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From the Executive Director's Desk:



I hope this finds you completing a wonderful summer. It has been business as usual around here. By the time you get this letter, Volume 70 of the Yearbook will be at the printer; thus, barring any unforeseen circumstances we should be in the mail by November 1.

This year's edition covers a broad spectrum of research topics from the Lamb County Courthouse fight to the expedition of Captain Joseph de Ydoiaga. For the first time, we have published the articles of a father and his son--**Dr. Donald Whisenhunt** of Western Washington University on the West Texas showman Art Names and that of his son, **William B. Whisenhunt**, who is a graduate student at the University of Illinois at Chicago on Cato Sells and Progressive Indian health reform. What with **JoDee Dyreson** in Utah, I think West Texas is setting new boundaries. **Ken Jacobs** and I were well pleased with the number and the quality of the papers which were submitted for publication. Not only were we able to fill Volume 70, but many of those received will be used in Volume 71.

In other news, **Mildred Sentell** has reported that she and Western Texas College are looking forward to hosting our 1995 meeting in Snyder on April 7-8. This is the first time for the Association to meet in Snyder. If you missed the 1994 meeting in Midland, you missed a great meeting and an opportunity to visit the Haley and the Confederate Air Force Museums. In Snyder we will have the opportunity to see the Diamond M Museum, the Scurry County Museum, and of course, Western Texas College. I hope you start making plans to attend. Additional information will be forthcoming in the fall.

You will be glad to know that T.C.U. has named former W.T.H.A. Board member **Wes Watters** to receive the Ida Green Fellowship for 1994-1995 to begin his doctoral program. It is the most coveted fellowship given by the Department of History to an incoming student. Congratulations and good luck to Wes on his new venture. I'm sure that his students at Grapevine will miss him.

Well, I guess that is all from the office until next time. I wish you the best of what West Texas can offer, and if I can help you in any way, please let me know.

B.W.

Student Essay Award

The Association sponsors an award for the best article written by an undergraduate or graduate student on some aspect of the history of West Texas. Eligibility requires that the essay be written by a student enrolled in a college or university and be sponsored by a faculty member of that institution. A cover letter from the sponsoring faculty member and a one-page abstract of the paper must accompany the submitted manuscript. The winning essay will be included on the program of the annual meeting of the Association and be published in the Yearbook. The winner will be awarded a grant to help defray any expenses in attending the annual meeting.

Criteria for judging are the following: 1) readability and style of the presentation; 2) use of research materials; 3) overall conception; and 4) contribution to the history of West Texas.

For specific requirements and deadlines contact:

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Southwest Collection

In 1995, the Southwest Collection will mark its 40th anniversary as a fully integrated manuscripts repository, and, to celebrate the occasion, Texas Tech University plans to give the archives a brand new home.

In September 1993, Tech President Robert Lawless announced a goal of providing a new facility for the Southwest Collection; nine months later, at the May 1994 meeting of the University's Board of Regents, the Board approved site location and renderings for a new 8.8 million dollar special collections library. The new facility will house the Southwest Collection as well as Rare Books and other special collections currently housed in the Texas Tech University Library.

For more than 30 years, the Southwest Collection has been housed in the cramped quarters of the old library, now the Mathematics Building. With more than 20 million documents and thousands of other items, the Southwest Collection has become one of the leading historical research centers in the nation.

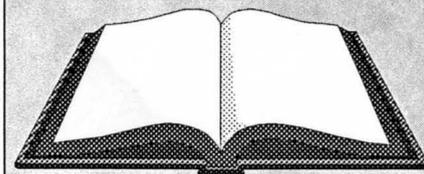
Groundbreaking for the new building, which will be located immediately north of the University Library, is scheduled for mid-October 1994, with completion in late 1995.

Manuscript Collections

Over the past year several manuscript collections have been processed and are now available to researchers. The records of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce document activities from the 1920s through the 1980s and offer a wealth of information on local economic development. Also available are two collections related to the proposed location of a nuclear waste repository in Deaf Smith County. Wayne Richardson, a local resident and the vice-president of POWER (People Opposed to Waste Energy Repositories), made a study of this proposed site and donated his findings to the Southwest Collection. This collection is complimented by a similar study made by the Department of Energy's Salt Repository Project office. The papers of Texas author and historian T. Lindsay Baker feature details of his works on Polish-Americans, Texas ghost towns, and his exhaustive study of windmill technology. Finally, the records of the 6666 Ranch are now being processed and should be available for use by the fall of 1994.

Photograph Collection

The Southwest Collection is currently processing the photographs of Frank Reeves, 1927-1972. Reeves, the livestock reporter for the *Fort Worth Star-*



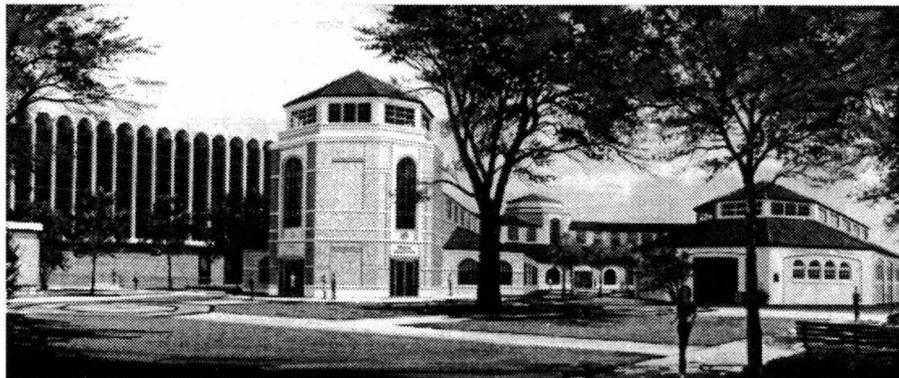
Book Notes

Texas Christian University Press will publish J'Nell Pate's *North of the River: A Brief History of North Fort Worth* (October).

Texas A&M University Press will publish Edward Hake Phillips and Jerry Bryan Lincecum's (eds.) *Adventures of a Frontier Naturalist: The Life and Times of Dr. Gideon Lincecum* (October). Also from A&M Press are *Tejanos and Texas under the Mexican Flag, 1821-1836* by Andres Tijerina (August) and *Essays on the Changing Images of the Southwest* by Richard Francaviglia and David Narrett (December).

The University of North Texas Press will publish A.C. Greene's *900 Miles on the Butterfield Trail* (October) and *Texas Folklore Society, 1943-1971* by Francis E. Abernethy (November).

The Texas State Historical Association just published in paperback *Fort Davis: Outpost on the Texas Frontier* by Robert Wooster. This is the history of Fort Davis in the Trans-Pecos not the Civil War post on the Colorado River.



The proposed new building for the Southwest Collection at Texas Tech University

Telegram for thirty-two years, was recognized as the dean of livestock reporters. After his death in 1975, the Southwest Collection purchased his photograph collection to complement over 2,000 leaves of his manuscript material already in the repository. The photograph collection consists of 16,000 prints and over 50,000 negatives. Plans are underway to make contact prints of the negatives, and obtain identification of as many images as possible.

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**Western Historical Association
Annual Conference**

Albuquerque, New Mexico, is the site of the thirty-fourth annual conference of the Western Historical Association on October 20-23. David McCullough, Pulitzer-prize winning author of *Truman* and the narrator of PBS's *Civil War* series, will be the guest speaker at the annual banquet. For more information contact W.H.A., University of New Mexico, 1080 Mesa Vista Hall, Albuquerque, NM 87131-1181, (505)277-5234.



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