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The Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting of the Association was held in Nacogdoches on September 20-21, 1991, at the Fredonia Inn. Dr. Robert Calvert, Texas A&M University, and Dr. Terry West, Forest Historian of the National Forest Service, delivered banquet addresses. Eight sessions, including a tribute to the late Dr. Robert S. Maxwell and a special session on the three-hundredth anniversary of the Old San Antonio Road, were arranged by program chair Linda Hudson of Longview.

The Association's next meeting will be in Beaumont on February 21-22, 1991. Marion Holt of Lamar University chairs the program and local arrangements committee. The Holiday Inn on I-10 serves as headquarters, but Friday sessions and reception will be at the Terrell Library & Archives and the McFaddin-Ward House. Registration materials and other data relative to the meeting will be mailed to the membership in January 1992.

Bill O'Neal of Panola College in Carthage serves as president of the Association for 1991-1992. President O'Neal is the author of several books, including *Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters* (1970); *Henry Brown: The Outlaw Marshall* (1981); *The Texas League* (1987); *The Arizona Rangers* (1988); *Cattlemen vs. Shepherders* (1989); *The Pacific Coast League* (1989); and the forthcoming *Fighting Men Of The Indian Wars*. He also has published more than 200 articles and book reviews. O'Neal is sports minded, and so much of his planned work falls in that area, including books on the American Association and the International League. He is a member of various historical associations at regional, state, and local levels.



O'Neal states, "I am a native of Corsicana. My grandmother came to Texas in a covered wagon and my grandfather drove cattle up the Chisholm Trail and fought in the Horrell-Higgins range war in Lampasas County. I have a special interest in Texas History." In addition to regular classes, he has conducted traveling courses in Texas history and in European history. O'Neal is married and the father of four daughters.

The Endowment Fund has received some funds, but much more is required to insure the financial security of the Association. Mr. and Mrs. F. Lee Lawrence of Tyler challenged the Association to match a \$5000 gift to the Association last year. To date we have received gifts and/or pledges from the following members: R.M. Wilson, Max S. and Cissy S.

Lale, Audrey Kariel, John F. Anderson, Charles K. and Ann C. Phillips, Bill O'Neal, Bob Bowman, Paul R. Scott, Linda Cross, Mrs. W.S. Terry, Grace F. Allison, Mrs. Solon G. Hughes, Ada M. Holland, Mary H. Appleberry, Ken Durham, Dr. Irvin May, Marion Holt, and Ron and Shelly Hufford. The total received or pledged to date is \$2,625, so we have a way to go to match the Lawrence's generous gift. Please consider this method of supporting the future work of the Association. Our awards for excellence in teaching and writing receive national notice, and our award for historical preservation is much desired by various preservationists. We must insure the stability of the Association, especially when public support is always dependent upon the ability of our host institution to keep part of our expenses in their budget. Another way to assist us in our work is to recruit institutional members, especially educational and business institutions. A list of current members in this category appears on the inside back cover of this journal; if you know of a likely member and its name does not appear there, please contact the appropriate officials and recruit them if you can.

Because we have a great many reviews and articles for this issue, we will not include a formal Book Note section. However, two books of recent publication need to be included:

Ben Procter's long-awaited book on the Texas Rangers reached print in September 1991. *Just One Riot: Episodes of Texas Rangers In The 20th Century* (Eakin Press, Box 90159, Austin, TX 78709; \$18.95), supplements the venerable Ranger history written more than a half century ago by the dean of Texas historians, Walter Prescott Webb. Procter is Webb's successor in more ways than one. An obvious way is that he has continued the story of Texas' legendary law enforcement agency; but there is more. For some years Procter also has been the principal bonding agent of lay and professional historians so active in Texas studies. He is a one-man Danforth operation in the care and nurture of graduate students, and a friend to more Texas historians than he can count. Many of them have heard portions of this book in presidential addresses, after dinner speeches, and formal presentations at meetings of learned societies, for he has shared already the product of his two decades of research on this topic in many ways. Still, it is good to see it whole. Readers will find much to interest them in this book and much to ponder about its subject. The Rangers are heroes or villains, depending upon so many different perspectives. Procter has researched his subject, and presented the results — conclusions may still be left to the reader. Although the book is about all the Rangers, so much of it is devoted to their activities in East Texas that we can claim it as a book that is largely about our special region of the state.

The second book is *Images From The Great West* (Chaco Press, 5218 Donna Maria Ln., La Canada, California 91011; \$24.95). This book features photographs by Marc Gaede, an essay and quotations by A.B. Guthrie Jr., a tribute by Edward Abbey, a foreword by Charles Bowden,

and was edited by Marnie Walker Gaede. The photographer and editor state its purpose best: "It is our belief that photographic publications, like the written book, need a definitive premise. It is not enough to assemble attractive images and then expect a public audience to relate more than casually to the photographer's effort ... The photographs in this book are directly influenced by writers ... of western literature. It is from the creativity of these individuals that much of our conception of the West is derived..." (p. vii). Like Thoreau, my foot goes naturally to the West. Perhaps that is why I like this book so much. For more than a quarter of a century I have spent some part of each year West of my native East Texas — until 1991. University schedules and assignments to the East kept that from happening. Writing on the morning of a humid, foggy, Fall day that sustains more a lingering Texas summer than it promises the relief of winter, Gaede's photographs remind me of what was missed this year, not just in relief from summer's heat, but in renewal. "Westward, I go free," said Thoreau; these black-and-white pictures restoreth my soul a little bit, and make me look forward to seeing, and smelling, and above all *feeling* the West again.