



The Cyclone

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From the Executive Director's Desk:



I bring you greetings from myself, Dr. Jacobs, and Camille (who has flown away to Venezuela for the summer). The Yearbook is underway, and again we have more articles than we will be able to publish. This is Dr. Kenneth Jacobs' last year as editor, a position he has held since 1989. Before that he served ten years as Associate Editor. Dr. Jacobs has been a long-time member of the association and one of its most devoted servants. We owe him and his wife Marilyn Jacobs a great deal of gratitude for their faithful service.

Taking over as Editor for Volume 73 will be **Dr. Paul Carlson** of the Department of History of Texas Tech University. So all future papers and questions should be referred to Paul.

For those of you who missed the annual meeting at West Texas A&M University, you missed a real fun time. **Dr. Frederick Rathjen** and **Dr. Garry Nall** went out of their ways to insure the success of the program. There were, as usual, a wide assortment of sessions to peak anyone's interests. However, the Friday session at the **American Quarter Horse Heritage Center and Museum** and the Saturday session at the **Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum** were an added bonus for our members. The only real drawback was that I am not sure that we really had enough time to fully appreciate what these museums have done to preserve the history of the region. We want to thank Fred, Garry, and all of those at West Texas A&M for all the work they did in making the seventy-third annual meeting a resounding success.

Speaking of annual meetings, the seventy-fourth meeting of the association will take place April 4-5, 1997, in the new facilities of the Southwest Collection on the campus of Texas Tech University. **Tai Kreidler** has been named program chairperson. You early birds may contact him at your leisure about the 1997 program at the Southwest Collection, Box 41041, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas 79409.

Attention Board Members: **Frederick Rathjen** and **Paul Carlson** have set the fall meeting for September 7, 1996, at 11:00 a.m. in the Southwest Collection library on the Texas Tech campus. Please note this on your calendar. I will send you a reminder in the mail.

As some of you know, I will be in Grantham, England, from August 29th to December 21st; consequently, all correspondence with the Association during that time should be directed either to **Ms. Camille Browder**, Box 16172, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas 79698 or **Dr. Kenneth Jacobs** at the same address depending on the nature of your correspondence. Information about dues, book orders, and such should be directed to Camille. She has been working with the Association for the past three years and probably knows more about its affairs than I do. The *Yearbook* will be at the printer before I leave and, barring any printing delays, will go in the mail in November as usual.

One thing about my jaunt to Merry Ole England is that it will give me some relief from the rather strange weather that we have been having in West Texas that caused the old timers to dredge up memories of the Dust Bowl era, and newcomers scurrying off to their libraries for copies of **Elmer Kelton's *The Time It Never Rained*** and **Dorothy Scarborough's *The Wind*** to acquaint themselves on the normality of West Texas weather. Hope you're having a good summer.

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B.W.

Last Chance!

The Board of Directors voted at the annual meeting to raise the price of a life membership.

So here's your chance at a bargain of, well, a lifetime!

For a modest \$250 you can purchase a life membership in the Association--freeing you from those annoying dues reminders which B. W. sends every fall. Truly a \$250 lifetime membership is a remarkably good investment both in your pocketbook and the Association.

Hurry to beat the crowds!



1997 Annual Meeting
in Lubbock

April 4th & 5th

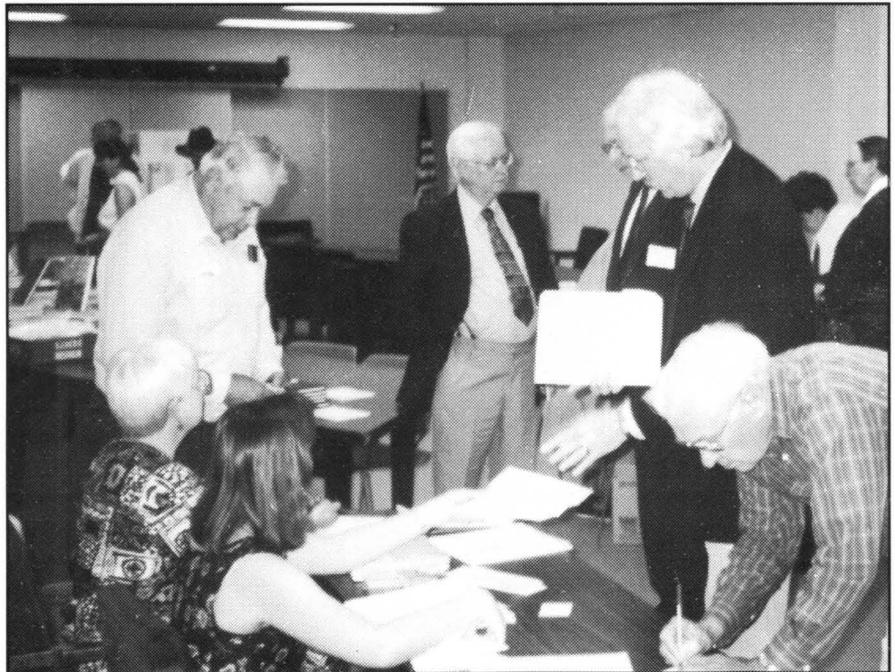
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W.T.H.A. MEMBERS FROM LUBBOCK ARE GUARANTEEING
*NO TORNADOES,
BLIZZARDS, OR
DUST STORMS!*

Canyon Meeting

Canyon was the site of the annual meeting of the West Texas Historical Association on April 19th and 20th. **West Texas A&M University** and **The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum** hosted the events. Of particular note in the sessions was the celebration of the lives and works of two truly great educators and scholars of Texas history--**Dr. Kenneth Neighbours** and **Dr. Ralph A. Smith**. **The American Quarter Horse Heritage Center and Museum** in Amarillo provided the backdrop for the Annual Banquet on Friday evening. After a reception and dinner, author **Preston Lewis** of Texas Tech University presented "Whose Fibbing about the Demise of Billy the Kid?" to an amused crowd.

The Saturday morning session was highlighted by guided tours of **The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum** followed by the Presidential Luncheon in the museum facilities. The Association would like to thank the museum staff including Director **Walt Davis**, Curator **Michael Grauer**, Curator **William E. Green**, Archivist **Lisa Shippee Lambert**, and Curator **A.J. Taylor** for graciously giving of their time for the benefit of our members. Most of all, **Garry and Annette Nall** and **Fred and Betty Rathjen** deserve extra gratitude for providing tireless leadership, energy, and raw muscle to the success of the seventy-third annual meeting.



Registration at the 1996 Annual Meeting at West Texas A&M in Canyon

Phi Alpha Theta
Mini-Conference
Texas Tech University

November 1-2, 1996

Undergraduate and graduate history students are invited to present papers on all topics

The mini-conference will present history students with an opportunity to share their research with others in a supportive environment.

Papers may be presented individually or in a panel. Papers should be 10 to 12 pages of double-spaced text.

Deadline for abstract and session proposals is **September 20, 1996**.

For more details contact:

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Rupert N. Richardson Award for the Best Book on West Texas History

Non-fiction category

Winner will receive a \$100 cash award and a certificate.

Judge R.C. Crane Award for the Best Creative Work on West Texas

Published fiction, poetry, collection of short stories, or drama category

Winner will receive a \$100 cash award and a certificate.

Ernest Wallace Grant for Graduate Research on West Texas History

Eligible proposals must focus on West Texas history, broadly conceived.

One grant per year of \$500 will be awarded.

William Curry Holden Grant for Research on West Texas History

Eligible proposals must focus on West Texas history, broadly conceived.

One grant per year of \$500 will be awarded.

DEADLINE FOR ALL BOOK AND GRANT AWARDS IN JANUARY 1, 1997.

FOR APPLICATION INFORMATION AND FORMS CONTACT THE ASSOCIATION OFFICE.

Members

Arnoldo De León of Angelo State University recently received an invitation to join the prestigious Texas Institute of Letters. In addition, *The History of Texas* used as a textbook for university courses which De León co-authored with Robert A. Calvert went into a second edition with Texas A&M University Press. **Don S. Frazier** of McMurry University is the editor of the forthcoming *Encyclopedia of the Mexican War* by Macmillan Publishing. The new facilities of the **Southwest Collection** of Texas Tech University are scheduled for opening in the fall of 1996. The state-of-the-art building will house Special Collections, The Archive of the Vietnam Conflict, University Archives, Rare Books, and The Hoblitzelle Conservation Laboratory as well as the acclaimed Southwest Collection.



1996 Spring Meeting of the Board of Directors

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Don't forget that October is renewal time for membership in the Association. A modest \$15 fee maintains your membership as well as entitling you to the 1997 West Texas Historical Association Yearbook. Student rates are \$10. Remember that all contributions to the Endowment Fund are not only appreciated but tax-deductible.

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