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## East Texas Colloquy

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### EAST TEXAS COLLOQUY

The Association held its annual meeting in Nacogdoches on September 19-20, 1986. For the first time a Friday afternoon session was held, and it was most successful, attracting an audience of fifty persons. Also, a new feature was a Friday evening banquet which proved equally successful with an attendance exceeding 100 persons. Country music historian Bill Malone of Tulane University presented a musical program with the assistance of his wife, Bobbie Malone. Following the banquet the Association attended a reception at the Blount House, the headquarters of the Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce.

All Saturday sessions were held in the Ramada Inn, including the luncheon and business session. President Jewel Cates presided at the business meeting. New officers elected include Joe L. White, director of the East Texas Oil Museum, President; Mrs. Virginia Long, also of Kilgore, First Vice President; and Gwin Morris of Baylor University, Dallas, Second Vice President. Mrs. Gladys Meisenheimer of Jefferson, Bill O'Neal of Panola Junior College, Carthage, and Naaman Woodland, Lamar University, Beaumont, were elected to three-year terms on the Board of Directors.

The Ottis Lock Endowment Awards were also presented at the luncheon. This year they went to:

#### Excellence in Teaching

4-year Institution	Dr. Frank Smyrl The University of Texas at Tyler
2-Year Institution	Dr. Richard Bailey San Jacinto College North, Houston
Secondary School	Lincoln King Gary High School, Gary, Texas
Best Book	<i>Every Sun That Rises: Wyatt Moore of Caddo Lake</i>
Scholarship	Jerry Allen Simpson, The University of Texas at Tyler, working toward his master's degree in History
Research Grants	Bill O'Neal Panola Junior College Dianna Church Richardson, Texas Randolph B. Campbell North Texas State University David V. Stroud Kilgore College Paul D. Lack McMurry College

New Fellows of the Association announced at the meeting include Dr. Dorman Winfrey, State Librarian, and Dr. F.E. Abernethy, of Stephen F. Austin State University. Dr. Donald W. Whisenhunt of Wayne State College received the C.K. Chamberlain Award for the best article to appear in Volume XXIII.



Joe L. White of Kilgore, president of the East Texas Historical Association for 1986-1987, is a native of Henderson, Texas. He was educated in the public schools of that city and at Kilgore College and Stephen F. Austin State University where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in history. He has taught at Kilgore College since 1971 and served as director of the East Texas Oil Museum since it was founded in 1980.

White was charter president of the Kilgore Kiwanis Club and serves on the board of St. Luke's United Methodist Church. He is a member of the Kilgore City Commission, and has worked with such organizations as the Salvation Army, the American Heart Association, and the American Cancer Society. He and his wife are the parents of a daughter, Donna Kemp White.

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The Association will hold its Spring 1987 meeting in Marshall on February 20-21. We are hosted by East Texas Baptist University, and Seth Walton is the chair of the Program Committee. A highlight of the meeting will be the presentation of the Ralph W. Steen Award and the Lucille Terry Historical Preservation Award. For details, contact the East Texas Historical Association, Box 6223, SFA Station, Nacogdoches, Texas 75962.

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The Texas State Historical Association will hold its annual meeting in Galveston on March 5-7. The meeting will headquarter at the San Luis Hotel. For details, contact Texas State Historical Association, 2/306 Sid Richardson Hall, Austin, Texas 78712.

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The Texas Historical Commission has announced the T.R. Fehrenbach Publications Contest. The contest, which honors a leading historian of Texas, and a member of the THC, encourages original research and publication of material that preserves, records, and recounts the prehistory and history of Texas. It is open to any publication on Texas history provided that it is based on original research. For details contact the Texas Historical Commission, P.O. Box 12276, Austin, Texas 78711.