andy Young, and Patt Perry.

PAUL H. CARLSON
FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dr. Paul H. Carlson,
Interim Executive Director

Greetings from Texas Tech: I hope that your Christmas holiday season and the winter months have been a rewarding time and that the early spring season will likewise be as beneficial, as productive, or as relaxing as you want it to be.

We, which mainly means Andy Young our able associate research editor, have been very busy with *Year Book* mailings

and membership counts. Andy and B. W. Aston have worked hard to make the transition of the WTHA from Abilene to Lubbock a smooth and easy one. I think they have succeeded.

The spring 1999 annual meeting of the Association will be in Lubbock on the weekend of March 26 and 27. Make plans to be there. Elsewhere in *The Cyclone* you will find some information about the headquarters hotel and about making appropriate reservations.

Betty Carr, who chairs the local arrangements committee, (which includes Tai Kreider and Bill Tydeman) has found us an ideal and inexpensive host for the Friday night banquet. Her committee is nearly completed with its work, including efforts to provide fine entertainment to complement

the Presidential reception and banquet.

Donald Walker and the program committee, consisting of Lou Rodenberger, Albert Camp, and Garry Nall, are putting together an outstanding group of sessions for Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. We will be mailing the program with registration materials in a couple of weeks.

Sharon Kohout, David Murrain, Janet Neugebauer, and others put together the membership brochure that by this time most of you have seen. We hope the WTHA membership (you) will mail them to friends, relatives, business associates, and others who might be interested in our organization.

Sharing the history and heritage of West Texas is a worthy goal for all of us, and getting people to join the WTHA is one way to promote the study of our region's history. We have plenty of brochures; ask us to send you some.

The nomination committee (Janet Neugebauer, chair; Fred Rathjen, and Earl Elam) is considering nominations for the Board of Directors. Please let one of them know about such possible nominations.

With best wishes and with hopes of seeing you in Lubbock at the end of March,

Paul H. Carlson

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A HIGHER LEVEL OF SUPPORT
WTHA SALUTES ITS
SUSTAINING MEMBERS

WTHA appreciates the support of all of its members, but in this issue, we would like to recognize the 21 Sustaining Members who have "doubled their pleasure" by joining the Association at a higher level of membership. The extra funds provided by their generosity help to offset expenses, such as mailing and printing. WTHA wants to express a hearty "thank you" to the following for their support:

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THE WEST TEXAS
HISTORY TEST

This West Texas community was once known as Brandenburg, but with the outbreak of World War I, its residents were anxious to demonstrate their loyalty to the U. S. and changed their town's name. What is that community named today?

IN MEMORY OF

DR. ESCAL F. DUKE

Long-time member and devoted friend of WTHA, Dr. Escal Duke of San Angelo died Dec. 8, 1998, at the age of 91.

Dr. Duke taught in West Texas universities for 26 years, including 15 at Hardin-Simmons and 11 at Angelo State. He retired at ASU in 1976.

Duke also taught at Weatherford High School for 14 years (1929-43) and served as principal at Uvalde in 1943. After World War II, he returned to school to complete his Ph. D. at the University of Texas.

A frequent contributor to the *Year Book*, Duke and his wife, the late Nellie Frantz Duke, were always in attendance at the annual meetings of WTHA. Moreover, he took on the monumental task of compiling the first comprehensive index for the *Year Book*.

Nellie Duke died in

April 1998. They were married for 65 years.

Honored many times over, Dr. Duke was recognized by the ASU Ex-Students Association as the Outstanding Retired Faculty Member for 1984.

Dr. Duke was born in Cullman, Alabama, and attended Birmingham Southern College before transferring to Howard Payne in 1927. He is survived by his daughter, Mary Ellen Astudillo, two grandchildren, and four great-grand children.

A personal note from *The Cyclone* editor: Dr. Duke was my professor at H-SU in the early 1960s; not only was he a great teacher, but a good friend as well. He always had time to give a kind word, and had great enthusiasm for history and his work. All of us at WTHA will miss his beaming smile and thoughtful encouragement.

DR. AL TUCKER

Dr. Albert Tucker, a member of the Board of Directors of the WTHA, died in San Marcos, Texas, on Friday, January 22. He was Director of Continuing Education and Institutional Research at Howard Payne University in Brownwood and also taught courses in history. He was in San Marcos for educational meetings when stricken with a heart attack.

Tucker held degrees from Hardin-Simmons, Golden State Theological Seminary, and Texas Tech. He served several institutions and recently retired from Sul Ross State University where he had held positions as Chair of the Department of Education.

He returned to Howard Payne, where he had previously taught, and assumed his duties there in August 1998. He was on the founding advisory council of the Center for Big Bend Studies at Sul Ross State University; a past president of the Texas Association of Reading; and was in his

WTHA loses two of its long-standing active members

second term as a director of the WTHA. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Brownwood, and he was a Mason.

A memorial service was held at the First Baptist Church in Brownwood on January 25, and burial was in Eastlawn Memorial Park in Brownwood.

Dr. Tucker is survived by his wife, Jan, and two sons, Jeff and Robert, and their families. Jan is an elementary school teacher in Brownwood.

The family has requested that memorials be made to the Albert Tucker Memorial Scholarship Fund at Howard Payne University.

DID YOU KNOW? WEST TEXAS FACTS

-----Humorist Will Rogers once donated \$200 to the Texas Technological College Band. The band needed the money for travel expenses to Fort Worth, where they planned to play at a Tech--Texas Christian University football game on October 30, 1926. In spite of the band's support, Tech lost the game, 28-16. The statue of Rogers and his horse, Soapsuds, which stands on the Tech campus was erected in 1950 as a tribute to Will Rogers.

-----In 1876, the Texas State

Legislature created 54 new counties from the remaining part of the Bexar Land District. These new counties, which covered the entire Panhandle area, included Lubbock, Randall, Parmer, Dallam, Briscoe, and Hockley Counties. Even though most of the new counties did not have enough population to be organized at that time, the legislature believed that new settlers would follow the railroads to these areas.

-----Jimmy Gilmer, best known for his 1963 hit song

"Sugar Shack," was raised in Amarillo.

-----Tahoka (a city in Lynn County) is a Native American word meaning "deep or clear water."

-----A "deguello" is a bugle call played by Mexican army bands which signifies "no quarter." Santa Ana's army played a deguello as the signal to attack the Alamo on March 6, 1836. The Texas rock band ZZ Top named their 1979 album "Deguello."

-----Big Bend National Park was the first national park created in Texas. Opened to the public in

1944, the park now contains more than 800,000 acres of land, more than 400 bird species, and approximately 70 varieties of cacti.

-----The town of Kermit (Winkler County) took its name from President Theodore Roosevelt's son, Kermit Roosevelt. The county was named for Judge Clinton McKamy Winkler, who came to Texas from North Carolina in 1840. After the Civil War, Judge Winkler returned to Texas and served on the Texas Court of Appeals from 1876 until his death in 1882.

-----Buddy Holly of Lubbock was killed in a plane crash 40 years ago.

-----The answer to the West Texas History Test on page 2 is Old Glory.

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NEWS AND VIEWS FROM AROUND WEST TEXAS

NOTED ARCHAEOLOGIST F. E. GREEN DIES

Former Texas Tech Museum director Dr. F. Earl Green died Dec. 6, 1998, in Lubbock. He was 73.

Dr. Green succeeded Dr. W. C. Holden as director of the West Texas Museum at Texas Tech in 1965. He left in 1970 to become director of historical interpretation for Texas Parks and Wildlife in Austin.

Green was widely known for his discovery work on the Clovis Culture of early man in New Mexico and West Texas. He is memorialized by both the Blackwater Draw Museum at Portales and the Lubbock Lake Landmark. WTHA member Dr. David Murrah delivered the eulogy for Green's service.

SW COLLECTION SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Looking for a great place to volunteer? The Southwest Collection has begun a program for volunteers interested in working with historical documents and photographs. Contact Abel Ramirez at the Southwest Collection (806/742-3749) for more information.



Dr. Tai Kreidler (left) of Texas Tech gives a warm welcome to James Snyder of Baird during the festivities of the open house for the WTHA offices on Sept. 18th. Photo courtesy Jennifer LeNoir, Texas Tech Library Development.

BACK TO RATH'S TRAIL

Hamlin, Texas, has found a way to resurrect the ghost of Rath City and memorialize buffalo hunting days with a weekend celebration.

Last year's "Back to Rath's Trail" Celebration attracted hundreds from across West Texas. This year's events are scheduled for June 4-6, 1999.

GARZA MUSEUM HOSTS BOOK PARTY

The Garza County Historical Museum on Oct. 29 celebrated the re-publication of the classic book *Post City, Texas* with an Announcement Party. Dr. Paul Carlson was the featured speaker. The book was published by the Maxine Durrett Earl Foundation of Post.

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