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The Scroll of Permian Historical Society

Permian Historical Society to Meet at Energy Center
near Midland International Airport 20 May 1995

Society Plans Spring Meeting At Energy Center in Midland County

The spring meeting is dedicated to the memory of **J. Conrad Dunagan (1914-1995)**, charter member, past president, and long-time supporter of Permian Historical Society, who passed from this life early in the year.

A great deal of planning has gone into the program of papers for the meeting. Chairman Louise Whelan reports that the papers will be no longer than 25 minutes in length, allowing five minutes for questions and discussion after each presentation. The program planning committee has given its attention to the suggestions of several members who requested papers that are easy to follow in oral presentation and that are kept within the time limit. See page 3 for the spring program agenda.

Lunch will be catered by Murray and the Frenchmen at \$7.50 per person and reservations are recommended. The menu for lunch is found on page 4.

A business meeting, featuring an awards ceremony and the election of new officers, will follow lunch. Adjournment of the meeting is scheduled at 2 P.M., leaving attendees four hours for shopping, gardening, genealogy, or sleeping before dinner.

Long-Time Big Spring Physician To Receive Permian Pioneer Award at Spring 1995 Meeting

Permian Historical Society will present its Permian Pioneer Award to **Dr. P. W. Malone** of Big Spring at the spring meeting. Dr. Malone was born 15 September 1903 in Wilson County, Tennessee. In 1929, he graduated from University of Tennessee College of Medicine. He and his wife, Inez Mulligan Malone, came to Big Spring on 26 July 1930, where he began a medical practice. Dr. Malone is co-founder of Malone and Hogan Clinic-Hospital and Malone and Hogan Foundation, which helps needy cancer patients.

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Reservations

Reservations should be made for lunch at the spring meeting, 20 May 1995 at the Energy Center, northwestern Midland County, Texas. Call for reservations by **Thursday, 18 May 1995.**

**Eileen Welch
915/682-0839
or
Betty Orbeck
915/683-4403**

Cost of lunch: \$7.50 each

Life in Texas

“Children who were raised in the oil field did not grow up with many material luxuries. As mothers struggled to keep house under difficult conditions, children were often left to amuse themselves in bleak surroundings. Both teachers and doctors recall, however, that oil field children were usually healthy children; the relatively high wages their fathers earned bought nutritious food and sturdy clothing, even if the wind often whistled through the tents and shotgun houses in which they lived.”—**Roger M. Olien** and **Diana Davids Olien**, *Life in the Oil Fields*, 143

For Your Information

PHS Members to Receive Copies of 1994 *Annual* at Spring Meeting

Dr. H. Warren Gardner and *The Permian Historical Annual* editors announce the distribution of the 1994 issue. Members will receive their copies at the spring meeting.

The 1994 edition has published a number of papers presented at the spring and fall meetings during the past year. For publication in *The Annual*, papers must be presented at one of the society meetings and must be documented, scholarly work. For more information, contact:

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Members of Permian Historical Society extend their appreciation to the staff of the *Annual*, who give of their professional time with no other compensation.

Dr. P. W. Malone, *continued from page 1*

Dr. Malone was founding president of West Texas Memorial Museum and a founding trustee of Howard College. He has served as a deacon of the First Baptist Church of Big Spring, as a trustee for Wayland Baptist College in Plainview, and as a trustee of Baptist Memorial Geriatrics Hospital in San Angelo.

Dr. Malone holds one of the lowest-numbered pilot licenses and is one of the oldest members remaining in the Flying Physicians. For over half a century, he has been a member of the Air Medics, which examine pilots for the Federal Aviation Administration.

Because of Dr. Malone's contributions to the Permian Basin through his professional, educational, and church activities, Permian Historical Society proudly presents the Permian Pioneer Award to him.

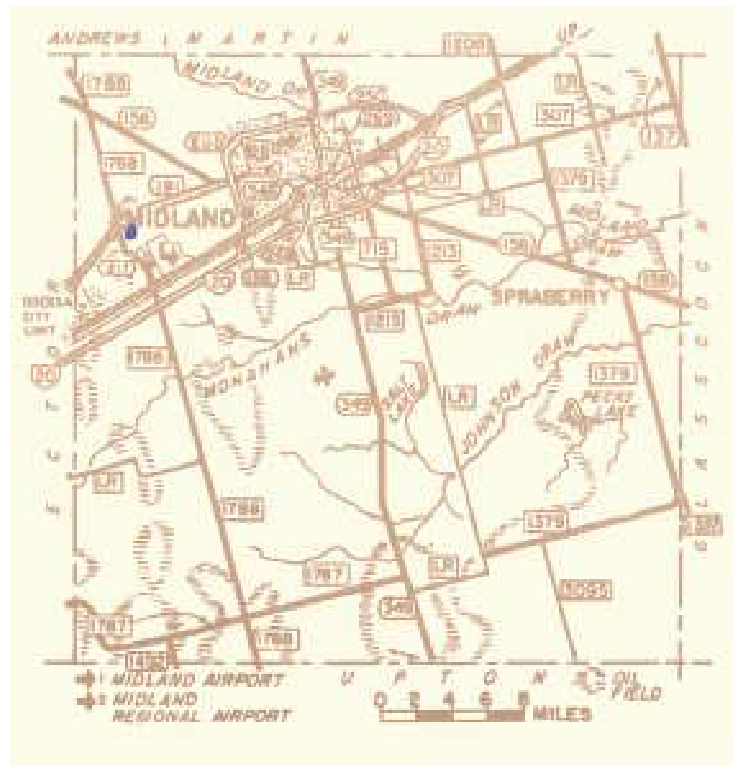
News of Museums

Midland County Historical Museum

Midland County Historical Museum marked its formal reopening in a new building on 30 April 1995. The museum is located at 301 West Missouri Street in Midland, next to Midland County Public Library.

Midland County Historical Commission President **Nancy McKinley** depends on volunteers to staff the museum, making the scheduled hours flexible. However, the museum will post fixed hours soon.

Location of Energy Center



Map taken from 1994-1995 *Texas Almanac* (Dallas: The Dallas Morning News, 1993), 246.

Permian Historical Society Spring Meeting
Center for Energy and Economic Diversification
Farm Road 1788 and State Highway 191
Northwestern Midland County, Texas
20 May 1995

- 9:30 A.M. Registration, Coffee, Board Meeting
Presentation of Papers to Follow Board Meeting **Louise Whelan,**
Program Chairman
- 10:00 A.M. **Selections from Bibliography of Beals Creek, Texas** read by **Joe Pickle**
Written by Ed Fisher, the paper looks at historical events along the watercourse, which heads in southwestern Howard County and flows eastwardly into the Colorado River in southern Mitchell County.
- 10:30 A.M. **Martin County Farm Women During the Depression** **Dawn Lucas Stapp**
The author, a recipient of the PHS scholarship for graduate students, interviewed farm women in Martin County and used other primary sources from Martin County Museum.
- 11:00 A.M. **Legends in Sterling** **Permian Basin Petroleum Museum-Library & Hall of Fame**
The 23-minute video consists of short biographies of the 1993 Hall of Fame honorees, Claud E. Aikman, John J. Kovach, Vaughn Carlton Maley, and Martin [Bitsy] Yates.
- 11:30 A.M. **Historical Trails of West Texas** **Noble H. Smith**
This is another interesting presentation from the Culberson County historian.
- 12:00 noon **Bankhead Highway** **James V. Humphrey**
Many Permian Basin towns, as well as those in other states, once had a street called Bankhead Highway. The paper traces the history of that national highway as it passed through the Permian Basin.
- 12:30 P.M. Lunch
- 1:00 P.M. Awards Presentation, Election of Officers, and Other Business **Angela Way,**
President
- By 2 P.M. Adjournment

Call For Papers —Fall 1995 Meeting

PHS Program Committee is accepting papers for the fall meeting. Those interested in presenting papers should contact:

Louise Whelan 915/682-0770



Permian Historical Society Spring Meeting: 20 May 1995 at the Energy Center

Lunch Menu for Spring Meeting

Blackened Chicken with Fettuccine

Caesar Salad

Dessert

Iced Tea

Catered by

Murray and the Frenchmen
at the cost of \$7.50 per person

Make reservation by calling

Eileen Welch at 915/682-0839

or

Betty Orbeck at 915/683-4403

Local Writers and Booksellers Invited to Display at Spring Meeting

Permian Historical Society President Angela Way invites local writers and booksellers to display works of regional interest for sale at the spring meeting. Those interested should contact her in advance of the meeting to allow for proper planning.

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