

Permian Historical Society

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Permian Historical Society Plans No Meeting For Fall 1996

Too Few Papers Were Submitted To Fill The Fall Program

Members of the Planning Committee of Permian Historical Society canceled the Fall 1996 meeting of the society when it was determined that too few papers had been submitted to Program Chairman Loraine Grady to fill the program. The society programs consist of papers offered by local and regional historians and by university students and professors. Without such submittals, there can be no program and no meeting. Those who are interested in presenting papers for the next PHS meeting should contact Loraine Grady at 915/550-2560 or Louise Whelan at 915/682-0770.

If Permian Historical Society is to continue to present programs of interesting and scholarly papers, it will have to limit its meetings to one, rather than two, each year. The decision that members must make is whether the annual meeting should be in the spring (April) or fall (October). Members should mail the enclosed ballot to Eileen Welch or call her at 915/682-0839.

Dawn Lucas Stapp Is Best Article Winner For Volume 35 of *The Annual*

Dawn Lucas Stapp received the Evelyn Scarborough Linebery and J. Conrad Dunagan Best Article Award at the Spring 1996 meeting. Ms. Stapp's paper, titled "Surviving Depression and Drought: The Farm Women of Martin County, Texas," was taken from her thesis work, completed at University of Texas-Permian Basin. As a graduate student, she was recipient of Permian Historical Society Scholarship Award in 1993-1994. Ms. Stapp is now one of our area's fine public school teachers.

The Linebery-Dunagan Award and its \$200 prize are presented annually. Competition is open to all papers presented orally before their publication in *The Annual*. Winners are determined by ballots of members and by Best Article Committee.

Life in Texas

In one of their boldest attacks of the epoch, the raiders derailed a St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico train just six miles north of Brownsville on October 18, 1915. Then some twenty raiders boarded the train and rounded up and robbed the passengers. During the tumult, shots were fired, and as a result a Brownsville doctor and an army soldier died; other militiamen and civilians lay seriously injured. Now all Brownsville literally cowered in fear of a full-scale invasion from the Mexican side...Anticipating an all-out attack by Mexicans on Brownsville, [an] army artillery unit sighted on the international bridge across the Rio Grande and targets in Matamoros, ready to start the shelling when given the word. Official U. S. recognition of the Constitutionalists eased the tension, and the invasion threat waned but never disappeared.

— Frank N. Samponaro and Paul J. Vanderwood, *War Scare on the Rio Grande: Robert Runyon's Photographs of the Border Conflict, 1913-1916* (Austin: The Texas State Historical Association, 1992), 86, 88.

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Help From Members Is Needed To Plan Future Of Permian Historical Society.

Mail The Enclosed Ballot Today!

Should Field Trips Be Resumed?

Day trips to Permian Basin locations of historical interest were once an integral part of Permian Historical Society. Over the last six years, such trips have not been planned. Anyone who is willing to *plan and lead* a trip or who has suggestions should call:

Louise Whelan 915/682-0770
Eileen Welch 915/682-0839

PHS Offers Aid to Junior Historians and Their Sponsors

Permian Historical Society is interested in aiding Junior Historian groups in public or private schools. PHS welcomes papers by Junior Historians for presentation at meetings and for publication in *The Annual*. Junior Historians and their sponsors who present papers at PHS meetings will be treated to lunch. For more information, contact:

Dr. H. Warren Gardner
915/552-2312

Should PHS Annual Meeting Be In April or October?

The Planning Committee asks for the opinions of members in deciding the month for the *annual* meeting of Permian Historical Society. Since the scarcity of papers has reduced the society to one meeting each year, members must decide the season for the meeting. Register your vote by mailing the enclosed ballot or by calling

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Ballot to Determine PHS Annual Meeting Time

I prefer that the Permian Historical Society annual meeting be held in
April ____ October ____, beginning in 1997.

Comment:

Signed: _____

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