



The Scroll of Permian Historical Society

Spring 1991
The University of Texas of the Permian Basin

Program for Upcoming Spring 1991 Meeting
Permian Historical Society plans its spring meeting for **18 May 1991** at the **Energy Center in Midland County, Texas**. The schedule for the meeting is as follows:

9:00 A.M. Registration and Coffee

9:30 A. M. Board of Directors Meeting

Program of Papers

10:00 A.M. The Steding Express **Glen Findley**

10:25 A.M. Roping Yarns **Rebecca Carnes**

10:50 A.M. Sotol, Ransom, and the Last American Punitive Expedition into Mexico
..... **Glenn Justice**

11:15 to 11:25 A. M. — Break

11:30 A.M. Yates Oil Field, Pecos County, Texas **Julia Cauble Smith**

11:55 A.M. Mackenzie’s Raid Into Mexico — 1873 **Richard A. Thompson**

12:20 P.M. Music in Crockett County, Texas **Noble Smith**

12:45 P.M. Lunch followed by Business Meeting
and Presentation of Best Article Award for 1990

Lunch will be provided for \$8.75. Please make your reservations no less than three days in advance of the meeting to:

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3610 South County Road 1187
Midland, TX 79701
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Awards Highlight May 18 Meeting

by Joe Pickle

Contributions of three persons to the cultural, educational, and historical preservation of Midland and Odessa will be recognized by Permian Historical Society on 18 May 1991 in Midland County.

Mrs. **Rosalind Kapps Redfern** will be cited as a Permian Pioneer for over half a century of service in Midland. Drs. **Roger M.** and **Diana Davids Olien** will receive the Permian Academy of History Award. He is a past president of PHS and both have co-authored or individually written several papers and books.

These presentations will highlight the annual PHS meeting beginning at 10:00 A.M. in the Energy Center at the junction of State Highway 191 and Farm Road 1788 northwest of Midland International Airport.

Papers on area historical characters and activities will be read at the meeting, along with announcement of scholarship and other awards, and election of officers, said **Julia Cauble Smith** of Midland, PHS president.

Dr. **Roger M. Olien**, since 1983 the J. Conrad Dunagan Professor of Regional and Business History at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, has authored and collaborated on several books of Permian Basin history. He has presented papers before several national, regional, and local historical groups. Dr. Olien has edited *The PHS Annual* for many years and has served as PHS president.

Dr. **Diana Davids Olien**, instructor at Midland College and senior lecturer in the UTPB History Department, will be honored for her prolific output of papers and books on the culture and lore of the Permian Basin. She, too, has given papers at national historical groups and has contributed to the *Southwestern Historical Journal* and the *West Texas Historical Yearbook*. In recent years she has edited *The PHS Annual*.

Since moving to Midland in 1939, **Mrs. Rosalind Kapps Redfern** has been absorbed in numerous activities in Midland, including service to Midland education as a school board member and Parent-Teacher Association leader; leader in various library enterprises, including establishment of elementary school libraries and the tape-lending library; active in family counseling and Planned Parenthood; a charter member of the Midland Symphony Guild; also served on the Objectives for Midland and Governor's Conference on Urban and Community affairs. She hold the Gold Deeds and Tallest of Tall City awards.



Newest Volume of *The Permian Historical Annual*

Dr. Roger Olien reports that newest volume of *The Permian Historical Annual* is being printed for its May release. The contents of this volume include the following articles:

“The Steding Express” by Robert Glen Findley

“James Currie, Pioneer Stockman” by Laura Ratliff-Huitt

“The Colorado River Municipal Water District: The First Forty Years” by Joe Pickle

“The Midland Rape Crisis Center: Origins and Evolution” by Louise Whelan

“Exploring the Valley of the Chalk” by Jack M. Haynes

“Cavalry Tradition on the Texas Frontier” by James T. Matthews

Center for Energy and Economic Diversification is located at the intersection of State Highway 191 and Farm Road 1788 in northwestern Midland County, Texas.

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