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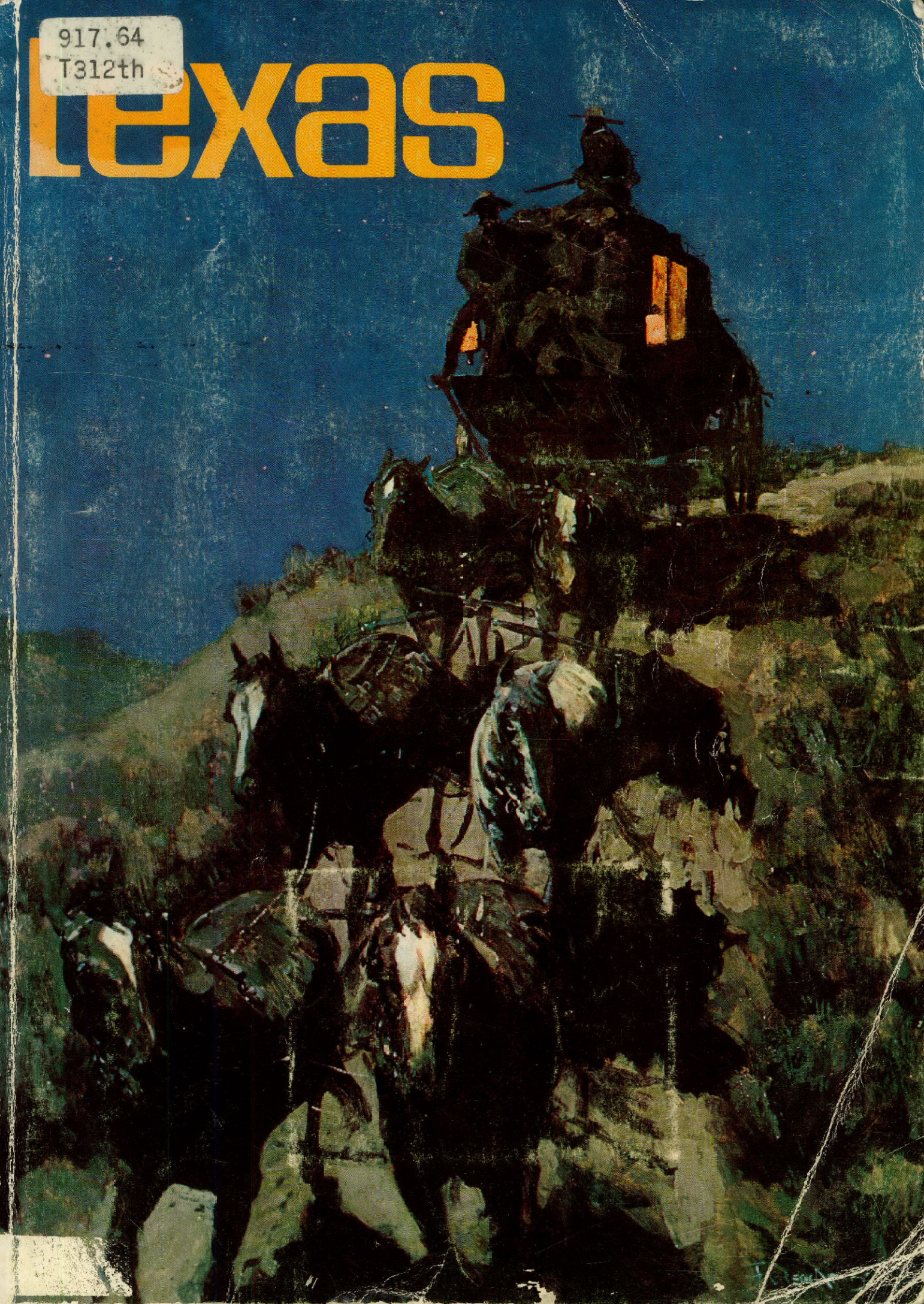

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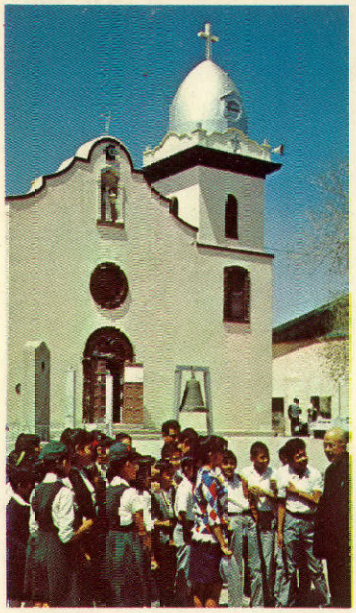

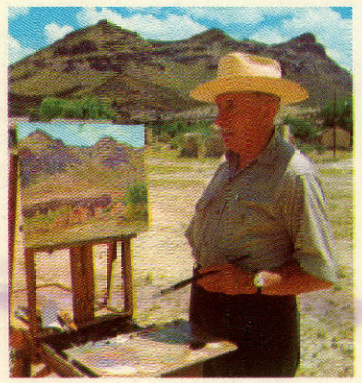

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land of contrast

It's true.

Talk about contrast, this is it!

From Judge Roy Bean to moon men.

From lush woodlands to stark desert.

From sparkling surf to mile-high mountains.

And lots more in between.

One nice thing about a land of contrast

(besides all the pleasant surprises)

there's enough variety so you can pick

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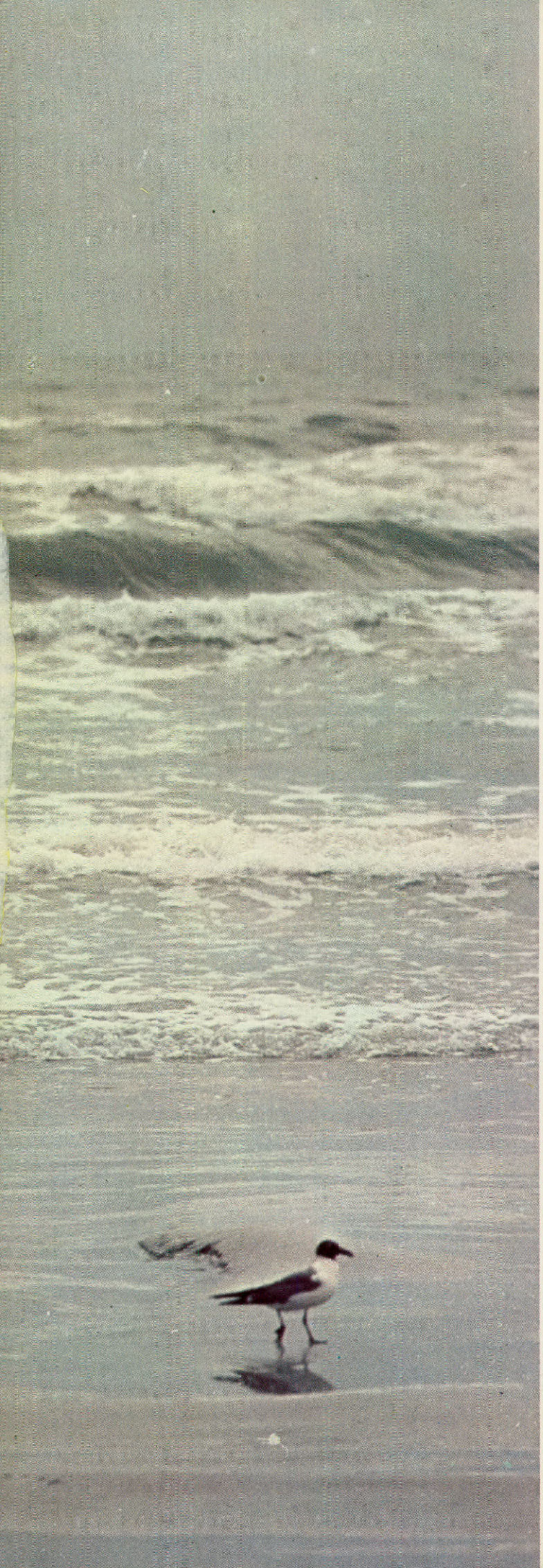
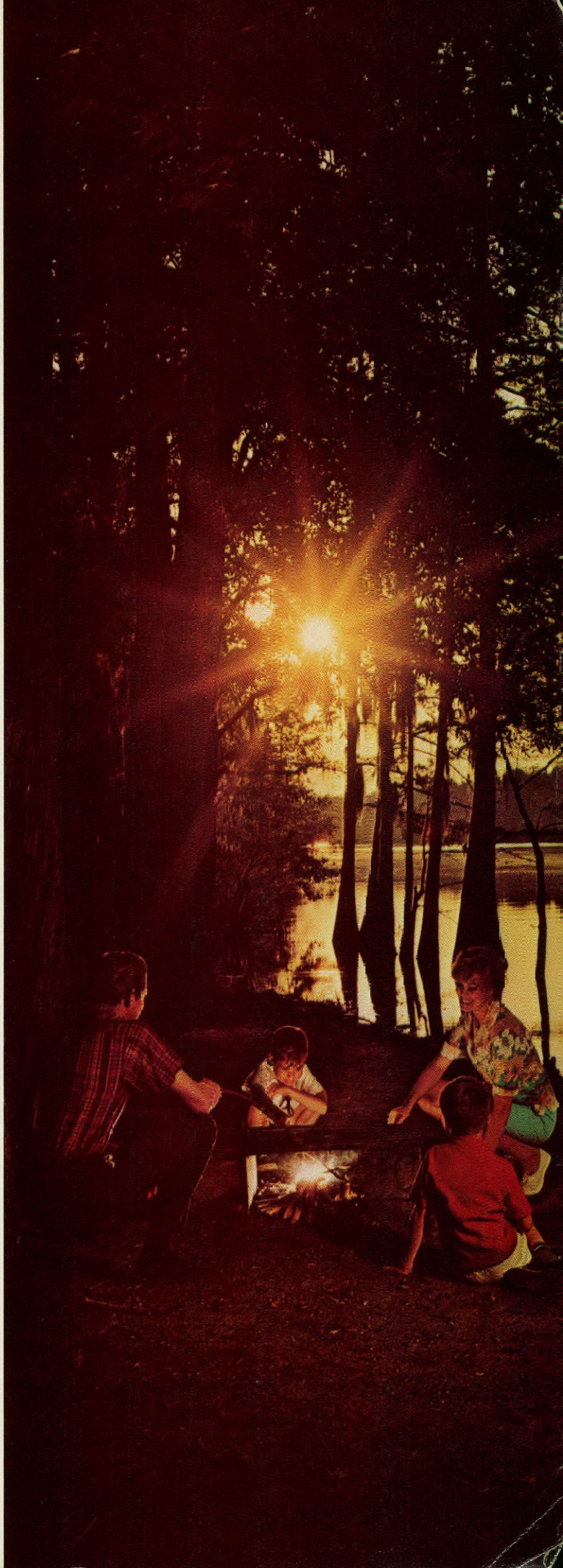




how to use this book

Because of Texas' diversity and almost overwhelming size, this book presents the state in 10 regions as illustrated below. Those regional names are the first 10 listings in the Table of Contents to the right. To facilitate finding descriptions of the regions, flex the edge of the book so that corresponding color bars become visible.

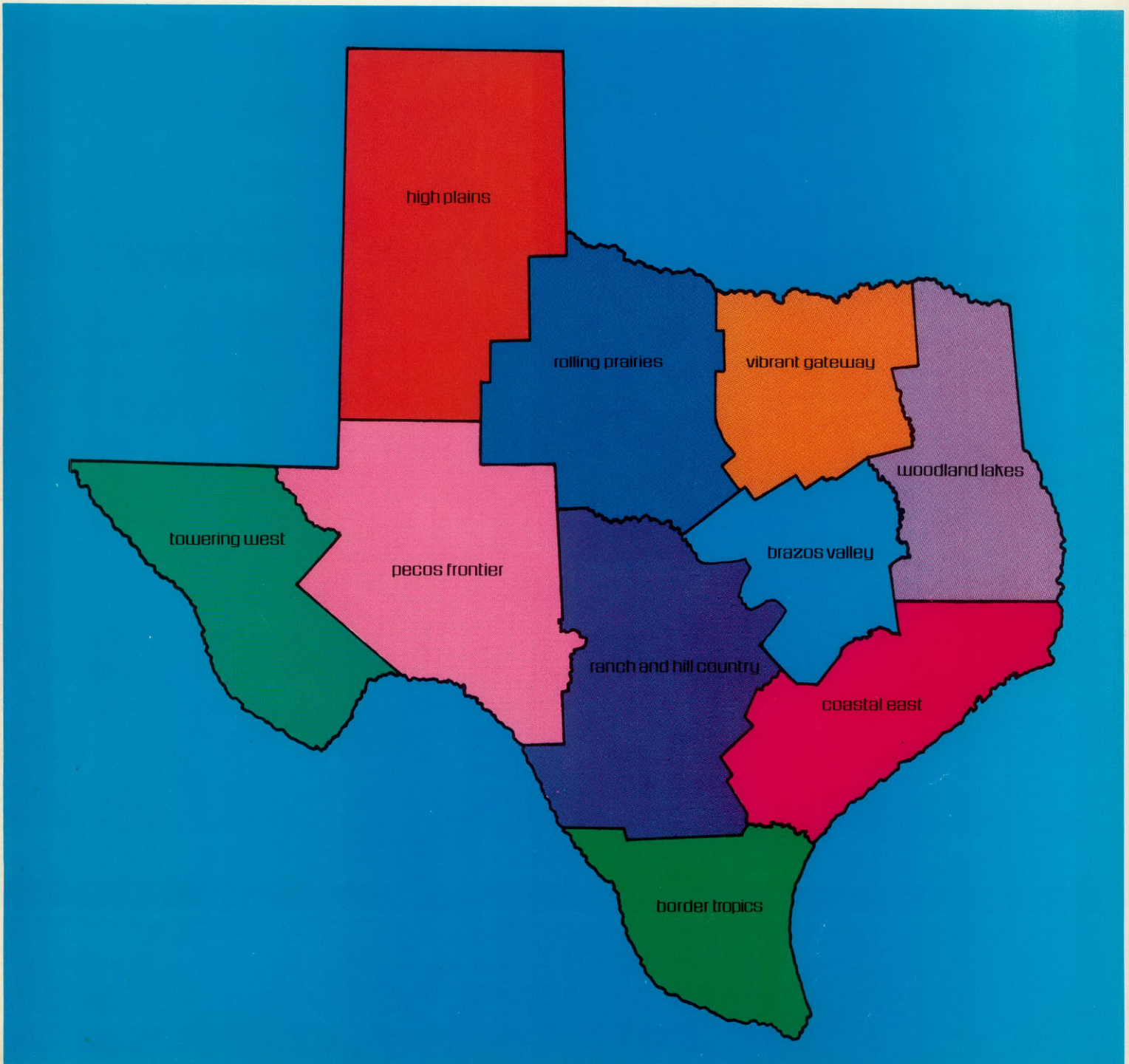
Each region is introduced by a detailed section map. Attractions and points of interest are listed under the city where they are located; cities are arranged in alphabetical order. Public campgrounds are listed at the end of each regional section.

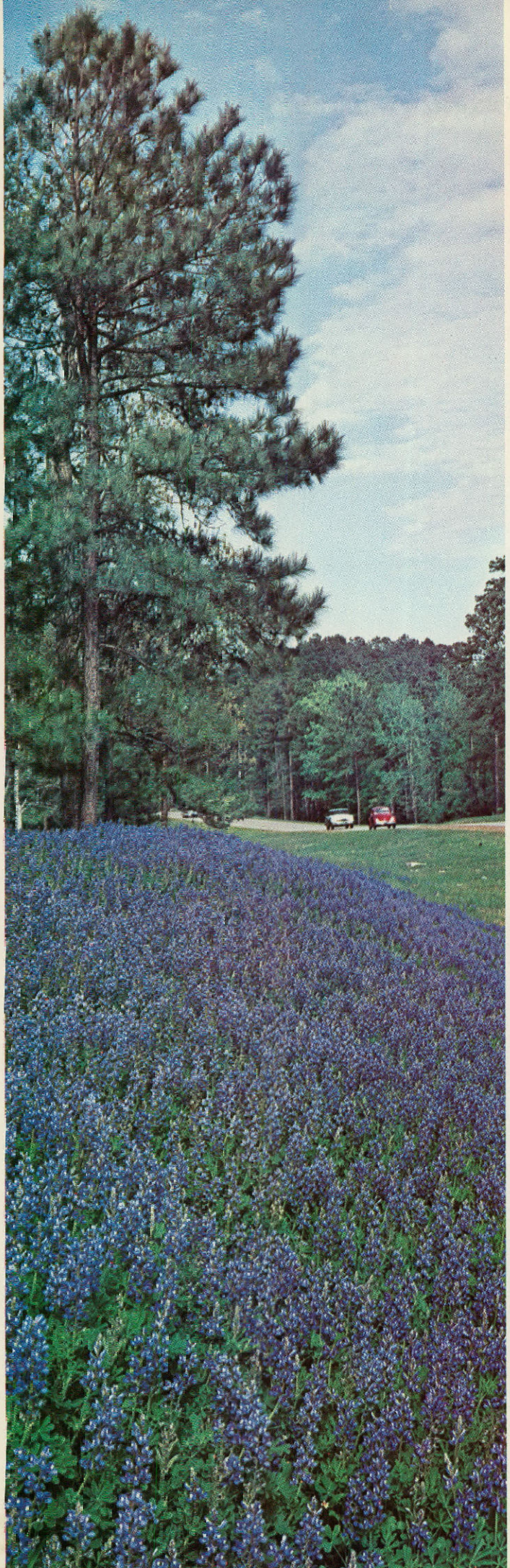
The map on page 204 joins all the regions, and shows major highways, cities and towns. For a complete state driving map, refer to the Official Highway Travel Map available free from the Texas Highway Department.

Note that the Table of Contents also lists several special interest sections toward the end of the book. Those sections give capsule information on such subjects as state parks, national forests and major events.

Highway designations in the book include **I.H.** for Interstate highways, **U.S.** for U.S. highways, **Texas** for state highways, and **F.M.** or **R.M.** for Texas Farm or Ranch Roads. All F.M. and R.M. roads are part of the state highway system, and are fine paved routes.

This book does not list auto services, accommodations or restaurants because many commercial guides are available on those subjects.





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vibrant gateway

Linking pines of the east to grazing plains of the west, the Vibrant Gateway combines spirited accents of both—an appropriate introduction to Texas!

The region has always been a gateway. Longhorns streamed up the old Chisholm Trail. New settlers poured down it. Today, Interstate 35 parallels the historic route; other super highways slice the area from all directions; and soaring cities have grown from riotous trail towns.

Footlights glow—a symphony conductor lifts his baton—"Big Tex" booms welcome at the nation's largest state fair—thousands cheer sport spectacles—yellow flames flicker from shish kebab.

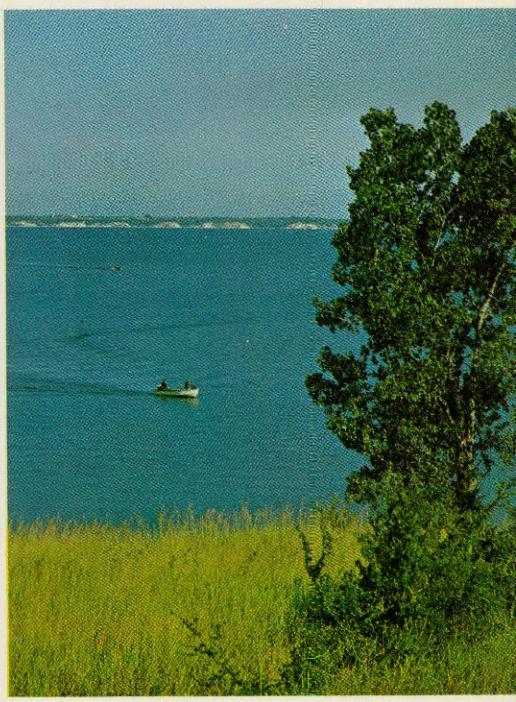
Here's the up-tempo pulse of Texas, yet there's relaxation too. Campgrounds edge blue lakes amid green woodlands. Children pause in wonder at footprints of dinosaurs who roamed this land a hundred million years ago.

There's a Texas-sized welcome mat at the Vibrant Gateway!

HILL COUNTY COURTHOUSE

AUTOMOBILES BUILDING, STATE FAIR OF TEXAS, DALLAS

MEXICAN MARKET AREA, SIX FLAGS



LAKE TEXOMA

BOTANIC GARDENS, FORT WORTH

RUNAWAY MINE TRAIN RIDE, SIX FLAGS

WHERE TO GO, WHAT TO SEE

ARLINGTON *Grid F-13* *Pop. 88,385* *Alt. 616*

General — Established as Johnson's Station 1843, grew slowly as livestock and dairy center. Population and business experienced remarkable gain after World War II. Great Southwest Industrial Park covering 6,600 acres headquartered here; local Buick-Oldsmobile-Pontiac plant offers tours except during model change-over period.

Arlington Baptist School — Formerly Bible Baptist Seminary; founded 1939 by Fundamental Baptists of Fort Worth. Coed; about 350 students.

Lake — Arlington. See LAKES this section.

Parks — Several municipal swimming pools, 12 wooded parks and six municipal golf courses. Great Southwest Golf Course has gold in sand traps; assaying 54 cents per ton, each trap contains about $4.32 worth of gold.

Six Flags Over Texas — Huge recreational/entertainment park, one of Texas' most popular commercial tourist attractions drawing several million visitors annually. A land of history and fantasy, the six sections of the park devoted to Texas' colorful past under the flags of Spain, France, Mexico, the Republic, the Confederacy and the United States. Thrilling rides for all ages, Indian ceremonies, pirate island, frontier gunfights, riverboat excursions and a fascinating spelunkers cave, as well as food, refreshments and staged entertainment. Open Fri. - Sat. - Sun. from late Apr. through May then daily through Labor Day; then weekends only through Nov. Single-price admission for all rides and shows in the park. On Dallas-Fort Worth Turnpike midway between the two cities.

University of Texas at Arlington — Coed, liberal arts college; originally established as private school in 1895. Enrollment exceeds 12,000.

ATHENS *Grid G-14* *Pop. 9,535* *Alt. 490*

General — Named either for the capital of Greece or for the city in Georgia (there is local argument). Seat of Henderson County; an industrial center turning out such diversified products as brick, pottery, TV sets, furniture and hardwood lumber.

Major Event — Old Fiddlers' Reunion, last Fri. each May. Less than 1,000 people attended first reunion in 1932; today more than 50,000 lovers of traditional country music gather. Celebration ends with square dance on courthouse square.

Henderson County Junior College — Coed, founded 1946; averages about 1,350 students. On Cardinal Dr.

Lake — Cedar Creek Reservoir. See LAKES this section.

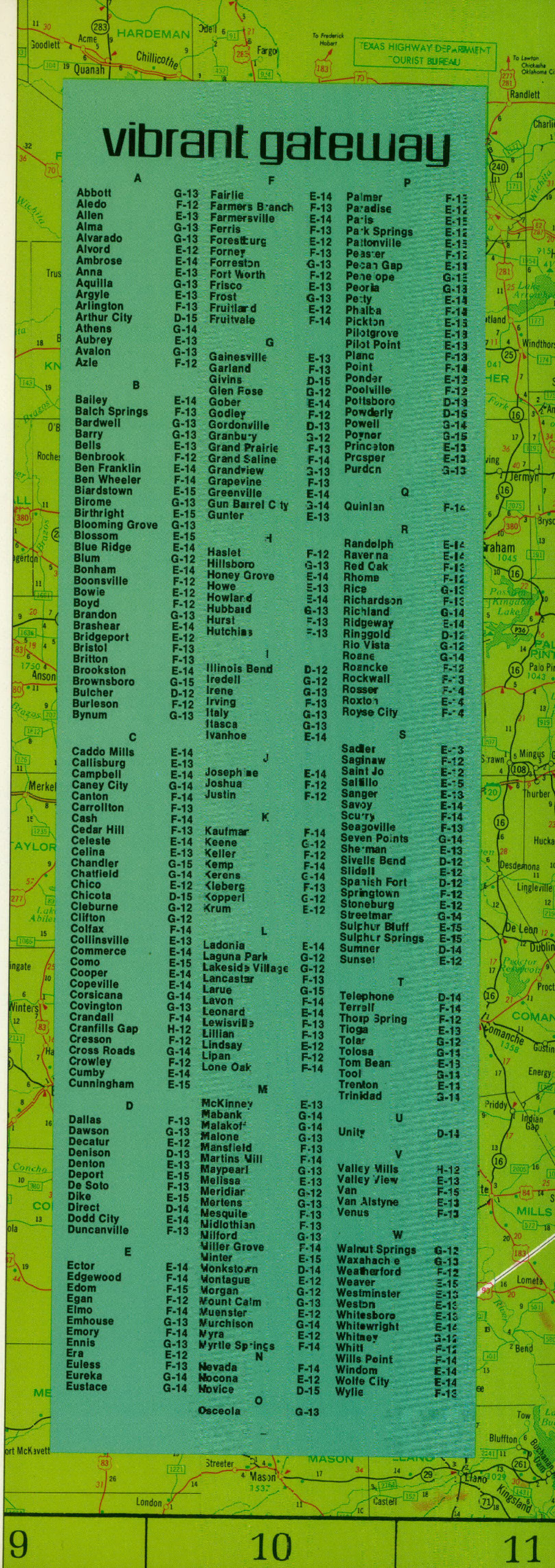
BONHAM *Grid E-14* *Pop. 7,593* *Alt. 568*

General — Seat of Fannin County in an area of blackland prairie south of the Red River which marks boundary between Texas and Oklahoma. The name and a statue on courthouse square honors James Butler Bonham, one of noted defenders of the Alamo.

Major Events — Registered Quarter Horse Show, Apr., shows prize specimens of the popular ranch breed.

Kueckelhan Rodeo, four days in July; rough and fancy riding and roping in arena a few miles north of Bonham.

Fannin County Fair, three days in Oct.; livestock exhibits and agricultural displays dominate festivities, along with country-western entertainment.



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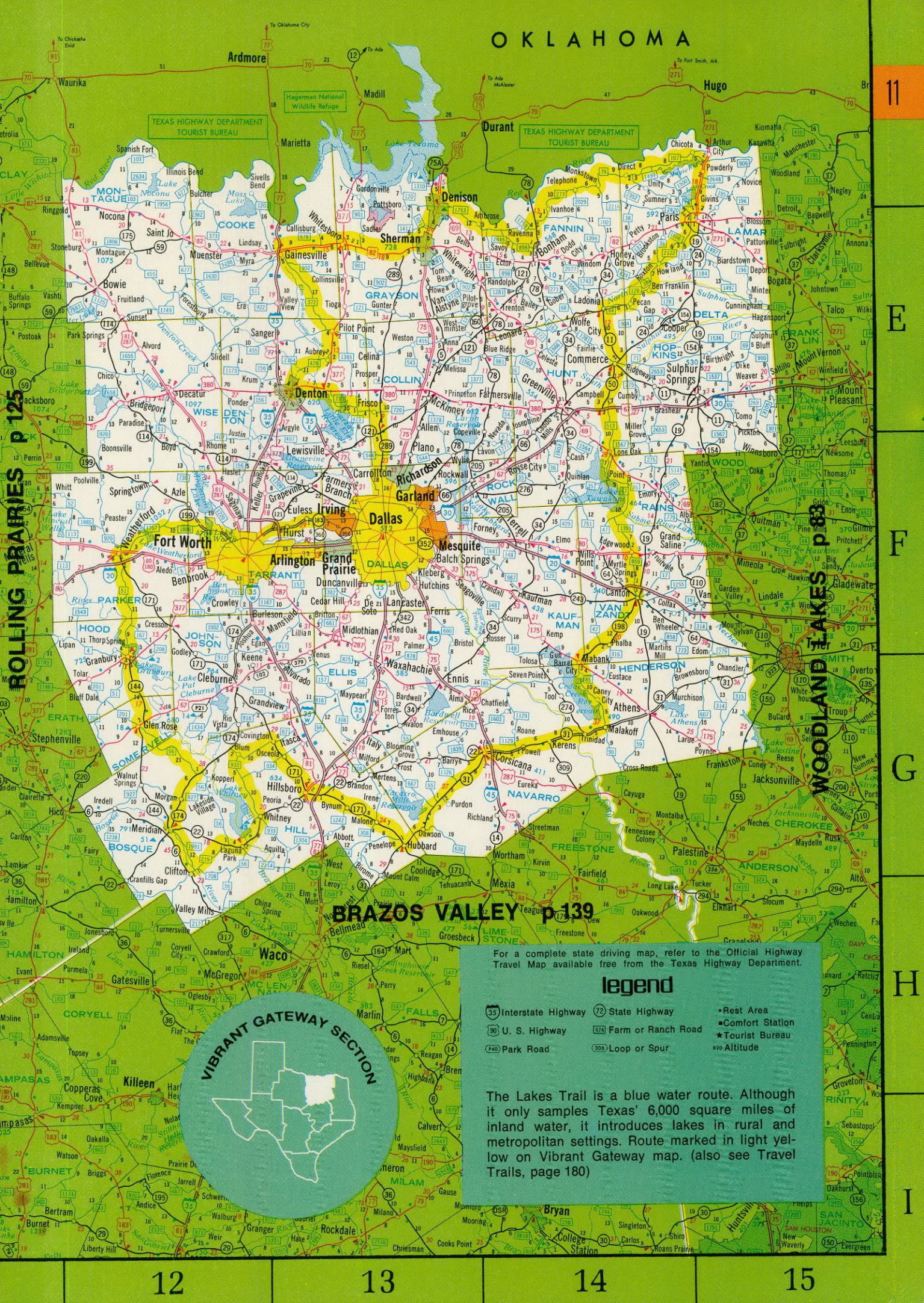
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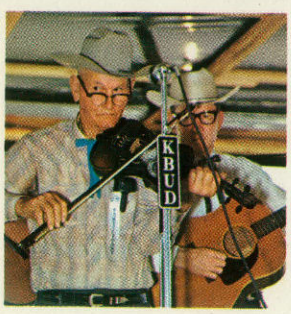

OLD FIDDLER CONTESTS

ENTRANCE MALL, SIX FLAGS OVER TEXAS

Bonham State Park — 300 acres set on rolling, wooded site less than four miles from Bonham. Individual and group camping facilities; small lake offers fishing, swimming and boating. Also bathhouse, snack bar (summer operation), miniature golf course, playground, and paddle boat rentals. Access via Texas 78 south, F.M. 271. Admission.

Sam Rayburn Library — Elegant structure of white Georgia marble honors the late "Mister Sam," who served as speaker of U.S. House of Representatives longer than any other person in American history. Library contains an exact duplicate of his U.S. Capitol office, from pattern on tile floor to barrel-vaulted ceiling. Over desk is a crystal chandelier, more than a century old, which hung in both the White House and the Capitol. Other mementos include many gavels used on historic occasions in Congress, and a 2,500-year-old Grecian urn he received from the Athens Palace Guard in appreciation for American economic aid. On 4.3-acre tract along U.S. 82, four blocks west of downtown.

BOWIE *Grid E-12* *Pop. 5,050* *Alt. 1,145*

General — Established 1882 on newly built Fort Worth and Denver Railroad, named for the legendary frontiersman who died at the Alamo, Jim Bowie. Today largest town in Montague County although village of Montague (pop. 285) is county seat. Agricultural area, supplemented by considerable oil production. Agricultural income from beef cattle, peaches, truck crops and Texas' largest commercial quantities of grapes.

Lake — Amon Carter. See LAKES this section.

CANTON *Grid F-14* *Pop. 2,215* *Alt. 540*

General — Farming and livestock market, seat of Van Zandt County, originally located in Henderson County.

Major Events — "First Mondays" of each month — long traditional swap day in rural Texas — continues as a regular tradition with current emphasis on trading of hunting dogs; day often referred to as "Dog Monday." At the "Jockey Grounds," where bartering goes on, lively rivalry as vendors, auctioneers and salesmen vie for attention of visitors.

Van Zandt County Fair and Rodeo, three days in Aug., features countywide participation in exhibits and arena excitement.

CLEBURNE *Grid G-12* *Pop. 16,950* *Alt. 764*

General — Seat of Johnson County, established about 1854, first known as Camp Henderson. In 1867 name changed to honor Confederate Gen. Pat Cleburne. County is agricultural area featuring dairying and livestock production, while city economy supported by diversified industry including a steel foundry, dairy processing plants, garment factories, lime plant, furniture manufacturers and state's largest railroad construction and repair shops.

Major Events — Junior Livestock Show and Rodeo, two days in Apr.; prize animals raised by area young stockmen compete for blue ribbons and awards, as do riders and ropers in rodeo arena.

Johnson County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo, four days late July - early Aug. Traditional thrills and spills in rodeo competition.

Cleburne State Park — 498 scenic acres offering camping, picnicking, rest rooms and showers, group camp facilities, fishing, swimming, boat rentals, groceries, trailer facilities and hiking trails. Park contains a wildlife refuge and 116-acre Cedar Lake. 14 miles southwest of Cleburne, U.S. 67, Park Rd. 21. Admission.

Lake — Pat Cleburne. See LAKES this section.

Layland's Museum — Johnson County historical relics. Indian artifacts, early Texana, fossils, tools. Open Wed. - Fri. 3 - 5 p.m., Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. 201 N. Caddo.

Little Old House — Oldest house in Cleburne, dating from 1860s. Restored townhouse, old-fashioned flower garden and period furnishings. Make local inquiry at City Manager's office. House at 409 N. Buffalo.

CLIFTON *Grid G-12* *Pop. 2,469* *Alt. 670*

General — Settled about 1854 on Bosque River, today largest town in county; marketing center for surrounding agricultural efforts, and gateway to Lake Whitney. City park offers picnic facilities and playground equipment. Fishing available on the Bosque and Lake Whitney. Scandinavian traditions still observed by descendants of Norse settlers (see below).

Bosque Memorial Museum — Texas mineral and fossil collections, guns, coins, sailing ship models, pioneer kitchen equipment, farm tools and Indian artifacts. Avenue Q west of Texas 6. Open Sun. 2 - 5 p.m.; and by appointment. Admission.

Lake — Whitney. See LAKES this section.

Lake Whitney State Park — About 27 miles northeast. (See WHITNEY this section.)

Meridian State Park — About 15 miles northwest. (See MERIDIAN this section.

Norse Settlement — A few miles west of Clifton the Norse community is "capital" of Norwegian settlement in Texas. Pioneers such as Cleng Peerson, known as "the Father of Norse Immigration to America," and Ole Knutson brought groups of Norwegian immigrants to area in 1850s. Peerson's grave, in churchyard of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in the Norse community, is honored by Norwegian descendants throughout America. Old World customs celebrated each Nov. with giant smorgasbord at the church; many of the women wear the colorful "drakt," Norway's national costume. Access via F.M. 212 west, F.M. 182 north.

COMMERCE *Grid E-14* *Pop. 9,335* *Alt. 548*

General — Economy of town based upon agriculture and industries which produce dairy products, clothing, concrete tile, confections, and wood products. Founded 1853; birthplace of Gen. Claire Chennault, leader of famous "Flying Tigers" of World War II. Recreational facilities include community center, two city parks and nine-hole golf course.

East Texas State University — Established in 1889, teacher training long the primary goal. With broadened curriculum, coed university now enrolls some 9,000 students.

Lake — Tawakoni. See LAKES this section.

COOPER *Grid E-14* *Pop. 2,210* *Alt. 495*

General — Founded 1874 in rich farming area between North and South Sulphur Rivers. Fat stock show each May and a rodeo in Aug. are two popular annual events occurring in this principal commercial center and seat of Delta County. The county is known as the "Vetch Capital of the World."

CORSICANA *Grid G-14* *Pop. 19,839* *Alt. 448*

General — Town grew up around McKinney Inn, established 1849. Early boom touched off in 1894 when city was drilling for water, accidentally struck oil; one of Texas' first refineries built here in 1897. City was first in state to use natural gas for fuel and lighting, and crude oil for locomotive fuel. Today retail and wholesale center for rich blacklands agricultural area. Industries include oil refineries and oil well supplies, textile mills, garment, bottle and fertilizer manufacturing, machine shops and metal fabrication. Municipal park, swimming, golf.

Corsicana Fruit Cake — Baked by Collin Street Bakery since 1896 and marketed under the name "DeLuxe," cake is possibly the most famous in the world; shipped each year to every state in the nation, and more than 140 foreign lands. Only fruit cake ever granted rare Gourmet Society (New York) Culinary Merit Award. Cakes sold only by mail or at bakery. Several hundred thousand cakes are produced annually, majority for Thanksgiving and Christmas, utilizing more than 400,000 pounds of native Texas pecans.

Navarro Junior College — Coed, established 1946, enrolling more than 1,000 students.

Lakes — Bardwell and Navarro Mills Reservoirs. See LAKES this section.

Petroleum Industry Park — Exhibits relate story of oil industry nationally, statewide and in immediate area. Open all hours. 401 S. 12th.

Pioneer Village — Project of Navarro County Historical Society, village is a restoration of houses and buildings from mid-1800s. Homes, stores, doctor's office, blacksmith shop, covered wagon and stagecoach have been restored and furnished in authentic detail. Open daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 900 W. Park Ave.

CRESSON *Grid F-12* *Pop. 298* *Alt. 1,047*

General — Established about 1887, named for official of Fort Worth & Rio Grande Railway Company.

H. S. Smith Collection — Outdoor museum of steam tractors and steam threshing machines, other pioneer farm equipment. Open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - noon; Sun. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Lake — Granbury. See LAKES this section.

Pate Museum of Transportation — Antique railroad car, vintage and classic automobiles, stagecoaches, wagons, saddles, U.S. Army tank and military aircraft. Open daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. On U.S. 377, entrance through gate of Texas Refinery Recreation Ranch.

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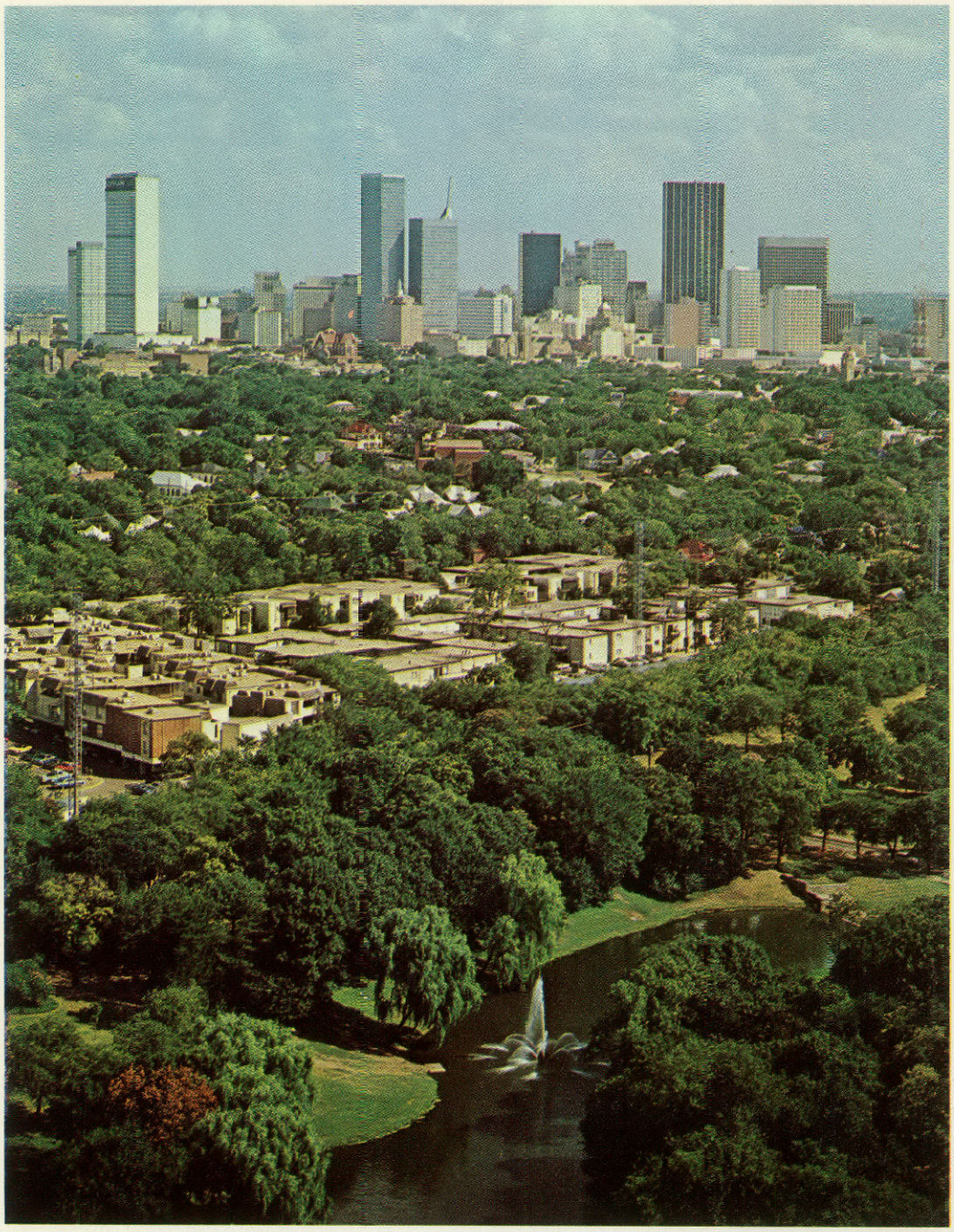

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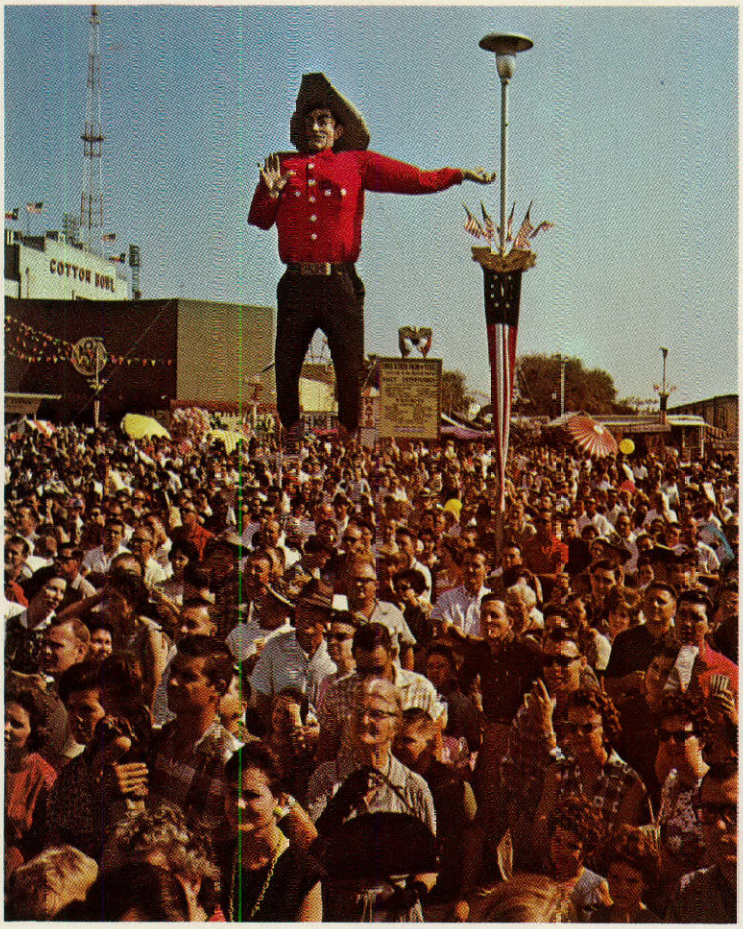


"BIG TEX" BOOMS WELCOME, STATE FAIR OF TEXAS

TRADITIONAL EXHIBITS, STATE FAIR

DALLAS *Grid F-13* *Pop. 836,121* *Alt. 512*

General — First Anglo-American habitation at site of present metropolis was a single settler's cabin built 1841. Two years later "town" consisted of two log cabins. By mid-1870s, Dallas had become a thriving business town and market center with a cosmopolitan, urbane air unmatched anywhere on the frontier at the time primarily because of several immigrations of skilled and cultured groups of French, German, Swiss, English and other Europeans.

Today Dallas, second in size to Houston, is regarded by many as Texas' most metropolitan and cosmopolitan city. Southwest's largest banking center, leader in wholesale business, home of more insurance companies than any other city in the nation, among leaders in "million dollar" companies, and one of nation's top three fashion markets.

Citizens pursue culture with almost as much enthusiasm as business, resulting in endless attractions from which, any day or night of the year, one may choose from an amazing variety. Excellent major symphony orchestra and a steady stream of visiting groups: opera and ballet, theatre and musical comedy, literary societies and debating groups. Visit flower shows, horse shows, art shows, bird shows, dog shows and cat shows. Noted for a variety of gourmet dining opportunities.

Finally, an excellent climate where fair skies predominate year-round encourages outdoor activities, especially water sports.

Major Events — Cotton Bowl Football Classic, New Year's Day, fills bowl to capacity with Southwest Conference champion facing another top collegiate eleven.

Southwest Boat Show, nine days late Jan. - early Feb., draws nearly 300,000 people. Displays of boat and recreational equipment, entertainment and prizes.

Southwest Home Builder's Show, two days in Apr., at Market Hall.

Byron Nelson Golf Classic (Greater Dallas Open), four days in Apr. Top pro golfers from throughout the nation.

Dallas Invitational Tennis Tourney and Dallas Open Tennis Tourney, four and six days respectively in Apr.

Sailing Regatta, three days in Apr. on White Rock Lake. Regular Sun. sailboat races are held during spring and summer months.

Texas Palomino Horse Show three days in Apr.

Dallas Flower & Garden Show, nine days in Apr., spring festival of blooms in World Exhibits Building, Fair Park.

Dallas Gun Club Metropolitan Open, two days Apr. or May; Pan American International Open, two days May or June; both are skeet and trap events.

Dallas Charity Horse Show, four days in May; the nation's renowned exhibitors with prize-winning horses at Livestock Pavilion, Fair Park.

Civitan Women's Open Golf Tourney four days in May; the best of lady golfers.

Summer musicals, June - Aug., Music Hall, Fair Park. Top talent and major productions by professional touring groups nightly except Sun. when matinees are scheduled.

Texas Arabian Horse Show, three days in June.

State Fair Fireworks Spectacular, July 4th in the Cotton Bowl.

STATE FAIR of TEXAS, 16 days in Oct. Without peer in the U.S., exposition draws millions to 200-acre Fair Park. Traditional fair displays and exhibits, plus Broadway musicals, ice shows, extravaganzas, prize livestock and horse show performances, a huge midway, and gridiron rivalry between Texas and Oklahoma. Big Tex, gigantic cowboy symbol, looms over all the festivities.

Antiques Fair, four days late Nov. - early Dec., a popular event for a quarter-century showcasing arts and crafts of bygone years.

Holiday Giant Balloon Parade in Nov. kicks off holiday season for thousands of wide-eyed children (and adults).

National Junior Indoor Championships Tennis Tourney, four days in Nov.; Cotton Bowl Junior Indoor Tennis Tourney four days in Dec., usually staged in Market Hall.

Professional sports are presented throughout year: teams include pro football's Dallas Cowboys, Dallas Chaparrals of American Basketball League, Dallas Black Hawks of Central Pro Hockey League, Dallas Rockets of Continental Football League, and Dallas-Fort Worth Spurs of Texas Baseball League.

For exact dates of these and other events, consult local newspapers or Dallas Chamber of Commerce, Fidelity Union Tower at Akard and Pacific Sts.

Baylor University College of Dentistry — Administered by main university at Waco; located on scenic campus featuring a basic science wing and graduate research wing. Average of 500 students enrolled. Museum displays early dental equipment, materials, instruments, records and mementos. Museum hours Mon. - Fri. 10 - 11 a.m., 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

DALLAS THEATER CENTER
DESIGNED BY FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

Bishop College — Established in Marshall in 1881, moved to Dallas in 1961. Coed, four-year college enrolls more than 1,700; 400-acre campus at 3837 Simpson-Stuart Rd.

Bryan Cabin — In Dallas County Historical Plaza; original log cabin of John Neely Bryan who, in 1841, was area's first settler. North of Kennedy Plaza at Main and Record Sts.

Churches — Hundreds of all faiths. Of particular interest are four churches, each of which is world's largest in its denomination: Highland Park Methodist, First Baptist, Highland Park Presbyterian and East Dallas Christian.

Dallas Baptist College — Dallas Baptist Association-sponsored junior college, founded in 1898 as Decatur Baptist College. Southwest Dallas, coed, enrollment of 1,300.

Dallas Civic Opera Company — Three-week season of opera each fall, featuring some of world's most eminent vocal artists. Each spring the New York Metropolitan Opera brings casts and full orchestra for several performances. 309 Browder St.

Dallas Symphony Orchestra — Full schedule of both home performances and tours. Consistent excellence rates it among nation's top 10. McFarlin Memorial Auditorium, Southern Methodist University.

Dallas Theater Center — Of great architectural interest, Frank Lloyd Wright's only direct contribution to the dramatic stage. Permanent repertory company plays 175 performances over 11-month season. 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd

Dallas Theological Seminary — Unrelated to any particular denomination, enrolls average of 425 students, offering four-year curriculum leading to Master of Theology degree, with graduate studies to Doctor of Theology. 3909 Swiss Ave.

John F. Kennedy Memorials — Polished granite marker at Houston and Main Sts. designates spot where President Kennedy was assassinated during motorcade, Nov. 22, 1963.

Cenotaph and Memorial Park at Main and Records Sts. Landscaped city block with open-style monument dedicated to the slain president.

John F. Kennedy Museum. Oversize reproductions of assassination stories from newspapers of 50 states; detailed model of city tracing route of motorcade; films and narrations; mementos; research material. Dealey Plaza at 501 Elm St. Fee for some museum areas.

Lakes — Bachman, Garza-Little Elm, Grapevine, Lavon, Mountain Creek, Ray Hubbard, White Rock. See LAKES this section.

Market Center International Sculpture Garden — Outdoor collection of contemporary sculpture by international artists. 2000-2300 Stemmons Freeway.

Marsalis Zoo — 50-acre, civic-supported zoo for recreation and education. 621 E. Clarendon St.

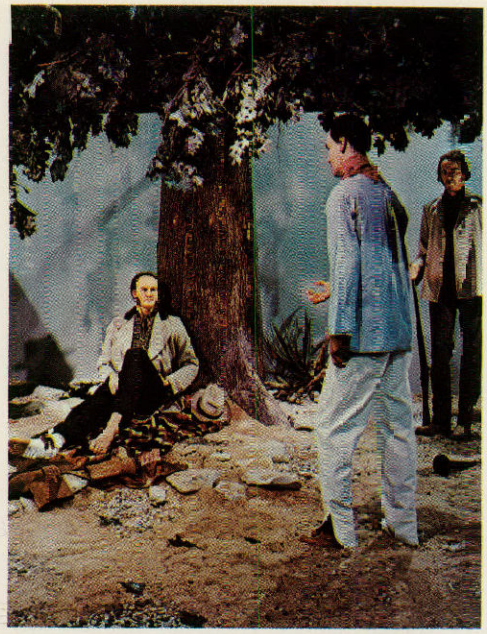
Millermore — Restored and refurnished Southern colonial house built of cedar and oak in 1355; log cabin built 1847. Furnishings largely Victorian empire pieces. Open Tues. - Fri. 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; 1st & 3rd Sun. 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Group tours by appointment. City Park, 1400 S. Ervay. Admission.

Miracle at Pentecost — Immense religious painting depicting one of the most dramatic events of the early Christian era. Mural is 20 feet high, 124 feet long, housed in a building especially built for the painting. The giant work of art is interpreted in two free shows daily featuring special lighting, narration, and stereo music: 1:30 & 2:30 p.m. Boedeker St. and Park Lane.

Museum of Fashion — Garments and accessories from mid-19th Century to today. Fine European collection. Open Mon. - Fri. 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. 2300 Stemmons Freeway.

Observation Deck — 50th floor, First National Bank; open Mon - Sat. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Elm & Akard Sts. Admission. (Also see Southland Center below.)

Owens Fine Arts Center — Virginia Meadows Museum art display; 400 years of Spanish art, paintings by international masters;



SOUTHWESTERN HISTORICAL WAX MUSEUM, DALLAS

EXOTIC DINING OPPORTUNITIES

sculpture court and gardens with 44 pieces of contemporary Italian sculpture. Nearby is Caruth Music Auditorium with famous pipe organ; Pollock Galleries with monthly art exhibit. Open Mon. - Sat. noon - 5 p.m., Sun. and holidays 1 - 5 p.m. SMU Campus.

Parks — Dotted throughout city are 118 parks covering 7,973 acres. More than 90 after-school supervised play centers operate during school months.

Six Flags Over Texas Amusement Park — See ARLINGTON this section.

Southern Methodist University — Affiliated with the Methodist Church; coed, enrollment exceeds 9,000. SMU operates the School of Law and downtown school of specialized courses and correspondence work, Dallas College. On campus the A. V. Lane Museum of Archeology features Egyptian and Babylonian antiquities; Bridwell Library collection of 300 early printing presses, and McCord Museum of the Theatre contains memorabilia of local and national theatre people.

Southland Center — Fascinating "city-within-a-city" includes 42-story Southland Life Tower, Sheraton-Dallas luxury hotel; shops, restaurants and beautifully landscaped plaza. Observation deck and lounge on 41st floor open daily, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Souvenir counter and snack bar. Admission.

State Fair Park — Home of nation's largest annual state exposition; grounds host millions for 16 days each Oct. Rest of the year (except two weeks before fair opens) area serves as a popular city park including attractions listed below.

Age of Steam Museum offers a nostalgic look at the heyday of railroads.

Aquarium exhibits living specimens from Texas lakes, rivers and streams, plus tropical and exotic species.

Cotton Bowl Stadium seats 75,504 for major collegiate football including traditional Texas-Oklahoma game during State Fair each Oct., Cotton Bowl Classic each New Year's Day, and SMU home games.

Garden Center, one of the most notable in U.S., includes 500-seat auditorium, botanical collection and seven acres of Southwestern gardens. Garden for the Blind is cultivated with raised beds of herbs and other plants noted for their scents.

Hall of State is an impressive shrine of great beauty dedicated to Texas historical greats, operated by Dallas Historical Society.

Health and Science Museum features medical exhibits, planetarium and rock and mineral displays.

Ice Arena (Ice Sports, Inc.), open from late Aug. until Apr. 15 each year, offers skating instruction. Closed Mon. Admission.

Livestock Coliseum, seating 7,000, is home of many exhibitions and sporting events throughout year.

Midway includes 33 permanent rides, operates year-round.

Museum of Fine Arts; notable special exhibits constantly supplement impressive permanent collection.

Museum of Natural History presents a wide collection of native animal life in authentic "habitat groups."

Southwestern Historical Wax Museum recreates scores of memorable incidents and individuals who colored Texas and Southwestern history. Lifelike figures include Stephen F. Austin, Sam Houston, Davy Crockett, Jim Bowie, Billy the Kid, John Wesley Hardin, Pancho Villa, Bat Masterson, Geronimo, Judge Roy Bean and many others. Open daily. Admission.

Texas Sports Hall of Fame is dedicated to illustrious Texans who have excelled in sports; includes Ben Hogan, Babe Didrikson Zaharias, Doak Walker, Sammy Baugh, Kyle Rote and many others.

Theatre Three — Nonprofit, chartered theatre - in - the - round. Actors and technicians are volunteers. Theatre Three Academy offers acting classes for both children and adults. 2800 Routh.

University of Dallas — Four-year Catholic coed college for students of all faiths. Established 1956, enrolls more than 1,200. Campus overlooks downtown at Texas 183 and Loop 12.

University of Texas Southwestern Medical School — Administered by main university in Austin, offers four years of standard medical studies plus graduate work. Enrollment exceeds 400. 5323 Harry Hines Blvd. adjacent to Parkland Hospital.

World of Animals — Drive-through wildlife preserve. (See MESQUITE this section.)

DECATUR *Grid E-12* *Pop. 3,234* *Alt. 1,097*

General — Selected as townsite and seat of Wise County in 1856, first known as Bishop, later Taylorsville. Famous Butterfield Overland Mail Route passed through town in mid-1800s. Site of trial and hanging of five Peace Party conspirators in 1862.

Major Events — Wise County Youth Fair and Rodeo, three days in Apr., ranks among top youth events in state.

Historical Pageant and Trail Drive in May features an old-fashioned trail ride followed by colorful pageant.

AQHA Quarter Horse Show in June draws over a hundred entries of traditional ranch breed. Held at Sheriff's Posse grounds.

Wise County Old Settlers' Reunion, five days late July - early Aug. Originally a Confederate Reunion, now attracts families who camp out and visit old friends.

Wise County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo, three days in Aug., attracts nearly 20,000 attendance.

Sporting Dog Field Trials, Region VII of Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America; several weekends each fall at Black Creek Lake north of Decatur.

Lakes — Bridgeport, Eagle Mountain. See LAKES this section.

Wise County Courthouse — Built in 1895 of pink limestone from Burnet, it has been pronounced a perfect architectural example of its type and era. On the traditional town square.

DENISON *Grid D-13* *Pop. 24,436* *Alt. 767*

General — Began as a stop on Butterfield Overland Mail Route in 1858. Today gateway to Texas a few miles south of the Red River. Transportation long a major factor in city's growth. First, Butterfield stage lines, then three major railroads, later U.S. 69/75. Large railroad shops and yards, plus diversified manufacturing of electronic components, children's wear, business forms, men's sportswear, boats, petroleum products, fabricated metal and food products. Near prime resort-vacation area of Lake Texoma.

Major Events — Texoma Junior Livestock Show, three days in Apr. Young ranchers show prize animals at Loy Lake Park.

National Sand Bass Festival on Lake Texoma, eight days in June, draws hundreds of anglers from throughout nation.

Texoma Quarter Horse Association Rodeo, four days in July; traditional western competition in riding, roping and bulldogging.

Boat Races on Lake Texoma, Labor Day and weekend before, attract nation's top competitors and thousands of spectators.

BIRTHPLACE OF DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, DENISON

Texoma Fish Bowl, two days in Oct. On Lake Texoma Texas anglers compete with Oklahoma fishermen for biggest catches.

Texoma Rockhounds Show, two days in Oct.; colorful gem and mineral specimens exhibited by private collectors and dealers.

Christmas Parade, early Dec., announces the holiday season for residents and visitors.

Fink Golf Tourney in June is held annually at nearby Pottsboro. Name is from small community settled by Mississippi planters in 1850.

Eisenhower Birthplace — On Oct. 14, 1890, Dwight D. Eisenhower was born in two-story white frame house at 208 E. Day St., son of a worker in the nearby Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway shops. Home restored to 1890 appearance by Eisenhower Birthplace Foundation; operated by Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. as a State Historic Site. Museum. Closed Mondays. Admission.

Eisenhower State Park — 450 acres on shore of Lake Texoma, large, modern marina, plus swimming, fishing, restaurant, camping, trailer facilities, boat rentals, picnicking and hiking trails. Seven miles northwest via U.S. 75A, F.M. 1310 and Park Rd. 20. Admission.

Grayson County Junior College — Established 1965, enrolling more than 2,500 students. Southwest on F.M. 691 via U.S. 75.

Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge — 11,300 acres on Lake Texoma, principally offering food and refuge for migratory waterfowl traversing the Great Central Flyway. Also contains many species of native birds and mammals. Approximately 15 miles west (through Pottsboro) on Big Mineral Arm of Lake Texoma. Open all year, but fishing, boating permitted only Apr. 1 - Sept. 1. Camping facilities. More information at headquarters building, refuge entrance.

Lake — Texoma. See LAKES this section.

Loy Lake Park — Attractive 30-acre county park accessible via Loy Lake Rd. in southwestern part of city. Picnicking, fishing, boating (no power boats).

Thompson House — A museum, the historic structure is earliest existing house in Grayson County. Restored and moved to location on E. Main St., just east of city limits.

Tourist Bureau — The Texas Highway Department maintains nine Tourist Bureaus at key points of entry to the state, plus a Tourist Information Center in the State Capitol and the Judge Roy Bean Visitor Center at Langtry. All bureaus are operated daily throughout the year, staffed by uniformed, trained travel counselors. Services free to all visitors include information, maps, literature on every part of the state, and expert assistance in charting routes. Located four miles north on U.S. 75/69.

DENTON *Grid E-13* *Pop. 38,864* *Alt. 620*

General — Established 1857, seat of Denton County. Historically a rich agricultural area, today center of modern industries. Cultural attractions center around two major state universities; recreational activities include intercollegiate sports, golf, hunting, several riding clubs and a wide range of water sports at nearby reservoirs.

Major Event — Handel's *Messiah* is presented by the Community Choir a week before Christmas.

Lakes — Garza-Little Elm, Grapevine Reservoirs. See LAKES this section.

North Texas State University — Established 1890 as private institution, transferred to state control 1901. Coed enrollment exceeds 14,000. The State Historical Collection on the campus, features general historic items, archives and early firearms. Open Mon. - Sat. 2 - 5 p.m. when the university is in session. West Mulberry and Avenue A.

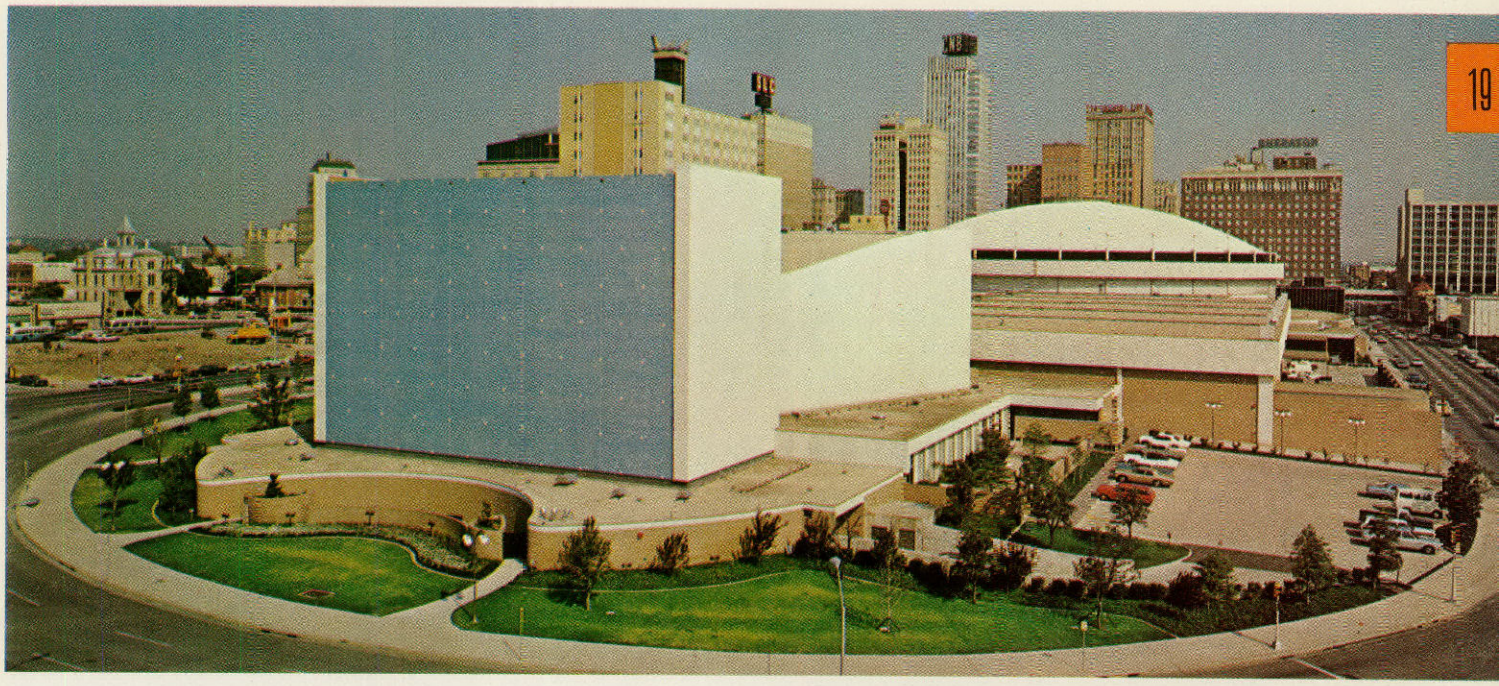
Pilot Knob — Prominent 900-foot hill four miles south of U.S. 377. Once was hideout of notorious 19th Century Texas outlaw, Sam Bass. (See ROUND ROCK, Brazos Valley Section.)

Texas Woman's University — Established 1903 as College of Industrial Arts, later Texas State College for Women, granted university status 1957; more than 5,000 students. On campus is State Museum of the DAR which features inaugural gowns of wives of presidents of the Texas Republic and state governors. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat. 8 a.m. - noon. 1103 Bell Ave.

Also on campus, at 1 Pioneer Woman's Circle, is art gallery featuring large collection of primitive art: African masks and figures, Indian wood carving, Pacific art, bone and ivory Eskimo carvings. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - noon, 1 - 5 p.m.; Sat 8 a.m. - noon.

EMORY *Grid F-14* *Pop. 595* *Alt. 464*

General — Seat of Rains County; commercial center of area producing crops and livestock. Named for Emory Rains, first settler in area 1848. Gateway to Lake Tawakoni.



Major Event — Rains County Free Fair, four days late Aug., a feature event since the 1930s. Members of 4-H and FFA Clubs compete in the livestock shows, and a queen reigns over the festivities.

Lake — Tawakoni. See LAKES this section.

Scenic Drive — Highways across and around Lake Tawakoni offer scenic vistas of woods and water. F.M. 47 travels along Iron Bridge Dam which impounds lake. F.M. 35 crosses lake on the longest inland water bridge in Texas, and F.M. 513 leads to park areas.

ENNIS *Grid G-13* *Pop. 10,904* *Alt. 548*

General — Established 1871, original railroad community is today a small city featuring diversified industry in metropolitan area, large cotton production on surrounding rural lands.

Major Events — Bluebonnet Trails, usually last two weeks of Apr. and first week of May. Scenic drives through flowering expanses of bluebonnets, popular state flower. Maps available at the chamber of commerce and most service stations.

National Polka Festival, first weekend in May: dedicated to enjoyment of polka music, rich food and colorful Czech traditions. Dozen or more bands provide polkas, local cooks provide country style klobase, dumplings and sauerkraut, barbecue, apple strudel and kolache. Visitors from throughout the nation.

Lake — Bardwell Reservoir. See LAKES this section.

FORT WORTH *Grid F-12* *Pop. 388,123* *Alt. 670*

General — Grew from military camp established by Gen. Winfield Scott at close of Mexican War. Site was a bluff on south side of confluence of two forks of the Trinity River, which is city's present location. 42 men of Company F, 2nd Dragoons, established camp on June 6, 1849. The post, and subsequent city, named for Gen. William Jenkins Worth who saw action in the Mexican War.

Fort Worth to Yuma, Ariz., stage line established 1850; designated seat of Tarrant County in 1860. Following Civil War, became one of state's leading shipping points and supply depots for cattlemen. Long known as "where the West begins," city for years retained distinctly Western flavor.

Recent industrial development has made Fort Worth one of the state's fastest growing urban centers. Reflecting that growth is new Tarrant County Convention Center covering 14 downtown city blocks. Long a center of aviation, today home of General Dynamics/Fort Worth, builder of the variable-sweep wing F-111. Also location of Bell Helicopter Co. and one of nation's leading food production and packaging centers.

Culturally, Fort Worth offers a season of summer musicals, symphony orchestra, winter theater, art galleries, museums, opera and ballet. For recreation there are sports, rodeos and horse shows, expositions, vast green parks and surrounding network of major lakes offering unlimited water sports and outdoor activities.

FORT WORTH BOTANIC GARDENS

Major Events — Boat Show, six days in Jan.; displays of latest boat, camping and recreational equipment, entertainment and prizes.

Southwestern Exposition, Fat Stock Show and Rodeo, 10 days late Jan. - early Feb. Giant Western extravaganza, one of best in the nation.

Flower shows scheduled throughout year at Botanic Gardens.

Sportsmen's and Vacation Show, eight days in Feb., a preview of outdoor fun and recreation equipment.

World-wide Antique Show, three days in Feb. Exhibits of historical treasures and miscellanea; buying, selling and trading.

Dallas-Fort Worth Spurs, Texas League baseball Apr. - Sept., in Turnpike Stadium between the two cities.

Tarrant County Art Show, most of Apr. Outstanding exhibits of Southwestern arts and crafts.

Pioneer Days Fiesta, four days in May. Rousing salute to the frontier heritage of Fort Worth.

Junior Tennis Tourney, three days in May.

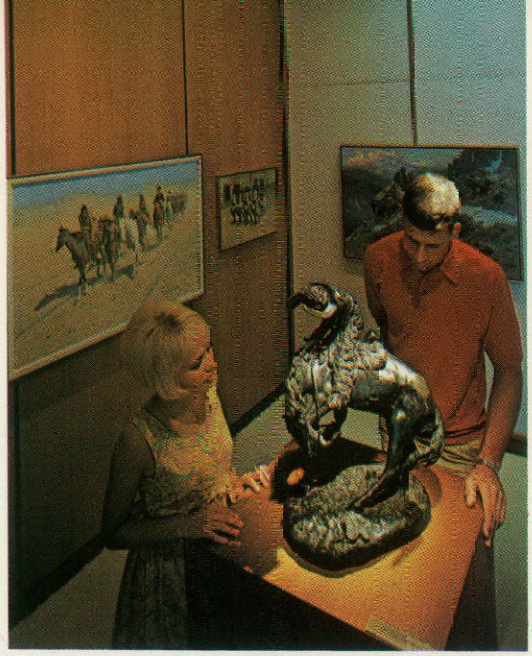
Colonial Golf Classic four days in May sees competition among the nation's leading pros.

Miss Texas Beauty Pageant, four days in July. Winner is the state entry at Miss America Pageant.

National Aerobatics Championships, three days Oct. Men and women pilots are featured in the aerial thriller.

Miss Teenage America Beauty Pageant, Nov.

National Cutting Horse Festivity, six days in Dec. Performances of champion cattle horses prized throughout the West.



AMON G. CARTER MUSEUM OF WESTERN ART, FORT WORTH, FEATURES COLLECTIONS OF FREDERIC REMINGTON AND CHARLES M. RUSSELL

Amon G. Carter Museum of Western Art — Multimillion dollar collection of pictures, sculptures, books and other objects of Western art, featuring permanent collections of Frederic Remington and Charles Russell, plus frequent traveling exhibits. Open summer Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5:30 p.m. Similar hours except closed Mon. Sept - May. 3501 Camp Bowie Blvd., Amon Carter Sq.

Aquarium — In size and variety among top half-dozen in the nation. Open daily 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Forest Park. Admission.

Botanic Gardens — A showcase of 150,000 living plants representing 2,500 species, displayed in both formal and natural settings. Garden Center open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. In wooded southwestern section of Trinity Park.

Casa Manana Theater — Under a geodesic dome, one of nation's most notable theaters-in-the-round. Setting for drama, musical comedies, road shows and home of nationally famed Fort Worth Boys Choir. Camp Bowie Blvd., Amon Carter Sq.

Forest Park Zoo — Animals, birds and reptiles from throughout the world, including special features such as Rain Forest, Great Apes House and Children's Zoo. Open daily until 9:30 p.m. in summer; sunset other seasons. Forest Park. Admission.

Fort Worth Art Center — Paintings and sculpture of Southwest; special traveling exhibits. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m.; 1309 Montgomery, Amon Carter Sq.

Fort Worth Christian College — Established 1959, two-year junior college supported by Church of Christ. Coed; enrollment more than 200. 7517 Bogart Dr. in North Richland Hills.

Fort Worth Museum of Science & History — Both live and mounted animals, historical objects and exhibits designed especially for youth. Open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. Charlie M. Noble Planetarium located in museum. 1501 Montgomery, Amon Carter Sq. No charge for museum, but admission to the planetarium. (No children under 6.)

Greer Island Nature Center and Refuge — Unusual facility designed to teach principles of conservation and nature appreciation, especially for youth. Special classes, guided nature trails, varieties of birds and mammals, fishing in specific areas, picnicking. No overnight camping. Open Wed. - Sun. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Nine miles northwest of downtown on Lake Worth's North Shore Dr.

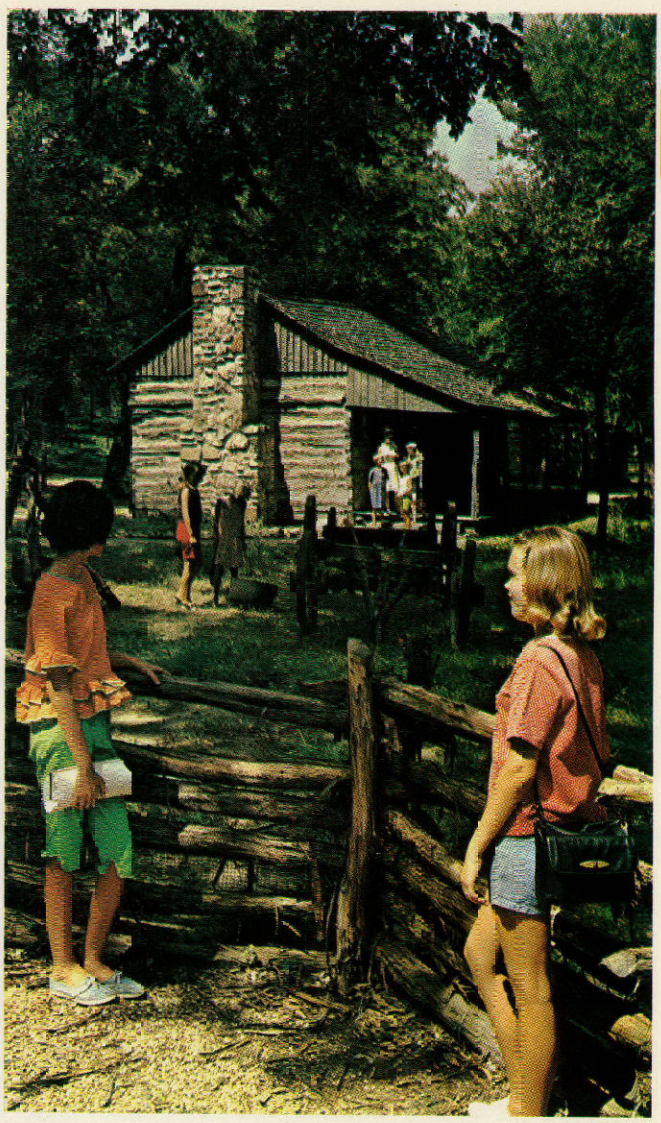
Heritage Hall — A detailed exposition of life in the wide, boisterous old Southwest, and panorama treatment of Fort Worth's early development. Featured are a "Gay Nineties" section and 10 large dioramas equipped with dramatic sound tracks. Open Mon. - Sat., 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 6 p.m. Downtown at 604 Main. Admission.

Lakes — Arlington, Benbrook, Eagle Mountain, Grapevine, Worth. See LAKES this section.

Log Cabin Village — Seven authentic pioneer homes built during 1850s. Frontier tools, implements, furnishings. Open Mon. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. University Dr. and Colonial Parkway in Forest Park. Admission.

The Lord's Supper — Life-size wax figure interpretation of Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting. Open Mon & Fri., 10 a.m. - 8:30

LOG CABIN VILLAGE, FORT WORTH



FORT WORTH, "WHERE THE WEST BEGINS"

p.m.; Tues., Wed., Thurs. & Sat., 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. 600 Throckmorton. Admission.

Parks — 5,000 acres of green, tree-shaded municipal parks including small lakes and fountains, bridle and bicycle trails, numerous gardens, picnic areas, swimming pools, tennis courts and baseball diamonds. Three major parks are Trinity, Forest and Rockwood.

Six Flags Over Texas Amusement Park — See ARLINGTON this section.

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary — Nation's largest theological seminary (Southern Baptist) enrolling more than 1,700. Museum, open to the public, features archeological items from the Holy Land, mission items from foreign countries. Open Mon. - Fri. 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sat. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Seminary Dr., off North-South Freeway.

Stockyards Area — Feel of the Old West recaptured by merchants along Exchange Ave. on city's North Side. Western-style stores and restaurants front traditional boardwalks.

Texas Christian University — One of the Southwest's leading universities with an extensive curriculum in arts and sciences. Enrollment exceeds 6,000. Natural history museum (2900 S. University Dr.) displays Texas reptiles and geological fossils; marine invertebrates from Gulf Coast region. Open Mon. - Sat. 6:30 a.m. - 10 p.m. In the southwest section of the city on University Dr.

Texas Wesleyan College — Methodist-supported liberal arts college noted for music and fine arts. Enrollment exceeds 2,000. On Vickery Blvd. in the Polytechnic area.

Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum, Auditorium and Exhibit Buildings — Complex is site of Fort Worth's major exhibitions and championship indoor rodeos. Mounted statue of Will Rogers, famous cowboy humorist, on the entrance grounds.

William Edrington Scott Theater — A showcase for the performing arts; features modern technical equipment to complement drama, jazz, chamber music and ballet. A four-and-a-half level theater with main auditorium seating nearly 500. On Amon Carter Sq. adjacent to Fort Worth Art Center.

GAINESVILLE *Grid E-13* *Pop. 13,565* *Alt. 738*

General — Originally a point on the California Trail, town was established 1850, but frontier location made it too inconvenient to hostile Indians who periodically raided until 1868. Stabilized conditions allowed growth around cattle and cotton. Today seat of Cooke County and gateway to Texas on two major cross-country highways. Recreational facilities include a large municipal park, swimming pools, country club, golf, municipal zoo and nearby lakes.

Major Events — Fourth of July Celebration at nearby Woodbine re-enacts traditional Independence Day observances as they were held in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries. All-day picnic; games include husband- and hog-calling contests, oratory and square dancing. The Woodbine community is about six miles east on F.M. 678 (not shown on section map).

Cooke County Fair, third week in Aug., has been an annual feature since 1871. Agricultural-livestock exhibits, contests, displays and rodeo.

Cooke County Junior College — Coed; enrolling more than 800. 60-acre campus southwest edge of city on F.M. 51.

Historic Homes — City noted for brick-paved streets and 19th Century brick Victorian homes, such as the structures along California and Commerce Sts., the firehouse (see Morton Museum below) built 1884; Episcopal Church, also 1884; and First Methodist Church, 1892. Other buildings of interest will be identified by the Gainesville Chamber of Commerce, 110 S. Culberson.

Lakes — Moss, Texoma. See LAKES this section.

Morton Museum of Cooke County — Exhibits cover all facets of pioneer life, Indians and geology, plus temporary displays from other museums and collections. Located in restored old firehouse, 210 S. Dixon.

Scenic Drives — F.M. 678, F.M. 372 and F.M. 902 east and south lead through rolling hills of the Cross Timbers region offering panoramic views. F.M. 1201 north to Sivells Bend provides a sweeping overlook of the Red River from atop towering cliffs of limestone.

Tourist Bureau — The Texas Highway Department maintains nine Tourist Bureaus at key points of entry to the state, plus a Tourist Information Center in the State Capitol and the Judge Roy Bean Visitor Center at Langtry. All bureaus are operated daily throughout the year, staffed by uniformed, trained travel counselors. Services free to all visitors include information, maps, literature on every part of the state, and expert assistance in charting routes. Approximately one mile north of Gainesville on I.H. 35 (U.S. 77).

GLEN ROSE *Grid G-12* *Pop. 1,385* *Alt. 680*

General — Establishment of a trading post at site in 1849 was beginning of this present seat of Somervell County. Located at a picturesque spot on the Paluxy River, just above its confluence with the Brazos River.

Major Events — Somervell County Junior Livestock Show, two days in Mar.; prize livestock exhibits by area youths.

"Rollin' Rock Roundup," two days in May, features gem and mineral exhibits.

Tourist Season Opening, three days in May, greets summer visitors with dances, parades and tours to dinosaur tracks.

Roundup Days, three days around July 4th; parades, dances, junior rodeo, fiddlers' contest and tours to dinosaur tracks.

Old Settlers' Reunion, two days early Aug., a time for picnics and visiting old friends.

Dinosaur Valley State Park — Unique, picturesque park on scenic area of Paluxy River. The Paluxy flows over solid rock which contains the best preserved dinosaur tracks in Texas. It was here the first sauropod tracks in the world were discovered — the sauropods were plant-eating reptiles more than 60 feet long, weighing 30 tons. Two other tracks are also found in the river bed, those of the duckbilled dinosaurs — only 30 feet long — and theropods. Theropods were 12-foot-tall meat-eaters. The 1,204-acre park also offers camping, picnicking and nature trails. Approximately five miles west via U.S. 67, F.M. 205. Admission.

Lakes — Granbury, Pat Cleburne, Whitney. See LAKES this section.

Somervell County Historical Museum — Items depicting local history, fossils, relics. In Abernathy Building on courthouse square. Open Sat. 10 a.m. - noon, 1 - 5 p.m.; Sun. 2 - 5 p.m.

GRANBURY *Grid G-12* *Pop. 2,423* *Alt. 725*

General — Picturesquely situated on the Brazos River; seat of Hood County. Settled 1854 by Thomas Lambert who united it with the settlement called Stockton to form nucleus of Granbury. Manufactures toys, clothing, animal feed.

Major Events — Hood County Fair, two days in Mar.; traditional fair activities, exhibits and competition.

Junior Rodeo, three days in Apr.; youthful area cowboys display their skills at riding and roping.

Acton State Park — Historical site only; grave of Elizabeth Crockett, second wife of Davy Crockett. Monument erected by Texas Legislature 1911. Approximately six miles east, U.S. 377, F.M. 208.

Lake — Granbury. See LAKES this section.

GREENVILLE *Grid E-14* *Pop. 21,867* *Alt. 594*

General — Center of rich agricultural region featuring cotton, also home of more than 50 modern industries including electrical hardware, space electronics, agricultural chemicals, oil field machinery, aircraft and clothing. Gateway to Lake Tawakoni. Audie Murphy, nation's most decorated soldier of World War II, was born in a rural area a few miles north of Greenville.

City Parks — North City Park; Large wooded picnic area plus swimming pool and small zoo. Location of historic Ende-Gaillard House (see below). South City Park includes municipal golf course, children's playground and unusual prairie dog town.

Ende-Gaillard House — Fred von Ende, wealthy pioneer businessman of the area, built this well-preserved frame dwelling in 1859, now city's oldest house. Museum material related to area, and items of pioneer families. Open June - Sept., Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. In North City Park.

Lakes — Lavon Reservoir, Tawakoni. See LAKES this section.

HILLSBORO *Grid G-13* *Pop. 7,048* *Alt. 634*

General — Principal trade center and seat of Hill County, established 1853. In frontier tradition first courthouse was a log cabin. Today center of rich agricultural region, gateway to Lake Whitney. Manufacturing includes plastic and asbestos-cement pipe, electric fixtures, cotton fabrics and garments.

Confederate Research Center, Gun Museum — Devoted to the Civil War era, especially concerning Hood's Texas Brigade, CSA. More than 1,000 volumes, many rare, plus maps, photographs, correspondence and dioramas. Gun Museum features historic firearms and edged weapons, changing exhibits sponsored by the Texas Gun Collectors Assn. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; campus of Hill Junior College.

Hill County Courthouse — Built 1889, structure has always been center of controversy. The old *Saturday Evening Post* called it "a monstrosity." But *Harper's* described it as "like an outstanding cathedral." For years tourists have been coming to Hillsboro to see for themselves.

Hill County Historical Museum — Indian and cowboy artifacts, pioneer household items, furniture and clothing, plus documents, coins and frontier tools. Open Mon. - Sat. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Hill County Courthouse.

Hill Junior College — Coed; established 1962, enrolls some 700 students. Two miles east of Hillsboro on Texas 22.

Lake — Whitney. See LAKES this section.

Lake Whitney State Park — About 16 miles southwest. (See WHITNEY this section.)

HONEY GROVE *Grid E-14* *Pop. 1,838* *Alt. 668*

General — An early settlement dating from the Republic of Texas. Community founded in 1842 in a grove of bee trees, from whence its name.

Museum of Arts and Sciences — Paintings, historical documents, manuscripts and miscellaneous historical relics of the area. Open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; afternoons Sun. and holidays.

KEENE *Grid G-12* *Pop. 2,034* *Alt. 890*

General — Town has probably most unusual post office in the state. It closes on Saturday and opens on Sunday because Keene is principally a community of Seventh Day Adventists. It all began in 1852 when Jeremiah Easterwood and family settled here. The railroad came in 1890, Southwestern Junior College in 1894 (around which the town grew). Keene has prospered as a farming community.

Southwestern Union College — Founded 1894 as Southwestern Junior College by the General Conference of Seventh Day Adventist Church. Coed, it serves to train Adventist religious workers; enrolls over 500.

DINOSAUR VALLEY STATE PARK, GLEN ROSE

LAKES

Amon G. Carter Lake — 1,540-acre reservoir named for noted Fort Worth philanthropist and publisher. Provides variety of water sports including boating, skiing, swimming and fishing, plus picnicking and camping facilities at lakeside. Serves as flood control on Big Sandy Creek and as city of Bowie water supply. About six miles south of Bowie. E-12

Arlington, Lake — Scenic 2,275 acres owned and operated by the city. Popular for boating, sailing and skiing; home of Arlington Yacht Club. Fishing good for white bass and black bass; facilities for boaters and fishermen, plus municipal and commercial parks. Not shown on section map. In southwest Arlington, (F-13), access off Loop 303.

Bachman, Lake — Small lake in northwest Dallas (F-13) popular for afternoon or weekend outings, picnics. Paddle boats for rent; no water skiing. Not shown on section map; located in Bachman Lake Park near Love Field, accessible off Denton Dr., Bachman Blvd. and Loop 12 north.

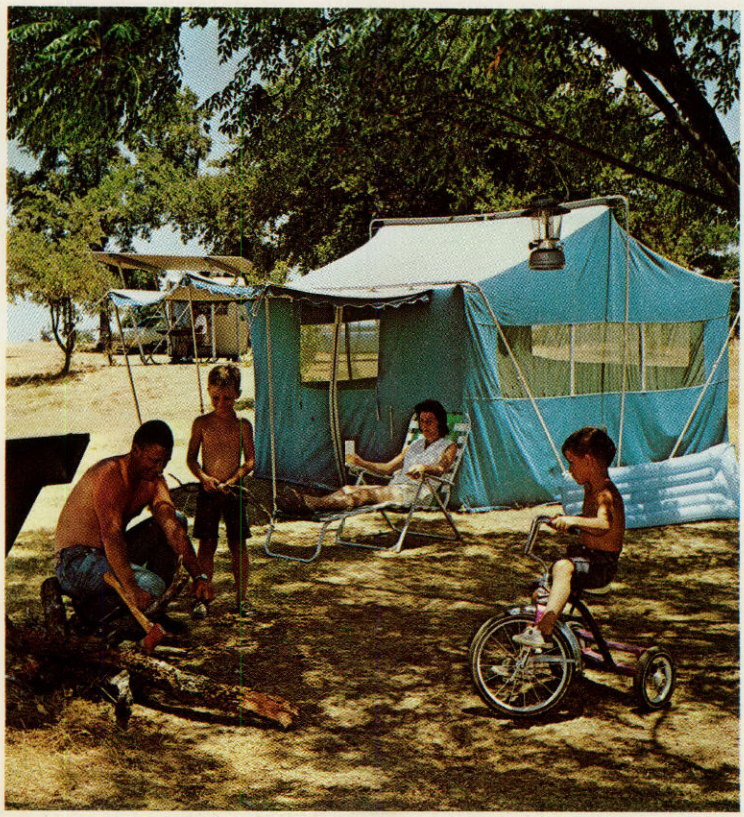
Bardwell Reservoir — 3,570-acre Corps of Engineers impoundment on Waxahachie Creek offering full range of water sport activities. At lakeside are parks with boat launching ramps, camping and picnic areas. Fishing, swimming, boating and water skiing. Obtain details at project headquarters, north end of the dam via local roads about four miles southwest of Ennis. Also accessible from Bardwell, Corsicana and Waxahachie. G-13

Benbrook Reservoir — 3,770-acre Corps of Engineers impoundment on the Clear Fork of the Trinity River. As at all such projects, fine Corps of Engineers parks at lakeside offer wide range of facilities for outdoor recreation: camping and trailer areas, rest rooms, drinking water, boat rentals and launching ramps, fishing supplies, snack bar. Obtain details from project headquarters at the dam. Lake Shore Dr. from U.S. 377 at Benbrook. A few miles southwest of Fort Worth, also accessible from Cresson and Crowley. F-12

Bridgeport, Lake — 10,400-acre impoundment on the West Fork of Trinity River. Swimming, excellent year-round fishing, campsites, picnic areas, boat rentals, launching ramps and services at lakeside. Four miles west of Bridgeport, also accessible from Decatur. E-12

Cedar Creek Reservoir — Huge 33,750-acre impoundment operated for recreation and Fort Worth municipal water supply. Nestled among post oaks and pines, the lake offers numerous campsites, picnicking areas, excellent fishing, swimming and boating; one of the most popular in North-Central Texas. About 10 miles west of Athens, also accessible from Malakoff, Trinidad, Kemp and Mabank. G-14

LAKE WHITNEY STATE PARK NEAR WHITNEY



Crook, Lake — 1,226-acre lake operated by city of Paris for recreation and water supply; lighted picnic areas and playgrounds. Water skiing is popular sport, and anglers find excellent fishing. The scenic lake is about three miles northwest of Paris. D-15

Eagle Mountain Lake — 8,500 acres on West Fork of Trinity River for recreation and Fort Worth water supply. All water sports plus extensive service and recreational facilities: trailer areas, rest rooms, snack bars, boat rentals and launching ramps, fishing supplies. Home of Fort Worth Boat Club. Fishing good year-round, a hot spot for schooling white bass in spring. Located 12 miles northwest of Fort Worth, accessible from Azle and Rhome. F-12

Garza-Little Elm Reservoir — Huge 23,280-acre Corps of Engineers reservoir immensely popular for water sports and outdoor recreation in the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area. More than score of public parks operated by the Corps of Engineers at lakeside. Marinas, boat rentals, launching ramps; excellent fishing and anglers' supplies; swimming, water skiing, sailing, camping, trailer and picnic areas. Home of Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club and two Coast Guard Auxiliary flotillas. For details on facilities contact project headquarters at west end of dam off I.H. 35-E about 27 miles north of downtown Dallas. Also accessible from Lewisville, Denton, Frisco and McKinney. E-13

Granbury, Lake — 8,500-acre impoundment at De Cordova Bend on the Brazos River. Parks, camps and service facilities for outdoor recreation dot the 103-mile shoreline. The lake courses by the city for which it is named, following the looping channel of the Brazos. Jacob de Cordova, for whom the dam is named, was a man of unusual abilities. He accumulated land script for more than a million Texas acres, and billing himself as "Publicity Agent for an Empire," lectured throughout the East in 1859 to stimulate interest in Texas. Lake also accessible from Cresson. G-12

Grapevine Reservoir — 7,380-acre Corps of Engineers reservoir with a 60-mile shoreline. Parks at lakeside offer campsites, picnic areas, boat ramps, marina service, swimming, and fishing supplies. Home of the Dallas Water Ski Club; many ski shows and competitions staged throughout the spring and summer. For details on facilities contact project headquarters at south end of dam off Texas 21. About 27 miles northeast of downtown Fort Worth. Also accessible from Arlington, Dallas, Denton, Grapevine, Irving and Lewisville. F-13

Lavon Reservoir — Large 11,080-acre Corps of Engineers reservoir providing a wide variety of water sports and outdoor recreational activities. Public parks provide boat ramps, and marina service facilities, fishing supplies, lakeside camps and picnic areas along the 83-mile shoreline. Zoned areas separate fishermen and skiers. Obtain details at project headquarters, west end of the dam off Texas 78 about 10 miles north of Rockwall; also accessible from Dallas, Plano, McKinney, Farmersville, Lavon and Wylie. E-13

Mineral Wells, Lake — Small 646-acre lake popular for picnics, weekend outings and water sports. Boating and fishing throughout most of the year; no water skiing. Approximately 13 miles west of Weatherford. F-12

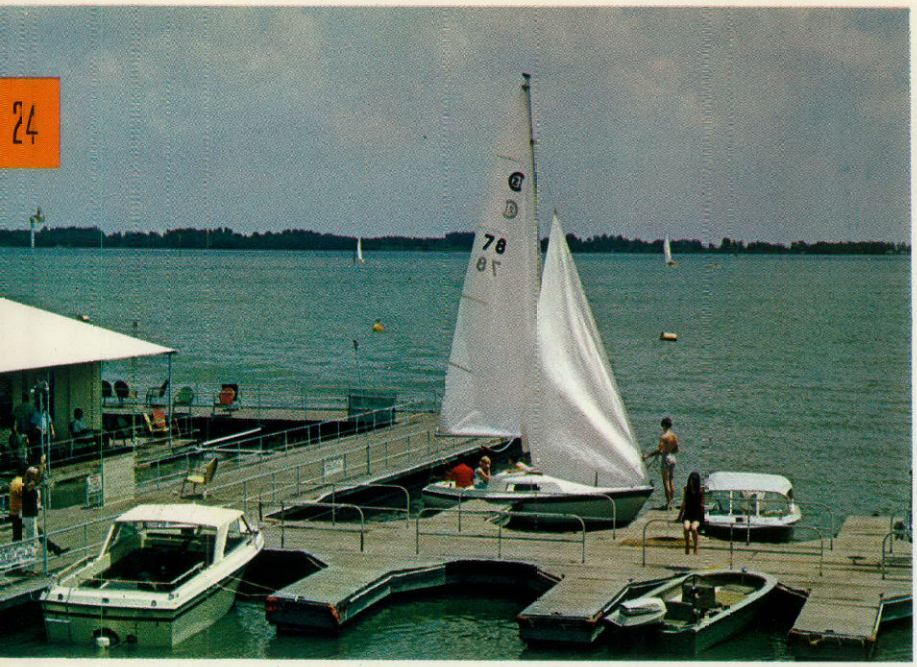
Moss Lake — 1,125-acre Gainesville municipal lake for recreation and water supply, in an area of native grasslands just south of the Red River. Public parks and lakeside developments offer boat ramps, picnic areas, and fishing supplies. About 12 miles northwest of Gainesville. D-12

Mountain Creek Lake — 2,940-acre lake primarily for power generating plant use; also popular for fishing and boating. Not shown on section map; located in southwest Dallas (F-13) near Dallas Naval Air Station and Grand Prairie. Accessible off U.S. 80.

Navarro Mills Reservoir — 5,070-acre Corps of Engineers impoundment on Richland Creek, a tributary of the Trinity River. Several public parks offer camping, trailer and picnic areas, boat rentals and launching ramps, rest rooms, drinking water and fishing supplies. Fishing very good: black bass on rods and reels, catfish on trot lines. About 18 miles southwest of Corsicana, also accessible from Hillsboro and Hubbard. G-13

Palestine, Lake — 25,500-acre impoundment for recreation, municipal and industrial water supplies, on the Neches River in hill and timber area. Very popular for boating, water sports and fishing. Facilities include a marina, bait and tackle shops, swimming beach, boat ramps and camping areas. About 31 miles east of Athens. G-15

Pat Cleburne, Lake — 1,545-acre municipal lake owned by city of Cleburne. Locally popular for water sports including fishing, swimming, water skiing, power boating and sailing. Several lakeside service facilities for boatmen and anglers. About five miles west of Cleburne, also accessible from Glen Rose. G-12



MARINA AT EISENHOWER STATE PARK ON LAKE TEXOMA

LAKE TEXOMA

Pat Mayse Reservoir — 5,993-acre Corps of Engineers impoundment on Sanders Creek, a tributary of the Red River. Along 52 miles of shoreline public parks offer boat ramps, picnic and camping areas. Boating and fishing very popular. Food, tackle and bait available nearby. For details on area facilities contact project office at the dam, F.M. 906. About 13 miles north of Paris, also accessible from nearby towns of Arthur City and Chicota. D-14

Ray Hubbard Lake — Large new 22,745-acre reservoir on the East Fork of the Trinity River, owned by city of Dallas for municipal water supply and recreation. Lakeside marinas, camps, leisure home areas are rapidly developing; fishing and boating excellent. About 10 miles east of Dallas, also accessible from Mesquite, Garland, Rockwall and Forney. F-13

Tawakoni, Lake — 36,700-acre Sabine River Authority reservoir, one of the larger lakes entirely within Texas; spreads over portions of three counties with 200-mile shoreline. Hosts of marinas, camps and parks along wooded shores with boat ramps, weather reporting station and designated water ski areas. Some of the state's best fishing in countless coves and inlets; more than five square miles of submerged timber providing prime habitat. For information on facilities contact Sabine River Authority at north end of Iron Bridge Dam, off F.M. 47 south of Point, Tex. Lake is some 16 miles southeast of Greenville, also accessible from Commerce and nearby towns of Wills Point, Quinlan, Edgewood, Emory, Point and Lone Oak. F-14

Texoma, Lake — One of the largest reservoirs in Texas or on its borders, spreads over 89,000 acres of Texas and Oklahoma; impoundment of the Red River. Shoreline of 580 miles includes innumerable scenic coves and inlets. One of the most popular Corps of Engineers lakes in the nation, logging more than nine million visitors annually. Modern facilities include 57 campgrounds, scores of trailer parks, 110 picnic areas, more than 100 shelter buildings, and over 80 boat ramps. Superb marinas and luxury resorts on both the Texas and Oklahoma shores. Room for every kind of boating activity; 10,000 boats are registered on Texoma, and thousands more are trailered in. Fishing is some of the best in nation. Popular species are black bass, crappie, white bass (called sand bass or sandies), plus lunker catfish. Several enclosed docks provide fishing in air-conditioned comfort. Reservoir maps and information on facilities available at project headquarters, south end of the dam on U.S. 75A. A few miles north of Denison, also accessible from Sherman and Whitesboro. D-13

Weatherford, Lake — 1,280-acre municipal lake owned by the city of Weatherford on Clear Fork of the Trinity River. Several public fishing areas are designated, and commercial facilities are easily accessible. About seven miles east of Weatherford. F-12

White Rock Lake — Scenic lake in White Rock Lake Park, northeast Dallas (F-13), city's most popular lake. Fishing, boating, swimming, lakeside picnic and park facilities. No water skiing. Lake not shown on section map. Accessible off Texas 78 and Loop 12.

Whitney, Lake — 15,760-acre Corps of Engineers impoundment on the Brazos River, one of most popular water recreation areas in the nation. Attendance figures show more than four million visitors annually, but there is ample room on the lake which stretches 45 miles up the Brazos River Valley. Scores of campsites, marinas, parks, recreation areas, and leisure home developments along the shore. Fishing excellent in innumerable sheltered coves and inlets; towering cliffs often edge the clear blue waters, and scuba divers explore the depths which range to nearly 100 feet. Lake Whitney State Park is on the eastern shore (see WHITNEY this section). A few miles west of Whitney, also accessible from Clifton, Meridian and Hillsboro. G-12

Worth, Lake — 3,267 acres in northwest Fort Worth, noted for scenic vistas along Meandering Drive which wanders nearly all around it. Locally popular for boating, skiing and sailing. City parks and picnic areas edge the shoreline. Location of Greer Island Nature Center (see FORT WORTH this section). Accessible via local streets and roads from Texas 199. F-12

McKINNEY *Grid E-13* *Pop. 14,773* *Alt. 612*

General — Settled 1345, named for Collin McKinney, a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence and leader in establishment of the Disciples of Christ in Texas. Local industries include textiles, garments, dairy products, meat packers, livestock feeds, mattresses and auto seat covers.

Finch Park — 25-acre municipal park offering tree-shaded picnic areas, playgrounds, sports fields, swimming pool, and restored historic home of town namesake, Collin McKinney. South edge of town off Kentucky St.

Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary — Natural history exhibits of flora, fauna and geology. Collection of nature prints by Bessie Heard. Nature trails through 256-acre wildlife sanctuary. Tours arranged through director (telephone 542-5012). Closed Wed. and Thurs.; other days 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. South on F.M. 1378.

Lake — Lavon Reservoir. See LAKES this section.

MERIDIAN *Grid G-12* *Pop. 1,144* *Alt. 791*

General — Established on the Fourth of July 1854, as seat of newly created Bosque County. A small log cabin courthouse was the first structure erected in the town. Today a retail center for diversified agricultural activities. A popular state park is nearby (see below).

Lake — Whitney. See LAKES this section.

Meridian State Park — Scenic 461 acres on Bee Creek in Bosque Valley, with 70-acre lake. Facilities include camping and trailer sites, screened shelters, and opportunities for fishing, swimming, boating, and hiking. Tawakoni Indians lived in the area until the mid-1800s. Four miles southwest of Meridian, Texas 22, Park Road 7. Admission.

MESQUITE *Grid F-13* *Pop. 55,136* *Alt. 491*

General — One of fastest-growing cities in state (1950 popula-

tion was 1,684). Adjacent to east city limits of Dallas. Established 1872 as stop on T&P Railroad, named for nearby Mesquite Creek. More than 400 acres of parks, municipal golf course, public swimming pools.

Major Event — Mesquite Championship Rodeo. RCA rodeo action every Fri. and Sat., Apr. - early Sept. Hickory Tree Rd. off LBJ Freeway.

Christian College of the Southwest — Coed, private college established 1962. Enrolls more than 400. I.H. 30 and Barnes Bridge Rd.

Lakes — Lavon Reservoir, Ray Hubbard, Tawakoni. See LAKES this section.

World of Animals — Hilly, wooded 550-acre tract where exotic jungle birds and beasts roam free. From their cars in the drive-through section visitors view 100 species including lions, baboons, elephants, rhinos, giraffe, camels, ostrich and zebra. Small animals and birds in walk-through area and petting zoo. No convertibles allowed; rental cars available. Snack bar, picnic area, curio shop. Open daily 9 a.m. to dusk. Off I.H. 20 on Lawson Rd. south. Admission.

PARIS *Grid E-15* *Pop. 23,194* *Alt. 592*

General — Founded 1839, became seat of Lamar County 1844. On divide between the Red and the Sulphur Rivers. Retired outlaw Frank James (brother of Jesse) once worked in a dry goods store downtown. Belle Starr, notorious woman outlaw of the Old West, once jailed here. Today a commercial and marketing center for a fertile agricultural region, also home of modern industries including food processing, garments, rubber products, metal fabrication and electrical fixtures. Impressive downtown plaza features imported European fountain.

Flying Tigers Air Museum — Aircraft ranging from primary trainers to early jet fighters. "Dedicated to patriotism for God and Country," the museum features many famed aircraft which saw action in World War II. At Flying Tigers Airfield about two miles west on U.S. 82.

John C. Gambill Canada Goose Refuge — Named for area farmer who, as a hobby, provided food for migrating Canada geese each fall and winter. During 35 years of feeding, thousands of geese became accustomed to visit the Gambill farm. Today the refuge that bears his name is located at small Lake Gibbons, one mile from the original farm. Daily feeding at 4 p.m. Oct. 15 - Mar. 15. About five miles northeast via F.M. 79 and F.M. 2820.

Lakes — Lake Crook and Pat Mayse Reservoir. See LAKES this section.

Paris Junior College — Founded 1924; coed; enrollment exceeds 600. Southeast edge of city near U.S. 271.

Two Homes on Church Street — The Maxey Home, formerly residence of Gen. Samuel Bell Maxey, CSA, contains many original furnishings. Open Tues. - Sat., 10 a.m. - noon; 3 - 6 p.m.; Sun. 2 - 6 p.m. 812 S. Church St. Admission.

Lightfoot Home is fine example of traditional architecture of Texas ranch homes. Open by appointment only. 746 Church St.

PLANO *Grid F-13* *Pop. 17,600* *Alt. 655*

General — Settled 1845-46 by a group called Peters' Colony. Originally called Fillmore. Cotton gins, gristmills, garment factories, plumbing and stove plants are among major industries.

Lakes — Garza-Little Elm, Lavon and Ray Hubbard. See LAKES this section.

University of Plano — Private, coed liberal arts institution established 1964. Enrolls 170 students on spacious 700-acre campus.

POYNOR *Grid G-15* *Pop. 190* *Alt. 402*

General — Named for D. A. Poynor, surveyor for the T&NO Railroad through the area in 1900. A sawmill and store were located here in 1860.

Milner's Mill — An operating, restored gristmill. Recipes are printed on an antique printing press. Other antique items. Open daily. Located on U.S. 175.

ROCKWALL *Grid F-13* *Pop. 3,030* *Alt. 596*

General — Named for a subterranean dike nearby, town is seat of Rockwall County. Serving large farming area, town is site of large aluminum plant, with other industries including electronics, garments, agricultural supplies and leather goods.

Lakes — Lavon Reservoir, Ray Hubbard, and Tawakoni. See LAKES this section.

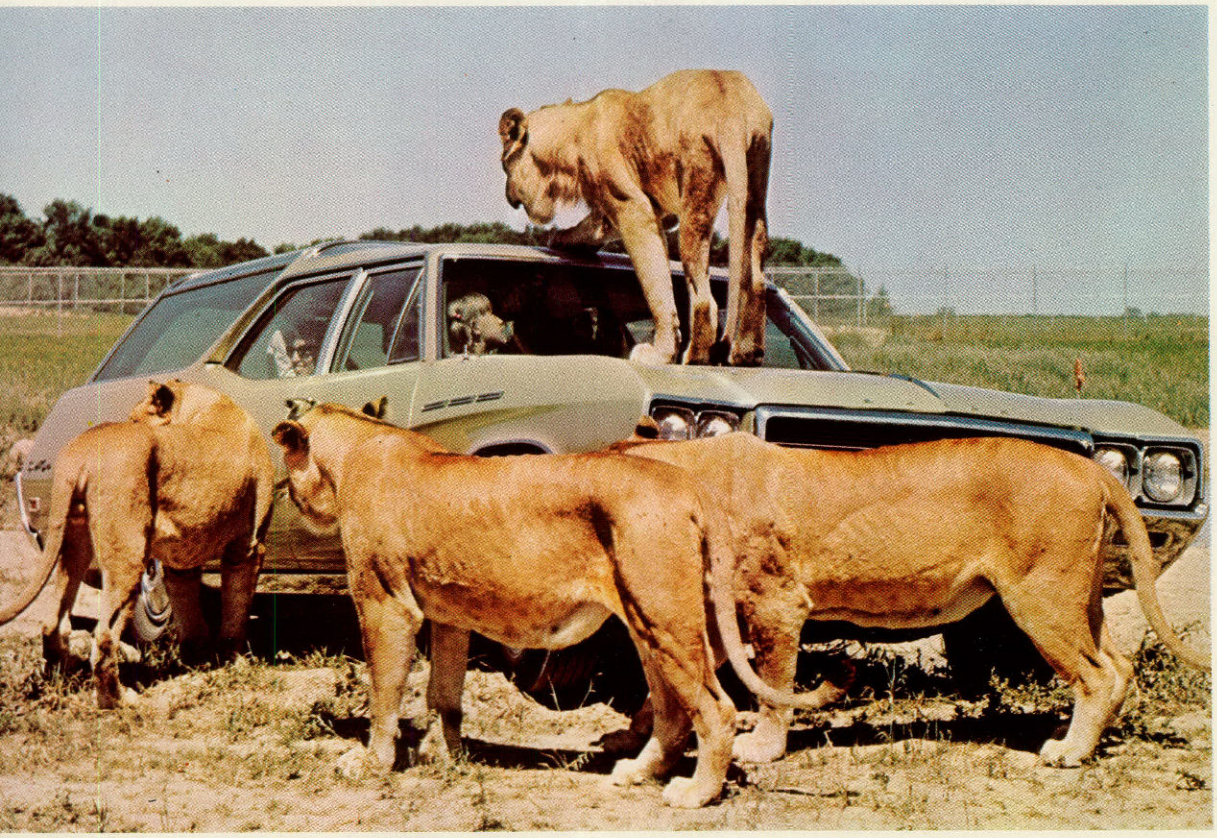
SAINT JO *Grid E-12* *Pop. 1,042* *Alt. 1,146*

General — Originally known as Head of Elm when established in 1856 on springs which were headwaters of the Elm Fork of the Trinity River. Renamed for Joe Howell who laid out the townsite. Howell allegedly opposed the sale of liquor in town, thus giving both himself and town the name of "Saint Jo." The community was important watering stop where Chisholm Trail and California Road crossed. Indian raids took place as late as 1874.

Stonewall Saloon Museum — Authentically restored saloon displays historic items related to era of the cattle drives, and other pioneer artifacts. Open daily 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. North corner of town square.

SHERMAN *Grid E-13* *Pop. 28,352* *Alt. 728*

General — Established as county seat when Grayson County



WORLD OF ANIMALS, DRIVE-THRU GAME PRESERVE, MESQUITE

organized in 1846. First laid out a short distance west of present location, but because of scarce wood and water, moved to present site in 1848. Early establishment of several colleges, as well as a dramatic club, earned Sherman title of "Athens of Texas." Today an industrial-commercial-educational center; products include cottonseed, grain and food processing, surgical bandages, business machines, cotton gin machinery, petroleum, construction machinery, aluminum products, asphalt pipe, truck bodies and boats. Numerous historical markers have been erected in and around city.

Austin College — Founded originally in Huntsville, 1849, moved to Sherman 1878; Texas Synod of Presbyterian Church. Coed, enrolls some 1,000 students; 900 N. Grand.

Grayson County Junior College — Established 1965, coed; now enrolling more than 2,500. North on F.M. 691 via U.S. 75.

Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge — On Lake Texoma approximately 15 miles northwest. (See DENISON this section.)

Lake — Texoma. See LAKES this section.

SULPHUR SPRINGS *Grid E-15* *Pop. 10,447* *Alt. 530*

General — First known as Bright Star, name changed in 1871 when mineral springs were advertised. Present seat of Hopkins County, leading Texas county in milk production with more than 600 dairies.

Major Events — Northeast Texas Stock Show, two days in Mar. Area ranchers show prize specimens of livestock, especially beef and dairy cattle.

Hopkins County Dairy Festival, two days in May; parade, coronation of festival queen, contests and exhibits.

Junior Rodeo, one day in June; school-age youngsters display their cowboy skills at riding, roping and bulldogging.

I.R.A. Rodeo, usually four days in early July. Traditional bone-jarring action in a series of eliminations for points and prizes.

Music Box Gallery — Began in 1919 when royal family of Belgium gave Leo St. Clair a music box. Hobby developed into a collection of more than 300 music boxes of all sizes, sounds, and animated movements. 225 College St. Admission.

TERRELL *Grid F-14* *Pop. 13,985* *Alt. 530*

General — First settlers in the area 1848; town organized about 1873 when railroad built through. Currently banking-market center for agricultural area featuring cotton, beef cattle, dairying and vetch. Industries include garments, cottonseed products, steel and aluminum fabrication.

Dr. L. E. Griffith Homeplace — Historic house of personal friend and physician of Sam Houston. Dr. Griffith also ministered to citizens of San Antonio after the fall of the Alamo. Open by appointment; contact local chamber of commerce.

Lakes — Cedar Creek Reservoir, Tawakoni, and Ray Hubbard. See LAKES this section.

Southwestern Christian College — Established in Fort Worth in 1948 as Southern Bible Institute, moved to Terrell and given present name in 1950; under auspices of Church of Christ. Coed, enrolling 60 students. 200 Bridge St. off U.S. 80.

WAXAHACHIE *Grid G-13* *Pop. 13,147* *Alt. 585*

General — Name derives from Indian word meaning "cow (or) buffalo creek." Now seat of Ellis County, town was once squarely on the Chisholm Trail. Trade center of a fertile blackland belt producing cotton, grain and cattle, and home of more than a dozen major industries.

Lake — Bardwell Reservoir. See LAKES this section.

Southwestern Assemblies of God College — Established in Enid, Okla. in 1927, moved to Waxahachie 1943. Coed, enrollment about 625. West University St.

WEATHERFORD *Grid F-12* *Pop. 11,846* *Alt. 1,052*

General — Originated in 1850s when selected as seat of Parker County. Named after Jefferson Weatherford, member of the Texas Senate when county was created. In early years town was last settlement on the Western frontier, on route of wagon trains operating between Fort Worth and Fort Belknap. Today a market and shipping point; industries include oil field equipment, brick, stone products and house trailers.

Major Event — Parker County Frontier Days Rodeo and Livestock Show, last week of July. A week of Western excitement, sponsored by Parker County Sheriff's Posse.

Chandor Gardens — Beauty spot created by the late Douglas Granville Chandor, internationally famed portrait artist. A native of Surrey, England, Chandor came to Texas in 1934 to marry a Weatherford girl, Ina Kuteman Hill. Of the garden, Chandor said:

CHANDOR GARDENS, WEATHERFORD

"I love the sunny skies of Texas, but I want to see her open prairies dotted with gardens, streams and flowers. That's why I worked out this garden in my mind before we built our home here in Weatherford."

Among famous Chandor portraits are those of Winston Churchill, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Queen Elizabeth II, and Edward, Duke of Windsor.

The gardens are open year-round, but the greatest display of blossoms and color appears during April. Located off W. Simmons St. Admission.

Mary Martin Home and Statue of Peter Pan — Childhood home of Mary Martin at 314 West Oak St.; not open to the public. A statue of Peter Pan, dedicated to Miss Martin who created that role on Broadway and for television, is in Cherry Park on West Columbia St.

Rock Hound Museum — Said to be the largest rock, gem stone and mineral shop in the Southwest, the museum/lapidary shop features both native gem stones and exotic specimens from throughout the world. Displays include a mass of gem topaz from Brazil that weighs in excess of 40,000 carats. Operated by award-winning silversmiths and lapidary artists. At intersection of U.S. 80 and U.S. 180.

Texas Railroad Museum — Sponsored by Trinity Valley Railfans, Inc., exhibition includes private presidential car from the Texas and Pacific line, a San Francisco cable car, a streetcar from New Orleans and a vintage steam engine. Open June - Aug., Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. Sept. - May, Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sun. 1:30 - 5 p.m. Admission. East Fort Worth St. two blocks east of Courthouse Square at Santa Fe depot.

Weatherford Junior College — Originated 1869 as branch of Southwestern University. Coed, enrollment approximately 1,100. Now on new campus on East Park Ave.

WHITNEY *Grid G-12* *Pop. 1,371* *Alt. 585*

General — Established 1879 when the Texas Central Railroad crossed Hill County; named for Charles Whitney of New York, a major railroad stockholder. Now an agricultural/recreational center, gateway to immensely popular Lake Whitney, one of the leading water sport and lake resort areas of Texas.

Major Events — Lake Whitney Beauty Pageant, among best in the state, two days late Apr.

Blue Chip Amateur Open Golf Tournament, four days mid-Sept.

Lake — Whitney. See LAKES this section.

Lake Whitney State Park — 1,315 acres on eastern shore of Lake Whitney. Facilities and features include camping areas and trailer sites, screened shelters, two airstrips, three boat ramps, docks, picnicking, swimming and fishing. Access via F.M. 1244, 2.5 miles west. Admission.

campground guide

In every season the camping's great in Texas! Sites listed below are administered by local, state and federal agencies. Not included are commercial camps whose listings are usually available in commercial guides. Camps are listed under nearby city name; driving directions are provided to each.

Directions are by standard compass abbreviations: **N** (north), **NE** (northeast), **E** (east), **SE** (southeast), **S** (south), **SW** (southwest), **W** (west), **NW** (northwest). Highways are indicated by standard abbreviations: **IH** = Interstate Highways, shown on maps as (35). **US** = U.S. Highways, shown on maps as (80). **Tex** = Texas State Highways, shown on maps as (21). **FM** or **RM** = Texas Farm or Ranch Roads (all are excellent paved routes), shown on maps as (770).

Drinking water is at all sites except where specifically noted.

BLUM (See Whitney)

BONHAM — **Bonham State Park**

Tex 78 S 1.4 mi; FM 271 SE 1.9 mi; Park Rd 24 E. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers. Entrance $1, daily camping $1.50, max 14 days May 1-Sept 15. Boat ramp, snack bar. Swim, fish, boat up to 12 hp, picnic, paddle boat rentals, playground. (Bonham St Pk, Rt 1, Bonham 75418)

BONHAM/Honey Grove — **Lake Coffeemill Recreation Area**

From Bonham: US 82 E 16 mi to Honey Grove; FM 100 N 11 mi; local rd W 4 mi. On Lake Coffeemill. Tent sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Fish, boat, picnic. (U.S. Forest Serv, 401 Petroleum Bldg, Amarillo 79101)

BONHAM/Honey Grove — **Lake Crockett Recreation Area**

From Bonham: US 82 E 16 mi to Honey Grove; FM 100 N 11 mi; local rd W .5 mi. On Lake Crockett. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Also 8-room lodge & 1 cabin. Daily lodge $6, cabin $10. Fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic, hunt. (U.S. Forest Serv, 401 Petroleum Bldg, Amarillo 79101)

BOWIE — **Selma Park**

From Bowie: Tex 59 SW 3 mi; FM 2583 S 2.5 mi. On Amon Carter Lake. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets, area lighting, dump sta. Free. Swim, boat, fish, picnic. (City Hall, Bowie 76230)

BRIDGEPORT — **Wise County Park**

FM 1658 W 4.2 mi; local rd N 1.5 mi. On Lake Bridgeport. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets, area lighting, dump sta. Free, max 7 days Groc. Swim, fish, bait, boat, picnic, playground, nature & bike trails. (County Judge, Box 453, Decatur 76234)

CLEBURNE — **Cleburne State Park**

US 67 W 5.9 mi; Park Rd 21 SW 6.3 mi. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers, dump sta. Entrance $1, daily camping $1.50, max 14 days, May 1-Sept 15. Snack bar. Swim, fish, boat up to 12 hp, boat & paddle boat rentals, picnic, playground, nature study, bird watching. (Cleburne St Pk, Rt 2, Box 97, Cleburne 76031)

CLEBURNE/Rio Vista — **Ham Creek Park**

From Cleburne: Tex 174/171 S 1.4 mi; Tex 174 S 6.5 mi to Rio Vista; FM 916 SW 8.4 mi. On Brazos River above Lake Whitney. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 427, Whitney 76692)

CLIFTON — **Cedron Creek Park**

FM 219 NE 9.8 mi; Tex 22 E 1.4 mi; FM 56 N 9.4 mi; local rd E 4.5 mi. On Lake Whitney. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 427, Whitney 76692)

CORSICANA/Dawson — **Liberty Hill Park**

From Corsicana Tex 31 SW 20.6 mi to Dawson; FM 709 N 3.5 mi. On Navarro Mills Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 88, Dawson 76639)

CORSICANA/Dawson — **Oak Park**

From Corsicana: Tex 31 SW 17 mi; FM 667 N 1.5 mi. On Navarro Mills Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 88, Dawson 76639)

CORSICANA/Frost — **Wolf Creek Park (Area #1)**

From Corsicana Tex 22 W 21 mi to Frost; FM 667 S 9.9 mi; local rd W 1.5 mi. On Navarro Mills Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 88, Dawson 76639)

CORSICANA/Frost — **Wolf Creek Park (Area #3)**

From Corsicana Tex 22 W 21 mi to Frost; FM 667 S 7.6 mi; FM 744 W 2 mi; FM 1578 S 2 mi. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 88, Dawson 76639)

DAWSON (see Corsicana)

DECATUR — **Black Creek Recreation Area**

FM 730 N 7 mi; local rd W 2 mi. On Black Creek Lake. Tent sites, pit toilets. Daily $1, max 14 days. Fish, boat, picnic. (U.S. Forest Serv, 401 Petroleum Bldg, Amarillo 79101)

DENISON — **Damsite Area**

US 75-A N 4.3 mi; local rd N to area below dam (FM 1310 W to lake area). On Lake Texoma. Tent & trailer sites, fl & pit toilets, area lighting, dump sta. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp, fishing barge. Fish, boat, bait, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Drawer A, Denison 75020)

DENISON — **Eisenhower State Park**

US 75-A N 4.3 mi; FM 1310 W 1.8 mi; Park Rd 20 N. On Lake Texoma. Tent & trailer sites, screened shelters, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers, dump sta. Entrance $1, daily tent $1, trailer $1.75, shelters $3.50, max 14 days May 1-Sept 15. Boat ramp, snack bar, marina. Swim, fish, boat & rentals, picnic, playground, nature study. (Eisenhower St Pk, Rt 2, Box 50K, Denison 75020)

DENISON — **Grandpappy Point Resort**

FM 84 W-NW 7.5 mi; local rd N .3 mi. On Lake Texoma. Tent & trailer sites, fl & pit toilets, dump sta. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Drawer A, Denison 75020)

DENISON/Pottsboro — **Flowing Wells Camp**

From Denison: FM 120 W 7.2 mi to Pottsboro; local rd W 8 mi. On Lake Texoma. Tent & trailer sites, fl & pit toilets, dump sta. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Drawer A, Denison 75020)

DENISON/Pottsboro — **Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge**

From Denison: FM 120 W 7.2 mi to Pottsboro; local rd S 2 mi; local rd W 5 mi. On Big Mineral Arm of Lake Texoma. Tent sites, pit toilets. Free, max 7 days. Fishing & boating permitted only Apr 1-Oct 31; picnic & nature study year-round. (Refuge Mgr, Rt 3, Box 123, Sherman 75090)

DENISON/Pottsboro — **Highport Resort**

From Denison: FM 120 W 7.2 mi to Pottsboro; FM 120 N 5 mi; local rd W 2 mi. On Lake Texoma. Tent & trailer sites, fl & pit toilets, dump sta. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Drawer A, Denison 75020)

DENISON/Pottsboro — **Mill Creek Resort**

From Denison: FM 120 W 7.2 mi to Pottsboro; local rd W 7 mi; local rd NW 4 mi. On Lake Texoma. Tent & trailer sites, fl & pit toilets, dump sta. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Drawer A, Denison 75020)

DENISON/Pottsboro — **Paradise Cove Camp**

From Denison: FM 120 W 7.2 to Pottsboro; local rd W 7 mi; local rd N 1.7 mi; local rd W-SW 1 mi. On Lake Texoma. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets, dump sta. No drinking water. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Drawer A, Denison 75020)

DENISON/Pottsboro — **Preston Bend Resort**

From Denison: FM 120 W 7.2 mi to Pottsboro; FM 120 N 7.2 mi; local rd N 1 mi; local rd E .2 mi. On Lake Texoma. Tent & trailer sites, fl & pit toilets, dump sta. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Drawer A, Denison 75020)

DENISON/Pottsboro — **Preston Fishing Camp**

From Denison: FM 120 W 7.2 mi to Pottsboro; FM 120 N 7.2 mi; local rd E .2 mi. On Lake Texoma. Tent & trailer sites, fl & pit toilets, dump sta. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Drawer A, Denison 75020)

DENTON — **Cottonwood Park**

From IH 35E/Tex 24: Tex 24 E 11.6 mi; FM 720 S 6.2 mi; local rd S .7 mi. On Garza-Little Elm Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, bait, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 248, Lewisville 75067)

DENTON — **Hickory Creek Park**

From IH 35E/Tex 24: IH 35E SE 12.2 mi; local rd W 1 mi. On Garza-Little Elm Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets, area lighting. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp, fishing barge, snack bar. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic, nature trail. (Pks & Rec Dept, City Hall, Denton 76201)

EMORY — **Rains County Park**

FM 35 W 11.5 mi; local rd S 1.1 mi. On Lake Tawakoni. Tent & trailer sites, fl toilets, dump sta. No drinking water. Free, max 14 days. Swim, fish, boat. (Sabine River Authority, Rt 1, Point 75472)

ENNIS — **High View Park**

Tex 34 SW 5.6 mi; local rd SE .3 mi. On Bardwell Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 608, Ennis 75119)

ENNIS — **Little Mustang Park**

Tex 34 SW 3.4 mi; local rd NW 1.5 mi. On Bardwell Reservoir. Tent sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 608, Ennis 75119)

ENNIS — **Love Park**

Tex 34 SW 2.8 mi; local rd SE 2.5 mi. On Bardwell Reservoir. Tent sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 608, Ennis 75119)

ENNIS — **Mott Park**

Tex 34 SW 5.9 mi; local rd SE 1.3 mi. On Bardwell Reservoir. Tent sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 608, Ennis 75119)

ENNIS — **Waxahachie Park**

Tex 34 SW 5.7 mi; local rd NW 1.6 mi. On Bardwell Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 608, Ennis 75119)

FRISCO — **Frisco Park**

FM 720 W 7.2 mi. On Garza-Little Elm Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, pit toilets, area lighting. Free. Boat ramp, gasoline, cafe. Swim, fish, boat & rentals, picnic, hunt. (City Hall, Frisco 75034)

FROST (see Corsicana)

GRAPEVINE — **Meadowmere Park**

Tex 114 W 2 mi; local rd N 3 mi. On Grapevine Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp, cafe. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 326, Grapevine 76051)

GRAPEVINE — **Murrell Park**

Tex 121 NE 2 mi; local rd N 2 mi; FM 2499 N 2 mi; local rd W 1 mi; local rd S 1 mi. On Grapevine Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp, boat storage, snack bar. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 326, Grapevine 76051)

GRAPEVINE — **Oak Grove Park**

Tex 114 Busniess W .8 mi; Dove Rd N 1.5 mi. On Grapevine Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 326, Grapevine 76051)

GRAPEVINE — **Rockledge Park**

Tex 121 NE 2 mi; local rd N 2 mi. On Grapevine Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 326, Grapevine 76051)

GRAPEVINE — **Silver Lake Park**

Within city: N from Loop 382. On Grapevine Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp, boat storage. Fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 326, Grapevine 76051)

GRAPEVINE — **Twin Coves Park**

Tex 121 NE 2 mi; local rd N 2 mi; FM 2499 N 2 mi; local rd W 1 mi; local rd N .5 mi; local rd W 1 mi. On Grapevine Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 326, Grapevine 76051)

GRAPEVINE/Roanoke — **Marshall Creek Park**

From Grapevine: Tex 114 NW 11 mi to Roanoke; US 377 N 1 mi; local rd E 2.8 mi. On Grapevine Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 326, Grapevine 76051)

GREENVILLE/Lone Oak — **Wind Point Park**

From Greenville: US 69 SE 15 mi to Lone Oak; FM 1571 W and S 4.1 mi; local rd S 1 mi. On Lake Tawakoni. Tent & trailer sites, screened shelters, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers, area lighting, dump sta. Daily tent $1.50, trailer & shelters $3, max 14 days. Groc. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic, playground, miniature golf, nature & bike trails, hunt. (Sabine River Authority, Rt 1, Point 75472)

GREENVILLE/West Tawakoni — **Arm Point**

From Greenville: Tex 34 S 17 mi; FM 35 E 6.9 mi to West Tawakoni; local rd S 1 mi. On Lake Tawakoni. Tent sites, primitive, no drinking water, dump sta. Free, max 14 days. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Sabine River Authority, Rt 1, Point 75472)

GREENVILLE/West Tawakoni — **Miller's Crossing**

From Greenville: Tex 34 S 17 mi; FM 35 E 6.9 mi to West Tawakoni; local rd S 1 mi. On Lake Tawakoni. Tent sites, no drinking water, pit toilets, dump sta. Free, max 14 days. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Sabine River Authority, Rt 1, Point 75472)

GREENVILLE/West Tawakoni — **Rabbit Cove**

From Greenville: Tex 34 S 17 mi; FM 35 E 6.9 mi to West Tawakoni; local rd S 1 mi. On Lake Tawakoni. Tent sites, primitive, no drinking water, dump sta. Free, max 14 days. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Sabine River Authority, Rt 1, Point 75472)

HONEY GROVE (see Bonham)

LEWISVILLE — **Arrowhead Park**

From IH 35E/Tex 121: IH 35E N 6.1 mi; E at N end of bridge. On Garza-Little Elm Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, bait, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 248, Lewisville 75067)

LEWISVILLE — **Copperas Branch Park**

From IH 35E/Tex 121: IH 35E N 5 mi; W at S end of bridge. On Garza-Little Elm Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Daily $1 Memorial Day — Labor Day; free other times; max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, bait, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 248, Lewisville 75067)

LEWISVILLE — **Easthill Park**

From IH 35E/Tex 121: Tex 121 E 5.2 mi; local rd N 1.5 mi. On Garza-Little Elm Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp, boat storage, fishing barge. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 248, Lewisville 75067)

LEWISVILLE — **Eastvale Park**

From IH 35E/Tex 121: Tex 121 E 6.6 mi; FM 423 N 3.5 mi. On Garza-Little Elm Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, bait, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 248, Lewisville 75067)

LEWISVILLE — **Hackberry Park**

From IH 35E/Tex 121: Tex 121 E 6.6 mi; FM 423 N 5.4 mi; local rd W 3.5 mi. On Garza-Little Elm Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, bait, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 248, Lewisville 75067)

LEWISVILLE — **Lewisville Lake Park**

From IH 35E/FM 407: Lake Park Rd E .5 mi. On Garza-Little Elm Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, area lighting, dump sta. Free, max 14 days. Groc. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic, playground, golf, bike trail. (City Hall, Box 247, Lewisville 75067)

LEWISVILLE — **Oakland Park**

From IH 35E/Tex 121: IH 35E N 6.8 mi; Carlisle Dr E .5 mi; Main St SE .8 mi; local rd S 1 mi. On Garza-Little Elm Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Daily $1 Memorial Day — Labor Day; free other times; max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, bait, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 248, Lewisville 75067)

LEWISVILLE — **Pilot Knoll Park**

From IH 35E/Tex 121: IH 35E N 3.4 mi; FM 407 W 4 mi; local rd N 3.5 mi. On Garza-Little Elm Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 248, Lewisville 75067)

LEWISVILLE — **Stewarts Creek Park**

From IH 35E/Tex 121: Tex 121 E 6.6 mi; FM 423 N 2.1 mi; local rd W 2 mi. On Garza-Little Elm Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 248, Lewisville 75067)

LEWISVILLE — **Sycamore Bend Park**

From IH 35E/Tex 121: IH 35E N 7.3 mi; Turbeville Rd W 1.5 mi; local rd S 1 mi. On Garza-Little Elm Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, bait, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 248, Lewisville 75067)

LEWISVILLE — **Westlake Park**

From IH 35E/Tex 121: IH 35E N 6.8 mi; Carlisle Dr E .5 mi; Main St SE 2 mi. On Garza-Little Elm Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, bait, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 248, Lewisville 75067)

LEWISVILLE — **Willow Grove Park**

From IH 35E/Tex 121: IH 35E N 7.2 mi; Turbeville Rd E 1 mi. On Garza-Little Elm Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, bait, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 248, Lewisville 75067)

LEWISVILLE — **Wynnewood Park**

From IH 35E/Tex 121: Tex 121 E 6.6 mi; FM 423 N 4.5 mi; local rd WSW 3.5 mi. On Garza-Little Elm Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, bait, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 248, Lewisville 75067)

LONE OAK (see Greenville)

MERIDIAN — **Meridian State Park**

Tex 22 W 3.2 mi; Park Rd 7 N. Tent & trailer sites, screened shelters, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers, dump sta. Entrance $1, daily tent $1, trailer $1.75, shelters $3.50, max 14 days May 1-Sept 15. Snack bar. Swim, fish, boat up to 12 hp, picnic, playground, nature study. (Meridian St Pk, Box 188, Meridian 76665)

MERIDIAN/Morgan — **Kimball Bend Park**

From Meridian: Tex 174 NE 7.9 mi to Morgan; Tex 174 NE 10.3 mi. On Lake Whitney. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 427, Whitney 76692)

MERIDIAN/Morgan — **Morgan Lakeside Park**

From Meridian: Tex 174 NE 7.9 mi to Morgan; FM 927 E 7.5 mi. On Lake Whitney. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 427, Whitney 76692)

MERIDIAN/Morgan — **Plowman Creek Park**

From Meridian: Tex 174 NE 7.9 mi to Morgan; Tex 174 NE 7.2 mi; FM 56 S 2.3 mi; local rd S .5 mi; E 1 mi. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 427, Whitney 76692)

MERIDIAN/Morgan — **Steele Creek Park**

From Meridian: Tex 174 NE 7.9 mi to Morgan; FM 927 E 7.5 mi; FM 56 S 1 mi; local rd E 2.5 mi. On Lake Whitney. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 427, Whitney 76692)

MORGAN (see Meridian)

NOCONA — **Boone Park**

FM 103 N 5.7 mi; FM 2634 E 3 mi; FM 2953 NE 2.5 mi; local rd S .5 mi. On Lake Nocona. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, pit toilets, area lighting, dump sta. No drinking water. Free, max 15 days. Swim, fish, bait, boat, picnic, playground, saddle horses. (City Hall, 101 Cooke St, Nocona 76255)

NOCONA — **Jaycee Park**

FM 103 N 5.7 mi; FM 2634 E 3.7 mi. On Lake Nocona. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, pit toilets, area lighting, dump sta. No drinking water. Free, max 15 days. Swim, fish, bait, boat, picnic, playground. (City Hall, 101 Cooke St, Nocona 76255)

NOCONA — **Joe Benton Park**

FM 103 N 5.7 mi; FM 2634 E 3 mi; FM 2953 NE 2 mi. On Lake Nocona. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, pit toilets, area lighting, dump sta. No drinking water. Free, max 15 days. Swim, fish, bait, boat, picnic, playground. (City Hall, 101 Cooke St, Nocona 76255)

PARIS — **Forest Point Park**

US 271 N 14.8 mi; FM 197 W 6.7 mi; local rd S 1.5 mi. On Pat Mayse Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets, dump sta. Free, max 14 days. Fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Drawer A, Denison 75020)

PARIS — **Lamar Point Park**

US 82 W 1.2 mi; FM 79 NW 6.3 mi; FM 1500 N 2.5 mi; FM 1499 E .5 mi; local rd N 4 mi. On Pat Mayse Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets, dump sta. Free, max 14 days. Fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Drawer A, Denison 75020)

PARIS — **Pat Mayse Park (East)**

US 271 N 14.8 mi; FM 197 W 5 mi; local rd S .5 mi. On Pat Mayse Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets, dump sta. Free, max 14 days. Fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Drawer A, Denison 75020)

PARIS — **Pat Mayse Park (West)**

US 271 N 14.8 mi; FM 197 W 6.7 mi; local rd S&E 1 mi. On Pat Mayse Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets, dump sta. Free, max 14 days. Fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Drawer A, Denison 75020)

PARIS — **Sanders Cove Park**

US 271 N 13 mi; FM 906 W 1 mi. On Pat Mayse Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets, dump sta. Free, max 14 days. Fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Drawer A, Denison 75020)

POTTSBORO (see Denison)

RIO VISTA (see Cleburne)

ROANOKE (see Grapevine)

SHERMAN/Whitesboro — **Big Mineral Camp**

From Sherman: US 82 W 14.4 mi; FM 901 N 10.5 mi; local rd E 2.5 mi. On Lake Texoma. Tent & trailer sites, fl toilets, dump sta. Free, max 14 days. Near concessioner, boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Drawer A, Denison 75020)

SHERMAN/Whitesboro — **Cedar Bayou Resort**

From Sherman: US 82 W 18 mi to Whitesboro; US 377 N 12.8 mi; local rd E 2.7 .4 mi. On Lake Texoma. Tent & trailer sites, fl & pit toilets, dump sta. Free, max 14 days. Near concessioner, boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Drawer A, Denison 75020)

SHERMAN/Whitesboro — **Cedar Mills Resort**

From Sherman: US 82 W 18 mi to Whitesboro; US 377 N 12.8 mi; local rd E 2.7 mi. On Lake Texoma. Tent & trailer sites, fl & pit toilets, dump sta. Free, max 14 days. Near concessioner, boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Drawer A, Denison 75020)

SHERMAN/Whitesboro — **Juniper Point**

From Sherman: US 82 W 18 mi to Whitesboro; US 377 N 15.5 mi. On Lake Texoma. Tent & trailer sites, fl & pit toilets, dump sta. Free, max 14 days. Near concessioner, boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Drawer A, Denison 75020)

SHERMAN/Whitesboro — **Paw Paw Point**

From Sherman: US 82 W 18 mi to Whitesboro; US 377 N 11.1 mi; FM 901 W 2 mi; local rd N 3 mi, E 1 mi. On Lake Texoma. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets, dump sta. No drinking water. Free, max 14 days. Near concessioner, boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Drawer A, Denison 75020)

SHERMAN/Whitesboro — **Rock Creek Camp**

From Sherman: US 82 W 18 mi to Whitesboro; US 377 N 11.1 mi; FM 901 W&N 6.8 mi; local rd E 1.8 mi. On Lake Texoma. Tent & trailer sites fl & pit toilets, dump sta. Free, max 14 days. Near concessioner, boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Drawer A, Denison 75020)

SHERMAN/Whitesboro — **Walnut Creek Resort**

From Sherman: US 82 W 14.4 mi; FM 901 11.1 mi; local rd N 1.2 mi; local rd E 1 mi. On Lake Texoma. Tent & trailer sites, fl & pit toilets, dump sta. Free, max 14 days. Near concessioner, boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Drawer A, Denison 75020)

WEST TAWAKONI (see Greenville)

WHITESBORO (see Sherman)

WHITNEY — **Cedar Creek Park**

FM 933 N 5.3 mi; FM 2604 SW 2.4 mi; local rd SE .8 mi. On Lake Whitney. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 427, Whitney 76692)

WHITNEY — **Lake Whitney State Park**

FM 1244 W 2.5 mi; Park Rd 47 W. On Lake Whitney. Tent & trailer sites, screened shelters, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers, dump sta. Entrance $1, daily tent $1, trailer $1.75, shelters $3.50, max 14 days May 1-Sept 15. Boat ramp, groc, 2 airstrips. Swim, fish, boat, picnic, playground, nature study. (Lake Whitney St Pk, Box 266, Whitney 76692)

WHITNEY — **Lofers Bend Park**

FM 933 SE 1.1 mi; Tex 22 SW 5 mi; local rd W .6 mi. On Lake Whitney. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Daily $1 Memorial Day — Labor Day; free other times; max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 427, Whitney 76692)

WHITNEY — **McCown Valley Park**

FM 933 N 2.4 mi; FM 1713 SW 4.4 mi. On Lake Whitney. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Daily $1 Memorial Day — Labor Day; free other times; max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 427, Whitney 76692)

WHITNEY — **Old Fort Park**

FM 933 N 5.3 mi; FM 2604 SW 2.5 mi; local rd W .5 mi. On Lake Whitney. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 427, Whitney 76692)

WHITNEY — **Walling Bend Park**

FM 933 SE 1.1 mi; Tex 22 SW 10.6 mi; FM 56 N 1.7 mi; FM 2841 E 2.8 mi. On Lake Whitney. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 427, Whitney 76692)

WHITNEY/Blum — **Chisholm Trail Park**

From Whitney: FM 933 N 14.5 mi to Blum; FM 933 N 1.7 mi; Tex 174 W 4.5 mi; local rd NW .7 mi. On Lake Whitney. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 427, Whitney 76692)

WHITNEY/Blum — **Noland River Park**

From Whitney: FM 933 N 14.5 mi to Blum; FM 933 N 1.7 mi; Tex 174 W 3.5 mi; local rd S 3.5 mi. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 427, Whitney 76692)

WILLS POINT — **Van Zandt County Park**

FM 47 N 9 mi at Iron Bridge Dam. On Lake Tawakoni. Tent & trailer sites, fl toilets, dump sta. No drinking water. Free, max 14 days. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Sabine River Authority, Rt 1, Point 75472)

high plains

Less than 50 years after an Italian explorer proved the world was round, a Spanish explorer discovered the immense, astounding flatness of the Texas High Plains. Across an endless sea of stirrup-high grass Coronado searched for the seven golden cities of Cibola.

Here proud plains warriors once followed vast herds of buffalo. Here the cowboy came into his own, and ranches of empire size spread over millions of acres.

But not all of the High Plains region is flat. Contrast is vivid when the tableland splits, tumbling in jagged riots of color to canyon floors a thousand feet below.

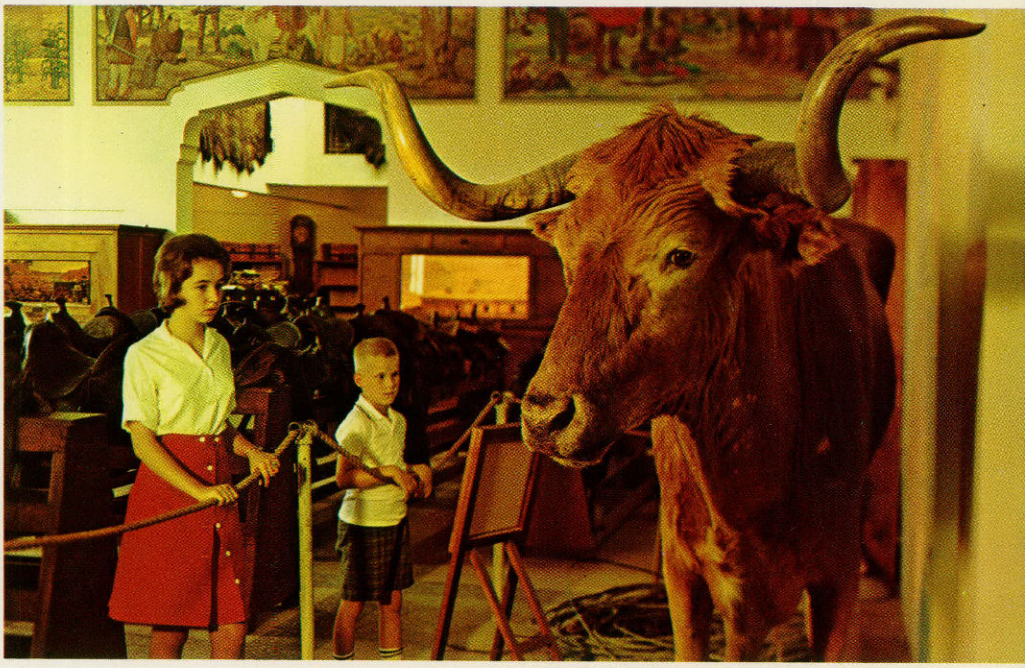
Here you will discover scenic panoramas unsurpassed throughout Texas—museums dedicated to the Old West as it really was—Texas' largest state park—sparkling clean, new cities—and a wealth of fun and festivals in the best traditions of the friendly Southwest.

PALO DURO CANYON

"TEXAS" MUSICAL DRAMA, PALO DURO CANYON

LAKE MEREDITH SPREADS AMONG RED CLIFFS OF THE CANADIAN RIVER VALLEY

THE "LIGHTHOUSE," PALO DURO CANYON



THE OLD WEST AS IT REALLY WAS, PANHANDLE-PLAINS MUSEUM, CANYON

TABLE-FLAT HIGH PLAINS SPREAD TO INFINITY

TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TOURIST BUREAU, AMARILLO

WHERE TO GO, WHAT TO SEE

AMARILLO *Grid B-7* *Pop. 123,973* *Alt. 3,676*

General — Commercial, cultural and recreational center for vast plains of the Texas Panhandle. World's leading helium producer; large cattle ranches in northern portion of Potter County. Well-kept parks for swimming, golf, tennis.

City began 1887 when Fort Worth and Denver City Railroad construction crew set up buffalo hide huts and tents, called the community Ragtown. Amarillo is Spanish for yellow, and the first hotel and other buildings were painted yellow.

Excellent motel and hotel facilities; symphony orchestra and little theater. Contact the local chamber of commerce for details, 301 S. Polk St.

Major Events — Amarillo Fat Stock Show and RCA Rodeo, six days in Jan.

Will Rogers Range Riders Rodeo, traditional cowboy events in early July.

Palo Duro Canyon Trail Ride, two days in Aug. Dramatic scenery of Palo Duro Canyon draws hosts of riders.

Boys Ranch Rodeo, near Labor Day at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, northwest of Amarillo. (See TASCOSA this section.)

Tri-State Fair, six days in Sept. Thousands of visitors from the vast Panhandle-Plains area and neighboring states.

National Anxiety Hereford Breeders' Show, two days in Nov.

Amarillo College — Municipal coed junior college established 1929 enrolling more than 3,500 students. Washington St.

Bivins Memorial Library — In a Texas Medallion building, former home of Lee Bivins, onetime Amarillo mayor and world's biggest cattle owner. Bush Room of the library contains rare books recounting history of the Panhandle and frontier. Family histories may be traced in special collection in Genealogy Room. Tenth and Polk Sts.

Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge — See LAKES this section

Cal Farley's Boys Ranch — See TASCOSA this section.

Helium Monument — Six-story stainless steel Time Column erected 1968 commemorates the unusual natural element found here in world's greatest quantity. Adjacent pavilion houses historical and scientific data, exhibits and tourist information center. Daily, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. I.H. 40 at Nelson St.

Lakes — Buffalo, Meredith/Sanford Recreation Area. See LAKES this section.

Nielsen Memorial Museum — Western weapons — guns, spears, swords, sabers. Miscellaneous furniture, some imported. Spinning wheel, porcelains, Spanish and Indian items. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Police Department, 609 S. Pierce St.

Palo Duro Canyon State Park — See CANYON this section.

Parks — 48 municipal parks, totaling more than 1,300 acres. Free gas-burning outdoor grills and fireplaces, swimming pools, tennis courts, supervised park programs and play areas.

Tourist Bureau — The Texas Highway Department maintains nine Tourist Bureaus at key points of entry to the state, plus a Tourist Information Center in the State Capitol and the Judge Roy Bean Visitor Center at Langtry. All bureaus are operated daily throughout the year, staffed by uniformed, trained travel counselors. Services free to all visitors include information, maps, literature on every part of the state, and expert assistance in charting routes. On I.H. 40/U.S. 287 just east of Amarillo.

high plains

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For a complete state driving map, refer to the Official Highway Travel Map available free from the Texas Highway Department.

legend

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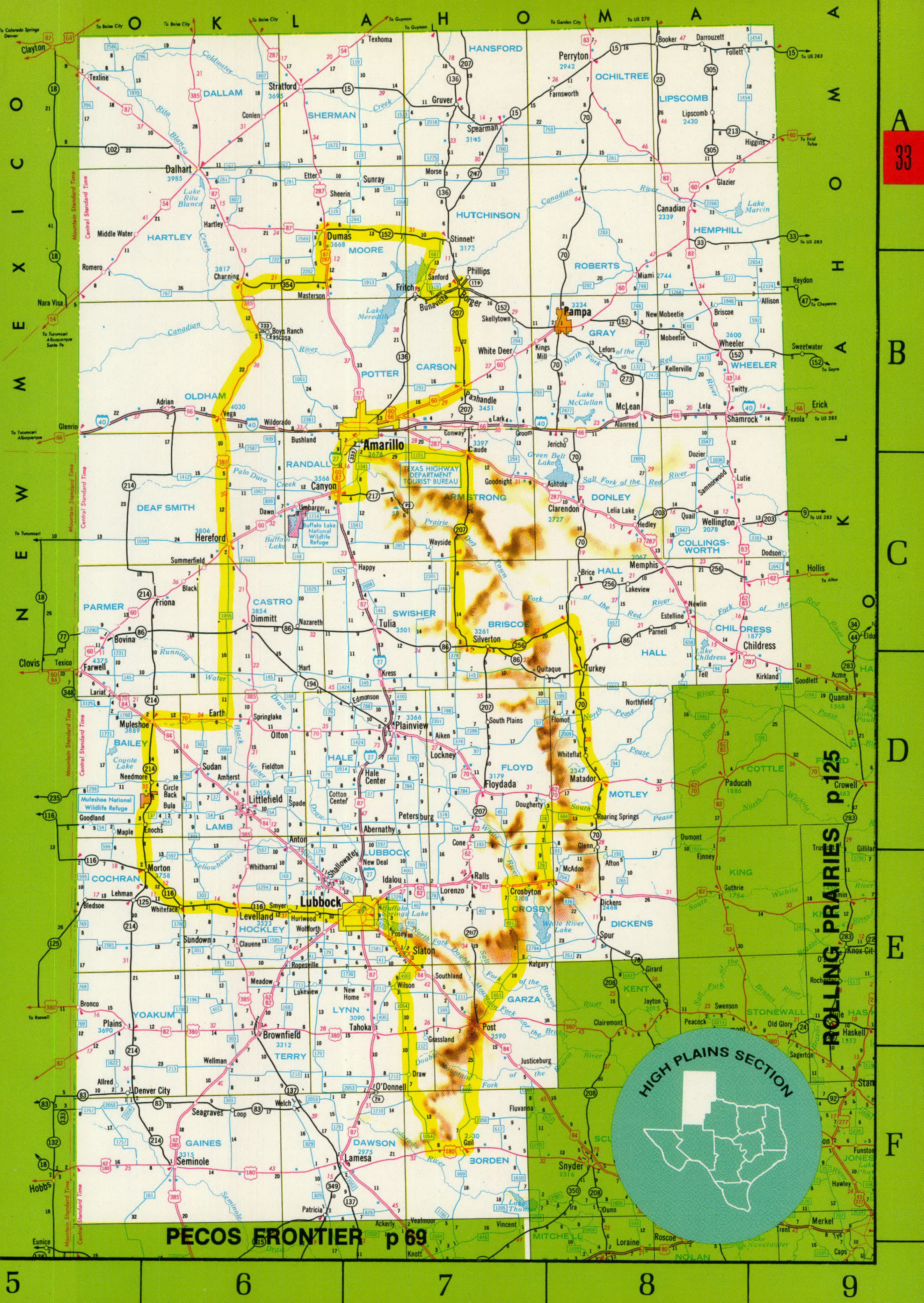
72 State Highway
•Rest Area
•Comfort Station
90 U. S. Highway
674 Farm or Ranch Road
★Tourist Bureau
P40 Park Road
306 Loop or Spur
820 Altitude

The Plains Trail spans the vast tableland called Llano Estacado by the Spanish; today known as the "Golden Spread" for the rich yields from its earth. Route marked in light yellow on High Plains map. (also see Travel Trails section, page 180)



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BORGER Grid B-7 Pop. 13,928 Alt. 3,116

General — Established following discovery of rich Panhandle Oil Field in 1926. In months a boom town of tents and shacks sprang up, and population numbered more than 40,000. Orderly growth soon replaced the ribald, gaudy days of the oil boom, and today Borger is a center for oil, chemicals and cattle. Towers, tanks and smokestacks of oil and petrochemical plants dominate the skyline. Products include gasoline, natural and LP gas, butadiene (an element in tough synthetic rubber), copolymer plastics and carbon black.

Major Events — Junior Stock Show, two days in Jan., exhibits prize livestock raised by youngsters.

Borger Birthday is observed by city on Mar. 8.

Boat Show, two days in Mar., attests to popularity of water sports on Lake Meredith.

Hutchinson County Junior Rodeo, three days in June, features youngsters competing in rough rodeo events.

Lake Meredith Festival, three days in June, includes the "world's largest fish fry," Miss Lake Meredith contest, boat and dog shows, a fishing "rodeo," water sports and entertainment.

Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico Senior Golf Tournament, five days in Aug., attracts large slate of golfers over 55 years of age.

Battle of Adobe Walls — Site of two Indian battles. (See STINNETT this section.)

City Parks — 16 parks offer extensive picnic facilities, tennis courts, sports fields, playground equipment, swimming pools and an 18-hole golf course.

Frank Phillips College — Coed junior college established 1948. Located on a pleasant campus southwest of downtown on Texas 136; enrolls some 750 students.

Lake — Meredith/Sanford Recreation Area. See LAKES this section.

Scenic Drive — A 25-mile loop west and north to Stinnett crosses rough, canyon-cut landscapes of the Canadian River breaks, leads across dam impounding Lake Meredith. Texas 136 west, F.M. 1319 and F.M. 687 north.

BROWNFIELD Grid E-6 Pop. 9,701 Alt. 3,312

General — Called Queen City of the South Plains; situated at intersection of five highway routes, seat and only incorporated town in Terry County. A commercial center for a crop, livestock, and oil area; industries include cottonseed oil, chemical spray and feedstuff.

Major Events — Amateur Radio Operators Swapfest, one day in Oct., attracts a crowd of "ham" operators.

Harvest Festival, also one day in Oct., pays tribute to agricultural bounty of the area.

Coleman Park — 44-acre recreation site offers picnicking, swimming pool, playground and travel trailer campsites available without charge for up to four days. South city limits along U.S. 62/385.

CANADIAN Grid A-8 Pop. 2,244 Alt. 2,339

General — Became county seat when Hemphill County organized in 1887. Name derived from location on the Canadian River; "canada" is Spanish word meaning narrow valley or canyon. Chief commercial center of the county which derives much of its income from ranching.

Major Events — Annual 4th of July Rodeo, one of first in area, held 1888 on town's main street. Now includes several days of entertainment, quarter horse show, parade, old-timers' reunion and other events.

Autumn Foliage Tour through surrounding multicolored landscapes attracts visitors from wide area. Usually second week in Oct.

Hemphill County Pioneer Museum — Country store, old barber shop, sheriff's office, old guns, pictures, clothing, covered wagon, cowboy's working gear such as saddles, branding irons, spurs, bits. Open June - Aug. daily; Sept. - May weekends and holiday afternoons. Old Moody Hotel, U.S. 60/83 at Main St.

Lake — Marvin. See LAKES this section.

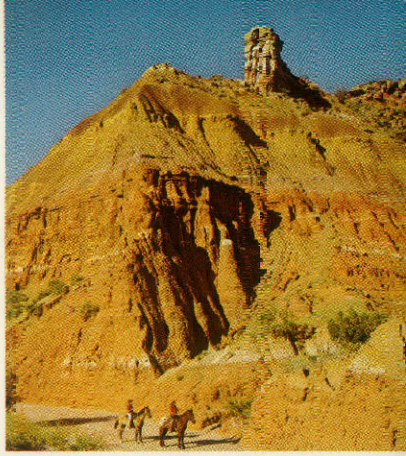
CANYON Grid C-7 Pop. 8,123 Alt. 3,566

General — Originated 1878 as headquarters for huge T Anchor Ranch; seat of Randall County and tourist gateway to spectacular Palo Duro Canyon State Park (see below).

Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge — See LAKES this section.

Canyon Pioneer Amphitheatre — Setting for "TEXAS," spectacular outdoor drama by Paul Green, presented nightly, except Sundays, from late June through Labor Day. Located in Palo Duro Canyon State Park, backdropped by 600-foot cliff; cowboys, Indians and settlers move over huge stage; riders spotlighted on cliffside trails, stereo music echoes through the canyon. Nationally acclaimed show begins at 8:45 p.m. CDT. Separate admission for the park and the show, but no park admission required after 6 p.m. for those attending show. All seats reserved Fridays and Saturdays; advance reservations also advisable at other times. Canyon nights are cool even in midsummer, and a wrap is recommended. Tickets available at gate, also at "TEXAS" Information Office, 2010 4th Ave. (Texas 217) in Canyon, and at Cooper and Melin Sts., Amarillo.

PALO DURO CANYON



"TEXAS" DRAMA UNDER THE STARS, PIONEER AMPHITHEATRE

Lake — Buffalo. See LAKES this section.

Palo Duro Canyon State Park — Texas' largest state park, 15,103-acres amid scenic landscape of Palo Duro Canyon. On the tabletop expanse of the Texas High Plains, a branch of the Red River has carved the incredible spires and pinnacles of Palo Duro. Walls plunge a thousand feet to the canyon floor, exposing brilliant multicolored strata. Camping, picnicking, rest rooms and showers, horseback riding, hiking trails, miniature train ride, souvenir shop, lunches, aerial tramway and amphitheatre in which shows are staged during the summer season. About 12 miles east via Texas 217 and Park Road 5. Admission.

Within park is an historical marker citing the last great Indian battle in Texas. On a sweep across the High Plains in 1874, the famous Col. Ranald S. Mackenzie, leading troops of the 4th Cavalry from Fort Richardson (see JACKSBORO, Rolling Prairies section), discovered a huge camp of Comanches in the canyon. The Indians had broken from their reservations and were menacing a wide area. Achieving surprise, the village was quickly overrun and some 1,400 horses captured. The Indians fled to strong points in the canyon. In a master stroke of tactics Mackenzie did not try to dislodge the Indians, but burned the village and slaughtered most of the horses. Without shelter, provisions or the vital mobility of their horses, the proud plains warriors had no choice but to plod back to their reservations in Oklahoma.

Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum — On campus of West Texas University; honors pioneers of Texas' colorful past. Entrance doors ornamented with historic brands; fascinating Old West exhibits include chuck wagon, extensive gun collection, prehistoric fossils and wildlife. Other collections show prehistoric Indian cultures, archeology and the Frank Reaugh Collection of Southwestern Art. Open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. and holidays (except Dec. 25), 2 - 6 p.m.

West Texas State University — Established 1910, coed, enrolls more than 7,200. Downtown, U.S. 87 at Texas 217.

CHILDRESS Grid D-9 Pop. 5,319 Alt. 1,877

General — Seat of Childress County named for George Campbell Childress, author of Texas Declaration of Independence. Located on the Fort Worth and Denver Railroad, has railroad shops, wholesale companies and a district office of the Texas Highway Department.

Major Events — Childress County Old Settlers' Reunion, three days in July. Held for more than 80 years, features a nightly rodeo.

Greenbelt Bowl Football Classic, one evening in Aug. A gridiron battle between high school all-stars from Texas and Oklahoma.

Childress City Park — In addition to lake and a zoo, park has an historical marker for the Goodnight Trail, an extension of the famed Goodnight-Loving Trail over which many herds of cattle trekked to market.

Lake — Childress (includes Lake Baylor). See LAKES this section.

CLARENDON Grid C-8 Pop. 1,873 Alt. 2,727

General — Seat of Donley County, commercial center with cotton gins and chicken hatcheries. Original town established 1878 by a Methodist minister who brought a group of colonists. They settled six miles north of present location, moved in late 1880s to be on the railroad. Original townsite now inundated by Greenbelt Lake. Citizens Cemetery relocated (south on Texas 70) with same fencing, buildings and arrangement. Graves of Bill Koogle, first freighter between Fort Worth and the JA Ranch, and those of other early settlers are there.

Major Event — Clarendon July 4th Celebration, in the fashion of earlier eras. Three days include a quarter horse show, parade, kid's turtle race, old settlers' reunion, free barbecue and fiddlers' contest. A rodeo performance each night is followed by a western dance.

Clarendon Junior College — Established 1897 as a church school, became municipal junior college in 1927. Coed, enrollment of about 300 students.

Donley County Museum — Prehistoric specimens of local Clarendon Age beds, historical and geological specimens. Clarendon beds are 10-11 million years old and abound with mammal bones. 203 Kerney St. Contributions.

Lakes — Greenbelt and McClellan. See LAKES this section.

Pete Borden's Guns — Located in a downtown saddle shop; collection of guns, many handmade, is especially interesting to gun enthusiasts. Visitors welcome.

Scenic Drive — Skirts the Cap Rock (edge of the High Plains), and ascends to surface of the plains at Silverton. Rugged, broken canyon country. Texas 70 south, Texas 256 west, 53 miles.

Stocking's Drug Store — A true "drug" store — it doesn't have a fountain — established 1885, said to be oldest in the Panhandle.

CLAUDE Grid C-7 Pop. 1,240 Alt. 3,397

General — Like many Texas towns, a railroad genesis; established as stop on Fort Worth and Denver City Railroad in 1887. Today the seat of Armstrong County. Grain elevators and stockyards indicate role as major shipping point for surrounding agricultural activities.

Scenic Drive — One of the most impressive drives in the state is Texas 207 south toward Silverton. For miles agricultural riches spread from horizon to horizon, then the highway plunges into scenic grandeur at Palo Duro Canyon. Descend at a moderate speed, both for safety and to absorb beauty that unfolds in a riot of colors. In the nine-mile-wide canyon (which extends a hundred miles from northwest to southeast) is the Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River, a seemingly insignificant stream to have carved such an immense gash in the plains.

On the south rim is a Highway Department roadside park overlooking the spectacular canyon landscape — a view not soon forgotten!

Farther south the highway drops into another beautiful gorge, Tule Canyon. More varieties of rock strata are visible, and some magnificent sheer-faced, knife-edged buttes.

CROSBYTON Grid E-7 Pop. 2,216 Alt. 3,300

General — Seat of Crosby County located near Blanco Canyon, scenic spot for the entire South Plains area. Founded by a livestock company; town lot sale Feb. 1908. Commercial center for farming and livestock area, and market for cotton, grain sorghums, wheat and cattle.

Blanco Canyon Roadside Park — One of the finest roadside parks on the Texas Highway System, about four miles east on U.S. 82, where the White River crosses the route. Picnic tables, scenic views of rolling canyon features, plus intriguing hiking paths along the river.

Lake — White River Reservoir. See LAKES this section.

Pioneer Memorial Museum — Main collection housed in Crosby County Pioneer Memorial Building, a replica of Hank Smith rock house, first home in the county. Indian artifacts and pioneer relics. Additional collection in barn across street shows early agricultural equipment. Open Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - noon, 2 - 5 p.m.; Sun. 2 - 4 p.m. Downtown on U.S. 82.

DALHART Grid A-6 Pop. 5,558 Alt. 3,985

General — Seat of Dallam County, also extending into adjacent Hartley County. First called Twist, designation of a nearby railroad section house. Present name combines the first syllables of the two counties. Serves as a shipping point for cattle, grains, and other agricultural products.

Major Events — XIT Rodeo and Reunion, three days early Aug. Famed XIT was world's largest ranch under fence in the 1880s — some three million acres. Sold into smaller farms and ranches until now there is less than two per cent of the original acreage. Old XIT hands gather to reminisce and enjoy events including parades, antique car shows, coin and gun displays, pony express races, dances, free watermelon and barbecue, plus the exciting rodeo.

Inter-State Fair, three days late Sept., features traditional agricultural and livestock exhibits, competition and old-fashioned fun.

Empty Saddle Monument — A favorite photo subject, monument stands at north end of Dalhart's V-shaped underpass. Designed by a cowboy after a widow asked that a horse bearing an empty saddle appear in the annual reunion parade in tribute to her husband, a former XIT Ranch cowpoke.

Lake — Rita Blanca. See LAKES this section.

XIT City Museum — Historic displays show development of the area, stuffed animals, wagons, other relics. Open daily, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Located at Rita Blanca Lake Park Cafe, two miles south on Main Lake Road in Rita Blanca Lake Park.

XIT Ranch — The State of Texas, richer in land than cash, granted 3,050,000 acres of land in 1882 to a Chicago corporation for construction of the state capitol. That land became the XIT, world's largest ranch under fence. An English company, the Capitol Freehold Land and Investment Company of London, operated the immense spread which covered parts of nine present counties. The north fence was 200 miles from the south fence, and it was 27 miles from east to west. The initial stocking herd of cattle numbered 110,721 head. Over the years XIT lands have been sold to "smaller" operators, some of whom control 100,000 acres or more. Today less than 60,000 acres of the original lands remain under the XIT brand. (See XIT Rodeo and Reunion, Major Events above.)

DICKENS Grid E-8 Pop. 400 Alt. 2,468

General — Seat of Dickens County, retail center for a large ranching area. Located about eight miles below the escarpment of the Cap Rock (High Plains), first settlements grew from dugout line camps used by cowboys of the famous Spur, Pitchfork and Matador Ranches. Nearby Croton Breaks region is a scenic area of colorful canyons, buttes and small creeks. Inquire locally for directions.

Dickens County Museum — In the Dickens County Courthouse, exhibits include pictures, antiques and family histories. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Lake — White River Reservoir. See LAKES this section.

PIONEER MEMORIAL MUSEUM, CROSBYTON

DIMMITT *Grid C-6* *Pop. 4,255* *Alt. 3,854*

General — Seat of Castro County; town established 1891 and named for promoter of townsite. County among state leaders in production of wheat and grain sorghum.

Major Event — Castro County Round-Up Week in Aug. starts with "Miss Grain Sorghum of the Nation" beauty pageant. Includes air show, rodeo, parade, barbecue and old settlers' reunion.

DUMAS *Grid A-7* *Pop. 9,665* *Alt. 3,668*

General — Named after Louis Dumas, president of townsite company that founded this seat of Moore County in 1892. Oil discovered 1926. In heart of nation's largest grain sorghum producing area, center of one of world's largest natural gas fields, producer of two-thirds of nation's helium. Tours available in several major industrial plants. Recreational areas include eight city parks; scenic beauty in rugged canyons and hills of Canadian breaks, and nearby Lake Meredith offers fishing, boating, swimming and water skiing.

Major Events —Dogie Days, three days in June; begun as tribute to early settlers, has grown to a major festival: nearly 10,000 persons served at annual barbecue. Activities include a new car given away each year, rodeo, parade and carnival.

Moore County Fair, three days late Sept. - early Oct., features prize livestock, produce and traditional county fair handicrafts.

Lake — Meredith/Sanford Recreation Area. See LAKES this section.

FLOYDADA *Grid D-7* *Pop. 3,875* *Alt. 3,179*

General — Established 1890, originally called Floyd City. Seat of Floyd County in center of a productive farm area, headquarters for a large electric co-op, and a cotton ginning and shipping point.

Major Events — Floyd County Junior Fat Stock Show, three days in Mar. Youngsters display their prize livestock.

Old Settlers' Reunion, late May, honors area pioneers.

Floyd County Rodeo, June. Traditional rough and tumble rodeo excitement.

Labor Day Fly-In Breakfast and Sky-diving Exhibition. A popular event that attracts regional pilots and parachutists.

FRIONA *Grid C-6* *Pop. 3,112* *Alt. 4,005*

General — Chartered 1928, in part of Parmer County that was portion of the famous 3,050,000-acre XIT Ranch. (See DALHART this section.) A large feed lot (27,000 head capacity) utilizes much of the grain sorghum (milo maize) grown in the county. Other agricultural products are vegetables, wheat, cotton and soybeans.

Major Events — Jaycee Junior Rodeo, Apr., sees school-age youngsters competing in full range of rough rodeo events.

Maize Days Festival, three days in Sept., tribute to fertile soil and immense grain production of the area.

GAIL *Grid F-7* *Pop. 178* *Alt. 2,510*

General — Both the town and county named for Gail Borden, Texas patriot, surveyor, editor, trustee of Texas Baptist Education Society that founded Baylor University, inventor of condensed milk and founder of Borden food products. Established as ranch supply point in 1891, is the county seat and only town in Borden County, has remained a cow town without bank, theater, railroad, hotel, preacher, doctor, or lawyer. The courthouse is the one large building on main street. Livestock and quarter horse shows are held each spring.

Borden County Historical Museum — Contains pictures, records, newspapers, furniture and clothing from Borden County pioneer days. Open Thurs. - Sun. 2 - 5 p.m., and by appointment.

Lake — J. B. Thomas. See LAKES this section.

Scenic Drive — F.M. 669 north toward Post climbs the southern edge of the Texas High Plains, which are the southernmost extension of the Great Plains of the United States. In immensity beyond comprehension the Great Plains sweep north more than 1,600 miles, thrusting deep into Canada; the heartland of America that produces nation's abundance of bread, meat and fiber. The road climbs the abrupt edge where the plains end, traveling through panoramas of steep cliffs and colorful canyons.

HEREFORD *Grid C-6* *Pop. 13,092* *Alt. 3,806*

General — Named for early herds of Hereford cattle; seat of Deaf Smith County. (Deaf Smith was commander of scouts in Sam Houston's army at the Battle of San Jacinto.) Because of natural fluorine and iodides in municipal water supply resulting in low incidence of dental decay, Hereford often called "town without a toothache." Economy based primarily on agribusiness with immense production of grain sorghum, wheat, sugar beets. A local plant (tours available) refines sugar from beets produced in four-county area.

Major Event — Hereford Rodeo, three days in June. Action in Veteran's Park rodeo arena. Hereford Rider's Club Parade on final day.

Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge — See LAKES this section.

Deaf Smith County Historical Museum — Collections from pioneer era, farm and ranch implements, guns, Indian artifacts, photographs, paintings. Open Wed., Sat., and Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. 400 Sampson St.

Free Tours — Local chamber of commerce offers daily (except Sunday) free tours of farms and ranches in area. FFA boys are guides, and tour participants use own cars and drivers. Tours begin at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. from the chamber office.

Lake — Buffalo. See LAKES this section.

LAKES

Buffalo Lake, Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge — In winter as many as a million ducks and geese can be seen at one time. Portions of the lake are closed from Nov. through Feb. but camping, fishing and picnicking can be enjoyed year-round. Between Canyon and Hereford off U.S. 60. Admission. C-6

Buffalo Springs Lake — Formed by dam on the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos River; facilities for fishing, boating, picnicking and weekend outings. About nine miles southeast of Lubbock. E-7

Bull Lake — A small lake of 500 acres locally popular for fishing, boating and water skiing. (Not shown on section map.) About nine miles west of Littlefield (D-6) off F.M. 54.

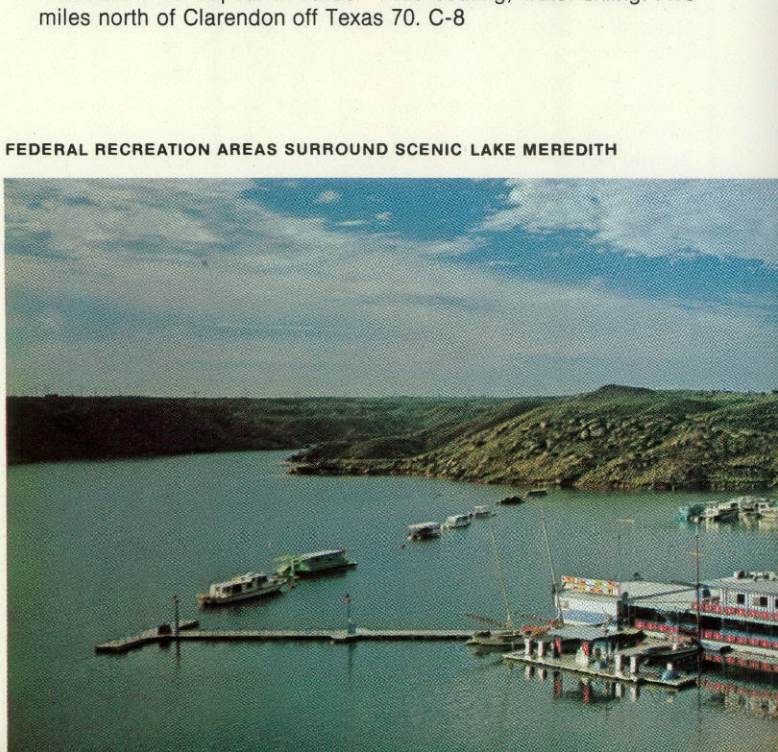
Burson Lakes — Group of small, beautiful blue lakes set amid colorful steeps of canyon country. (Not shown on section map.) Excellent fishing plus swimming, camping and hunting facilities, several cabins, a bait shop-general store, and small cafe. Plentiful quail and white-tailed deer may be hunted during designated seasons. About 18 miles east of Silverton (D-7) off Texas 256.

Childress and Baylor, Lakes — Adjacent lakes are used as water supply for Childress; provide boating, fishing and hunting recreation, plus small area for water skiers. About nine miles west of Childress (D-9) off U.S. 287.

Fryer, Lake — Pleasant recreation spot along beautiful Wolf Creek in county-owned 700-acre Wolf Creek Park. Popular with fishermen, boaters, swimmers, campers and picnickers. (Not shown on section map.) 12 miles southeast of Perryton (A-8.)

Greenbelt Lake — Recently completed reservoir on the Salt Fork of the Red River, offering water recreational pleasures to large area. Fishermen who frequent the 2,500-acre lake call it the "Northern Pike Capital of Texas." Also boating, water skiing. Five miles north of Clarendon off Texas 70. C-8

FEDERAL RECREATION AREAS SURROUND SCENIC LAKE MEREDITH



J. B. Thomas, Lake — 7,820 acres on the Colorado River with a 75-mile shoreline. Wide range of water sports and recreational activities includes swimming, boating, skiing, camping and excellent fishing. About 25 miles southeast of Gail. F-7

McClellan, Lake — Popular with area boaters, fishermen and water sports enthusiasts, about 25 miles south of Pampa, also accessible from Clarendon and McLean. B-8

Marvin, Lake — In National Grassland area administered by U.S. Forest Service. A popular site for water sports and camping with cottages, boat rentals, picnic grounds. Abundant deer and wild turkey attract hunters during fall season. About 11 miles east of Canadian via F.M. 2266. A-9

Meredith, Lake/Sanford Recreation Area — Built by U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, beautiful blue lake spreads among colorful buttes and cliffs of Canadian River Valley, covering 21,600 acres. Sanford Recreation Area comprises seven federally supervised parks around lake shore. Facilities include marina, boat launching ramps, camping and picnicking areas. Fishermen take walleye, bass, crappie and catfish. For details contact National Park Service headquarters at south end of dam off F.M. 687. About 10 miles west of Borger, also accessible from Amarillo and nearby towns of Stinnett, Sanford, Fritch, Dumas and Pampa. B-7

Rita Blanca, Lake — Covering 560 acres; camping, boating, fishing, skiing and picnic facilities; a favorite for weekend outings. Immediately south of Dalhart. A-6

White River Reservoir — 1,808 acres, supplies water for Crosbyton, Post, Spur and Ralls; features camping areas, lakeside cabins, boat launch and rental, picnic areas and fishing supplies. On tributary of the Salt Fork of the Brazos about 16 miles southeast of Crosbyton. Accessible from Post, Dickens and Spur. E-8

LAMESA *Grid F-7* *Pop. 11,401* *Alt. 2,975*

General — Seat of Dawson County at southeast edge of Texas High Plains, southernmost extension of Great Plains of United States. Area economy based on extensive oil, industrial and agricultural production. Cotton and small grains produced on 90,000 irrigated acres; some 10,000 beef cattle graze on rolling prairies.

Major Events — Rodeos still accented by area's vivid ranch heritage. Lamesa Rodeo usually first week in Aug.

Dawson County Fair and Community Carnival, early or mid-Sept., complete with traditional fair festivities.

Lamesa-Dawson County Museum & Art Center — Home furnishings, pioneer tools, ranch and farm equipment from the early days of settlement. Also display of work by local artists. Open Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. South 2nd and Avenue M.

LEVELLAND *Grid E-6* *Pop. 11,386* *Alt. 3,523*

General — Cereal king C. W. Post surveyed and plotted town in 1912, first called Hockley City; renamed in 1922. Seat of Hockley County, commercial center for cotton, cottonseed processing, petroleum refining, propane, butane and sulphur.

Major Events — Old Settlers' Reunion in July.

Miss South Plains Pageant in Oct.

South Plains College — Coed junior college established 1957, enrolls more than 1,600. Fine arts building houses exceptional art collection of Marjorie Merriweather Post, presented to the college by daughter of city's founder. Campus on U.S. 385 south.

LIPSCOMB *Grid A-9* *Pop. 196* *Alt. 2,450*

General — Settled 1880 on Wolf Creek; seat of Lipscomb County. Named for Abner Smith Lipscomb, a Texas secretary of state under Mirabeau B. Lamar and later an associate justice (1846-1856) of the Texas Supreme Court. Noted for large wheat, grain sorghum farms and cattle ranches.

Humorist Will Rogers was a cowboy on the Little Robe Ranch near the community of Higgins southeast of Lipscomb. On the ranch he perfected his famous rope tricks used on stage. He left Texas to join a "Wild West" show in 1902.

LITTLEFIELD *Grid D-6* *Pop. 6,677* *Alt. 3,556*

General — Named for George Washington Littlefield, cattle baron and philanthropist. Area first surveyed in 1912, and site became a station on the Panhandle and Santa Fe Railroad a year later. Now a banking and commercial center, seat of Lamb County. More than 300,000 farm acres are irrigated; chief crops cotton and grain sorghums. Also large ranches and livestock feeding lots.

Major Events — Junior Fat Stock Shows, three days each in Jan. and Mar.

Lake — Bull. See LAKES this section.

LUBBOCK *Grid E-7* *Pop. 146,379* *Alt. 3,241*

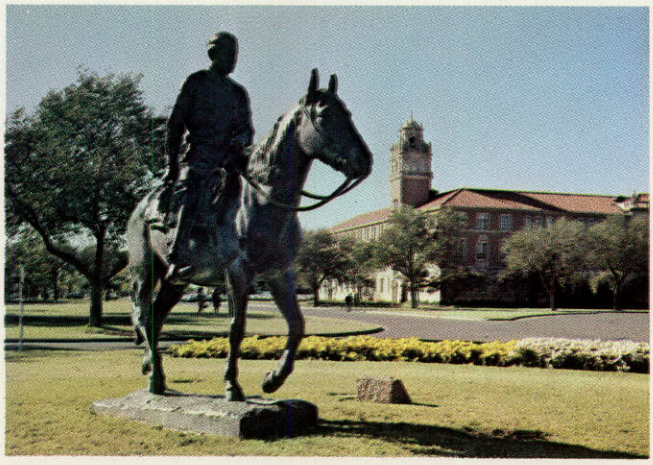
General — Seat of Lubbock County and major city of the South Plains. Established 1891 as compromise between rival town builders. Slow early growth; settlers complained of prairie fires, sandstorms, tumbleweeds, and occasional droughts.

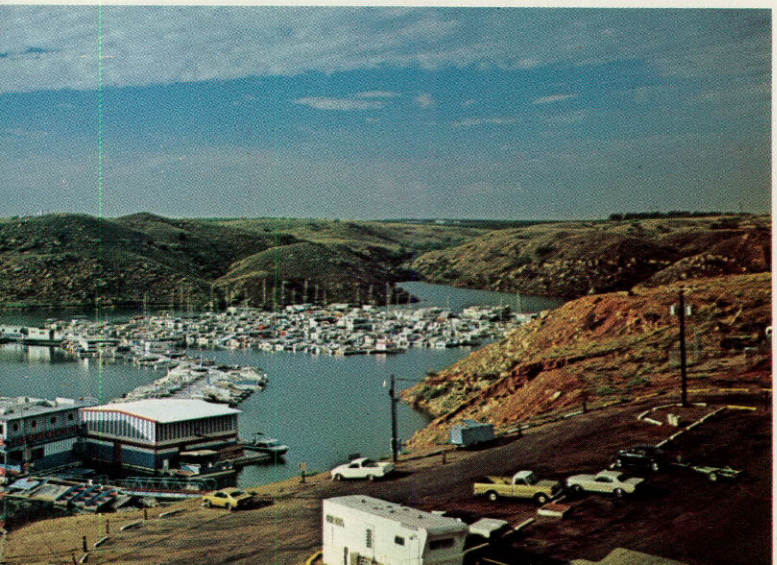
Today a city of industry, technology, oil, agriculture, warehousing, medicine and culture.

Neighborhood parks dot residential sections, and a state park within the city draws more visitors annually than any other state park in Texas. Six golf courses, zoo, symphony orchestra, little theater, rodeos, amusement park with western train and other attractions.

Lubbock residents are encouraged to plant chrysanthemums to bolster the city's claim as Chrysanthemum Capital of the World. There are more than 40,000 plants on the Texas Tech campus, plus at least 40,000 more in city parks. Peak season is late Oct.

WILL ROGERS STATUE, TEXAS TECH CAMPUS, LUBBOCK





LUBBOCK

Major Events — Panhandle-South Plains Fair, last week in Sept., one of largest regional fairs in state dating from 1917. Draws quarter million visitors to pageants, contests, and entertainment as well as traditional fair exhibits. Fairgrounds on E. Broadway at Avenue A.

Fair Park Coliseum — Weekly entertainment including road shows, name-band dances and concerts. A few blocks east of downtown.

Jones Stadium — On the Texas Tech campus, home of the Tech Red Raiders football team with seating for 45,000 fans at Southwest Conference games.

Lake — Buffalo Springs. See LAKES this section.

Lubbock Christian College — Coed, established 1957, enrolling more than 700 students. W. 19th St./Texas 116.

Mackenzie State Park — Operated by the city, the park attracts more visitors than any other state park in Texas. Prairie Dog Town in the park is one of few remaining colonies of its type in the nation. Visitors enjoy close views of the frisky little animals which once inhabited the plains by the millions. Swimming, picnicking, camping, golf, and children's amusement park.

Also in the park is a segment of Yellow House Canyon, site of the last fight in Lubbock County between buffalo hunters and Indians in 1877. Yellow House Canyon was known to Spanish explorers as early as the 17th Century. Within city off I.H. 27.

Municipal Auditorium-Coliseum — Complex on Texas Tech campus seats 10,000; home of Tech Red Raiders basketball team. Rodeos, conventions, trade shows and church meetings. Adjacent auditorium seats 3,000 at musicals, dramas, and beauty contests.

Reese Air Force Base — Jet pilot training center located five miles west. Occupying 2,862 acres, the base has more than 2,500 military and civilian personnel.

Texas Tech University — Six colleges with 44 departments on the largest university campus in the world. Enrollment exceeds 19,000.

The Museum of Texas Tech is on campus: adventurous views into the past with geological, paleontological and historical collections; emphasis on South Plains pioneer days. Planetarium; traveling art exhibits. Small admission charge for planetarium only. Museum open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. Planetarium shows Sat., Sun. 3 p.m. Indiana Ave. and 4th St.

McLEAN *Grid B-8* *Pop. 1,151* *Alt. 2,812*

General — Established 1901, grew from water well and switch on the Choctaw, Oklahoma, and Texas Railroad. Now a trade center for surrounding farms and ranches.

Alanreed-McLean Area Museum — Mementos of early settlers of the Texas Panhandle. Several rooms furnished in pioneer style; community history. Open Mon. - Fri. 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. 117 N. Main St.

Lake — McClellan. See LAKES this section.

MATADOR *Grid D-8* *Pop. 1,051* *Alt. 2,347*

General — Seat of Motley County and one of Texas' most "western" towns. Named for the Matador Ranch, whose headquarters ranch house stands at the southwest edge of town. When Motley County was organized in 1891, there was no town in the new county. A townsite was designated, and the necessary 20 business houses were supplied by cowboys from the Matador who set up one-day businesses so a patent could be granted by the General Land Office. Today town is principal trading and shipping point for Motley County.

Major Events — Junior Livestock Show, Sat. in early Apr.

Motley-Dickens Counties Old Settlers' Reunion, three days late Aug. Nearly half a century old, reunion recaptures pioneer history with a variety of activities and displays.

MEMPHIS *Grid C-8* *Pop. 3,191* *Alt. 2,067*

General — Seat of Hall County, banking and marketing center. Industries include grain and cotton storage and processing, textile manufacturing.

City Park — Facilities include overnight camping, swimming pool, nine-hole golf course and tennis courts.

Scenic Drive — Texas 256 west traverses rolling country often cut by tributaries of the Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River. It threads among the jumbled, broken remnants of the High Plains, then ascends the Cap Rock in a spectacular drive amid colorful cliffs and canyons.

PRAIRIE DOG TOWN, MACKENZIE STATE PARK, LUBBOCK

MIAMI *Grid B-8* *Pop. 702* *Alt. 2,744*

General — Seat of Roberts County, name is an Indian word for sweetheart. Originated as a construction camp on the Santa Fe Railroad in 1887. Now a commercial, shipping and banking center for the county. Hunting and fishing available in surrounding areas.

Major Event — National Cow-Calling Contest and Pioneer Roundup, two days in late May - early June. The Cow-Calling Contest, which reflects city's Western heritage, attracts national attention.

MORTON *Grid E-6* *Pop. 2,650* *Alt. 3,758*

General — Seat of Cochran County which was organized in 1924; town established about 1928. Today a banking, distribution, market and shipping center for the county. Products include petroleum, cotton, cattle and feed.

Major Event — Last Frontier Rodeo, second weekend in Aug., traditional cowboy competition.

C. C. Slaughter Ranch Headquarters — Adobe buildings placed to form a quadrangle, part of complex of the famous ranch and equally famous cattle barons who established a ranching empire. Still in use as ranch headquarters; visitors welcome. Two miles south on Texas 214; one mile west on F.M. 1169 (not shown on section map).

Cochran County Historical Museum — Early telephone switchboard, memorabilia regarding county history and the Slaughter Ranch. Located in town's first telephone office, 206 S.W. 1st St., open Sat. - Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. and by appointment.

Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge — About 13 miles north on Texas 214. (See MULESHOE this section.)

MULESHOE *Grid D-5* *Pop. 4,414* *Alt. 3,769*

General — Seat of Bailey County, long a sparsely settled area of huge cattle ranches. Early in the 20th Century the immense ranches began to break up, and farming was introduced to this area of the High Plains. Town organized in 1926, named for the muleshoe brand of a famous early ranch. Today a center for marketing and shipping of High Plains agricultural products.

Major Events — Bailey County Junior Livestock Show, three days in Feb.

July 4th Celebration features a variety of traditional patriotic festivities, plus the World Championship Muleshoe Pitching Contest.

Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony shortly after Thanksgiving opens the holiday season.

Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge — Founded 1935, the oldest national wildlife refuge in Texas. Established principally for migratory waterfowl, also home of native wildlife. Three small rain-water lakes, unusual features on the plains, attract the birds. Hunting is prohibited, but photography permitted. Among species wintering here is nation's largest concentration of sandhill cranes. Greatest numbers of waterfowl may usually be seen between late Aug. and Mar.; colony of prairie dogs are along the entrance road. Open daylight hours. About 20 miles south on Texas 214.

Muleshoe Reptile House — Snake displays featuring diamondback rattlers. History, size and habits of the reptiles are listed on displays maintained by the Muleshoe Rattlesnake Club. 2200 W. American Blvd

NATIONAL MULE MEMORIAL, MULESHOE

SQUARE HOUSE MUSEUM, PANHANDLE

National Mule Memorial — What better place for a monument to mules than this uniquely named town? Mules pulled the covered wagons west, plowed the first sod for pioneers, hauled freight, built the first railroads and highways. With rapid disappearance of mules from the American scene in recent decades, a group of Texas citizens determined to erect a memorial to those unsung beasts. Donations for the monument were received from throughout the nation; in fact, a gift of 21 cents was sent by a mule driver from Samarkand, Uzbekistan, Russia. The memorial was unveiled on July 4, 1965. It is located near the intersection of U.S. 70/84 in downtown Muleshoe.

PAMPA — *Grid B-8* — *Pop. 21,239* — *Alt. 3,234*

General — Seat of Gray County, founded 1888 on the Santa Fe Railroad, named from Spanish word "pampas" meaning plains. Today a city of beautiful churches, large parks and fine homes. Twelve municipal parks on tree-shaded draws give a spacious air to the plains city. An oil field supply point with allied industries, marketing center for agricultural and stock-raising area.

Major Events — Top o' Texas Junior Stock Show, early Mar., followed by Hereford Breeders Association show.

RCA-approved Top o' Texas Rodeo, late July - early Aug., attracts top professional cowboys and cowgirls.

Top o' Texas Golf Tournament, Labor Day weekend.

Lakes — McClellan, Meredith. See LAKES this section.

PANHANDLE — *Grid B-7* — *Pop. 2,098* — *Alt. 3,451*

General — Named for its location in the Texas Panhandle, became county seat upon organization of Carson County in 1888. Wheat, cattle and petroleum products among commodities from this marketing and shipping center.

Scenic Drive — F.M. 293 west to Texas 136 north provides views of modern High Plains agriculture contrasted with traditional ranch lands unchanged for centuries. Precise row crops are left behind as route enters rolling grasslands of broad Canadian River valley. Fascinating historical marker beside Texas 136 some 10 miles north of F.M. 293: marks portion of trail which wound from Fort Smith, Ark. to Santa Fe, N. Mex. Though now covered by grass, wagon ruts are still visible. Texas 136 leads north to Lake Meredith and popular federal recreation areas around it (see LAKES this section).

Square House Museum — One of the most attractive small museums in the state. Guided lectures available through displays interpreting early Indian culture, days of immense cattle ranches, buffalo hunters, discovery of oil, and today's diversified agricultural and industrial aspects. Also an antique chuck wagon, old Santa Fe Railroad caboose, buggies, ranch implements. Housed in historic "Square House," oldest structure in town. On grounds is reconstructed half-dugout furnished in pioneer style; typical of first shelters built by pioneer plainsmen in area where both timber and stone were scarce and costly. Open daily. Pioneer Park on Texas 207.

COWBOYS STILL PLY THEIR TIMELESS SKILLS

Thomas Cree's Little Tree — Set behind protective fence at south edge of U.S. 60 about five miles southwest of city is the first tree planted throughout the entire Texas Panhandle. Immense plains were once a sea of grass from horizon to horizon. In 1888 pioneer settler Thomas Cree hauled a sapling of bois d'arc from beyond the Cap Rock, and planted it by his dugout home. Cree is long gone, but the tree thrived until 1969 when accidentally killed by an agricultural chemical. Natural seedlings from the original tree are growing today. Site is marked by an Official State Historical Marker dedicated by the governor of Texas in 1963, and by a medallion from the National Men's Garden Clubs of America.

PERRYTON — *Grid A-8* — *Pop. 7,722* — *Alt. 2,942*

General — Founded 1919, seat of Ochiltree County, northernmost county seat in Texas (545 miles from State Capital, Austin). Locally known as "Wheatheart of the Nation," city is shipping point for one of the nation's top wheat producing areas.

Buried City — Once home of Pueblo Indians; discovered 1907, ruins include more than 1,000 rooms. Only 70 rooms have been excavated and may be seen by visitors. About 18 miles southeast off U.S. 83.

Lake — Fryer. See LAKES this section.

PLAINS Grid E-5 Pop. 1,087 Alt. 3,400

General — First land claim filed in 1890s by family who lived in a dugout, but whose possessions included piano. Designated seat of Yoakum County when county organized 1906. Oil discovered 1939, adding impetus to economy of cattle and farming; still a commercial center for agricultural interests.

Tsa Mo Ga Memorial Museum — Articles of pioneer families including household items, farm and ranch equipment, clothing, mementos and Civil War memorabilia; displayed in first "bonus shack" in county. One-room lean-to shacks were built by homesteaders to fulfill initial requirements for land ownership. 1109-B Ave. A.

PLAINVIEW Grid D-7 Pop. 18,664 Alt. 3,366

General — Seat of Hale County, founded 1887 and named for magnificent view of the plains. Center of huge shallow underground water belt, city and county have abundant water supply. County is a leader in grain and cotton production. Oil and gas also contribute to area economy. Recreational facilities include an 18-hole golf course, tennis courts, swimming pools and two city parks.

Major Events — Plainview Fat Stock Show, three days in Mar., exhibits prize animals from area ranches.

Pioneer Round-Up in May sees local citizens and former residents join in friendly festivities.

Bar-None Rodeo, three days in June, features exciting arena action befitting the Western title.

High Plains Cotton Festival, three days in Oct., pays tribute to the important crop.

Mackenzie Statue — Honors Col. Ranald S. Mackenzie, noted Indian fighter and trail blazer who established the Mackenzie Trail in 1871, and ended the major Indian threat at decisive battle in Palo Duro Canyon, 1874. (See CANYON: Palo Duro Canyon State Park, this section.) Courthouse square.

Wayland Baptist College — Established 1908, coed, 700 enrollment includes students from the U.S. and many foreign countries. Home of the famed Hutcherson Flying Queens, girls National AAU basketball champions for six consecutive years.

POST Grid E-7 Pop. 3,825 Alt. 2,590

General — Seat of Garza County, named for C. W. Post, cereal manufacturer who founded town in 1907 to demonstrate his economic ideas. Town designed to be center of a community of farmers who owned their own land and homes. All supplies were first brought in by mule train from nearest railhead, Big Spring, some 70 miles away. Between 1910-1913, city was scene of perhaps the most elaborate series of experiments in rainmaking ever undertaken in the U.S. Explosives were detonated in the atmosphere at timed intervals. Unfortunately, rainfall records do not indicate success. Post is at the foot of the majestic Cap Rock, the southeastern edge of the Great Plains of the U.S. Details about city attractions at local chamber of commerce, 107 E. Main St.

Major Event — Garza County Junior Stock Show, Sale and Fair, three days in Mar.

City-County Park — Small lake for fishing, swimming pool, picnic areas and campgrounds. Located at south edge of city on U.S. 84.

Lake — White River. See LAKES this section.

Llano Estacado Tourist Marker — Stretching across the horizon as a range of flat-topped "mountains" is the Cap Rock escarpment, eastern boundary of the vast Llano Estacado or "Staked Plains." Marker provides details; located on U.S. 84 between Post and Justiceburg.

Old C. W. Post Home — The town founder's home is a tourist attraction located at 615 W. Main.

Scenic Drive — F.M. 669 south toward Gail reaches the edge of the Texas High Plains called the Llano Estacado, which are the southernmost extension of the Great Plains of the U.S. In immensity beyond comprehension the Great Plains sweep north more than 1,600 miles thrusting deep into Canada; heartland of America that produces nation's abundance of bread, meat and fiber. The highway descends the abrupt edge where the plains end, traveling through panoramas of steep cliffs and colorful canyons.

Sextuple Oil Well — Said to be the world's only pumping oil well with six pump jacks running head-to-head, drawing oil from six levels. On 13th St. in northwest part of town.

SEMINOLE Grid F-6 Pop. 5,011 Alt. 3,315

General — Gaines County seat, commercial center for farming and ranching; also noted for oil production. Founded 1905 when county was organized, named for Seminole wells, Indian watering places south and west. City's common school district covers more than 800 square miles — one of the largest in the nation.

Major Events — Gaines County Peach Queen Pageant, late Apr. or early May, selects an entrant for Texas Peach Queen competition.

Christmas in July, two days around July 4th. Civic clubs raise money for community's use during Christmas in December.

Laguna Sabinas — Also known as Cedar Lake, it is the largest alkali lake on the Texas plains. Local historians note that some frontier soldiers are buried near the north edge, casualties of an Indian battle.

SHAMROCK Grid B-9 Pop. 2,591 Alt. 2,520

General — Established as a post office in 1890 at dugout home of George Nichols, an Irish sheep rancher. Incorporated 1911, oil discovered 1926. There are about 50 producing wells easily accessible for photographs. City has pumping stations for pipelines and a carbon black plant.

Major Events — St. Patrick's Day Celebration Mar. 17 features real shamrocks and "Irish" colleens on decorative floats vying for title of "Miss Irish Rose."

Annual Tourist Day is held on or around Labor Day. Tons of watermelons are served free to tourists.

SILVERTON Grid D-7 Pop. 1,050 Alt. 3,261

General — Established as county seat when Briscoe County organized in 1892. One of only two towns in county, a commercial center for immense farming-ranching area which includes some spectacular scenery in Palo Duro Canyon, Tule Canyon, and at edge of the Cap Rock.

Briscoe County Museum — Antique dresses, barbed wire, china, farm tools, household items, gold panning equipment and archives. Open Tues. 2 - 5 p.m., basement of county courthouse.

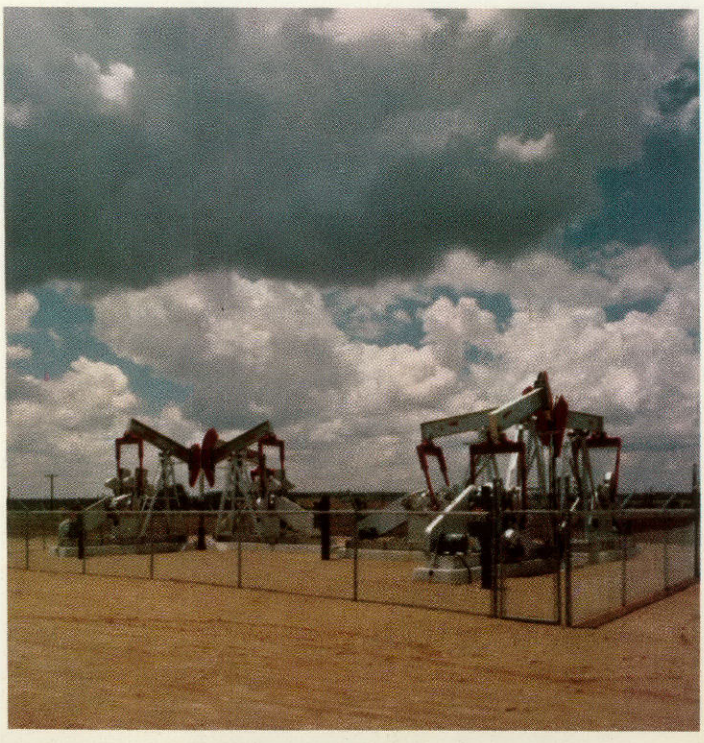
Lakes — Burson. See LAKES this section.

Scenic Drives — Vivid illustrations of High Plains topography along Texas 86 and Texas 207 north. Travelers will see immense proportions of High Plains agriculture where the land is typically flat — then in startling contrast, the effect of erosion where watercourses have carved plunging, colorful canyons. The drive between Silverton and Claude crosses both Tule and Palo Duro Canyons.

Texas 256 east reaches the edge of the High Plains, or as local residents say, the edge of the Cap Rock, and spirals down the jagged escarpment amid a feast of scenic vistas. This dramatic change in scenery marks the eastern edge of the Great Plains of the United States.

Texas 86 east offers another scenic route down the edge of the Cap Rock, and through the town of Quitaque.

SEXTUPLE JACKS PUMP OIL FROM SIX LEVELS, POST



SPEARMAN *Grid A-8* *Pop. 3,508* *Alt. 3,105*

General — Established in the 1920s when the North Texas and Santa Fe Railroad built across Hansford County; named for a railroad executive. Today the county seat; industries include grain storage, shipping, gas, oil, refineries, irrigated farming and cattle.

Major Events — Hansford County Celebration, six days late May, features coronation of Miss Hansford County, dances, carnival, parade and barbecue.

Spearman Parade of Homes, one day mid-Dec.

Battle of Adobe Walls — Site of two Indian battles. (See STINNETT this section.)

Rolling Plains Mule Train Association — Group of area residents who maintain mule teams and covered wagons; assemble several times a year for old-fashioned wagon trail rides across the plains. Trips range from local parades and overnight campouts to week-long treks of 60 miles or more.

STINNETT *Grid A-7* *Pop. 1,932* *Alt. 3,173*

General — Established 1901, a trade center and livestock shipping point at north edge of the Canadian River Valley which cuts a broad swath through the High Plains of the Texas Panhandle.

Battle of Adobe Walls — Site where two famous Indian battles were fought. Col. Kit Carson (in his last fight) and his U.S. troops in 1864 narrowly escaped defeat by Kiowa and Comanche Indians who had been molesting wagon trains and settlers. Ten years later, in 1874, Indians under Quanah Parker attacked a buffalo hunters camp at the second battle of Adobe Walls near the first site. A fierce dawn attack opened the siege, and though the Indians were repulsed, the small party of hunters was surrounded, and it seemed only a matter of time before the superior number of Indians would prevail. On the second day a group of Cheyenne appeared on a high mesa overlooking the camp, setting the stage for William (Billy) Dixon's famous shot. From within the stockade he shot an Indian from his horse at a distance approaching seven-eighths of a mile! The Indians were so shocked at the white man's shooting ability that they staged only desultory attacks thereafter, and soon withdrew. Site is some 18 miles northeast of Stinnett on private ranch lands off highways; not readily accessible. Local directions and permission required. Historical markers at site.

Isaac McCormick Pioneer Cottage — Restored home of the area's first settler, built 1899. Furnished in pioneer style displaying artifacts from the 1890s. Inquire locally for hours open. On the town square.

Lake — Meredith/Sanford Recreation Area. See LAKES this section.

Scenic Drive — A 25-mile loop south and east to Borger crosses rough, canyon-cut landscapes of the Canadian River breaks, and leads across the dam impounding Lake Meredith. South on F.M. 687, F.M. 1319, and east on Texas 136.

GRAIN ELEVATORS STORE BOUNTY OF WHEAT AND MILO MAIZE

TEXAS 207 CROSSES SPECTACULAR TULE CANYON

RUSSET HEADS OF MILO MAIZE COVER IMMENSE ACREAGES THROUGHOUT THE TEXAS HIGH PLAINS

BOOT HILL CEMETERY AT VANISHED TASCOSA TOWN

STRATFORD *Grid A-6* *Pop. 2,587* *Alt. 3,695*

General — Seat of Sherman County settled about 1885, presumably owes its name to England's famed Stratford-on-Avon. The county's only major commercial center, a storage point for wheat and grain sorghums, known for cattle production, and irrigated farming. Area has about 800 producing natural gas wells and more than 600 irrigation wells.

Major Events — Stratford Jamboree and Sherman County Fair, three days mid Sept., features a parade, free barbecue dances and old-time county fair exhibits and midway.

TAHOKA *Grid E-7* *Pop. 2,866* *Alt. 3,090*

General — Named for nearby Tahoka Lake, a natural spring-fed lake whose Indian name meant fresh or clear water. Seat of Lynn County since 1903, today a cotton marketing and shipping point with gins and a compress.

T-Bar Ranch Headquarters — This ranch on the plains south of Lubbock was headquarters for the famous Tahoka Cattle Company. Still owned by members of the founding family.

Tahoka Daisy — First discovered at Tahoka Lake, the lavender wild flower spreads over the plains to rival the bluebonnet (state flower) and wild verbena.

TASCOSA (Boys Ranch) *Grid B-6* *Pop. 410* *Alt. 3,176*

General — Settled in early 1870s by Mexican colonists. Sheepmen and freighters built adobe huts and irrigation ditches along creeks in the area. After 1875 town became shipping and supply point for several big Texas ranches, including the LIT and XIT spreads. In 1876 a blacksmith shop, general store, and saloon were established. When Oldham County was organized in 1880, Tascosa became county seat — and "Cowboy Capital of the Plains." The famous and infamous — from Kit Carson to Billy the Kid — once strode the wooden sidewalks. Bypassed by the Fort Worth and Denver City Railroad, the town declined steadily; site was deserted by 1939.

In June 1939, Cal Farley established a ranch for homeless youngsters at the old courthouse and townsite (see below). Newer Tascosa, on the railroad, is a small supply point for an agricultural and ranching area.

Major Event — Boys Ranch Rodeo presents school-age cowboys in arena action during two days in late Aug. or early Sept. Ranch located north of the Canadian River on U.S. 385.

Boot Hill Cemetery — When Tascosa was the wide-open, riotous cowboy capital of the 1880s gunfights were the traditional means for settling quarrels, and the Boot Hill Cemetery was an essential part of the town. Today the cemetery is maintained by Boys Ranch, U.S. 385.

Cal Farley's Boys Ranch — A highly successful home for homeless boys, the ranch was established in 1939 by the late Cal Farley, North Texas businessman who dominated the sport of welterweight wrestling in the 1920s.

The first Boys Ranch building was the renovated courthouse of Old Tascosa.

The physical plant today consists of more than 30 buildings and some 1,010 acres of land on the headquarters spread, plus 9,000 acres in nearby parcels. Most of the land, structures and operating equipment have been donated outright by individuals, civic clubs and church groups.

Current population is more than 300 boys who operate the ranch, attend school and vocational training, and participate in a wide variety of sporting activities. Though more than 40 per cent of the boys were in serious trouble with the law before coming to Boys Ranch about 95 per cent stay and "graduate" from the ranch, entering the adult world as useful, self-reliant citizens. J. Edgar Hoover has called Boys Ranch a blueprint for the prevention of crime. Visitors always welcome.

Julian Bivins Museum — Items and artifacts pertaining to pioneer, early Indian and prehistoric cultures of the Panhandle; housed in the old courthouse on Boys Ranch (see above). Also photographs and documents relating to Boys Ranch history. Open daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. May - Aug; by appointment Oct. - Apr.

TULIA *Grid C-7* *Pop. 5,251* *Alt. 3,501*

General — Designated county seat when Swisher County was organized in 1890. Today a commercial center for diversified farming area featuring cotton, grain storage, livestock marketing and farm-ranch agribusiness.

Major Events — Annual Picnic Celebration and Rodeo mid-July, includes an "old-timers" reunion.

Swisher County Fair in Aug. features prize livestock, produce and traditional entertainment in the old-fashioned style.

Swisher County Historical Museum — Pioneer and Indian relics, including cooking utensils, dishes, photographs, paintings, Bibles, saddles, guns, plus historical papers and documents, log cabin and windmill. Open Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. Located on S. Bowie St. one block south of Texas 86.

WELLINGTON *Grid C-9* *Pop. 3,220* *Alt. 2,078*

General — Seat of Collingsworth County named for the Duke of Wellington. Before 1890 it was one of the estates on the Rocking Chair Ranch which was known to Texas cowboys as the "Nobility Ranch" because of ownership by the Baron of Tweedmouth (Sir Dudley Coutts Majoribanks) and the Earl of Aberdeen (John Campbell Hamilton Golden). Economy based upon grain elevators, gins, cotton compress, and small manufacturing plants.

Recreational Sites — Picnic areas and hiking paths along the Salt Fork of the Red River at each of the three bridges near town. Indian artifacts often found in the area; U.S. 83 bridge north, F.M. 1547 bridge northwest, and Texas 203 bridge east.

WHEELER *Grid B-9* *Pop. 1,080* *Alt. 2,520*

General — Post office established when area became "thickly settled" by five families living in dugouts within two-mile radius. Town became seat of Wheeler County 1906.

Wheeler County Museum — Items of historical interest from county displayed in old jail, built 1908. Open Mon., Wed., Fri., 1 - 5 p.m. Texas St.

campground guide

In every season the camping's great in Texas! Sites listed below are administered by local, state and federal agencies. Not included are commercial camps whose listings are usually available in commercial guides. Camps are listed under nearby city name; driving directions are provided to each.

Directions are by standard compass abbreviations: **N** (north), **NE** (northeast), **E** (east), **SE** (southeast), **S** (south), **SW** (southwest), **W** (west), **NW** (northwest). Highways are indicated by standard abbreviations: **IH** = Interstate Highways, shown on maps as (35). **US** = U.S. Highways, shown on maps as (80). **Tex** = Texas State Highways, shown on maps as (21). **FM** or **RM** = Texas Farm or Ranch Roads (all are excellent paved routes), shown on maps as (770).

Drinking water is at all sites except where specifically noted.

AMARILLO/Fritch — **Canadian Public Use Area**

From Amarillo Tex 136/US 60-66: Tex 136 N 26.6 mi; local rd W 4 mi. On Lake Meredith. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. No drinking water. Free, max 14 days. Fish, boat, picnic, hunt. (Supt, Nat'l Pk Serv, Box 325, Sanford 79078)

AMARILLO/Fritch — **McBride Canyon Public Use Area**

From Amarillo Tex 136/US 60-66: Tex 136 N 26.6 mi; local rd W 5 mi. On Lake Meredith. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. No drinking water. Free, max 14 days. Picnic, hunt. (Supt, Nat'l Pk Serv, Box 325, Sanford 79078)

BORGER — **Huber Park**

Within city: Tex 207 at S city limits. Trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, area lighting. Free, max 3 days. Near groc, laundry. Near to swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic, playground, saddle horses, golf, hunt. (City Hall, Box M, Borger 79007)

BORGER/Fritch — **Fritch Fortress Public Use Area**

From Borger: Tex 136 W 12.6 mi to Fritch; local rd E .5 mi; local rd N 3 mi. On Lake Meredith. Tent & trailer sites, fl toilets. Free, max 14 days. Fish, boat, picnic. (Supt, Nat'l Pk Serv, Box 325, Sanford 79078)

BORGER/Sanford — **Sanford-Yake Public Use Area**

From Borger: Tex 136 W 4.3 mi; FM 1319 NW 6.6 mi to Sanford; FM 687 S .3 mi; local rd W 2 mi. On Lake Meredith. Tent & trailer sites, fl toilets. Free, max 14 days. Fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic. (Supt, Nat'l Pk Serv, Box 325, Sanford 79078)

BROWNFIELD — **Coleman Park**

Within city: US 62/385 S at city limits. Trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, area lighting, dump sta. Free, max 4 days. Swim, playground. (County Pk Board, Box 832, Brownfield 79316)

CANADIAN — **Lake Marvin Recreation Area**

US 60/83 N 2 mi; FM 2266 E 12 mi. On Lake Marvin. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets, area lighting, dump sta. Cabins, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers. Daily tent & trailer $1.50, max 14 days; cabins $5, max 90 days. Groc. Boat, fish, picnic. (U.S. Forest Serv, 401 Petroleum Bldg, Amarillo 79101)

CANYON — **Palo Duro Canyon State Park**

Tex 217 E 12.4 mi; Park Rd 5 SE. Tent & trailer sites, fl & pit toilets. Entrance $1 daily $1, max 14 days May 1 - Sept. 15. Groc, snack bar. Picnic, saddle horses, nature study, Pioneer Amphitheatre ("TEXAS" historical musical-drama during summer months), geological study, miniature train, sky ride. (Palo Duro Canyon St Pk, Rt 2, Box 114, Canyon 79015)

CHILDRESS — **City Park**

Within city: US 287 at courthouse, N .2 mi. On Groesbeck Creek tributary. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, area lighting. Free, max 1 day. Swim, picnic, playgrounds. (City Hall, Childress 79201)

CHILDRESS — **Lake Baylor Campground**

US 287 NW 6 mi; Loop 328 W 2 mi; FM 2466 W 2.3 mi. On Lake Baylor. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. No drinking water. Daily $.50. Fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic, hunt. (City Hall, Childress 79201)

CLARENDON — **Greenbelt Lake Camp**

Tex 70 N 5 mi. On Greenbelt Lake on Salt Fork of the Red River. Trailer sites, area lighting. No drinking water. Daily $1, max 7 days. Groc. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic, hunt. (Greenbelt Water Authority, Box 665, Clarendon 79226)

DALHART — **Rita Blanca Lake Camp**

FM 281 S 2 mi. On Rita Blanca Lake. Tent & trailer sites, fl toilets, area lighting. Free. Fish, boat, bait, picnic, playground. (County Judge, Hartley County, Channing 79018)

DUMAS — **Pioneer Park**

Within city: US 87/287 S; 14th St. E 3 blocks. Tent & trailer sites, fl toilets, area lighting, dump sta. Free. Swim, picnic, playground. (City Hall, Box 946, Dumas 79029)

DUMAS — **Plum Creek Public Use Area**

US 87/287 S 12 mi; FM 1913 E 14 mi; local rd S 7 mi. On Lake Meredith. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. No drinking water. Free, max 14 days. Fish, boat, picnic, hunt. (Supt, Nat'l Pk Serv, Box 325, Sanford 79078)

DUMAS — **Texoma Park**

Within city: 500 W First St (US 87). Tent & trailer sites, fl toilets, area lighting, dump sta. Free. Swim, picnic, playground, bike trail. (City Hall, Box 946, Dumas 79029)

FRITCH (see Amarillo & Borger)

GROOM (see Pampa)

LAMESA — **City of Lamesa Campground**

Within city: Tex 137 at S 9th St. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, area lighting, dump sta. Free, max 5 days. Picnic, playground. (City Hall, 310 S Main, Lamesa 79331)

LITTLEFIELD — **Traveler's Camper Site**

Within city: US 385 (Hall Ave). Trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, area lighting, dump sta. Free. Swim, fish, boat, picnic, playground, golf. (City Hall, Box 1267, Littlefield 79339)

LUBBOCK — **Buffalo Springs Lake**

From Loop 289/FM 835: FM 835 E 3.5 mi; FM 835 S .9 mi; local rd E .3 mi. On Buffalo Springs Lake. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, area lighting, showers, dump sta. Entrance fee, daily tent $1, trailer $1.50-2, max 14 days. Groc, boat ramps, heated fishing house. Fish, bait, boat & rental, picnic, playground, saddle horses, nature & bike trails, Kiddieland rides, Buffalo Gal excursion boat. (County Water Control & Improvement Dist, Box 521, Lubbock 79408)

LUBBOCK — **Mackenzie State Park**

Within city: IH 27. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, chem toilets, dump sta. Free, max 3 days. Swim, picnic, golf, roque & tennis courts. Prairie Dog Town, amusement park, model airplane field, playground. (Pks & Rec Dept, City Hall, Lubbock 79408)

PAMPA/Groom — **Lake McClellan Recreation Area**

From Pampa: Tex 70 S 18.6 mi; FM 2477 E 7.5 mi. On Lake McClellan. Tent & trailer sites, open shelters, pit toilets. Daily $1.50, max 15 days. Groc. Fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic. (U.S. Forest Serv, 401 Petroleum Bldg, Amarillo 79101)

PERRYTON — **Lake Fryer Campgrounds**

US 83 S 13 mi; local rd E 5 mi to Wolf Creek Park. On Lake Fryer. Tent & trailer sites, fl & pit toilets, area lighting, dump sta. Free. Groc. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic. (County Courthouse, 511 S Main, Perryton 79070)

SANFORD (see Borger)

STINNETT — **Blue West Public Use Site**

Tex 152 W 11.2 mi; FM 1913 S 12 mi; local rd E 4 mi. On Lake Meredith. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Fish, boat, picnic. (Supt, Nat'l Pk Serv, Box 325, Sanford 79078)

STINNETT — **Stinnett Trailer Park**

Within city: Broadway St 1 block W of Tex 136/207. Trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, area lighting. Free. Swim, picnic, playground. (City Hall, Drawer 909, Stinnett 79083)

TULIA — **Tule Lake Campgrounds**

FM 1318 E 3 mi; local rd N 1 mi. On Tule Lake. Tent & trailer sites, fl toilets. Free. Swim, fish, boat, bait, picnic, golf, bike trail. (Dir, Public Works, 201 N Maxwell, Tulia 79088)

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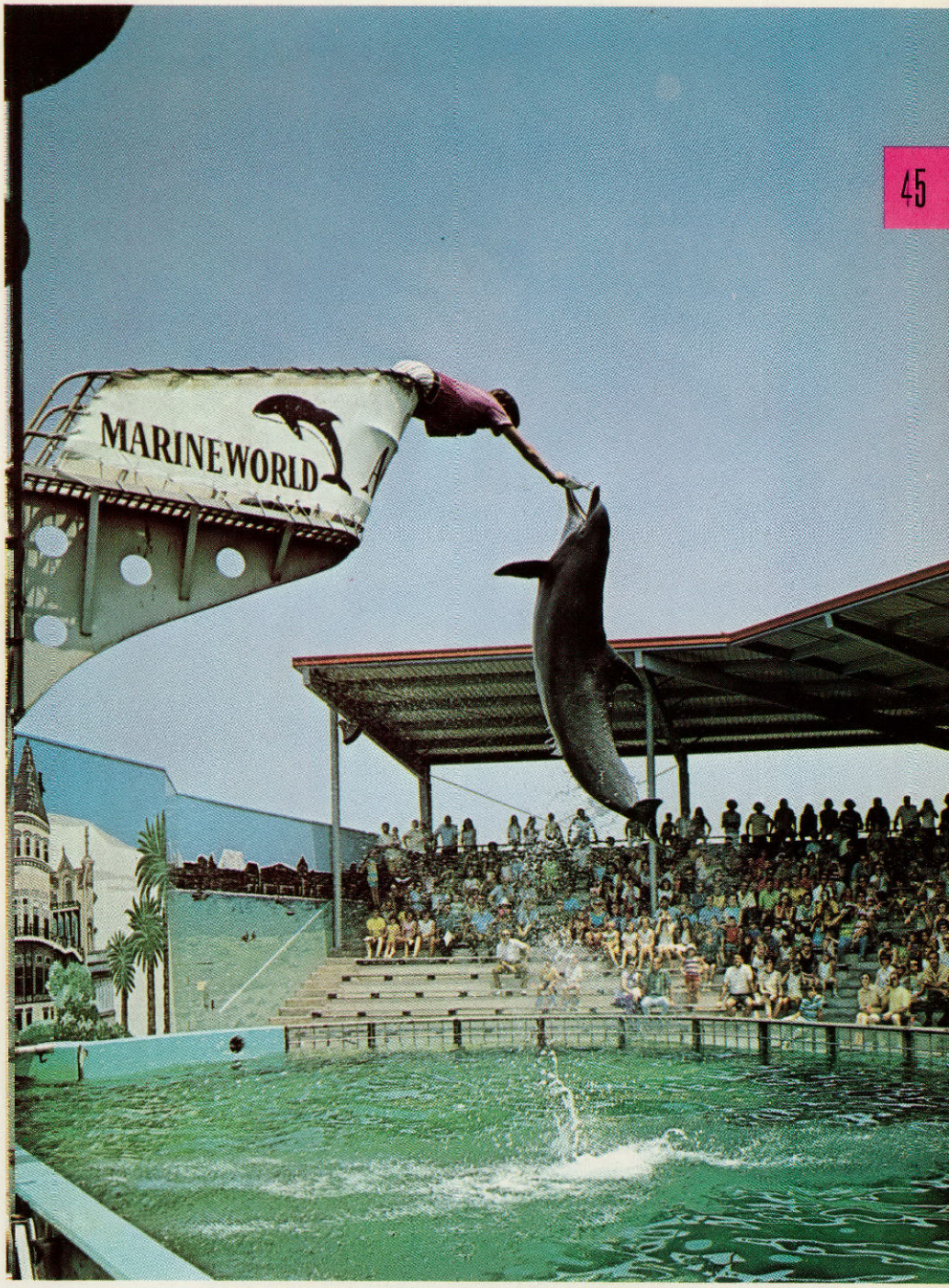
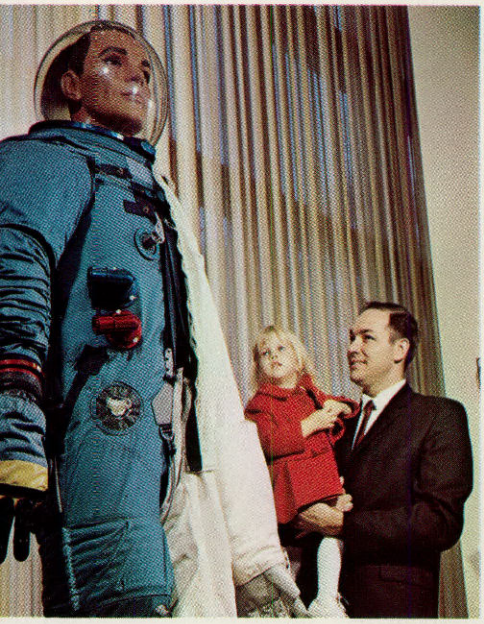


NASA, HOUSTON



STEWART BEACH, GALVESTON ISLAND

PORT OF GALVESTON

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WHERE TO GO, WHAT TO SEE

ALVIN — Grid K-15 — Pop. 10,600 — Alt. 51

General — Alvin Morgan foundec town on lanc originally granted to old Houston Tap and Brazoria Railroad. Incorporated 1893; today a center for rice and oil production, a so for dairy, beef cattle and fruit growing.

Alvin Junior College — Municipal institution founded 1949. Coed, enrollment of about 1,300 students. South off Texas Express Loop 35 or Jr College Dr.

ANAHUAC — Grid J-16 — Pop. 1,873 — Alt. 15

General — First permanent settlement in 182- when a Spanish fortress established at the point was made port of entry for American colonists. Origin of name uncertain; perhaps derived from Indian or Spanish name. Today seat of Chambers County, serves rice, cattle, and oil-producing area.

Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge — Established 1963, 9,837-acre refuge for waterfowl 18 miles southeast on East Bay. Winter concentrations of snow and blue geese; 23 species of ducks. Also rare yellow rails, roseate spoonbills and others. Contact office in Anahuac for directions and information.

Chambersea — Noted for outdoor spiral stairway and star-shaped window in gable, two-story home built 1845 by Thomas Jefferson Chambers, who served under Mexican government, actively supported Texas Revolution, and was member of Secession Convention. Washington Ave. at Cummings St.

Fort Anahuac — Some traces remain of Fort Anahuac, combination Mexican fort and customhouse on Galveston Bay near mouth of Trinity River, built about 1831 by prisoners of Mexican government. In one of preliminary battles of Texas Revolution, fort was captured by William B. Travis, later commander of the Alamo where he died with all defenders.

BAY CITY — Grid L-14 — Pop. 12,196 — Alt. 55

General — Established 1894, seat of Matagorda County. Today commercial center for farming, ranching, and oil; port on Colorado River Feeder Channel connecting with Intracoastal Canal. Products include petrochemicals, rice, meat, and sheet metal.

Major Events — Matagorda County Stock Exposition & Rodeo, three days mid-Mar. Prize show animals and cowboy competition.

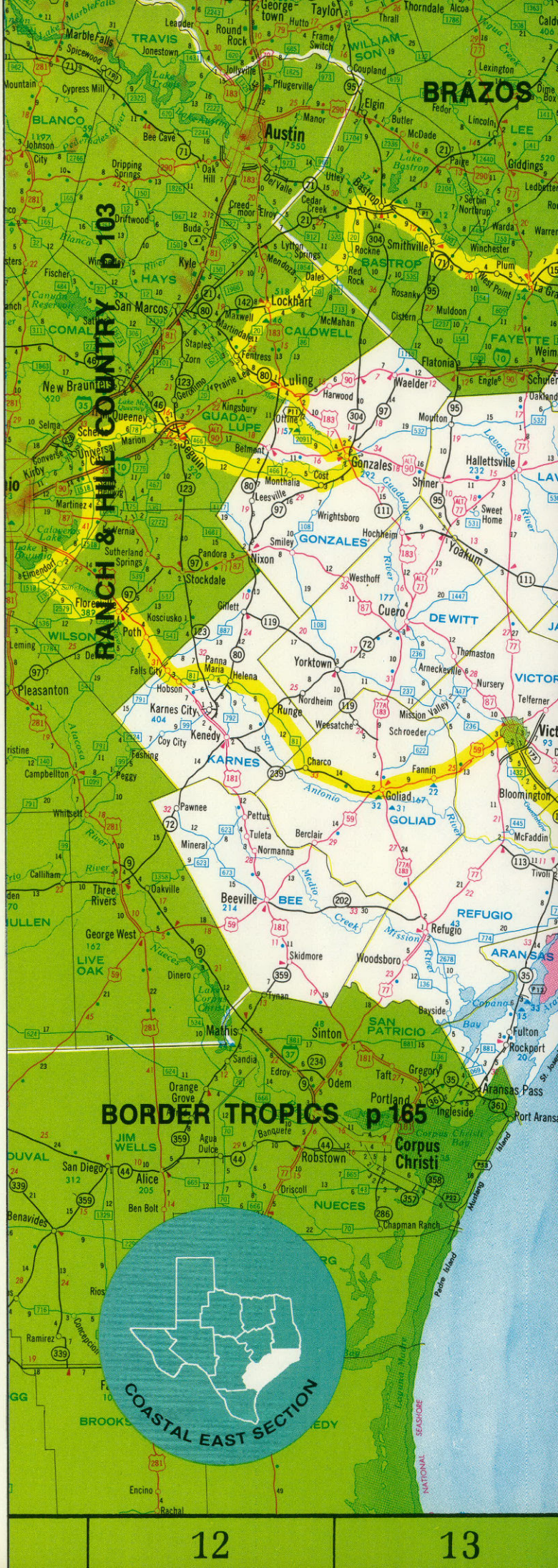
Bay City Rice Festival, three days late Sept. - early Oct., reflects importance of this harvest in area economy.

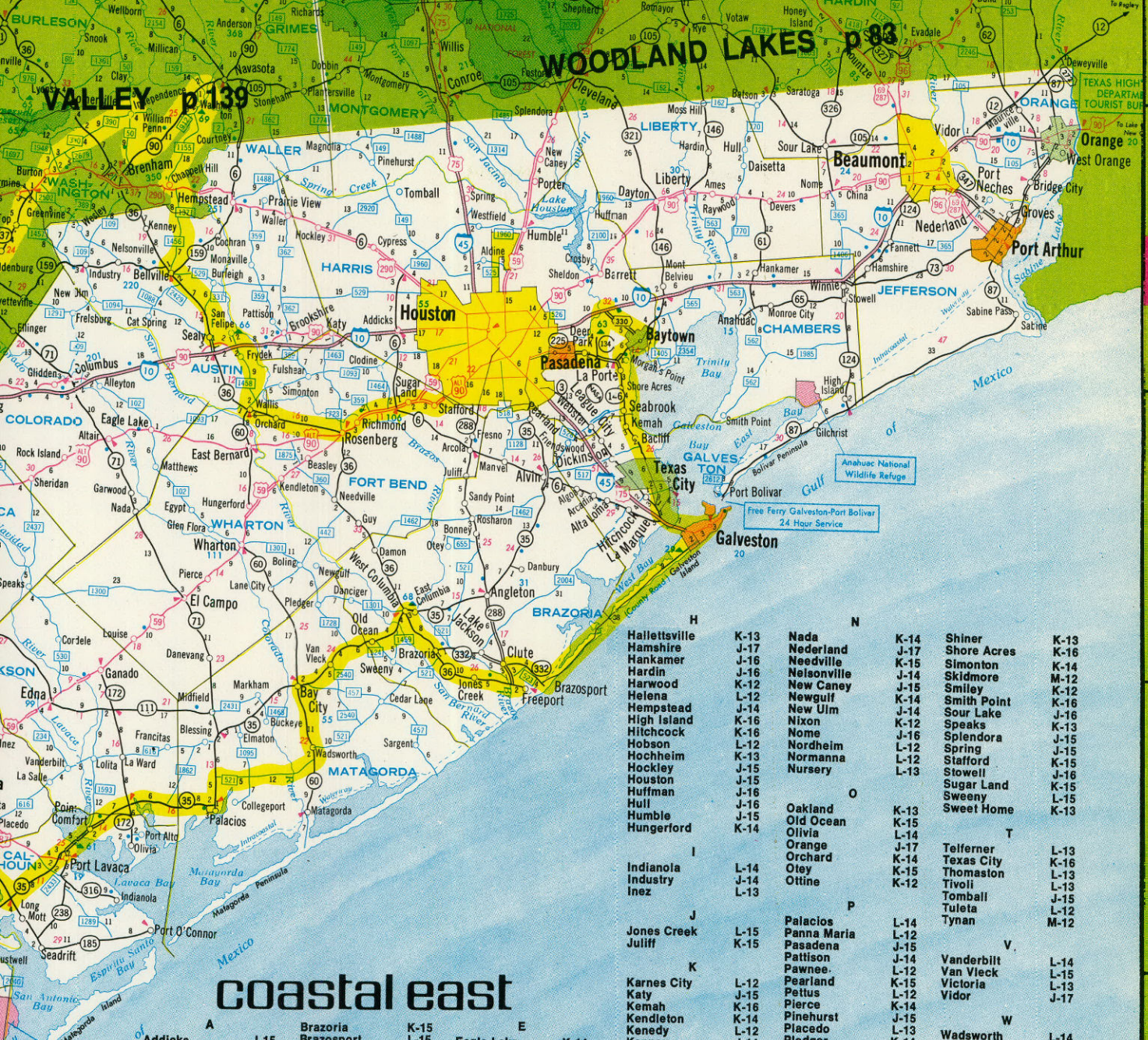
Matagorda County Museum — Early clothing, books, Texas maps, furniture, paintings. Century-old carpenter's tool collection, late 17th Century music. Archives. Open Tues. - Wed. 1 - 5 p.m. and by appointment. 1820 Sixth St.

BAYTOWN — Grid J-16 — Pop. 39,175 — Alt. 26

General — Grew from small sawmill and store settlement in 1824; Confederate shipyard established nearby at mouth of Goose Creek in 1864; oil discovered 1916. Industries today feature oil refineries, petrochemicals and synthetic rubber. Recreational facilities for sailing, saltwater fishing and water sports activities.

Lee College — Established 1934, coed municipal junior college enrolls about 2,000. On Lee Dr. in heart of Baytown.





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Angleton	K-15
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For a complete state driving map, refer to the Official Highway Travel Map available free from the Texas Highway Department.

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- (35) Interstate Highway
- (90) U. S. Highway
- (F40) Park Road
- (72) State Highway
- (674) Farm or Ranch Road
- (306) Loop or Spur
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- ▪Comfort Station
- ★Tourist Bureau
- 820 Altitude

The Independence Trail traces the actions and events which gave Texas its epic heritage, still proudly recalled and treasured. Route marked in light yellow on Coastal East map. (also see Travel Trails section, page 180)

BEAUMONT Grid J-17 Pop. 115,716 Alt. 24

General — Settlement began when early French and Spanish fur trappers and explorers established trading post early 1800s; townsite laid out mid-1830s. Named either for relative of agent who sold original 50 acres of land, or for slight elevation southeast called "beau mont" in French. When famed Spindletop oil discovery occurred in 1901, city became boom town overnight. Today an industrial giant, major port and agricultural center.

Major Events—Neches River Festival, five days in Apr.; parades, pageantry and coronations, plus contests and art exhibits.

Spindletop Charity Horse Show, four days late Apr. - early May, sees entries of horsemen from over nation.

Young Men's Business League Rodeo, June, one of top rodeos in area.

South Texas State Fair, 10 days in Oct. Traditional exhibits, displays and festivities draw thousands.

French Trading Post Museum — Historic house built 1845 by John French as trading post near tannery. Operated by Beaumont Heritage Society. Clothing, furnishings, articles of 1845 era. Film and slide shows. Open summer Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Sun. 2 - 5 p.m.; winter, Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. 2995 French St. Admission.

Lamar University — Founded 1923 as junior college, became four-year state supported college in 1951. Coed, enrollment exceeds 10,000. Southeast section of city on Spur 380.

Lucas Gusher Monument, Spindletop Park — Beginning of world's modern petroleum industry literally "blew in" at 10 a.m. on Jan. 10, 1901, with gusher drilled by Anthony F. Lucas. Producing several thousand times more than any previous oil well, first Spindletop gusher changed oil industry and world forever. Other derricks quickly sprouted by the Lucas well, refineries were built and pipelines laid. Land in proven field sold for minimum of $200,000 per acre. Beaumont's population doubled, then tripled and continued growing. Event is commemorated by handsome Lucas Gusher Monument. Southeast on Spur 380, right on Spindletop Ave.; or east on Loop 251 (southern portion of U.S. 69/96/287), right on Sulphur Rd.

Temple to the Brave — Small chapel with stained glass windows depicting history of Texas. Memorial to soldiers of all wars. Relics of Spanish-American and World Wars, helmets, uniforms, bullets, etc. Open on patriotic days: Memorial Day, Veterans' Day, Independence Day and on request. Riverside Park on Riverside Dr.

Wilson Memorial Art Center — Permanent collection of paintings, sculpture, mixed media. Traveling exhibits; art library. Open Tues. - Fri. noon - 6 p.m.; Sat. and Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. 1111 9th St.

BEEVILLE Grid M-12 Pop. 13,080 Alt. 214

General — Seat of Bee County, marketing center for agriculture and small regional industries. First settlers in the area 1834, later town originally named Maryville, honoring Mary Hefferman, only survivor of family massacred by Indians in 1835. Inquire at Beeville Chamber of Commerce for details on attractions.

Major Event — Western Week, late Oct. - early Nov. Held more than third of a century, event is setting for a huge parade, top rodeo performances and South Texas Hereford Association show and sale.

Lake — Corpus Christi. See LAKES this section.

Recreation — Sportsmen find opportunities for fishing at nearby Lake Corpus Christi and in saltwater bays along the coast. During specified seasons hunters find white-tailed deer, wild turkey, javelina, quail and migratory waterfowl.

Local shooting preserve offers skeet range and hunting for upland game birds; "fish ranch" offers angling for catfish, only cost is charge per pound of fish caught.

COLUMBUS Grid K-14 Pop. 3,226 Alt. 207

General — Located at site of an Indian village called Montezuma, settled 1823 by members of the Stephen F. Austin Colony. Today seat of Colorado County, cotton shipping point with sand and gravel industry, a number of mills, and liquid petroleum gas plants.

Major Events — Columbus Quarter Horse Races are staged on weekends throughout year.

Invitational Golf Tourney is held in Feb.

Gulf Coast Hereford Breeders' Sales, Feb. and Oct.

FFA Parade and Show, Mar.

Cardinal Relays, Mar., brings high school track and field stars from a large area.

Magnolia Homes Tour, two days in May, includes antique show and sale, sidewalk art show, Melodrama under Marquee, and tour of early Texas homes. Visitors dine at sidewalk cafes, view antique car parade and watch continuous entertainment under magnolia trees on courthouse square.

Columbus Oak — Of all the oak trees in Columbus, "The City of Live Oaks," none is more historically famous. Under the arboreal landmark the first court of Third Judicial District of Republic of Texas convened in 1837. Presiding was Judge Robert McAlpin Williamson, known as "Three-Legged Willie." Columbus Oak is estimated to be 2,000 years old; about 40 feet high, 28 feet in girth, with a spread of 120 feet. Walnut and Travis Sts.

Historic Homes — Seftenberg-Brandon House, restored by Magnolia Homes Tour, excellent example of Victorian Gothic architecture, and a portrait of small town life in 19th Century. Usually open on summer weekends. Dilue Rose Harris House built 1860 with unusual gravel-lime construction, covered by plaster. Dilue Harris was pioneer Texas woman who knew leaders of the Republic, and her memoirs are valuable source for historians. Other structures include Hahn Home, Stafford Opera House, and Car-

LUCAS GUSHER MONUMENT, SPINDLETOP PARK, BEAUMONT

WILSON MEMORIAL ART CENTER, BEAUMONT

riage House.

Koliba Home Museum — Period mementos and furniture in 100-year-old home, adjoining blacksmith shop and children's house. Open daily 1:30 - 7 p.m. in summer; weekends in winter. 1124 Front St. Admission.

Old Water Tower — Built 1883, now known as Confederate Memorial Hall Museum; round tower once contained town's water supply. Attempts at dynamite demolition proved futile on three-foot-thick walls which contain 400,000 bricks. Houses lore of Colorado County, especially records of those who received land grants in Stephen F. Austin's first colony (Old Three Hundred) and life in the Texas Republic. Open by appointment.

CUERO *Grid L-13* *Pop. 6,767* *Alt. 177*

General — Originally projected in 1842, did not come into existence for several years. Once a true "wild west" settlement, refugees from Indianola (which see, this section) settled here and brought stability. Name is Spanish for cowhide. Chisholm Trail, one of famous routes by which Texas Longhorns moved to market after Civil War, began in Cuero. Today seat of DeWitt County is marketing and shipping point for wide variety of farm products, cottonseed oil and poultry.

Major Events — Livestock Show, two days in Mar., prize animals displayed in Municipal Park.

July 4th Picnic and Celebration, old time festivities and outdoor feasting.

Youth Rodeo, three days in July. School age youngsters compete in rough and tumble rodeo events at local arena.

DeWitt County Historical Museum — Indian items including scalps and relics; documents. Open Mon. - Sat. 1 - 5 p.m. 207 E. Main St.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church — Built in style reminiscent of Spanish missions, one of most photographed small city churches in Texas. One of three church bells once hung in thriving seaport city of Indianola (now vanished), more than century ago. Same copper bell was stolen by Yankee soldiers, retrieved by Texas Rebels, and buried beneath sands of Matagorda Bay for quarter of a century before it was placed atop St. Mark's.

EAGLE LAKE *Grid K-14* *Pop. 3,536* *Alt. 170*

General — Town and nearby lake named for Karankawa Indian legend of brave who bested his rival in crossing the lake and returning with an eagle for an Indian maiden. Today noted for popularity as duck and goose hunting mecca. During annual migratory waterfowl season, hunters bag thousands of ducks and geese at nearby hunting clubs. Area produces abundant rice harvests which exceed a million barrels annually. Also cotton, oil, natural gas, egg production and manufacturing.

Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge — Refuge and sanctuary for Attwater or coastal prairie chicken covers 3,400 acres near San Bernard River. Rate of decline in bird population exceeded that of whooping crane through middle years of this century. Recently established refuge has won support of landowners and conservationists in saving prairie chickens which once numbered hundreds of thousands. Tours may be arranged by contacting Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce, AC 713 234-2783.

Lake — Eagle. See LAKES this section.

EDNA *Grid L-14* *Pop. 5,252* *Alt. 72*

General — Built on corner of Robert Guthrie League granted by Mexican government through Stephen F. Austin in 1824; was first commissary for Italian laborers on New York, Texas, and Mexican Railway, and was called Macaroni Station. Today seat of Jackson County, commercial center for rice, cotton, livestock, and oil field supply.

Major Events — FFA Rodeo, two days in May. Area youths compete in arena events at Jackson County Fairgrounds.

Jackson County Agricultural Field Day Tour, May, covers latest developments in ranching, rice and row crop farming.

Jackson County Fair and Rodeo, three days in Oct. Old fiddlers' contest, fireworks, coronation of queen, and exciting rodeo.

Texana Historical Pilgrimage, Dec. tour of historic homes in Edna and Ganado, many of them dating from pre-Civil War era.

Texana Museum — Exhibits include artifacts, art items and documents pertaining to early life in area. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., county courthouse.

EGYPT *Grid K-14* *Pop. 26* *Alt. 131*

General — Founded about 1830, name given when small Wharton County farming community supplied corn to other settlements during severe drouth.

Northington-Heard Memorial Museum — Local history 1800-1900; weapons, furniture, documents, many other relics. Open Mon. - Sat. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. by appointment.

EL CAMPO *Grid K-14* *Pop. 8,442* *Alt. 110*

General — Wharton County campsite called Prairie Switch in 1880s, became second largest hay shipping point in U.S. around 1900. Now a balanced economy of agriculture, oil, gas, manufacturing. Excellent hunting, water recreation on small area lakes, Gulf of Mexico.

Major Event — Wharton County "Miss Cotton" contest in Feb., County Cotton Clinic on following day.

El Campo Museum — Pioneer toys, dolls, housewares, implements, furniture, tools, handiwork; displays changed quarterly. Open Sat. - Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. and by appointment. Monsarette at Farenthold St. Contributions.

GOOSE HUNTING AT EAGLE LAKE

MILES OF PUBLIC BEACH EDGE GALVESTON ISLAND

FANNIN *Grid L-13* *Pop. 94* *Alt. 143*

General — Community in eastern Goliad County. Named for James W. Fannin Jr., Texas Revolutionary hero.

Fannin Battleground State Historic Site — A handsome monument marks site where Col. James W. Fannin Jr. and his men surrendered to Mexican army following Battle of Coleto Creek on Mar. 20, 1836. Though surrender was effected upon honorable terms Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna overruled Mexican commander on scene, and ordered the Texans massacred at Goliad about a week later. (See GOLIAD this section.) Surrounded by stone wall, park is open daily. Facilities include water, rest rooms, electricity and picnic accommodations. One mile south on Park Road 27.

FREEPORT *Grid L-15* *Pop. 11,953* *Alt. 15*

General — Founded 1912 by Townside Company, a New York group interested in developing nearby sulphur deposits. Now part of booming Brazosport area with wide variety of recreational opportunities, petrochemical plants and other industries, port facilities, fishing, and continued sulphur production. Quintana, Texas' oldest port where Stephen F. Austin landed first colonists in 1822, was on a tidal portion of Brazos River at edge of modern Freeport. Historic village of Velasco is within present city limits. Treaty of peace between Texas and Mexico was signed in Velasco on May 14, 1836, following Texan victory at Battle of San Jacinto. (See HOUSTON this section.) At that time Velasco was temporary capital of Republic of Texas. Freeport leads all other Gulf ports in total shrimp landings. As many as 500 shrimp boats work out of Freeport harbor. For full details on area attractions contact Brazosport Chamber of Commerce, 420 Texas Hwy. 322 west.

MONUMENT TO SHRIMPING INDUSTRY, FREEPORT

Major Events — Shrimp Boil in nearby Lake Jackson, early May, features bushels of delicious Gulf shrimp, followed by auction of sports equipment.

Lake Jackson hosts Outdoor Art Fair, late May - early June; works by local and nationally known artists.

Lone Star Boat Association Races, early June; boat speedsters from Texas, Louisiana and other states compete for state and national points.

Annual Jaycee Fishin' Fiesta, four days around July 4th. Anglers compete in many categories for trophies and prizes.

Fishing — Extensive facilities for fishing, both freshwater and saltwater. Local jetties and piers are popular spots; tackle can be rented nearby. For bay and deep-sea fishing there are group boats, charter boats and fishing cruisers for hire at several docks. Fishermen may expect to catch species including bonito, ling, red snapper, dolphin, king mackerel, tarpon, sailfish and others.

Gulf Intracoastal Waterway — Slicing through lowlands just southeast of Freeport, canal is most valuable waterway in America, carrying more annual tonnage than Suez and Panama Canals. Protected waterway system was begun in 1854 with a short canal between Galveston Bay and mouth of Brazos River. Now stretches 1,116 miles from Brownsville, Tex., to St. Mark's, Fla. High bridge on Texas 332 spans Intracoastal Waterway to beachfront community of Surfside (see below).

Sea Water Conversion Plant — The nation's first large-scale plant for converting seawater to freshwater is located near the city. Pilot plant for research, built by Office of Saline Water, U.S.

SEAFOOD BOUNTY FROM THE GULF OF MEXICO

HISTORIC CITY OF GALVESTON, ONCE PIRATE JEAN LAFITTE'S HEADQUARTERS, IS NOW ONE OF TEXAS' LEADING PLEASURE PORTS

Department of the Interior, 1960. Freeport was chosen for initial installation because of engineering experience in desalination available from adjacent Dow Chemical Co. Plant produces million gallons of freshwater a day from sea.

Shrimp Boat Monument — Hauled from water and displayed on a special dry land cradle, former shrimp trawler *Mystery* honors historic and colorful shrimp industry of Brazosport area. 60-foot boat, built of cypress timber more than three decades ago, brought in millions of pounds of delicious Gulf shrimp during her quarter-century career. Rigged in trappings of her youth, *Mystery* is on display at head of Brazosport harbor channel on Texas 288.

Surfside — Name is both a community and a description, because location provides access to 18 miles of beach front from near Freeport northeast to San Luis Pass bridge connection with Galveston Island. Swimming, surf fishing, beach camping and shell collecting.

Velasco State Park — Actually a shoreline on Gulf of Mexico; undeveloped beach has no facilities except chemical rest rooms, but offers opportunities for swimming, fishing and beach camping. No fee. Access via Texas 332 southeast across Intracoastal Waterway, to Gulf Coast.

GALVESTON *Grid K-16* *Pop. 60,714* *Alt. 20*

General — When first explored by Europeans, island was Karankawa Indian site. Pirate Jean Laffite established earliest settlement in 1817. Early development gives city many firsts in Texas: first telegraph, first Roman Catholic convent, first electric lights, first brewery and first medical college. The disastrous Galveston Flood of 1900, when entire island was inundated during a hurricane, claimed between five and seven thousand lives. A three-mile seawall begun soon afterwards, later modernized and extended to present 10-mile length. Has proved its staying power several times since, particularly during Hurricane Carla in September, 1961. Galveston is a treasure trove of things historically Texan. Details from Tourist Information Center (see below). Many city parks, picnic areas and recreation centers offer playground equipment, athletic fields, tennis courts and golf courses. Seat of Galveston County, major port, tourist and convention center.

Major Events — Annual Shrimp Festival and Blessing of the Fleet in late April features week of activities.

Aqua Speed Week in mid-May has nearly 10 days of boat races in categories ranging up to international hydroplane class.

Churches, Historic — First Lutheran Church, constructed by one of earliest Lutheran groups in Texas, 1868. 2415 G St.

First Presbyterian Church, magnificent Gothic structure houses what is believed to be oldest church organization in Galveston, dating from Jan. 1, 1840. Present church building constructed 1873.

St. Mary's Cathedral, first Catholic cathedral in Texas, retaining original splendid architecture, built in 1848. 2011 F St.

Trinity Episcopal Church, built in 1857 to serve parish which was organized in 1841. Traditionally repaired and put in use immediately after any hurricane damage, never missing a service. 2216 H St.

Ferry Rides — Three diesel ferries, each with a capacity of 50 vehicles, operate every 20 minutes between Galveston and Fort Bolivar, Texas 87. Ferries are part of Texas highway system, oper-

FREE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FERRIES CONNECT GALVESTON ISLAND WITH PORT BOLIVAR ON TEXAS 87

ated toll-free by Texas Highway Department.

Fishing, Deep-Sea — Exciting varieties of food and game fish are found in Gulf waters off Galveston. Fishermen may charter two- to six-place sport cruisers, or join a fishing group aboard larger boats. Offshore species may include tarpon, sailfish, marlin, ling, wahoo, king mackerel, bonito, pompano, red snapper, warsaw and others. Reservations at Galveston Yacht Basin at 7th St. and Wharf; also at 9th St. and Wharf, and at Piers 15 to 20.

Fishing Piers — Surf fishermen try their luck almost anywhere along beach; free municipal jetties and piers, several of which are lighted for night fishing, are along Seawall Boulevard at 10th, 17th, 30th, 37th and 61st Sts. At 25th St. is a large T-head pier from which fee fishing is available. Flanking ship channel between Galveston and Bolivar Peninsula are South Jetty (extreme east end of Galveston Island), and North Jetty (from Bolivar Peninsula). Fishermen often take catfish, croaker, sheepshead, flounder, redfish, speckled trout and drum.

Galveston Beach — Thirty-two miles of clean sand beach washed by Gulf of Mexico. Within city, beach is edged by hotels, motels, apartments, restaurants and amusement areas. Camping not permitted within city limits, but may be enjoyed along remaining 20-mile stretch west. Except for a few areas reserved for guests of various beachfront hotels, beach is free.

Galveston News and Tribune Building — Home of one of Texas' oldest newspapers, established 1842; printer of first *Texas Almanac.* U.S. 75 at Teichman Rd.

Galveston Yacht Basin — Offering complete marina services, yacht harbor provides slips for hundreds of pleasure craft, dry storage facilities, gas, bait, supplies and tackle shops, repair and mechanical service, radar weather reports and 24-hour security guards. Adjacent to harbor are restaurants, hotels, motels and specialty shops. Along Strand Ave. between 2nd and 6th Sts.

Garten Verein — Still in use as a city recreation building, octagonal-shaped building erected in 1870s. Victorian accents in the trim of two picturesque roof levels. City park at 27th St. and Ave. O.

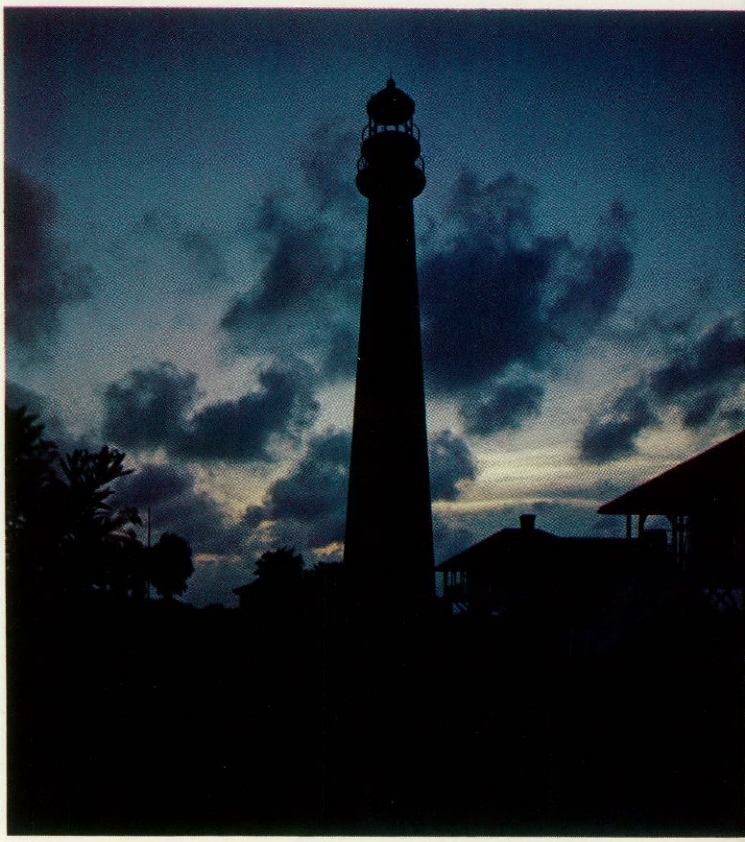
Historical Homes and Buildings — As Texas' earliest prominent city, literally scores of fascinating historic structures built by sea captains, prominent officials, businessmen and merchants. Among most prominent are following:

The Bishop's Palace, perhaps Galveston's most celebrated landmark, state's only structure on list of nation's 100 outstanding buildings specified by American Institute of Architects. The "palace" was built as a private home by Col. Walter Gresham in 1886, purchased 1923 for the Bishop of Galveston-Houston Diocese. Literally filled with showpiece furnishings, including a mantel that was first-prize winner at 1876 Philadelphia World's Fair, a crystal chandelier from Venice, damask wall coverings from London, and grand staircase containing rosewood, satinwood, and white mahogany. Tours daily May - Sept., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Oct. - Apr. tours 1 - 5 p.m. 1402 Broadway. Admission.

Fort Crockett was a primary coastal defense installation built 1897. Closed 1947, most of fort's buildings have disappeared, but massive coastal artillery bunkers can still be seen. Seawall Blvd. at 45th St.

THE BISHOP'S PALACE, GALVESTON

PORT BOLIVAR LIGHTHOUSE



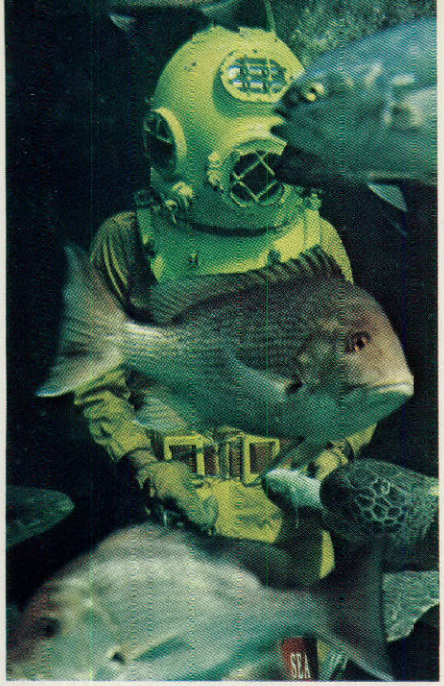
Historic Powhatan House, more than 120 years old, is showplace of Galveston Garden Club. Graceful Greek Revival structure fronted by 40-foot Doric columns, hand-hewn from Maine pine and shipped to Texas by schooner. Tours may be arranged through garden club or Galveston Chamber of Commerce. 3427 Ave. O.

Samuel May Williams House, built 1837-40, struck an unusual compromise with building conditions in frontier seaport. House was framed of northern white pine and hemlock in Saccarappa, Me. With parts carefully numbered, it was dismantled and shipped to Galveston by schooner, and reassembled. Now maintained by Galveston Historical Foundation, open daily June - Sept., 1 - 5 p.m. 3601 Ave. P. Admission.

Karankawa Indian Museum — Small area of a Karankawa Indian burial site, now glass-covered, displaying skeletons and artifacts which have been excavated. Digging area for amateurs. Near western end of island at Jamaica Beach, approximately 20 miles from Galveston.

Pelican Island — Located just across channel from Port of Galveston, island is site of industrial and residential development. Todd Shipyards Corp. is on south edge. On northern point is Pelican Island Municipal Park where port's federal quarantine station once stood. Scenic location edged by palm trees and banks of oleanders; picnic facilities and fire pits. Fishing excellent.

Port of Galveston — First port in Texas, major commercial link of Republic with rest of world; for years was state's largest city. Modern port handles ships from throughout world. Unique in operation, it is nation's only port where all facilities, from railroad switching to crating and labeling of individual items, are coordinated under one management. So successful is operation that Gal-



FEEDING TIME AT SEA-ARAMA MARINEWORLD

SKI SHOW, SEA–ARAMA MARINEWORLD, GALVESTON

veston is only major port facility in United States not supported by public funds. Visitors will be fascinated at Fisherman's Wharf area along Ave. A between 17th and 23rd Sts.

Rosenberg Library — Texas' first free public library, contains many original manuscripts and letters of Jean Laffite, Sam Houston, Stephen F. Austin and other prominent figures in Texas history. Also rare books, artifacts, art collection. Open Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Fri. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. 823 Tremont St.

Sea-Arama Marineworld — Multimillion dollar marine showcase where visitors can see food and game species native to Texas Gulf coast, plus exotic varieties from tropical seas. Regular shows feature porpoises, sea lions, penguins — even whales including Mamuk, the killer whale, ridden by a pretty mermaid! Underwater portholes afford camera enthusiasts opportunity for dramatic photography of stingrays, dangerous sharks and eerie octopus grotto. Open daily at 10 a.m. throughout year; shows continue until 5 p.m. Oct. - May, and to 6:30 p.m. or later remainder of year. Seawall Blvd. and 91st St. Admission.

Submarine Cavalla — Undersea veteran of World War II permanently berthed at Seawolf Park on Pelican Island. The sub sank the 30,000-ton Japanese aircraft carrier *Sohukaku,* one of the ships that participated in the attack on Pearl Harbor, plus other enemy shipping. Daily tours. Admission.

Texas Heroes Monument — Gift to State of Texas by Galveston philanthropist Henry Rosenberg, commemorates great achievements of men and women of Texas. It is 74 feet high, 34 feet square, with four monolithic granite columns rising to support 22-foot bronze figure of "Victory." Erected in 1900, stands at intersection of Broadway and Rosenberg Ave.

Tourist Information Center — Details on activities, events, tours, recreation facilities and historic sites. Free maps and literature. On Seawal Blvd. at 23rd St.

Tours — Several tours are available to introduce Galveston's multitude of attractions. Information on all tours may be obtained from Tourist Information Center (see above).

Air tours provide overall look at island, from bustling port complex to seaside leisure home developments and miles of creamy beaches. Available at Rhodes Aircraft and State Space Aero, Scholes Field at 81st St. Fee.

Boat tours visit port facility and cruise along beach front for sea level views of island and city. Available from Galveston Yacht Basin at 7th St. and Wharf; also at 9th St. and Wharf, and from several locations at Piers 15 to 20. Fee.

Guided sightseeing tours available from Galveston Limousine Service and Texas Bus Lines, both at 2127 Ball St. Fee.

Treasure Isle Tour Train operates on regular schedule from Seawall Blvd. at 27th St. Fee.

Literature and directions for self-guided historical tours are provided free at Tourist Information Center.

University of Texas Medical Branch — Texas' oldest medical college is located at 8th and Mechanic Sts. Administered by main university at Austin, it encompasses a plant spread of more than nine square blocks including several hospitals, schools of pharmacy, nursing, psychiatry, neurology, and a noted institute for treatment of burns.

GOLIAD *Grid L-13* *Pop. 1,631* *Alt. 187*

General — One of Texas' oldest municipalities; area was inhabited long before recorded history. Early Spanish explorers list an Aranama Indian village at site, which was called Santa Dorotea by those Spaniards. In 1749 Spain established a mission and, as was custom, a nearby presidio (fort) to protect mission endeavor. (See below.) "Remember Goliad" became a famed Texas Revolution battle cry honoring Col. James W. Fannin Jr., and his men who were massacred at Goliad after their surrender.

Major Events — Goliad Day, Mar. 27, is occasion for memorial services at grave of Colonel Fannin and his troops.

Goliad County Fair, annually in Mar. or Apr., emphasizes youth participation with traditional exhibits, parade and rodeo.

Quarter Horse Race Meets, two consecutive weekends in Mar. or Apr., also in Oct. Futurity and derby stakes races offer purses as large as $50,000, and draw horsemen from 15 or more states.

Cinco de Mayo (May 5) Celebration centers around General Zaragoza's birthplace. His defeat of French army on this date is celebrated throughout Mexico and in several Texas border cities.

Fannin Plaza — City park at S. Market and Franklin Sts. Includes Texas Revolution cannon, memorial shaft, and several historical markers. Nearby is "hanging tree" on courthouse lawn, Old Market House Museum, and chamber of commerce where area information is available.

General Zaragoza State Historic Site — Both a state park and international historic site, birthplace of one of Mexico's most famous military figures, Gen. Ignacio Zaragoza (1829-1862). Mexican general and liberal leader was minister of war under Juarez. In 1862 commanded outnumbered, poorly equipped Mexican army in defense of the Central Mexico city of Puebla against elite French force. Zaragoza flung back attacking army, inflicting heavy losses and forcing its withdrawal to Atlantic Coast.

MISSION ESPIRITU SANTO, GOLIAD STATE PARK

It is not generally known that this French army had proposed to march into Texas to establish aid and supply line to Confederate forces — but they reckoned without Zaragoza. Two miles south off U.S. 183 at Presidio La Bahia (see below).

Goliad State Park — 208-acre park features restored Mission Nuestra Senora del Espiritu Santo de Zuniga, generally called Mission Espiritu Santo. Other features include a small museum, camping and picnicking areas, rest rooms and river fishing spots. Mission established 1749 to Christianize Indian inhabitants of the area. One mile south off U.S. 183. Admission.

Grave of Col. James W. Fannin Jr. and Men — Monument marks grave of Colonel Fannin and 342 men who had surrendered to Mexican forces during the Texas Revolution, and were massacred at the order of General Santa Anna on Palm Sunday morning, March 27, 1836. Located two miles south of Goliad off U.S. 183, a few hundred yards from Presidio La Bahia (see below).

Mission Rosario (Ruins) — Founded 1754 by missionaries of college of Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe de Zacatecas to minister to Karankawa, Cujane and Coapite Indians. Mission suffered periodic abandonment and reoccupation for some 50 years. Limited success achieved about 1799, mission secularized in 1831. Official mission name was Nuestra Senora del Rosario. Ruins are four miles west near San Antonio River. Inquire locally for directions.

Presidio La Bahia — As conquistadores of centuries ago explored new lands for "God, Gold and Glory," position of the Church was integral part of colonization and dominion over vast New World empire. Missions were, in fact, often first permanent Spanish settlement in new areas. To protect mission endeavors, a presidio (fort) was usually built nearby and manned by Spanish military forces.

Such was Presidio Santa Maria del Loreto de la Bahia, established 1749 near Mission Espiritu Santo (see above). It grew into one of more important forts on Spanish frontier, reaching a peak in middle of 17th Century. Chapel of fortress is still in regular use for religious services.

Excavation and restoration of massive stone walls and other structures of fort have been completed by Kathryn O'Connor Foundation.

It was in this presidio that Fannin's men, during 1836 Texas Revolution, were imprisoned after their surrender, and were massacred in violation of honorable terms upon which they had laid down their arms. (See Grave of Col. Fannin, above.)

A museum houses artifacts discovered during reconstruction work as well as memorabilia of Texas Revolution, and artifacts showing 10 levels of civilization at site. Open daily except Good Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Two miles south off U.S. 183, immediately south of San Antonio River. Admission.

GONZALES *Grid K-12* *Pop. 5,652* *Alt. 301*

General — Often called the "Lexington of Texas" because first battle of Texas Revolution was fought here. Settled 1825 by Green C. DeWitt, American empresario from Missouri, named for Rafael Gonzales (then governor of joint state of Coahuila-Texas); town was designed by Mexican government. Interestingly, streets were named for saints, and markers today show original plan. Seat of Gonzales County, center of large pecan and poultry production.

Major Event — "Come and Take It" Celebration, three days in Oct., observes famed battle cry of opening conflict for Texas independence. Highlights are parade, rodeo, art show and historical pilgrimage.

Gonzales Memorial Museum — Handsome monument to those who fought first battle of Texas Revolution and the 32 patriots who answered Travis' call for help at the Alamo. Features replica of the cannon which precipitated that first battle. Mexican relics and Texana. Open Wed. - Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. E. St. Lawrence Street. Contributions.

Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation — Outstanding institution for treatment of victims of accidents and crippling diseases at hot springs which have flowed since earliest area history. Officially named Texas Rehabilitation Center. Adjoins Palmetto State Park (see below) 10 miles north on U.S. 183. Visitors welcome.

Historic Sites — Eggleston House, built 1848, near Memorial Museum. Carefully restored, log house is furnished with antiques revealing a picture of Texas pioneer life. Admission may be arranged through museum curator.

Confederate Square and Texas Heroes Square, two downtown plazas.

Battle of Gonzales markers are near community of Cost on Texas 97.

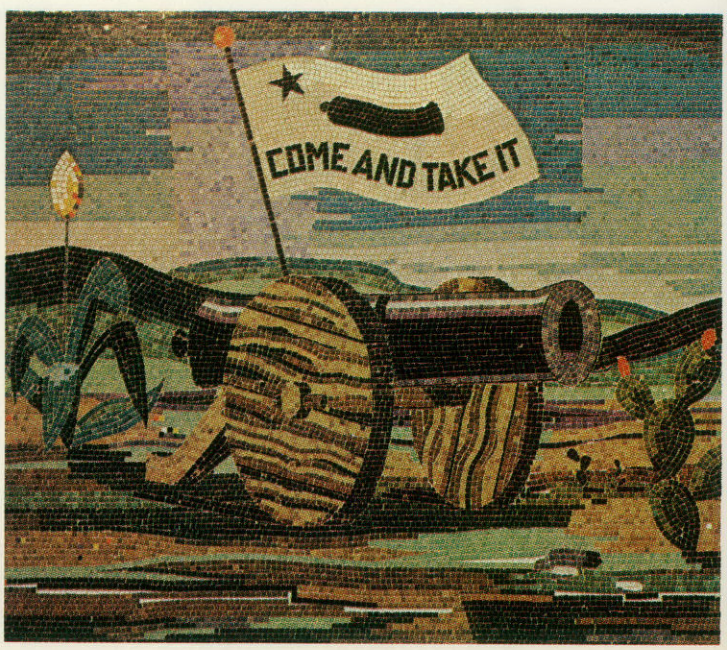
Near U.S. 90A/U.S. 183 intersection are earthworks of a Confederate fort.

Independence Park — Picturesque area on banks of Guadalupe River with picnic facilities, golf course, tennis courts and athletic fields. On U.S. 183 south.

Palmetto State Park — Rare botanical garden, almost tropical profusion of plants includes amazing variety, many found nowhere else in Southwest. On San Marcos River, 178-acre park is used as field laboratory by several Texas universities. Quaking bogs, wild orchids, water lilies, graceful ferns, moss-draped trees and profusion of wild flowers in various seasons. Tent and trailer camping permitted, rest rooms, swimming, fishing, picnicking, nature study and hiking. 10 miles north via U.S. 183 and F.M. 1586 to Park Road 11. Admission.

PRESIDIO LA BAHIA AT GOLIAD

GONZALES MOSAIC CITES FIRST TEXAS REVOLUTION SKIRMISH



Scenic Drive — Park Road 11 through Palmetto State Park offers scenic vistas.

HALLETTSVILLE *Grid K-13* *Pop. 2,630* *Alt. 232*

General — Founded 1836, has been seat of Lavaca County since 1852; on Lavaca River. Commercial center for farm-ranch area; rich in German-Czech ethnic influences. Industries include metal works and meat-packing. City park offers playground area and swimming pool; nine-hole municipal golf course.

Major Events — State Championship Domino Tourney, held annually in Jan., draws young and old players to day-long event.

State Championship High School Rodeo spans five days in mid-June. Crowds of up to 5,000 watch youngsters compete in traditional rodeo events.

HELENA *Grid L-12* *Pop. 39* *Alt. 305*

General — Though a few farm homes remain in area, Helena is a ghost town — killed, so they say, by one gunfight too many. Pioneer rancher Thomas Ruckman laid out Helena about 1854 near routes of famed Chihuahua Trail and Indianola-San Antonio Road. Town was named county seat, thrived for 30 years and reached a population of 3,000. It was a boisterous frontier settlement with more than its share of hard case outlaws and sudden death. They say there was a saloon shooting one Friday night in 1884, and a stray bullet cut down 20-year old Emmett Butler on street outside. He was son of area's wealthiest rancher, Col. William Butler. Unable to determine who fired the fatal shot, Colonel Butler vowed to kill the town that killed his son. The railroad was building across South Texas, and Butler persuaded them to bypass Helena, offering free right-of-way miles away. New towns sprang up along railroad; Helena lost county seat status, and citizenry melted away. Today a deserted courthouse, cobwebby church and other silent ruins are mute testimony of Butler's vow to kill Helena.

HEMPSTEAD *Grid J-14* *Pop. 1,843* *Alt. 251*

General — Established in 1857 as terminus of Houston and Texas Central Railroad. Seat of Waller County and retail center of farming and livestock-raising area. Fishing is available at several spots along nearby Brazos River.

Prairie View A&M College, St. Francis Espiscopal Church — See PRAIRIE VIEW this section.

HOUSTON *Grid J-15* *Pop. 1,213,064* *Alt. 55*

General — Named after Sam Houston, general of Texas army that won independence from Mexico, and second president of Republic of Texas. The city, largest in Texas and sixth largest in nation, has experienced phenomenal growth since a small riverboat landing was established on muddy Buffalo Bayou by Allen brothers in August, 1836. Today metropolis is industrial and financial hub for much of the state. It is one of nation's largest seaports, and headquarters of NASA Manned Spacecraft Center. Houston attractions are so numerous and varied that visitors should stop at Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Council for literature, information and directions. Council is located in C & I Life Building, Main and McKinney Sts.

Major Events — Auto Thrill Spectacular, two days in Jan. in Astrodome.

International Boat, Sport & Travel Show, six days in Jan. Lavish displays of latest boating, camping and recreational equipment, plus entertainment and prizes.

U.S. Indoor Motorcycle Championships, two days in Feb., Astrodome.

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, 12 days late Feb. - early Mar. Largest livestock exposition in state, attracts magnificent show animals from throughout nation, and champion professional cowboys competing for big purses and national points.

Astro Grand Prix Midget Auto Championships, Mar., Astrodome.

Texas Autorama, three days in Mar. at Convention & Exhibit Center.

National Outdoor and Sportsman Show, seven days in Mar.

River Oaks Azalea Trail, two weekends in Mar. Tours of lavishly flowering azaleas in elegant private gardens and city parks.

Spring Arts Festival, three to four weeks in Mar. and Apr. at Houston Museum of Fine Arts; Fine Arts Fair, two days in Apr. at museum.

Texas Independence Day Observance and Review of Texas Navy, Apr. 21 at San Jacinto Battleground State Park.

Home & Furnishings Exposition, four days in Sept.

International Festival and Sidewalk Art Show, weekend in Oct., Old Market Square.

Blossom Time Houston, five days in Oct., floral event at Garden Center in Hermann Park.

Hot Rod & Custom Car Show, four days in Nov. at Convention & Exhibit Center.

International Automobile Show, nine days Nov. - Dec. at Astrohall.

Bluebonnet Bowl sports events (collegiate football and basketball), Dec. in Astrodome.

Christmas Candlelight Tours of historic homes in Sam Houston Park, three days in Dec. Yuletide decorations of past century, plus strolling carolers.

HOUSTON CULTURAL EVENTS CENTER AROUND CIVIC PLAZA MALL

Aline McAshan Botanical Hall & Arboretum — Primarily a children's center for study of conservation and field botany, of adult interest for study of plant-animal relationships. Hall contains orientation-exhibit room, laboratory, reference library, and adjoins greenhouse. 200-acre arboretum has more than 60 species of trees, shrubs, ferns, wild flowers, and group of small animals. Trails open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Admission.

Allen's Landing; Old Market Square — Park on Buffalo Bayou where Allen brothers arrived in 1836 to promote new real estate venture: Houston. General area, now Old Market Square, became center of new city. Many 19th Century buildings restored; now devoted to dining, entertainment, and specialty shops. Features include Dixieland jazz, waiters singing grand opera, and quaint bar in Houston's oldest commercial building. Bounded by Travis, Milam, Congress, and Preston Sts.

Alley Theater — Ultramodern facility called "one of most striking theaters in the world" by the *New York Times*. Tours daily except Sun., 12:45. 615 Texas St. in Civic Center. Tour fee.

Astrodomain — $100 million entertainment complex includes Astrodome, Astrohall and Astroworld. Superlatives are required to describe Astrodome, or Harris County Domed Stadium — its official name. An 18-story building would fit *inside* the Astrodome. It is world's first air-conditioned domed stadium for baseball and football, also accommodates basketball, boxing, conventions, rodeos, and almost any other entertainment or sporting event. Astrodome seats up to 66,000 people with adjacent parking for 30,000 cars. Home of baseball's National League Houston Astros, football's Houston Oilers and University of Houston Cougars. Site of annual Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl.

Astrohall is one of world's largest exhibition centers and home of Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, and Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus.

Astroworld ranks among leading theme parks in the nation for rides, shows and attractions for the entire family covering 57 acres. There are miniature trains and autos, a sky ride, live entertainment, and even a snow-capped "mountain" in which visitors discover an ice cave and unexpected snow storm. The Astroneedle lifts visitors high above the park for a view of all the festivities and much of Houston. The fantasyland is open weekends mid-Apr. - May; daily May - Aug.; weekends Aug. - Oct.

The entire complex, called Astrodomain, is on Kirby Dr. off S. Main, or off Loop 610. For event dates telephone Astrodomain, or write P.O. Box 1691, Houston 77001.

Bayou Bend Museum — Operated by Harris County Heritage Society; former home of Miss Ima Hogg, daughter of Gov. James Stephen Hogg, first native-born governor of Texas. In 18-room Latin Colonial home built in 1927, exhibits include furniture dating from 16th Century and other antiques including glass, silver, porcelain. Two-hour tours by advance reservation only. No. 1 Wescott St. Telephone 529-8773.

Burke Baker Planetarium — Called most sophisticated science-teaching device in the world, 232-seat planetarium can reproduce celestial patterns as they would be seen from any point on earth or in space. Planetarium also houses an array of scientific exhibits. Located in Museum of Natural Science, Hermann Park.

Busch Gardens — Asian theme family entertainment center; monkey island, boat ride, walk-through free flight bird cage, trained bird shows, brewery tour, hospitality house. Open daily 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Memorial Day - Labor Day; weekends 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. winter. 775 Gellhorn Dr. off I.H. 10 east. Admission.

Classic Car Showcase and Wax Museum — Collection of perfectly restored classic automobiles such as Duesenberg, Bentley, Rolls-Royce, Delahaye, Isotta Fraschini and others. Lifelike wax figures of Hollywood film greats. Open Mon. - Sat., 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 9 p.m. 3009 S. Post Oak Rd. Admission.

Contemporary Arts Museum — Paintings, sculpture, constructions by Buffet, Ernst, Calder, Matta, and others. Domestic and foreign films, lectures, and children's workshops. Open Tues. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. 6945 Fannin St.

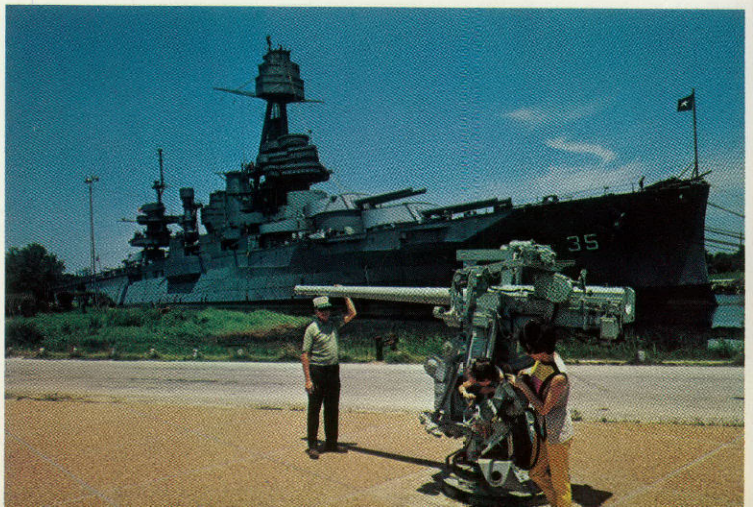
German Village — Unusual village complex called Hofbraugarten, complete with restaurant, bakery, delicatessen, gift shop, German hair-styling salon, nursery garden with live animals, and entertainment by an oompah band. Gulf Freeway at F.M. 517.

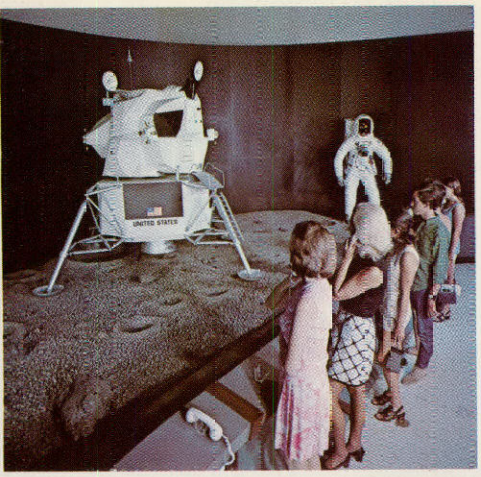
Hermann Park Zoo — One of most unusual zoological gardens in U.S. features Tropical Bird House resembling Asian jungle with more than 200 exotic birds flying freely through aviary rain forest. Children's Zoo with wildlife from distant places and see-through tunnel with marine life surrounding the visitor. In Hermann Park,

ASTROWORLD THEME PARK, HOUSTON

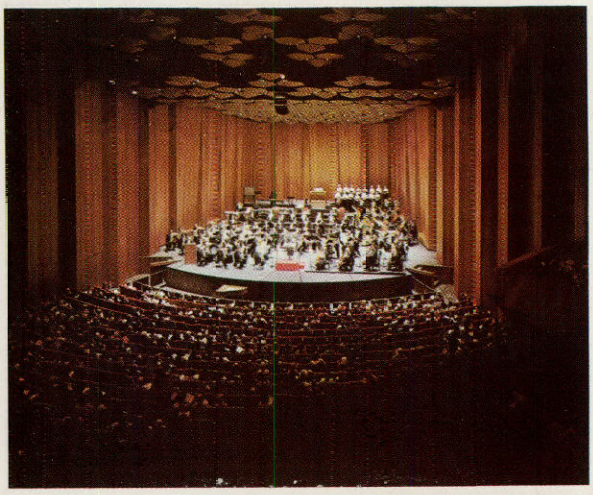
ALPINE RIDE AT ASTROWORLD

BATTLESHIP TEXAS, SAN JACINTO BATTLEGROUND STATE PARK, HOUSTON





NASA MANNED SPACECRAFT CENTER, HOUSTON



HOUSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

JONES HALL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, HOUSTON

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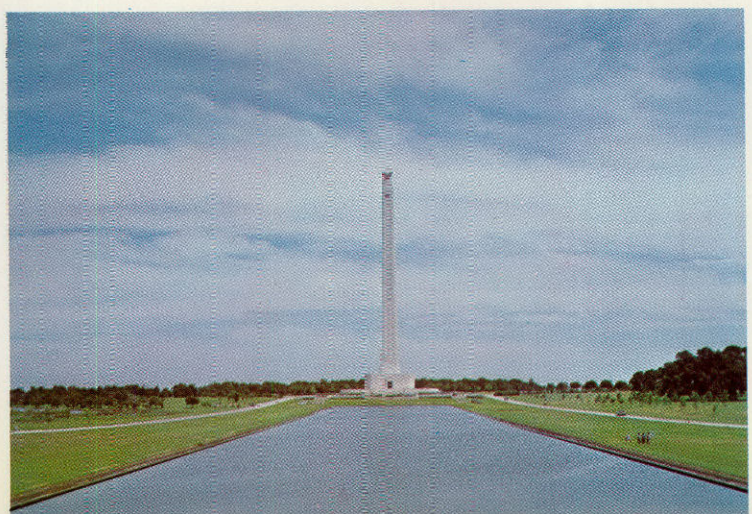

zoo is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to sundown.

Houston Baptist College — Coed, Southern Baptist institution established 1963, enrolls some 850 students. On 196-acre campus at Southwest Freeway and Fondren Rd.

Houston Museum of Natural Science — Exhibits feature space age science plus geology, archeology, and natural history. In Hermann Park. Open Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. & Mon. noon - 5 p. m.

Jesse H. Jones Hall for the Performing Arts — Among the most modern theatres in the world, occupies entire downtown block in impressive Civic Center complex. Dramatic grand lobby induces air of pageantry upon entry; series of ascending terraces usher patrons into box, mezzanine and balcony floors. Above grand lobby Richard Lippold's "Gemini II" sculpture floats in gleaming curve toward 66-foot ceiling. Stage and hall itself are multipurpose. Acoustically designed ceiling panels can be adjusted to complement everything from symphony concerts to lectures. Home of Houston Symphony Orchestra and Houston Grand Opera. Civic Center mall, with 2,000-car underground parking garage, also contains National Space Hall of Fame and Alley Theatre. Jones Hall is at Milam St. and Texas Ave.

Manned Spacecraft Center — Headquarters for the immense man-in-space effort of National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Here is where astronauts train (they live in nearby Houston, Pasadena and Clear Lake area), and here is Lunar Receiving Laboratory to which they return for quarantine and debriefing following moon flights. Visitor Orientation Center displays samples of lunar rock, and actual spacecraft hardware from early Mercury series through Apollo moon flights. Short films about training, space flights and moon landings are shown regularly.

Visitor Orientation Center is open Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. No reservations necessary. Advance reservations are required for special guided tours to other facilities at the center, Mon. - Fri. Children under 12 are not accepted on special guided tours. Telephone AC 713, 483-4321, or write Special Events Office, Manned Spacecraft Center, Houston 77058.

On Sun. 1 - 5 p.m., Visitor Orientation Center is open, and self-guided tour of several other buildings is available. Manned Spacecraft Center is closed to visitors on Sat. and federal holidays. About 22 miles from downtown on NASA Road 1 off I.H. 45 south.

Museum of Fine Arts — The city's finest collection of art objects, paintings and sculpture, visited by more than a quarter-million people each year. Among superb displays is Finnigan collection of ancient art from Egypt, Greece and Rome. Straus collection features Renaissance paintings and bronzes, and noted Kress collection displays High Renaissance art from Italy and Spain. Visitors will find Indian art of Southwest, plus Frederic Remington's robust masterpieces. There are native arts from Africa, Australia and South Pacific, plus special Junior Gallery which features changing exhibits of appeal to youngsters. Open Tues. - Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. noon - 6 p.m. Closed Mon. 1001 Bissonnet.

Port of Houston — Among top three seaports in the United States in total tonnage, connected to Gulf of Mexico by 50-mile-long ship channel. World Trade Center Building is hub of Houston's International commerce, and location of many foreign consuls assigned here. Visitors may view famous Houston Turning Basin from observation deck reached through Gate 8 from Clinton Dr.

Free boat tour of port and ship channel available aboard modern sightseeing vessel, *Sam Houston*, from its berth at Turning Basin. Advance reservations required. Telephone AC 713, 672-8221, or write Port of Houston, P.O. Box 2562, Houston 77001.

Rice University — One of nation's great privately endowed institutions, founded 1912 upon a bequest from William Marsh Rice. Some 2,700 students utilize 300-acre campus off S. Main St. 70,000-seat Rice Stadium, on campus, is home of Rice Owls, Southwest Conference football contenders.

Sacred Heart Dominican College — Catholic college for women, coed in some departments, on 40-acre campus in South End section of Houston, established 1945. Enrolls more than 500 students.

Sam Houston Historical Park — Project of Harris County Heritage Society, a monument to early history of Texas; 21-acre park includes landscaped grounds and gardens, features restored historic buildings depicting life in early Houston. Open Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. 1:30 - 4.30 p.m. Admission. Special arrangements for group tours: telephone AC 713 223-8367. Down-

town, across from city hall at 515 Allen Parkway.

San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Park — Site where Texas won independence from Mexico in 1836. Commemorating the decisive battle in which Sam Houston's Texans overwhelmed superior forces of Mexican General Santa Anna, San Jacinto Monument rises 570 feet above flat coastal plain. Famous monument is constructed of reinforced concrete faced with Texas fossilized buff limestone. At base of shaft is San Jacinto Museum of Texas History; exhibits trace region's history from Indian civilization encountered by Cortez, to Texas as a state.

Another landmark of the park is the Battleship Texas, moored in permanent slip at the battleground. One of few monuments of its kind in the world, it is only survivor of dreadnought class. Battleship was presented to State of Texas by U.S. Navy. Commissioned shortly before World War I, the venerable seaworthy served in that conflict — and in World War II as flagship in 1944 D-Day invasion commanded by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, a native of Denison, Tex. East of downtown Houston 22 miles via Texas 225, Texas 134.

South Texas College of Law and South Texas Junior College — Law school founded 1923, junior college 1948. Coed, enrollment numbers more than 4,000. Privately operated in conjunction with Houston YMCA.

Texas Medical Center — Organized in 1945, an immense complex of hospitals, medical schools and research institutions whose purpose is total coordination of health education, patient care and research. More than a score of buildings occupy 156 acres in southwest Houston not far from midtown. Still expanding, the medical center in a typical year will hospitalize more than 92,000 patients, handle more than 800,000 outpatient visits, and train some 3,000 students in all aspects of medical science. Major units now operating at Texas Medical Center include Hermann Hospital, Baylor University College of Medicine, Methodist Hospital, Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, Texas Children's Hospital, St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, Ben Taub General Hospital, the University of Texas at Houston composed of M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute, Dental Branch including the Dental Science Institute, School of Public Health and Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, City of Houston Department of Public Health, Houston Speech and Hearing Center, Houston Academy of Medicine Library, Texas Institute for Rehabilitation and Research, Texas Research Institute for Mental Sciences, Institute of Religion, Methodist Hospital Orthopedic-Cardiovascular Clinical Research Centers, Institute of Ophthalmology, Jewish Institute for Medical Research, Texas Heart Institute and Texas Woman's College of Nursing.

Texas Southern University — For 20 years operated through private funds as Houston College for Negroes; 1947 became part of state educational system. Coed, enrollment numbers more than 4,500; 62-acre campus is at 3200 Wheeler St. west of Gulf Freeway.

University of Houston — Established as four-year institution 1934, now among largest in state educational system. Just south of Gulf Freeway on beautiful 275-acre tract; coed, university enrolls more than 20,000 students. Free museum on campus displays sea shells of Southeast U.S.

University of St. Thomas — Catholic institution founded 1947. Coed, regular term enrollment is approximately 900. Near downtown on Montrose Blvd.

Weatherby Arms Museum — In castle-like structure with entrance via drawbridge; features weapons from Dark Ages to present; armored wax figures, mounted knights and eerie torture dungeon. Displays include scenes from Spain, England, France, Morocco-Tunisia, Russia, Africa and elsewhere. Open Tues. - Sun. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. 2510 Westridge near Astrodome. Admission.

INDIANOLA *Grid L-14* *Pop. 14* *Alt. 6*

General — From what she was, she's the biggest ghost of them all, but not to the eye. At the terminus of Texas 316 south of Port Lavaca, all is clean tranquillity—a deception. Sea and desert have defeated many towns. The sea is more ruthless — implacable until every trace is scoured away, until all is virgin sand where the footprints of men apparently never trod.

The prints of 6,000 and more did tread here, when concrete and stout-timbered structures lined what was considered the finest harbor on the Gulf of Mexico. Piers thrust into the bay for half a mile, funneling rich cargos to and from great ships. In the 1840s German colonists landed, led by Prince Carl of Solms-Braunfels (see NEW BRAUNFELS, Ranch & Hill Country Section). In the 1850s an army depot supplied the frontier forts of all Texas. Here two shiploads of Arabian camels landed, beginning that

SUPERB SURF FISHING ALONG MILES OF GULF BEACH

imaginative experiment of Jefferson Davis (See CAMP VERDE, Ranch & Hill Country section). Warehouses stored ice, winter-cut on the Great Lakes, prized during Texas summers.

The bustling, prosperous town survived shelling, capture and recapture during the Civil War, yellow fever epidemics, and a storm thought severe in 1866. But all were only preludes to Sept. 17, 1875. The sea that had created and nourished Indianola rose in monstrous gray hummocks, lashed by shrieking winds — hurricane! Nine hundred perished, and three-fourths of the city lay in matchbox shambles. Disaster on an unimagined scale.

But Indianola was too prosperous, too vital to quit because of one freak tragedy. Larger warehouses were raised; new piers of heavier pilings sprouted. Eleven years passed before a brutal fact was driven home: that other black September was no freak. An even more severe storm sounded the death knell.

Indianola was literally gone. Even wreckage was scarce. Those who somehow survived did not return. The county seat, in name, was moved to Port Lavaca for there was really nothing left to move.

Today the tide laps at a few stones of the courthouse foundation. Inches above the smooth sand, outlines of a few shattered concrete cisterns remain. Some fishermen's homes have come of late, and the state has erected an historical marker.

One thing more, appropriately a solitary rose granite statue of Rene Robert Cavelier, Sieur de la Salle. The French explorer was first to leave a bootprint on the sands of Indianola almost 300 years ago. Today his stone likeness surveys the same featureless, unmarked sands.

KARNES CITY *Grid L-12* *Pop. 2,877* *Alt. 404*

General — Designated seat of Karnes County in 1894, and name changed from St. Joe. Today, much of population is of Polish and Swedish extraction. Town is known as center for farming, ranching and petroleum, industrial activities including petrochemicals and metals.

Major Events — Karnes City Youth Livestock Show, one day in Mar. Young stockmen show their prize animals.

Karnes County 4-H Rodeo, one day, Mar. School-age youths compete in traditional rodeo events.

Town and Country Days Celebration, three days, late Sept. - early Oct.

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Corpus Christi, Lake — 22,050-acre reservoir on Nueces River; popular South Texas water sports and recreational area also provides Corpus Christi municipal water supply. Swimming, boating, sailing and skiing. Large areas of submerged brush in upper reaches of 27-mile long lake provide prime fish habitat. All fishing good; noted especially for excellent catfish — channels, flatheads and blues. Fishing camps and marinas accessible at several spots around shore, plus fine facilities at Lake Corpus Christi State Park (see MATHIS, Border Tropics section). A few miles west of Mathis, also accessible from Corpus Christi and Alice. M-12

Eagle Lake — 1,200-acre impoundment widely known in goose and duck hunting circles. Each year thousands of hunters visit area (see town of EAGLE LAKE this section). Also fishing and boating. Lake is adjacent to town of Eagle Lake. K-14

Houston, Lake — 2,240-acres owned by City of Houston, popular with residents of upper Texas coast. Fishing, water sports. About 18 miles northeast of Houston. J-15

LA PORTE — *Grid K-16* — *Pop. 5,858* — *Alt. 28*

General — Landlocked harbor and bayshore resort on Galveston Bay, given its French name by early settlers; chief industries are shipping, petroleum and rubber manufacturing.

Sylvan Beach Park — County park at site of famous resort/dance pavilion of the 1920s-30s. Modern pavilion and restaurant overlook Galveston Bay; fishing pier, boat docks, launching ramp, playgrounds and picnic areas for families or large groups.

LIBERTY — *Grid J-16* — *Pop. 5,531* — *Alt. 51*

General — One of oldest settlements in Texas, named for earlier Spanish settlement, Libertad. Seat of Liberty County, serves area that has produced nearly 400 million barrels of oil since 1905; port facilities on the Trinity River barge channel. County is 60 per cent forested; what has been called largest American holly tree on North American continent is few miles north, while another champion tree — a yaupon — is east of city.

Major Events — Horse Shows are held throughout year featuring charity horse show, Appaloosa show and quarter horse show.

Magnolia Ridge Golf Tourney is three-day event in May.

Trinity Valley Exposition and Rodeo, four days late Sept., combines flavor of old-fashioned county fair with Wild West excitement of a rodeo.

Historical Sites — Many settled in this area before Texas Revolution; within city are monuments detailing history of compound where Mexican troops captured at San Jacinto were held, and settlement founded by French veterans of Napoleonic wars. Marker is at site of Sam Houston's law office, and others where original Mexican town squares were laid out. Old homes include Thomas Jefferson Chambers Home built in 1860, and Cleveland-Partlow Home built about 1869.

NEDERLAND — *Grid J-17* — *Pop. 16,647* — *Alt. 25*

General — Founded just before the turn of the century by immigrants from Holland. Early efforts at rice farming and dairying played important role, but growth began in earnest after discovery of Spindletop Oil Field. Dutch name means "down" or "low" land. Within a dozen miles of city are more than 15 major petrochemical plants.

Windmill Museum — Built by Nederland population to preserve Dutch heritage; three-story building with 60-foot revolving blades houses artifacts dating from city's founding. Open daily except Mon., 1 - 6 p.m. 1516 Boston Ave.

ORANGE — *Grid J-17* — *Pop. 24,112* — *Alt. 20*

General — Texas' easternmost city, established 1836, year of Texas independence from Mexico. Area's first known inhabitants were Attacapa Indians. Attacapa (combination of two Choctaw words meaning eaters of men) arrived around 1600. City name derives from orange groves that attracted attention of boatmen navigating Sabine River.

Petrochemical Row — Rising from windswept plain, a miles-long complex of modern plants producing myriad products derived from petroleum. Giants of industry on "The Row" include massive E. I. Du Pont de Nemours' Sabine River Works, Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., and Spencer Chemical Co.

Port of Orange — One of America's most modern and efficient deepwater terminals; port is near intersection of Sabine-Neches Waterway and Intracoastal Canal. Location makes it a vital distribution center for ocean vessels and barge traffic.

"Rainbow Bridge" — Crosses Neches River on Texas 87 between Orange and Port Arthur, tallest bridge in the South over a navigable stream. Span, 177 feet above water level, provides tourists with "bird's-eye" view of area and waterways. Total length, with approaches, is 5.7 miles.

Tourist Bureau — The Texas Highway Department maintains nine Tourist Bureaus at key points of entry to the state, plus a Tourist Information Center in the State Capitol and the Judge Roy Bean Visitor Center at Langtry. All bureaus are operated daily throughout the year, staffed by uniformed, trained travel counselors. Services free to all visitors include information, maps, literature on every part of the state, and expert assistance in charting routes. At Texas-Louisiana state line on I.H. 10 about three miles northeast of downtown Orange.

PALACIOS — *Grid L-14* — *Pop. 3,346* — *Alt. 17*

General — Founded 1903, said named by shipwrecked Spaniards who supposedly saw a vision of Tres Palacios (three palaces). Fishing is dominant industry, both sport and commercial, along with seafood processing plants.

Major Events — Valentine's Day is celebrated on Sat. nearest Feb. 14 with parade, dance and coronation of a "Sweetheart."

In early Mar. residents join in trail ride to rodeo and fat stock show at Bay City.

July 4th Boat Races and Carnival attract top hydro racers. Known as "Firecracker 200," powerful boats attain speeds in excess of 100 mph. A barbecue and fireworks are part of carnival.

In late summer, usually Aug., traditional blessing of the fleet, and shrimporee are held. Procession of boats, memorial cere-

mony, and day-long festival.

Luther Hotel — Built 1903, a recorded Texas historic landmark; served as headquarters for early land developers. During heyday, formally-attired orchestra entertained guests at mealtimes along rambling front porch, said to be longest in Texas. On bayshore between 4th and 5th Sts.

Marine Fisheries Research Station — One of two such research facilities in the nation. Studies include adaptability of saltwater species to freshwater. Tours weekdays by appointment. Southwest 13 miles on Well Point Rd. off Texas 35.

Parks — Three free lighted fishing piers, public boat ramps, and camping areas along bayshore drive. City-operated Palacios Camper-Trailer Park, across from Luther Hotel, provides free water and electrical hookups.

PANNA MARIA *Grid L-12* *Pop. 96* *Alt. 325*

General — Community reputed to be oldest Polish settlement in America; is certainly mother of Polish settlements in Texas. Established Dec. 1854 by Polish Catholics; in fulfillment of vow, immigrants named their new town Panna Maria, meaning Virgin Mary in Polish. Community is rich in historic buildings, churches and schools, and is said to have established first Polish school in United States.

PASADENA *Grid J-15* *Pop. 89,291* *Alt. 35*

General — Name is Spanish for "Land of Flowers," so chosen for blooming meadows along Vince's Bayou. Bayou figured prominently in Battle of San Jacinto. Now a residential community occupied chiefly by employees of nearby refineries, industrial plants and Houston businesses. Town became a rural post office in 1900, mushroomed into bustling residential suburb and continued to grow with rise of Houston. Northeast is site of capture of Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna at Battle of San Jacinto.

San Jacinto Junior College — Coed, municipal junior college founded 1961. Enrolls more than 6,000 students. On Spencer Highway.

PORT ARTHUR *Grid J-17* *Pop. 56,552* *Alt. 18*

General — On northwest shore of Sabine Lake nine miles from Gulf of Mexico, site of a settlement known as Aurora in 1840.

City named after Arthur E. Stillwell, Kansas City financier, who was instrumental in building railroad to edge of townsite.

Ports of Port Arthur, Beaumont, Orange and Lake Charles (in Louisiana) comprise Sabine Customs District, of which Port Arthur is headquarters port.

Cargo tonnage, annually averaging about 23,000,000, justifies the claim "We Oil the World" because nearly a million barrels of crude oil are refined in area daily.

Principal port commodities are petroleum, coke, lumber, cotton, grain, hoop steel, palm kernel and palm oils, scrap iron, asphalt, wax, paints, glass, clay products, wrapping paper and lead.

City is also year-round fisherman's paradise. Average temperature varies from 55 degrees in winter to 82 in summer. Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce furnishes free fishing map showing many excellent locations to catch more than 25 varieties of freshwater and saltwater fish.

Major Events — Port Arthur Spring Flower Show, two days late Mar. - early Apr.

Annual Festival of Barbershop Harmony, one day in Apr.

Sunday afternoon sailboat regattas on Lake Sabine, May through Aug.

Mexican Independence Day (Diez y Seis), observed in Sept.

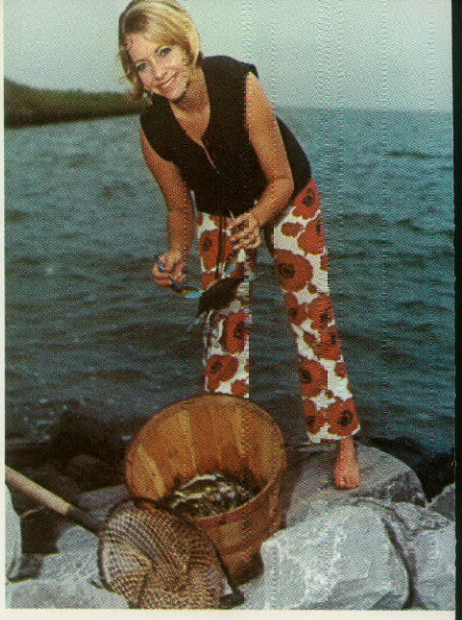
CavOILcade, three days in Oct., city's annual salute to petroleum industry. Festivities include Queen coronation, downtown street parade, musical events and competition, contests, banquets, regattas and fishing rodeo on Pleasure Island.

Dick Dowling Park — About 12 miles south via Texas 87. (See SABINE PASS this section.)

Pleasure Island — Connected to city by Gulfgate Bridge which arcs 138 feet above the ship channel; access from island via toll causeway to Cameron Parish, La. Island is in Sabine Lake, 100-square mile saltwater lake which opens into Gulf of Mexico. Golf course, marina, boat ramps and miles of free roadside fishing levees from which anglers take redfish, drum, speckled trout, croakers and other species; excellent crabbing throughout the year.

Port Arthur College — Private Methodist college, founded in 1909, has regular term enrollment of about 650.

Port Arthur Historical Museum — Depicts great strides made in the span of Port Arthur's history. Relics from Battle of Sabine Pass, mortgage note issued by Santa Anna ($500 mortgage bond issued by Mexican general on his personal property to raise



CRABBING IS POPULAR SPORT AT PORT ARTHUR

VAST REFINERY COMPLEXES, PORT ARTHUR

funds for his army), and an Edison Talking Machine. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. - noon. Fifth and Austin Sts.

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PORT LAVACA *Grid L-14* *Pop. 10,072* *Alt. 19*

General — Seat of Lavaca County, on a bluff overlooking landlocked Lavaca Bay; important center for commercial and pleasure fishing, ranching and agriculture, port facilities and diversified industries. Waterfowl hunting during season, miles of nearby swimming beaches, boat ramps.

Major Events — Texas Water Safari, week in June begins in San Marcos (Ranch & Hill Country Section), ends at Seadrift. One of world's toughest canoe races; teams must carry all supplies during several hundred miles of river and bay paddling.

Calhoun County Youth Rodeo, three days in Aug.; school-age cowboys display rodeo skills.

Jaycee Fishing Festival, three days around Labor Day, prizes for biggest and most among several saltwater species.

Calhoun County Fair, three days mid-Oct.; old-fashioned fair festivities with seaside flavor.

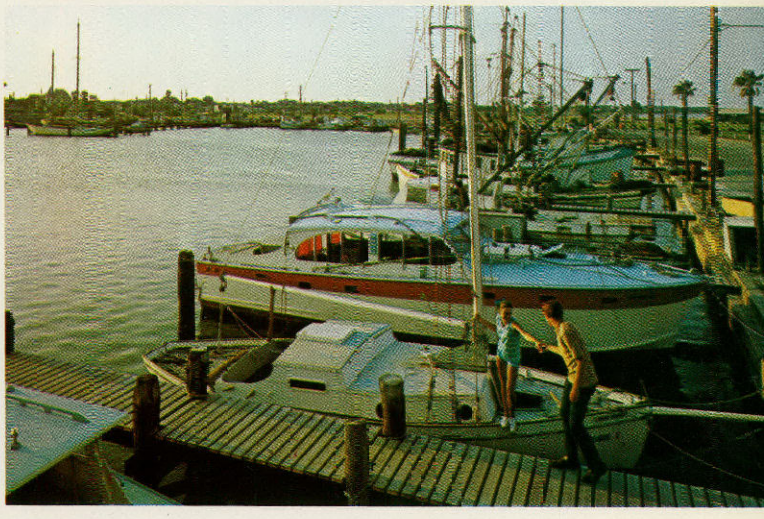
Calhoun County Museum — Relics, artifacts and mementos of early days in area. Old jail next to courthouse. Open Mon. - Sat. 10 - 11:30 a.m.; 2 - 5 p.m.

Indianola County Historic Park — At site of Old Indianola Town; down through history many ghost towns have dotted the Texas landscape, but none lived longer, thrived more successfully — nor died more tragically than Indianola on Matagorda/Lavaca Bays. For a summary of Indianola's life — and death — see INDIANOLA, this section. Picnicking, fishing, boat ramp; 13 miles southeast via Texas 238 and 316.

La Salle Monument — Erected at site of old Indianola to commemorate where La Salle is thought to have first landed in Texas

PREVAILING WINDS SCULPTURE COASTAL TREES NEAR ROCKPORT

HUGE REPLICA SALUTES CRAB INDUSTRY, ROCKPORT



PLEASURE CRAFT MOORINGS AT ROCKPORT YACHT BASIN

in 1685. Entire memorial is of Kingsland pink granite, 22 feet in height. Highway rest area is adjacent to monument; about 14 miles south on Texas 316. (See INDIANOLA this section.)

Port Lavaca Causeway State Recreation Park — Old highway causeway, replaced by modern span, now a popular lighted fishing pier extending 3,202 feet into Lavaca Bay. Swimming, boating and saltwater fishing. Facilities include snack bar, bait stand and rest rooms. Port Lavaca City Park at base of pier has boat ramp, camping and picnicking facilities. Fee for pier use. Alongside Texas 35 causeway.

PRAIRIE VIEW — Grid J-14 — Pop. 3,506 — Alt. 250

General — Town derived name from plantation home of Col. Jack Kirby. Following death of his son, plantation became a girls' school; in 1876 became property of the State, and Texas Legislature established college for Negro youth on the site.

Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical College — Established as private school 1885, became state Negro college in 1876. Coed, currently enrolls nearly 4,000 students. Large campus just off U.S. 290.

St. Francis Episcopal Church — Simple frame building dates from 1370; was first Episcopal Church in Texas north of Houston. Still furnished with original handhewn pews made by first congregation. Moved from Hempstead in 1958 to campus of Prairie View College. (See above).

REFUGIO — Grid M-13 — Pop. 4,225 — Alt. 43

General — (Re-FURy-o) Founded 1834 at site of Mission Nuestra Senora del Refugio (see below). Seat of Refugio County, on north bank of Mission River; today a commercial center for an oil-producing, ranching and farming territory.

Major Events — Refugio Art Festival, annual one-day event usually held in June.

Refugio County Fair, three days in Oct.; traditional county fair attractions and exhibits of farm produce, livestock and home crafts.

Aransas National Wildlife Refuge — About 38 miles east of Refugio (See ROCKPORT this section).

Nuestra Senora del Refugio Mission — Original location in swampy section of present Calhoun County; last of early Texas missions. Established by Franciscans. Because of unhealthy location, mission was removed in late 1794 re-established at present Refugio on Jan. 8 1795. Mission record of baptisms was kept until 1828, when order for secularization was issued; however, order was not executed until 1830. National champion tree, an anaqua, is at mission. The anaqua which was a large tree when General Urrea's Mexican force captured mission in 1836, measures 151 inches in circumference, has a 50-foot crown.

ROCKPORT — Grid M-13 — Pop. 3,421 — Alt. 20

General — Established 1867 as shipping point for wool, hides, bones and tallow. Became seat of Aransas County in 1871; today important commercial fishing area. Tourists, boaters and fishermen gather to enjoy abundant access to saltwater recreational opportunities; on peninsula between Copano Bay and Aransas Bay, sheltered from Gulf of Mexico by St. Joseph Island.

Aransas National Wildlife Refuge — Famed as principal wintering ground for near-extinct whooping crane, refuge is on broad peninsula about 12 miles across the bay northeast of Rockport. Administered by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as refuge for protection and management of various species of wildlife inhabiting this coastal area. Some 300 species of birds — Canada geese, pintail and baldpate ducks, sandhill cranes, etc. — have been recorded. Other inhabitants include white-tailed deer, javelina and raccoon. Sightseeing, nature observation, hiking and photography permitted along designated public use roads, trails, and at observation towers; also picnic areas. Most rewarding time to view wildlife: Nov. through Mar., when greatest number of species are at refuge (including whoopers). Open daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Access to refuge entrance about 40 miles northeast of Rockport via Texas 35 north, F.M. 774 east, and F.M. 2040 south. Admission.

One of the best ways to view wildlife, especially whoopers, is from 65-foot motor vessel *Whooping Crane*. Regular trips each

Wed., Fri. and Sun. throughout year, cruising past tidal flats and salt marshes where many species are found. Departs 1:30 p.m. for five-hour tour from Sea Gun Sports Inn, nine miles north of Rockport on Texas 35. Fare.

Copano Bay Causeway State Park — Former highway causeway across bay north of Rockport (replaced by a modern span) now excellent fishing piers administered by Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept. Piers extend from north and south sides (not connected), total length of both over mile and a half. Concessions on both sides provide tackle, bait, food; public boat ramp south side. Near present Texas 35 causeway. Modest fee for fishermen.

Fishing — Public pier and jetty sheltering Rockport Yacht Basin are popular spots for bay fishing; dawn hours generally the most productive. Many hotels and motels on bay front maintain private fishing piers for guests. Depending upon season of the year and proverbial luck, catches may include redfish, sand and speckled trout, catfish, croaker, sheepshead, flounder and drum. Group boat fishing and deep-sea charter cruisers are also available at the Yacht Basin. Offshore species may include tarpon, sailfish, marlin, ling, wahoo, king mackerel, bonito, pompano, red snapper, warsaw and others.

Goose Island State Park — 307 acres on peninsula between Copano and St. Charles Bays. Rest rooms, showers, picnic sites, open shelters, children's play area, fishing pier, fish cleaning table, boat ramp. Tent and trailer camping permitted, unsupervised Gulf swimming beach. Site of "Big Tree," an immense live oak certified as largest in Texas, estimated 2,000 years old. About 12 miles north of Rockport, Texas 35, Park Road 13. Admission.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Marine Laboratory — Exhibits of Texas Gulf marine flora and fauna, open to public Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed national holidays. Installation is center for state marine research.

ROSENBERG *Grid K-15* *Pop. 11,960* *Alt. 106*

General — Once shipping site on Brazos River; established upon building of Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad in 1883. Discovery of oil in 1920s brought brief boom town flurry. Today center of rich farming and ranching area on fertile coastal plains. Industries include oil, salt and sulphur production, canned foods, mixed feeds, cottonseed processing, and steel fabrication. Chamber of Commerce provides literature for self-guided farm and ranch tours of area, including recreational and historic sites.

Thomas Barnett Home — Frame home, constructed 1836, was burned by Santa Anna's army. Rebuilt same year by Thomas Barnett, one of Stephen F. Austin's Old Three Hundred colonists, alcalde, signer of Texas Declaration of Independence, and chief justice of Austin County. Five miles northwest off Texas 36.

SABINE PASS *Grid J-17* *Pop. 850* *Alt. 8*

General — Sabine City laid out in 1836 by Sam Houston and Philip A. Sublett. Name changed to Sabine Pass in 1839; first of several incorporations as town in 1861. At one time population numbered around 6,000, but storms in 1886, 1900 and 1915 took heavy tolls in community. Commercial fishing and marine repair are significant industries. Historical significance lies in Battle of Sabine Pass during Civil War.

Battle of Sabine Pass — Occurred on Sept. 9, 1863; was attempt by Union forces to invade Texas. Lts. Richard Dowling and N. H. Smith with six cannon and 42 men successfully defended the fort and Sabine Pass, capturing three attacking Union gunboats. So successful was rout that no more attempts were made to invade Texas by Sabine Pass.

Dick Dowling Park — Near Sabine Pass, named in honor of hero of that famous battle, statue of Dick Dowling stands on a base of Fredericksburg pink granite at Dowling Point in the park. Picnic facilities with fine view of ships entering and leaving Gulf of Mexico.

SAN FELIPE *Grid J-14* *Pop. 350* *Alt. 155*

General — Known as the "Birthplace of Anglo-American settlement in Texas," San Felipe de Austin was named for Stephen F. Austin, who located his first Texas colonists here in 1823. Historic village was home of Texas' first newspaper (the *Gazette*, 1829), origin of Texas postal system, and saw beginning of legendary Texas Rangers. Location of Conventions of 1832 and 1833, and Consultation of 1835 — meetings which led to Texas Declaration of Independence. Community razed by fire and occupied by Santa Anna's invading Mexican army in 1836; restored after Texan victory at San Jacinto. Stephen F. Austin Park Association operates information center at San Felipe Post Office

LARGEST LIVE OAK IN TEXAS, GOOSE ISLAND STATE PARK

COPANO BAY CAUSEWAY STATE PARK

OIL AND PETROCHEMICALS TOP LIST OF PRODUCTS

DOG-RUN LOG CABIN, STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE PARK

DICK DOWLING MONUMENT RECALLS INCREDIBLE BATTLE OF SABINE PASS

SHIPPED FROM PORT OF TEXAS CITY

where literature and information are available.

Stephen F. Austin State Park — 664-acre park is in two sections, historical and recreational. Historical section is near an old ferry crossing of Brazos River; includes replica of Austin's dog-run log cabin where he conducted business of the first colonists. Dominating many monuments and historical markers is magnificent statue of Stephen F. Austin, "The Father of Texas." Restored J. J. Josey Store, built in 1847, is now museum displaying merchandise of pioneer era. (Open Sat., Sun. and holidays; admission.) Recreational portion of park offers picnic, camping and trailer sites, screened shelters, snack bar, swimming pool and golf course. Fishing available in Brazos River. Immediately north of San Felipe on Park Road 38. Admission.

SEALY *Grid J-14* *Pop. 2,641* *Alt. 203*

General — Town developed as stop on Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad after 1875, although settlers were in nearby area of San Felipe (which see) as early as 1823. Sealy offers well-kept city parks, fishing in nearby Brazos River.

Stephen F. Austin State Park — Six miles east of Sealy via I.H. 10 east, F.M. 1458 and Park Road 38 north. (See SAN FELIPE this section.)

SHINER *Grid K-13* *Pop. 2,095* *Alt. 350*

General — Founded in 1887; a trade center for Czech and German farmers. Cotton still king in area although beef and dairy cattle play important roles in economy. Several industries include the only brewery whose product is made, bought and consumed in Texas — almost all of the annual 25,000 barrels marketed in surrounding area.

Edwin Wolters Memorial Museum — Displays include guns, furniture, utensils, natural history and memorabilia of early Shiner history. Open second and fourth Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. 609 L St. Contributions.

TEXAS CITY *Grid K-16* *Pop. 38,393* *Alt. 12*

General — Originally bay front community called Shoal Point, real growth began in 1891 when financiers from Minnesota purchased site for real estate and port development. Today city between Houston and Galveston is both a pleasant residential area and site of major industrial and port facilities. Industries include tin smelter, oil refineries, metal fabrication and chemical plants. Port ships grain, cotton, sulphur, petroleum and chemical products. Recreational opportunities include boating, fishing, swimming, picnicking and golf. During seasons hunters take plentiful ducks, geese and other waterfowl.

Major Event — Tackle Time Festival from mid-June to July 4. Citywide festival featuring boat races, water ski shows, musical review, beauty contests, golf tournament, giant shrimp boil, barbecue feast, festival ball, and fishing contests.

College of the Mainland — County junior college offering technical and vocational training, plus standard accredited courses toward baccalaureate degree. Established 1966; coed, enrolls some 1,800 students.

Dike and Marina — Texas City Dike & Marina, Inc., extends five miles into Galveston Bay with complete boat launching and service facilities, and motel accommodations. Other services include ship's store, groceries, bait, tackle and two municipal piers. Charter boats available for bay or deep-sea fishing.

Parks — Twelve municipal parks offer playgrounds, swimming pools, baseball diamonds, tennis courts and picnic grounds.

VICTORIA *Grid L-13* *Pop. 39,349* *Alt. 93*

General — Anglo-American settlers lived in area before 1824 when Don Martin de Leon brought his colony of 41 families to site he named Guadalupe de Jesus Victoria for patron saint of Mexico. Historic town boasts several distinctions: first cattle capital of West; state's first cattle brand designed and used here; first artificial ice in the South (1868); *Victoria Advocate* is second oldest continuous newspaper in Texas. Village was one of first three towns incorporated by Republic of Texas. Cattle remain major economic factor, with valuable industrial supplements such as synthetic fiber raw material, starch, oil field equipment, sand and gravel, concrete pipe, boats and food processing.

Major Events — Victoria County Livestock Show, four days in Mar., features prize stock and agricultural exhibits.

Area rodeos and horse shows held throughout late spring and summer months.

McNamara-O'Connor Historical and Fine Arts Museum — Preserves permanent "backward look" with mementos ranging from document signed by Sam Houston as President of Republic of

Texas, to photographs of early Victoria baseball teams; antique furniture from pioneer homes. House built about 1869, example of traditional Southern architecture. Open Wed. 10 a.m. - noon, 3 - 5 p.m.; Sun., 3 - 5 p.m. Also by appointment. 502 N. Liberty. Admission.

Riverside Park — 400 acres of woodland bordered by Guadalupe River; 200 picnic areas with tables and barbecue pits; several locations provide playground equipment.

Victoria Children's Zoo, also in park, contains many rare specimens.

Beautiful trees border fairways of 18-hole Riverside Golf Course.

Victoria College — County junior college established 1925. Coed, with enrollment of 1,500. At Ben Jordan and Red River Sts., just north of U.S. 59.

Victoria Memorial Square — Landmark is old grist mill; hand-shaped logs fastened by wooden pegs and homemade nails of early German farmers. South Texas winds once turned giant blades, grinding corn into feed for livestock, or cornmeal for family table. Mechanical parts of mill brought from Germany before 1860; park also features Southern Pacific oil-burning locomotive. E. Commercial and De Leon Sts.

WEST COLUMBIA *Grid K-15 Pop. 3,284 Alt. 40*

General — During Texas Revolution known simply as Columbia; town figured importantly in history of Texas: from Sept. - Dec. 1836, was capital of Republic, period when first Congress convened and Sam Houston inaugurated president; late that year, Congress decided to move seat of government to Houston because Columbia did not have adequate accommodations. Today a center for farming, livestock and oil. Area known for white-tailed deer, waterfowl and upland game birds. Fishing available in nearby San Bernard River.

Varner-Hogg Plantation State Historic Park — Feature is dignified Greek Revival plantation home built mid-1830s on rich Brazos River lands by Columbus R. Patton, planter from Mississippi. Land originally obtained in early grant from Stephen F. Austin Colony by Martin Varner, pioneer who established first rum distillery in Texas. Last private owner was James Stephen Hogg, first native governor of Texas. Filled with period furnishings and relics of epic past, house and 53 surrounding acres donated to state by Hogg heir. Open daily except Mon. and Wed., tours 10 a.m. - noon, 1 - 5 p.m. Admission. One mile north via county road off Texas 35.

WHARTON *Grid K-14 Pop. 7,827 Alt. 111*

General — On east bank of Colorado River, established as Wharton County seat when county organized in 1846; today serves farming-oil area. Principal industries are rice storage, milling, sulphur processing, hides, concrete.

Major Events — Wharton County Junior College Open Rodeo, two days in May.

Wharton County Youth Rodeo, three days in July.

Wharton County Air Show, first Sun. after July 4th.

Dickson Monument — Granite shaft honors Sheriff Hamilton B. Dickson, killed in 1894 in attempted capture of murder suspect. Lawman was so widely respected, trains were chartered from distant points to accommodate huge attendance at funeral.

Wharton County Junior College — Coed, established 1946; enrolls about 2,000 students.

YOAKUM *Grid K-13 Pop. 5,547 Alt. 322*

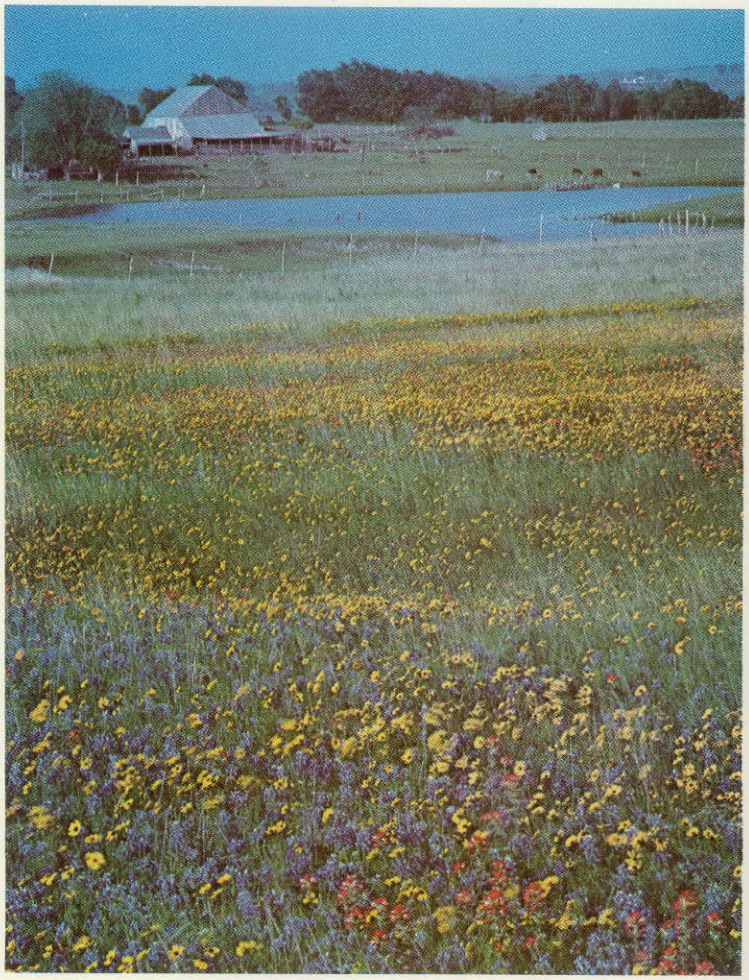
General — In early years, ranchers used site as gathering grounds for herds of Texas Longhorns that were driven to northern and western markets over famous Chisholm Trail. Today's economy based upon tannery and leather factories, canning and meat packing, plus farming, cattle and oil.

Major Events — Wild Flower Trails, three Sun. in Apr. Sightseeing routes charted over roads in surrounding areas where spring blossoms are most profuse. Blubonnets (state flower) and beautiful Indian paintbrush are among most plentiful species.

Tom Tom Rodeo and Celebration, three days in June. (Despite name, not Indian in derivation.) Name relates to tomatoes and event began some 40 years ago when Yoakum was large tomato producing center. Tomato crop not as important now, but rodeo, parades, beauty pageant and other festivities draw visitors from over state.

Brushy Creek Youth Rodeo, three days in mid-July. Young area cowboys compete in traditional arena events.

SPRING WILD FLOWER TRAILS ATTRACT VISITORS TO YOAKUM



campground guide

In every season the camping's great in Texas! Sites listed below are administered by local, state and federal agencies. Not included are commercial camps whose listings are usually available in commercial guides. Camps are listed under nearby city name; driving directions are provided to each.

Directions are by standard compass abbreviations: **N** (north), **NE** (northeast), **E** (east), **SE** (southeast), **S** (south), **SW** (southwest), **W** (west), **NW** (northwest). Highways are indicated by standard abbreviations: **IH** = Interstate Highways, shown on maps as (35). **US** = U.S. Highways, shown on maps as (80). **Tex** = Texas State Highways, shown on maps as (21). **FM** or **RM** = Texas Farm or Ranch Roads (all are excellent paved routes), shown on maps as (770).

Drinking water is at all sites except where specifically noted.

ANAHUAC **Bun's Beach**

FM 563 N 5.5 mi; local rd S .5 mi. On Lake Anahuac. Tent sites, fl toilets. Free. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (County Road Dept, Box 447, Anahuac 77514)

ANAHUAC **Double Bayou Park**

Tex 61 E 2 mi; FM 562 S 7.5 mi; local rd W .3 mi. On Double Bayou. Tent sites, fl toilets. Free. Fish, boat, picnic. (County Road Dept, Box 447, Anahuac 77514)

VARNER-HOGG PLANTATION STATE PARK WEST COLUMBIA

CAMPING'S GREAT IN THE COASTAL EAST

ANAHUAC — **Fort Anahuac Park**

Within city: S Front Ave at Chambers Dr. On Trinity Bay. Tent or trailer sites, fl toilets, elec outlets, area lighting. Free, max 2 days. Swim, fish, boat, picnic, playground. (County Road Dept, Box 447, Anahuac 77514)

ANAHUAC — **Job Beason Park**

FM 563 S 4 mi; local rd S to Oak Island. On Double Bayou. Tent sites, fl toilets. Free. Fish, boat, picnic. (County Road Dept, Box 447, Anahuac 77514)

ANAHUAC — **White Memorial Park**

Tex 61 E 3 mi; Tex 61 N 3.8 mi. On Turtle Bayou. Tent sites, fl toilets. Free. Fish, boat, picnic. (County Road Dept, Box 447, Anahuac 77514)

ANAHUAC/Mont Belvieu — **McCollum Park**

From Anahuac: FM 563 N 6.1 mi; IH 10 W 12.4 mi; Tex 146 S 3.5 mi; FM 565 E 3 mi; FM 2354 S 3 mi; local rd E 1.5 mi. On Trinity Bay. Tent-trailer sites, fl toilets. Free, max 2 days. Swim, fish, boat, picnic, playground. (County Road Dept, Box 447, Anahuac 77514)

ANAHUAC/Winnie — **Winnie-Stowell Park**

From Anahuac: Tex 61 E 3 mi; Tex 61 N 3.9 mi; IH 10 E 15.3 to Winnie; Tex 124 S .5 mi; local rd E .5 mi. Tent sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, area lighting. Free. Picnic, playground. (County Road Dept, Box 447, Anahuac 77514)

ARANSAS PASS/Port Aransas — **Port Aransas Park**

From Aransas Pass: Tex 361 SE 6 mi, free ferry to Port Aransas, local rd SE .5 mi. On Gulf of Mexico. Tent or trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers, dump sta. Daily $2-3. Fishing pier. Swim, fish, bait, tackle rental, boat, picnic, surf & board rental. (County Pks & Recreation Dept, 10901 S Padre Island Dr, Corpus Christi 78418)

EDNA — **Bennet Park**

US 59 SW 4.2 mi; FM 234 SE 10.3 mi; FM 616 SW 3.8 mi; local rds NW .8 mi, SW .4 mi, NW .8 mi, SW .1 mi. On Garcitas Creek. Tent or trailer sites, pit toilets, dump sta. Free, max 14 days. Swim, fish, boat, picnic, playground, nature trail. (County Pks Board, County Courthouse, Edna 77957)

FREEPORT — **Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge**

No access to camp area by auto. FM 523 NE 1.2 mi; Tex 332 SE 3.3 mi; Gulf Intracoastal Waterway NE 4.2 mi. Primitive tent camping permitted fishermen on island portion of Refuge between Waterway and Christmas and Drum Bays. No drinking water. Free, max 3 days. Fish, boat. CAUTION: Rattlesnakes. (Refuge Manager, Box 476, Angleton 77514)

GOLIAD — **Goliad State Park**

US 183 S 1 mi; Park rd 6 W. On San Antonio River. Tent sites, screened shelters, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers. Entrance $1, daily tent $1.50, shelters $3.50, max 14 days May 1-Sept 15; 28 days Sept 16-Apr 30. Fish, picnic, nature trail, museum, mission replica. (Goliad St Pk, Box 727, Goliad 77963)

GONZALES — **Independence Park**

US 183 S 1 mi. On Guadalupe River. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, area lighting, dump sta. Free, max 3 days. Groc. Swim, boat, fish, picnic, playground, golf, nature trail, bike trail. (City Hall, Box 212, Gonzales 78629)

GONZALES — **Lake Wood Recreation Area**

From US 183: US 90A W 3.1 mi; FM 2091 S 3 mi. On Lake Wood. Tent & trailer sites, fl toilets, showers, area lighting. Daily tent $2, trailer $3, max 7 days. Groc. Fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic. (Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, Box 271, Seguin 78155)

GONZALES — **Palmetto State Park**

US 90-A W 3.5 mi; FM 2091 N 8.7 mi; Park Rd 11 E .7 mi. On San Marcos River. Tent & trailer camping permitted, fl & pit toilets, showers. Entrance $1, daily tent or trailer $1, max 14 days May 1-Sept 15. Swim, fish, picnic, playground, nature trail. Unique botanical area of subtropical vegetation, artesian wells and sulphur springs. (Palmetto St Pk, Box 4, Ottine 78658)

HALLETTSVILLE — **City Recreation Park**

Within city: off US 77. Tent sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers, area lighting. Free. Groc. Swim, picnic, playground. (City Hall, Box 257, Hallettsville 77964)

HOUSTON — **Alexander Duessen Park**

From IH 10/US 59: IH 10 E 7.9 mi; South Lake Houston Parkway N&E 11.9 mi. On Lake Houston. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, area lighting; screened shelter. Free. Groc. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rental, picnic, playground, bike trail. (County Alexander Duessen Pk, Lake Houston, Houston 77044)

HOUSTON — **Bear Creek Park**

From IH 10/Loop 610: IH 10 W 11.5 mi; Tex 6 N 3.5 mi; Clay Rd E to park. On Bear Creek. Tent & trailer sites, fl toilets, showers, screened shelters with elec outlets, area lighting. Free. Picnic, playground, golf, nature trail, bike trail. (County Bear Creek Pk, 15100 Clay Rd, Houston 77055)

MONT BELVIEU (see Anahuac)

PORT LAVACA — **Indianola Park**

Tex 238 W&S 4.7 mi; Tex 316 SE 9.1 mi. On Gulf of Mexico. Tents or trailers permitted, primitive. No drinking water. Free. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (County Courthouse, Port Lavaca 77979)

PORT LAVACA — **Port Lavaca Fishing Pier Camping Grounds**

E city limits at Lavaca Bay Causeway. On Lavaca Bay. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers, area lighting, dump sta. Daily $1-1.50, max 7 days. Groc. Swim, fish, boat, bait, picnic. (City Hall, Box 105, Port Lavaca 77979)

ROCKPORT — **Goose Island State Park**

Tex 35 NE 8.8 mi; Park Rd 13 S. On Gulf of Mexico. Tent & trailer sites, open shelters, elec outlets, fl & pit toilets, showers. Daily tent or trailer $1, shelters $2.50, max 14 days May 1-Sept 15; 28 days Sept 16-Apr 30. Boat ramp, fishing pier. Swim, fish, boat, picnic, playground, nature study, "Big Tree" — largest live oak in Tex. (Goose Island St Pk, Rt 1, Rockport 78382)

SAN FELIPE (see Sealy)

SEALY/San Felipe — **Stephen F. Austin State Park**

From Sealy: US 90 E 2.1 mi; FM 1458 N 2.2 to near San Felipe; Park Rd 38 NW. On Brazos River. Tent & trailer sites, screened shelters, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers, dump sta. Entrance $1, daily tent $1, trailer $1.75, shelters $3.50, max 14 days May 1-Sept 15. Snack bar. Swim, fish, picnic, golf, replica of Austin's home. (Stephen F. Austin St Pk, Box 797, San Felipe 77473)

WINNIE (see Anahuac)

pecos frontier

A century separates the wild west that *was,* and the wide west that *is*—but it's hardly noticeable in the Pecos Frontier. When shadows lengthen and coyotes howl, it seems like yesterday.

Those who look can still find ruts of wagon trains. Those who listen can—almost—hear echoes of the last defiant Kiowa cry.

Legends which grew from this land were only a trifle more incredible than truth. Pecos Bill, fabled king of cowboys, was credited with fantastic feats just to stay ahead of his real-life compadres. Here was Judge Roy Bean's domain, the real-life "Law West of the Pecos."

At every turn, today's travelers will find splinters of a rough-hewn past: gunfighter graves and stagecoach stops, plus the easy-going nature of people unaccustomed to modern pressures.

Like barbecue over mesquite coals, slice yourself a generous travel portion of the Pecos Frontier.

THE PECOS RIVER

ALAMO VILLAGE, BRACKETTVILLE

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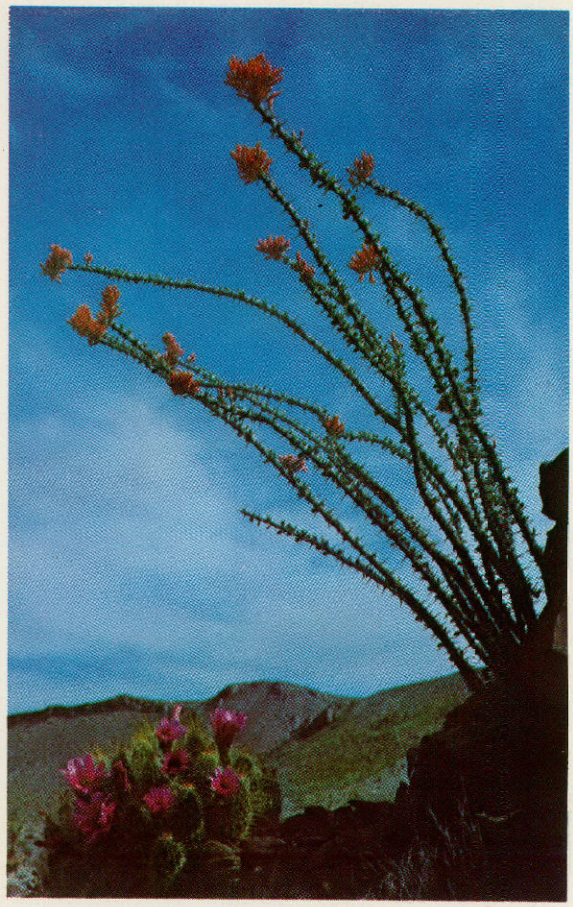

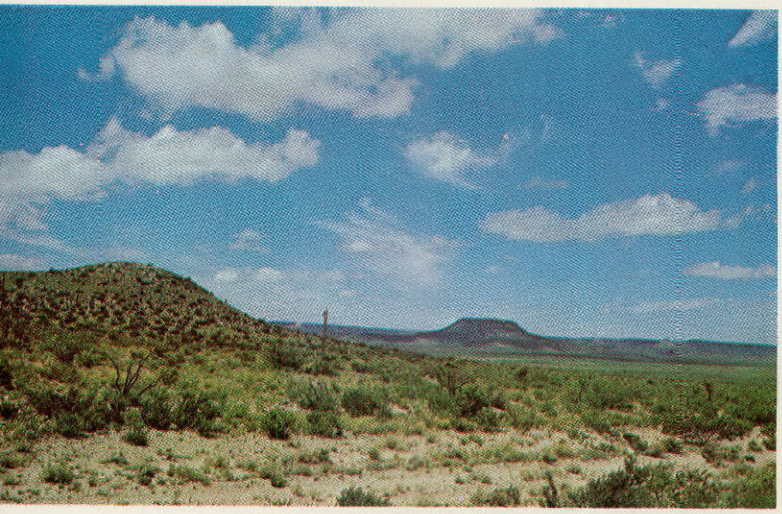

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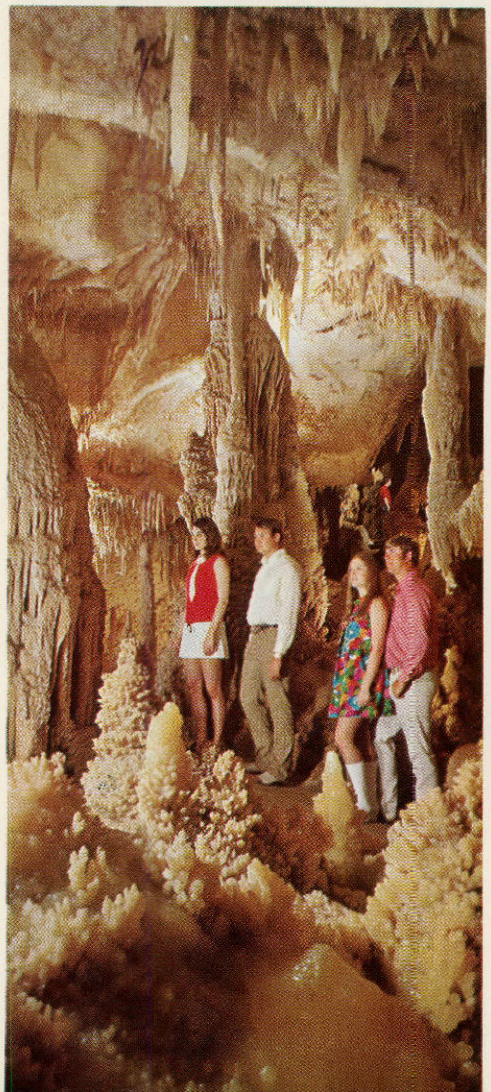

CAVERNS OF SONORA

JUDGE ROY BEAN'S "JERSEY LILLY" LANGTRY

CHOLLA CACTUS

WHERE TO GO, WHAT TO SEE

ANDREWS — Grid G-6 — Pop. 8,440 — Alt. 3,410

General — Became county seat in 1910, year Andrews County was organized. Today a commercial center for surrounding ranching and petroleum interests.

Major Events — Annual Spanish Fiesta, in May, is recent addition to event calendar; one-day citywide celebration.

All-Night Gospel Singing, June event. Nationally known Gospel singers take part.

Andrews Junior Rodeo in June is four-day attraction; draws youthful rodeo competitors.

Andrews Amateur Rodeo, July, also spans four days and attracts many riders and ropers.

Andrews County Museum — Pioneer tools, household items, Indian relics, pictures. Open Sun., Mon., Tues., 1 - 5 p.m. 212 N.W. 2nd St.

Andrews High School — $3,000,000 complex is genuine tourist attraction with unusual construction and employment of some of the nation's newest ideas in educational architecture and operation. Central dome serves as both hall and gym. Carpeted classrooms and Olympic-sized indoor swimming pool.

Municipal Parks — Six public parks offer variety of outdoor recreation; barbecue pits and picnic areas, playgrounds, lighted baseball fields, basketball and tennis courts, and swimming pool. Lakeside Park features small lake for skiing, fishing, and scenic picnic sites. For campers or trailers, free overnight campground with water, rest rooms, showers, fireplaces. On Texas 176 seven blocks west of intersection with U.S. 385.

BARKSDALE — Grid K-9 — Pop. 175 — Alt. 1,498

General — Called "Dixie" by first settler in 1876, later named for Louis Barksdale who located on a grant there about 1880. Indian raids delayed settlement of area; settlers killed by Indians as late as 1879. Presently serves as marketing center for surrounding cattle sheep and goat ranches.

Camp Wood — Established 1857 as U.S. military post on Nueces River. At approach of Civil War, post was abandoned on Mar. 15, 1861. Historical marker is at site four miles east on a county road. Another marker is on Texas 55 just north of city limits.

Mission San Lorenzo de la Santa Cruz — Established 1762 by a captain of San Saba Presidio and Fray Diego Jimenez, president of missions of the Rio Grande. Though it gathered a number of Lipan-Apache Indians, mission never became strongly operating unit, since approval of viceroy was never obtained; abandoned after a few years. Ruins of mission, also known as El Cañon, four miles southeast, but not easily accessible.

BIG LAKE — Grid H-7 — Pop. 2,445 — Alt. 2,678

General — Community developed with building of Orient Railroad in 1911; served as marketing and retail center for surrounding cattle and sheep ranches. The University of Texas owned much of rather arid grazing lands around Big Lake where in 1923 a large oil pool was discovered with the Santa Rita No. 1. Within a year 17 more producing wells were drilled. These discoveries, and others in following years, made the University of Texas one of richest schools in nation. Today Big Lake is seat of Reagan County; name derives from large, shallow depression to the south which forms a broad lake during wet seasons.

Old Courthouse — Northwest about 12 miles, among flat table-

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Ackerly	F-7	Imperial	I-6	San Angelo	H-8
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B		**J**		Sheffield	I-7
Bakersfield	I-6	Juno	J-8	Sherwood	H-8
Barksdale	K-9	**K**		Silver	G-8
Barnhart	I-8	Kermit	G-5	Sonora	I-8
Barstow	H-5	Knickerbocker	H-8	Spofford	K-9
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Big Lake	H-7	**L**		Sterling City	G-8
Big Spring	G-7	Langtry	K-7		
Brackettville	K-9	Lenorah	G-7		
Bronte	G-9	Lomax	G-7		
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Carlsbad	H-8	McCamey	I-6		
Carta Valley	K-8	Mentone	H-4		
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Del Rio	K-8	Odessa	G-6	Tennyson	H-9
Dryden	J-6	Ozona	I-7	Texon	H-7
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Eldorado	I-8	Pecos	H-5	Vancourt	H-9
F		Penwell	H-6	Vealmoor	F-7
Fairview	G-7	Pyote	H-5	Vincent	F-7
Fort Stockton	I-5	**R**		**W**	
Frankel City	G-6	Rankin	H-7	Wall	H-9
G		Robert Lee	G-8	Water Valley	H-8
Garden City	G-7	Rocksprings	J-9	Wickett	H-5
Girvin	I-6	Royalty	H-5	Wink	H-5
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For a complete state driving map, refer to the Official Highway Travel Map available free from the Texas Highway Department.

legend

- (35) Interstate Highway
- (90) U. S. Highway
- (P40) Park Road
- (72) State Highway
- (674) Farm or Ranch Road
- (306) Loop or Spur
- •Rest Area
- ▪Comfort Station
- ★Tourist Bureau
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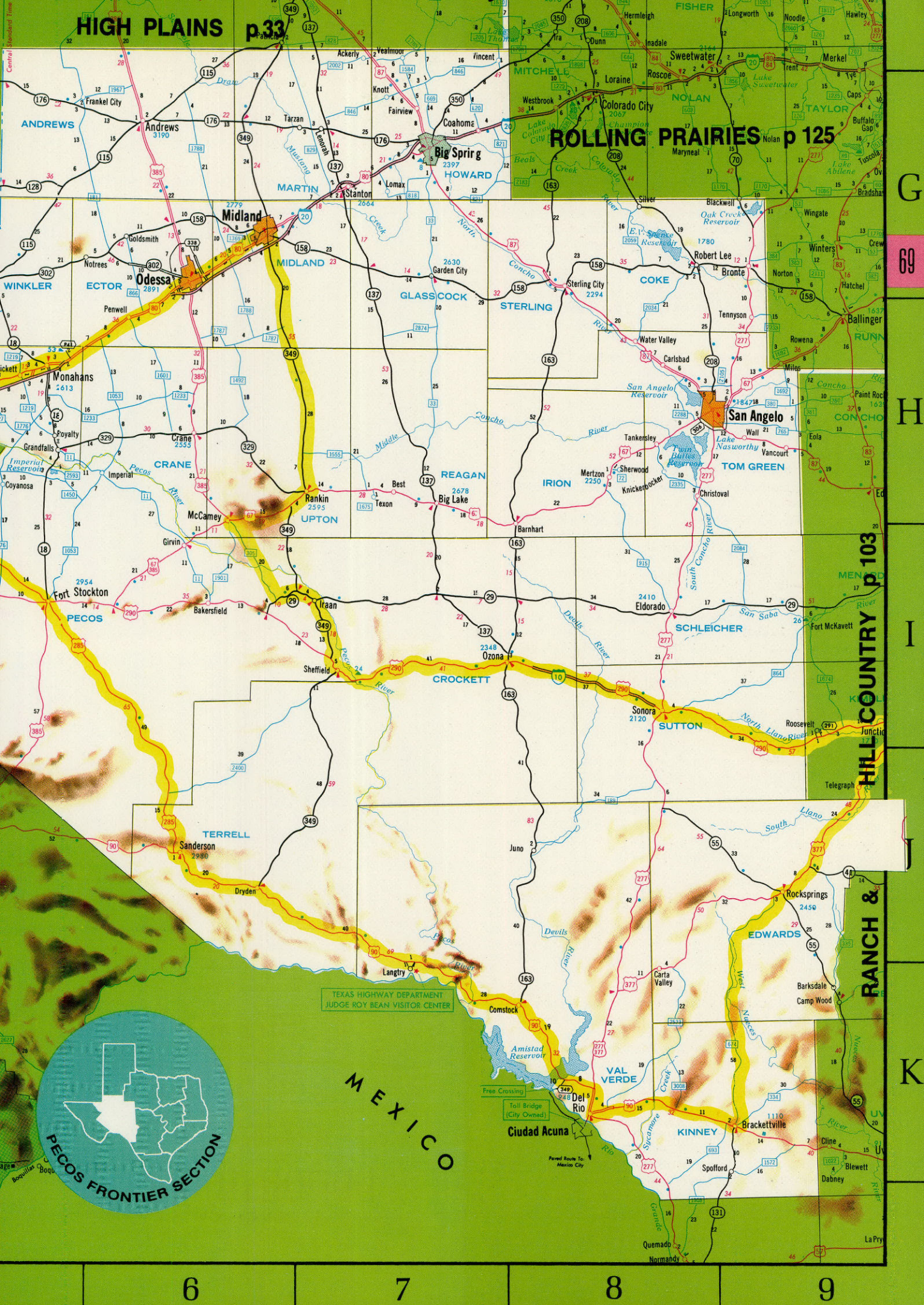
The Pecos Trail crosses a land where frontier legends were only a trifle more incredible than the actual events. Route marked in light yellow on Pecos Frontier map. (also see Travel Trails section, page 180)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lands and low hills, two-story building of native stone in community of Stiles, one-time county seat. Prospects were good in 1903 when county was organized; Stiles had a newspaper; Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad surveyed route through town. Familiar tragedy occurred when large landowner refused to let railroad cross his land — the Orient built through Big Lake and Stiles withered.

BIG SPRING *Grid G-7* *Pop. 28,165* *Alt. 2,397*

General — Seat of Howard County; derived name from spring which served as watering place for buffalo, antelope, and wild mustangs. Spring was source of friction between Comanches and Shawnees, and camp site for early expeditions across western Texas. Headquarters and shipping point for livestock, cotton and small grains; since 1927 oil discovery a refining and distribution point for oil well machinery.

Major Events — Rattlesnake Hunt, in Mar., is a search for deadly reptiles which must be brought in alive. After catch is weighed, venom is extracted, and snakes sold for medical and scientific purposes.

Big Spring Rodeo, in June, has unusual feature of being staged in bowl-type arena much like a football stadium. World championship rodeo spans four days; Junior Rodeo in Aug. covers three days.

Big Spring State Park — 343-acre park contains popular dance pavilion and picnic facilities. Its scenic drives overlook city. At south edge of city off F.M. 700. Admission.

City Park — Large municipal park has facilities for camping, swimming, golf, picnicking; also pavilion, baseball field, and playground. At southern edge of city off F.M. 700 and U.S. 87.

Howard County Junior College — Established 1946, coed; enrolls more than 1,000. South of I.H. 20 on Birdwell La.

Lake — J. B. Thomas. See LAKES this section.

Webb Air Force Base — An advanced jet pilot training school, 2.5 miles west off I.H. 20/U.S. 80.

BRACKETTVILLE *Grid K-9* *Pop. 1,478* *Alt. 1,020*

General — Established as supply village for adjacent Fort Clark in 1852. Developed as trade center for surrounding ranching and irrigated farming. Seat of Kinney County. Hunting in area is excellent, with sportsmen taking white-tailed deer, wild turkey, javelina and upland game birds.

Major Event — Labor Day Horse Races at Alamo Village offer excitement. Rules are simple: no registered horse can be entered nor any horse that has ever raced on a recognized track, no known jockey may ride, all mounts must have Western saddles — and a Colt .45 signals start of each event.

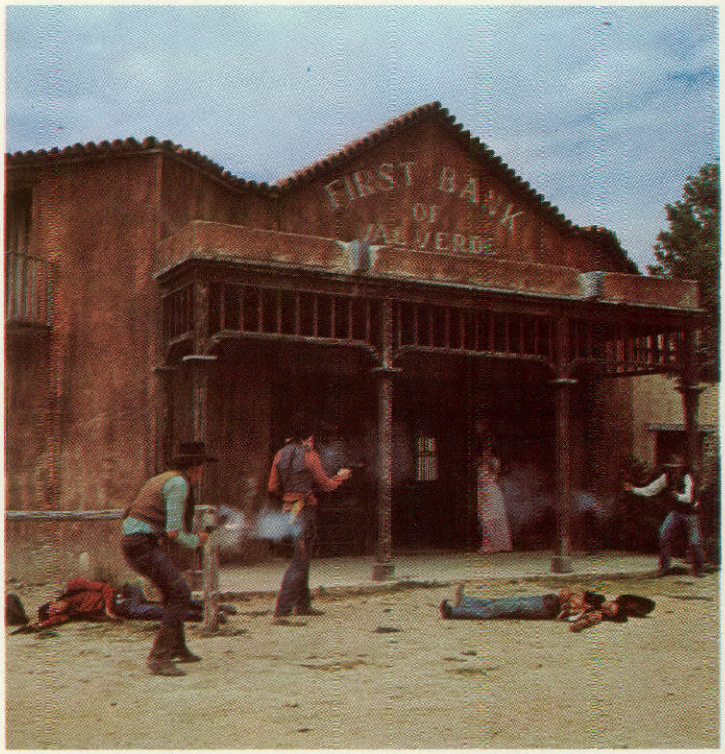
Alamo Village — Western family recreation center built around movie set constructed for John Wayne's "The Alamo," filmed in 1959. Set was one of largest and most complete ever constructed in U.S. Authentic replica of the Alamo built by adobe craftsmen imported from Mexico, plus complete frontier village of Southwest. Continues as center of movie production in Texas. Facility, now operated by Shahan Angus Ranch, includes cantina-restaurant, trading post, souvenir shop, jail, Wells Fargo station, saddle shop and other typical Old West structures. Visitors may see frontier lawmen and desperados shoot it out on the streets, and take ride in genuine stagecoach. Six miles north on R.M. 674. Admission.

Fort Clark — One of the most historic military posts in the Southwest, established 1852. Over the years many infantry regiments and most of Army's cavalry units saw duty at Fort Clark. It served through World War II, was deactivated in 1946. Today the old fort buildings offer modern guest ranch accommodations with airstrip and golf course, plus horseback riding, swimming, fishing, archery, and a petting zoo. South edge of town on U.S. 90.

Historic Buildings — Several in area are of historical interest. St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church dates from 1878; Masonic Lodge Building, circa 1879, was original county courthouse. It stands next to present courthouse, and is dated by outside staircase. Information on these and other sites at chamber of commerce on Ann St. (R.M. 674) downtown, next to Post Office.

Scenic Drives — Two highways lead north into scenic landscapes of the Edwards Plateau. Locally known as the Hill Country, area rich in wild game and beautiful vistas. Among sheep, goats and cattle in rocky pastures, travelers may catch glimpses of

"DESPERADOS" SHOOT IT OUT AT ALAMO VILLAGE, BRACKETTVILLE



ALAMO VILLAGE STAGECOACH RIDE

FORT CLARK GUEST RANCH, BRACKETTVILLE

RUINS OF FRONTIER FORT CHADBOURNE, BRONTE

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE MARINA, AMISTAD RESERVOIR, DEL RIO

THE RIO GRANDE, INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY, SEPARATES THE U. S. (LEFT) FROM MEXICO

area rich in wild game and beautiful vistas. Among sheep, goats and cattle in rocky pastures, travelers may catch glimpses of white-tailed deer or wild turkey, especially in late afternoon. Several views of West Nueces River winding among steep cliffs and hills. R.M. 674 north to Rocksprings, or R.M. 334 northeast to intersection with Texas 55.

Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery — Dating from frontier era, scouts were descended from slaves stolen from plantations by Florida Seminoles. Moved to Oklahoma after Seminole War, many migrated toward Mexico. U.S. government hired 150 to serve as scouts with Army, following trails of raiding Indians. A group settled in Brackettville around Fort Clark. Descendants remain as farmers and ranchers, maintain old cemetery on county road about three miles south.

BRONTE *Grid G-9* *Pop. 1,050* *Alt. 1,893*

General — Established 1887; named for famed English novelist, Charlotte Bronte. Local park offers swimming pool, nine-hole golf course and playground.

Fort Chadbourne Ruins — Established 1852 by elements of 8th Infantry to protect frontier settlers. Early picket-type structures were built, but eventually stone was quarried for a number of substantial buildings. Fort depended upon Oak Creek for water, but stream proved unreliable, and water was serious problem at Fort Chadbourne for years. Federal troops left fort in 1859, and with outbreak of Civil War two years later, fort was occupied by Confederates. U.S. forces reoccupied fort 1865-67, but chronic water shortage forced abandonment and transfer to Fort Concho in San Angelo (which see this section).

Ruins of fort are on private property, not open to public. Accessible is historical marker beside U.S. 277 about 10 miles north, and nearby old cemetery of Fort Chadbourne town, now vanished. Many of oldest graves are unmarked, inscriptions on soft sandstone markers often illegible. Several still readable date back to 1870s, and some poignant stories are told by brief lines.

Lake — Oak Creek Reservoir. See LAKES this section.

CRANE *Grid H-6* *Pop. 3,447* *Alt. 2,580*

General — Crane County seat and only town in county. Located in oil-rich Permian Basin area, county has more than 6,000 producing oil wells.

Major Events — Crane County Exposition and 4-H Achievement Show is mid-Jan. event.

Crane County Rodeo features three days of arena action, early Sept.

Lake — Imperial Reservoir. See LAKES this section.

DEL RIO *Grid K-8* *Pop. 20,928* *Alt. 948*

General — Early Spanish missionaries twice tried to establish colonies on San Felipe Creek at site of present Del Rio, but isolation and Indians prevented permanent settlement until late 1870s. Presently seat of Val Verde (green valley) County, and important gateway to Mexico. (See Ciudad Acuna below.) Hunters visit area for white-tailed deer, javelina, white-wing and mourning dove, blue quail and wild turkey. Hunting leases available on nearby ranches; fishing excellent on Rio Grande and Amistad Reservoir. County is state's leading producer of sheep and lambs, plus substantial numbers of Angora goats. Contact Del Rio Chamber of Commerce, intersection U.S. 90/U.S. 277, for details on area attractions.

Major Events — Val Verde County Stock Show in Jan. has two days of exhibits and competition by area's best stockmen.

Bullfights in Ciudad Acuna, first Sun. of each month from Apr. to Nov.

Prized animals of Southwest are displayed at Val Verde Quarter Horse Show, one day in May.

4-H Club Junior Rodeo, late May-early June, sees three days of performances by young riders, ropers and all-round horsemen.

Partnership Golf Tourney is popular three-day meet each June.

Labor Day Golf Tourney; four-day competition which draws participants from a wide area.

Del Rio Quarter Horse Show exhibits champion specimens of the traditional cowboy mount, one day, Oct.

Fiesta de Amistad spans five days in Oct. when Del Rio and Ciudad Acuna combine to celebrate international friendship (amistad). Features are Miss Amistad Beauty Pageant, Abrazo (clasp of friendship) on International Bridge, huge Good Neighbor Parade (Gran Desfile del Buen Vicino), fly-in breakfast, golf and bowling tournaments, fireworks, dances and chariade (rodeo) in Ciudad Acuna bull ring.

Ciudad Acuna — City of 25,000 across Rio Grande from Del Rio.

Bullfights, intriguing night spots, restaurants, fascinating markets offering handmade silver, decorative wrought iron, jewelry, woven goods, leather craft, pottery and souvenirs. (See MEXICO: Entrance & Exit Regulations at end of book.)

Lake — Amistad Reservoir. See LAKES this section.

Laughlin Air Force Base — Complete undergraduate pilot training leading to qualification in supersonic aircraft. Visitors permitted on portions of base, seven miles east on U.S. 90.

San Felipe Springs and Moore Park — Lush oasis in arid setting, springs were important watering stop on historic Chihuahua Road that connected Texas port of Indianola with Chihuahua City, Mexico. Springs flow some 65 million gallons of clear, pure water daily. San Felipe Country Club golf course surrounds springs, and Moore Park provides a large swimming pool.

Val Verde Winery — Small family enterprise founded in 1880s by Italian immigrants who brought cuttings from Europe to establish vineyard. Still operated by same family; winery welcomes visitors during regular business hours.

Whitehead Memorial Museum — Dedicated to life and legends of frontier Southwest, museum in rustic structure that was early trading post serving both Texas and Mexico. Judge Roy Bean (see LANGTRY this section) and his son are buried on museum grounds. Open Mon. - Sat. 9 - 11 a.m.; 2 - 5 p.m. Admission.

ELDORADO *Grid I-8* *Pop. 1,396* *Alt. 2,410*

General — Seat of Schleicher County, established 1895. Located in scenic, rugged Hill Country of West Central Texas, city is headquarters for large ranching area, especially sheep and goats. El Dorado Woolens is only woolen mill in the Southwest weaving fabrics from virgin wool and mohair produced on West Texas ranches. Heavy concentration of white-tailed deer makes entire county popular with hunters each fall and winter.

FORT STOCKTON *Grid I-5* *Pop. 7,773* *Alt. 3,052*

General — Town developed with establishment of Fort Stockton military post in 1859, an outpost at crossing of Old San Antonio Road and ancient Comanche War Trail. Popular spot with Indians long before white men arrived because of large natural springs nearby. Area represented one of earliest irrigated farming efforts in Texas. Some 8,000 acres irrigated as early as 1877. Today seat of Pecos County, retail and shipping headquarters for vast ranching, natural gas and oil activities, and major West Texas crossroads. Hunting excellent over broad area south for mule deer and pronghorn antelope.

Major Event — Pecos County Livestock Show, two-day Jan. event with exhibits, livestock shows and varied competition.

Comanche Springs — Once one of largest flowing springs in Texas, now site of Olympic-sized swimming pool. Historical notations date from early days of Cabeza de Vaca's explorations, 1534, and other explorers such as Espejo in 1583, Mendosa in 1684.

Courthouse Square — Historic features include courthouse (1883), first Catholic church (1875), first schoolhouse (1883), and Zero Stone placed by survey party in 1859, used as origin point for all land surveys in this part of West Texas. Nearby St. Stephens Episcopal Church (1872), was first Protestant church west of the Pecos River.

Dinosaur Park — County Park with preserved footprints of prehistoric animals. Adjacent to Highway Department rest area, 22 miles northeast on U.S. 67/385. Historical marker three miles north of U.S. 67/385 - U.S. 290 intersection gives additional details.

Grey Mule Saloon — Preserving nostalgic remembrance of times past, restored old saloon was one of early day "red-eye" (whiskey) dispensaries of West Texas. Callaghan and Main Sts.

James Rooney County Park — Green and spacious park on southern edge of city at historic Comanche Springs. Swimming, picnicking, camping and tennis courts.

Lake — Imperial Reservoir. See LAKES this section.

Old Fort Cemetery — Records on existing tombstones indicate no person lived beyond age of 40; indication of hardships of those who opened and settled this harsh country.

Old Fort Stockton — Typical frontier military post established 1859, abandoned in 1886. Many original buildings of adobe and handhewn limestone still stand. Officers' Row and old guardhouse on Williams St. between 4th and 5th Sts.

Riggs Hotel — Popular stop on Butterfield Overland Mail Route; built 1899. Now a museum restored and maintained by Fort Stockton Historical Society, featuring area-related displays of life at turn of century. Open daily except Wed. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 3 - 6 p.m. 301 S. Main St.

Tunis Creek Stagecoach Stop — Former way station on Butterfield Overland Mail Route; later a Texas Ranger station. Historic structure has been moved, stone by stone, to Texas Highway Department Roadside Park on U.S. 290 seven miles east. Original location was approximately two miles south.

GARDEN CITY *Grid G-7* *Pop. 286* *Alt. 2,510*

General — Established near turn of the century, town is seat of Glasscock County, one of state's most sparsely populated areas. Principal market and commercial center for surrounding farming and ranching areas, and extensive oil production.

IRAAN *Grid I-7* *Pop. 951* *Alt. 2,200*

General — With 1928 discovery of oil, town exploded into existence of hastily constructed frame buildings and tents. Name, chosen in a contest, combines names of the townsite owners, Ira and Ann Yates.

City Park — 40-acre park adjacent to Fantasyland (see below). Picnicking, grills, swimming pool, overnight camping. On Texas 29.

Discovery Well A No. 1 — Gusher blew in more than four decades ago, remains one of largest producing oil wells in North America. Tremendous jet of oil sprayed tent city four miles away. Sign at well site details impact of discovery.

Fantasyland — Alley Oop, comic strip caveman, was created by V. T. Hamlin while he lived in Iraan. Giant statues at playground immortalize Oop, his girl friend Ooola, and his dinosaur Dinny. Dinny is 65 feet long, 16 feet tall and 80,000 pounds heavy. Favorite spots for snapshots are astride his head, or sliding out of Oop's 20-foot top hat. Also in Fantasyland is Iraan Archeological Museum with artifacts of prehistoric man, other area antiquities. On Texas 29.

KERMIT *Grid G-5* *Pop. 7,685* *Alt. 2,890*

General — County seat town was mere village in 1926 when population of entire county was 81. Then oil was discovered nearby in the fabulous Permian Basin, and the boom was on. Today a center for oil and petroleum-based industries including natural gas, butane, propane, carbon black and sulphur.

Haley's Western Museum — Large collection of guns including 15th Century matchlock rifle; early furniture; contents of medicine man's grave; artifacts collected by Dr. D. T. Thrower, North Plains collector. Open daily. On Haley Bros. Ranch, 12 miles west off Texas 302. Admission.

Monahans Sandhills State Park — About 25 miles southeast. (See MONAHANS this section.)

Pioneer Park — Outdoor museum includes Moorhead Derrick, a cable tool derrick with walking beam. Last active equipment of its type; was in operation until 1966. Other items are oldest house in Kermit, and "Nester's Shack" which were moved to site. Park area nearby offers swimming, picnicking, athletic courts. Open daily. Four blocks north of Texas 302 at east limits.

LAKES

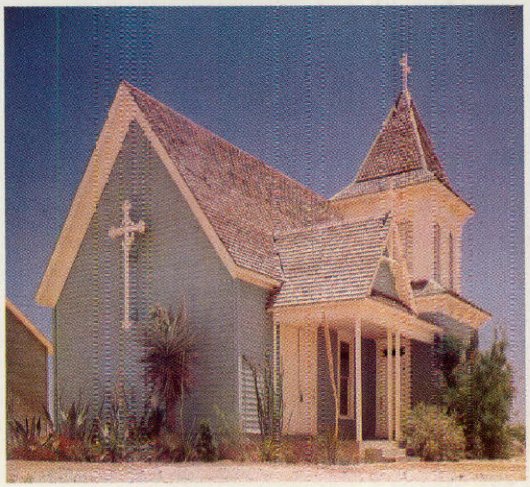
Amistad Reservoir — Joint project of United States and Mexico, Amistad (Friendship) Dam impounds waters of the Rio Grande just below its confluence with Devils River. Huge reservoir covers some 67,000 acres at normal level, extending 74 miles up the Rio Grande, 25 miles up the Devils River, and about 14 miles up the Pecos River. International boundary is marked by buoys on huge lake which hosts sportsmen from both countries. Fishing, boating and sightseeing are superb on clear blue waters. The U.S. side is controlled by National Park Service; two marinas currently available, others planned. Diablo East Marina near southeast end of U.S. 90 bridge over Devils River arm of reservoir; Rough Canyon Marina off U.S. 277/377. For details about reservoir facilities and regulations, contact U.S. project headquarters at the dam, 12 miles northwest of Del Rio via U.S. 90, Spur 349. Toll-free access to Mexico across dam. K-8

E. V. Spence Reservoir — 14,950-acre lake west of Robert Lee offers wide range of water sport activities, fishing. Lakeside development underway. G-8

Imperial Reservoir — Storing 17,000 acre-feet of water for irrigation, reservoir affords fishing, swimming, boating and related water sports. About 35 miles north of Fort Stockton, 25 miles south of Monahans, also accessible from Crane. H-5

J. B. Thomas, Lake — Large lake of 7,820 acres on Colorado River whose waters and 75-mile shoreline attract thousands. Wide range of water sports and recreational activities includes swimming, boating, skiing, camping and excellent fishing. About 32

LAKE NASWORTHY, SAN ANGELO



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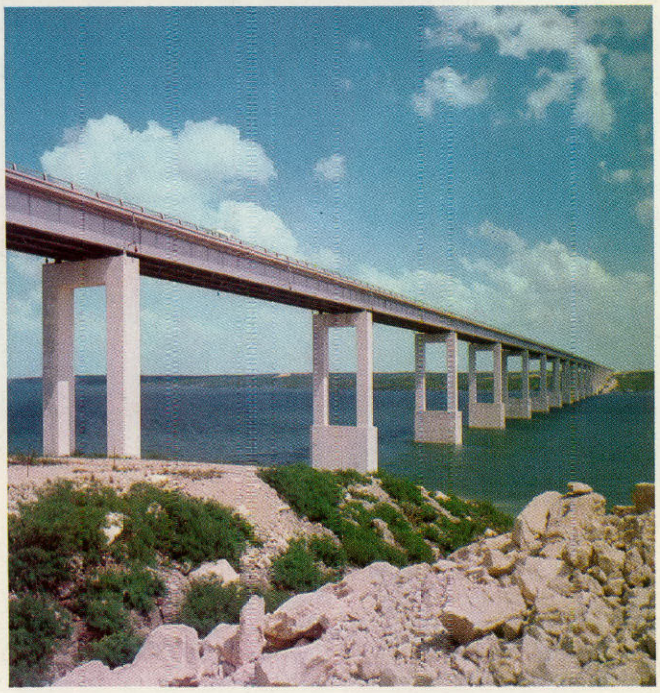


U. S. 90 CROSSES DEVILS RIVER ARM OF AMISTAD RESERVOIR

miles northeast of Big Spring, accessible from Colorado City, Gail and Snyder. F-8

Nasworthy, Lake — 1,596-acre municipal lake provides water supply, flood control and recreation for San Angelo area. Camping, picnicking, fishing, swimming and other water sports available. About six miles southwest of San Angelo. H-8

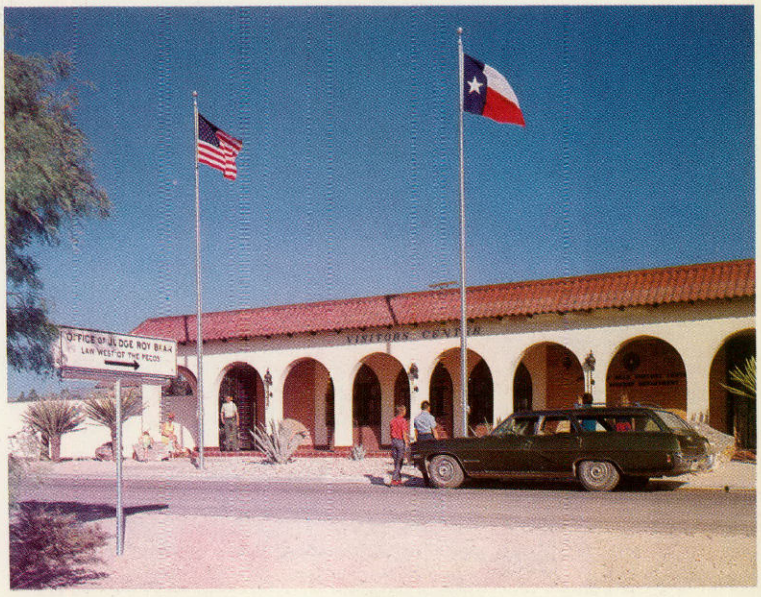
Oak Creek Reservoir — Largest of three lakes supplying municipal needs for Sweetwater (Rolling Prairies section); 2,375 acres provide area with water sports including fishing, swimming, boating. Services and accommodations at lakeside. About 11 miles north of Bronte, also accessible from Robert Lee. G-9

San Angelo Reservoir — Reservoir on North Concho River, completed 1960, serves in flood control, conservation and recreational capacities. Covering 5,440 acres with ample room for fishing, swimming and other water sports. Three miles northwest of San Angelo. H-8

Twin Buttes Reservoir — Impoundment on Middle and South Concho Rivers has one of longest earthfill dams ever built by U.S. Bureau of Reclamation: 8.1 miles long with maximum height of 131 feet. At conservation level Twin Buttes Reservoir covers 8,400 acres; offers boating, swimming, fishing and other water sports, lakeside camps and service facilities. About eight miles southwest of San Angelo. H-8

LANGTRY *Grid K-7* *Pop. 135* *Alt. 1,315*

General — Established 1881 when Galveston, Harrisburg, and San Antonio Railway survey was conducted, was junction of construction from east and west. Two origins of town's name exist: one prosaic, the other romantic. One credits town name to a civil engineer named Langtry who directed group of Chinese laborers in railroad construction. But colorful Judge Roy Bean (see below) insisted he named town after his idol, English actress Lillie Langtry, the "Jersey Lily."



JUDGE ROY BEAN VISITOR CENTER, LANGTRY

RECORDED PROGRAMS INTERPRET DIORAMAS AT JUDGE ROY BEAN VISITOR CENTER

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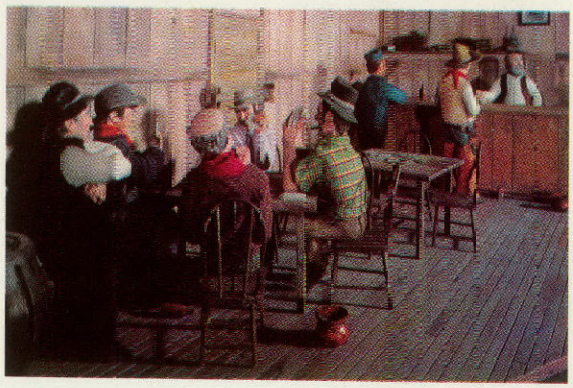


DIORAMA, JUDGE ROY BEAN VISITOR CENTER

DOWNTOWN MIDLAND

Judge Roy Bean Visitor Center — Features rustic saloon, courtroom and billiard hall of Judge Roy Bean, the colorful and controversial "Law West of the Pecos" in 1880s. Texas Highway Department preserves historic site where Judge Bean ruled with high-handed, but appropriate, brand of homespun law, outrageous humor, and six-gun justice. Adjacent modern visitor center interprets highlights of Judge Bean's career in six dioramas with special sound programs. Travel counselors provide literature and information about every part of Texas. An impressive cactus garden displays flora of Southwest; plaques abe specimens, and cite Indian/pioneer lore about the thorny plants. Free attraction open daily.

Scenic Overlook — U.S. 90 spans arid primitive land little changed since pioneers first made their way across it in creaking wagons. One of most formidable barriers to early day travel — and civilization — was precipitous canyon of the Pecos River. Modern travelers can pause in roadside park by U.S. 90 on east rim of canyon, about 18 miles east of Langtry. View is spectacular, and provides insight into difficulties faced by pioneers who had to negotiate crossing without a bridge of any kind.

McCAMEY *Grid I-6* *Pop. 2,585* *Alt. 2,441*

General — Before 1920, only a lone boxcar occasionally stood on siding at this featureless site. Then a driller named McCamey brought in a gusher. Within less than a year McCamey was brawling boom town of 10,000 housed in tents and hastily constructed buildings. Much quieted, McCamey today is still a center of oil activity and livestock shipping point for surrounding ranches.

Major Event — Labor Day horse racing and huge barbecue attract area residents and visitors.

Castle Gap Park — Before earliest written history of area Castle Gap was busy crossroads for nomadic tribes of Indians. Through it each fall, marauding Comanches followed their ancient war trail down from high plains to Northern Mexico, there to raid and pillage. Spanish explorers crossed here as did later floods of pioneers moving west. Ruts of countless wagons and trails of Indian ponies can still be seen etched into barren surface. In 1860s Goodnight-Loving Trail was blazed and tens of thousands of Longhorns were driven to market. About this period, according to legend, Emperor Maximilian of Mexico buried gold and jewels worth a quarter million dollars in area as he fled from Mexico. 232-acre park is on all-weather road from U.S. 385 about 13 miles northwest.

Mendoza Trail Museum — In historic Adrian House, restored in 1900 period; exhibits include relics of this recent frontier: Indian artifacts, fossils, mementos of oil boom. Open Tues. - Sat. 1:30 - 5 p.m. On U.S. 67 east.

Santa Fe Park — Huge pecan and elm trees shade areas for overnight camping, picnicking or traveling pause. Electric outlets, grills and grassy playground. At east limits on U.S. 67.

Scenic Drive — By night or day, the drive across King Mountain offers outstanding views. Mesa, at an altitude of 3,100 feet, has acres of ranchland shared by cattle, sheep and producing oil wells. Make local inquiry about county road from U.S. 67 east to U.S. 385 northwest.

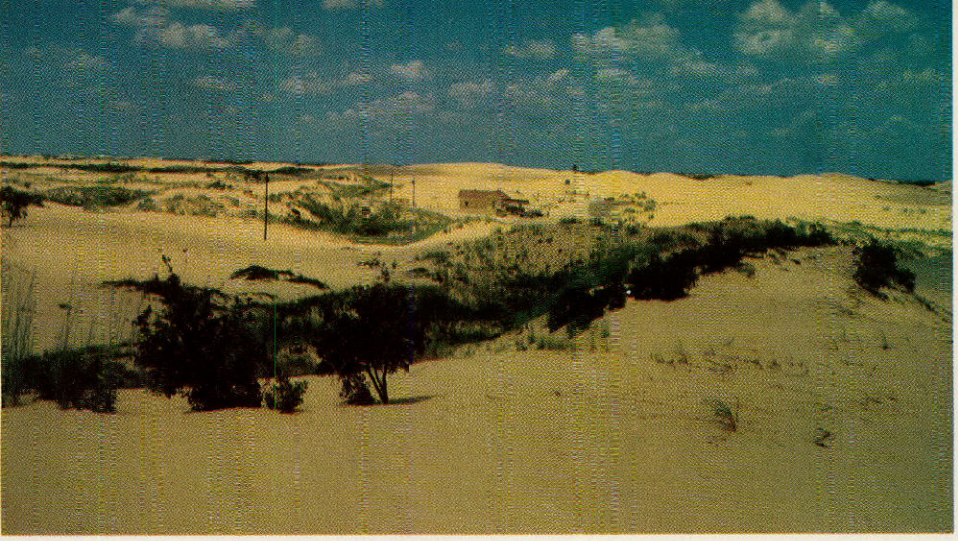
MENTONE *Grid H-4* *Pop. 44* *Alt. 2,683*

General — Noted as smallest county seat in Texas, the town was established in 1931. Loving County is state's last organized and most sparsely populated. Mentone has no bank, doctor, hospital, newspaper, lawyer, cemetery or water system. (Most water is hauled in.) Discovery of adjacent Wheat Oil Pool occurred in 1925.

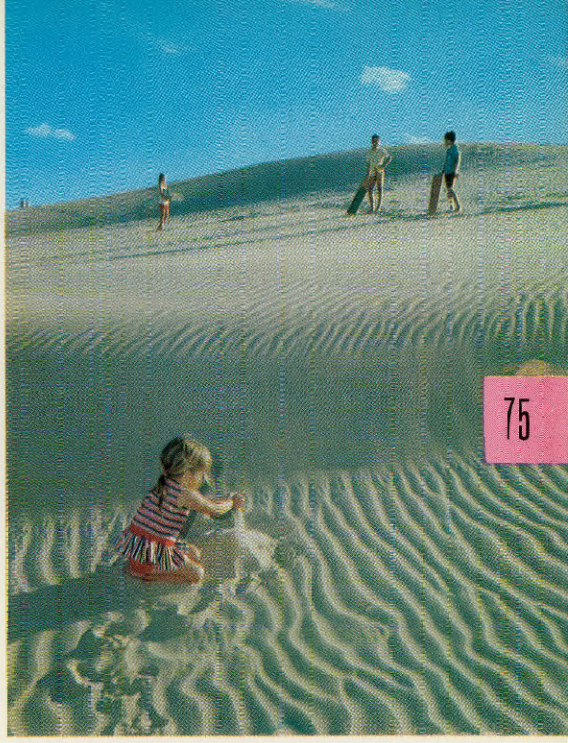
MERTZON *Grid H-8* *Pop. 589* *Alt. 2,184*

General — Established 1910 as stop on Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad; named for a director of the road. Seat of Irion County, a rolling to hilly area devoted primarily to ranching. County is one of Texas' leading sheep producing areas.

Sherwood Courthouse — One of best examples of early Texas courthouses still stands in Sherwood, a mile north and a mile east of Mertzon. Community was seat of Irion County from 1889 until 1936. The courthouse now belongs to Sherwood Baptist Church.



MONAHANS SANDHILLS STATE PARK, MONAHANS



MONAHANS, LIKE THE GREAT SAHARA!

MIDLAND *Grid G-6* *Pop. 58,199* *Alt. 2,779*

General — Established prior to 1880 by thrifty, substantial midwestern farm families, city had quiet agricultural existence until 1923 when oil was discovered nearby in fabulous Permian Basin. Today headquarters of vast Permian Basin oil activity, housing more than 650 petroleum and related businesses. City lies on former Chihuahua Trail, Immigrant Road to California, and Comanche War Trail. Name derived from location halfway between Fort Worth and El Paso. Has famed theatre center, symphony orchestra.

Cole Park Zoo — Animals of West Texas area including Texas Longhorns, buffalo, elk, deer, antelope, wild pigs, groundhogs, badgers, wolf, bear, peacocks and geese. Zoo has picnic tables and playground equipment in shaded area of beautiful trees.

Midland County Museum — Exhibits include Indian artifacts, pioneer relics; mementos of Civil War and World Wars I and II. Open Mon. - Thurs. noon - 6 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. - noon, 1 - 4 p.m. In city library at 301 W. Missouri.

Midland Man — Anthropologist Dr. Fred Wendorf discovered remains (calvarium, upper skull) of what is known now as the Midland Man. Discovery proves existence of man in Midland area 22,000 years ago; site on Scharbauer Ranch south of city limits. Reproduction of remains on display in historical museum portion of Midland County Library.

Museum of the Southwest — Documents, paintings and artifacts designed to preserve heritage of area. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. 1705 W. Missouri.

Parks — In a city of fine parks, three are exceptional: Cole Park and Zoo (see above) Dennis the Menace and Hogan Parks. Dennis the Menace Park is a three-acre duplicate of original in Monterey, Calif., with pastel colors and unusual areas of wading pools, walks, slides, playhouses and fountains. Hogan Park has excellent facilities: picnic area, playgrounds, swimming pool, ball diamonds, 18-hole golf course and driving range.

Pliska Museum — Blacksmith Johnny Pliska probably built and flew first airplane in Texas. Restoration of the frail craft, apparently designed by Pliska, is in glass-walled building on ramp side of Midland-Odessa Air Terminal. Airplane was flown several times in 1906, just three years after Wright Brothers flew at Kitty Hawk. Exhibits include articles and historical items depicting aviation history of area including a Roberts four-cylinder, 50-hp, two-cycle engine. Can be viewed daily all hours. Terminal off U.S. 80 between Midland and Odessa.

MONAHANS *Grid H-5* *Pop. 8,287* *Alt. 2,613*

General — Spanish explorers crossed area of present Ward County more than 400 years ago, but it remained undisturbed habitat of Indians until mid-1800s. City established about 1881 as a stop on Texas and Pacific Railroad building west from Fort Worth. County seat, today a financial and marketing center for more than 800 square miles of oil and cattle country.

Major Events — Prized livestock including sheep, cattle and quarter horses are displayed for four days during first week of Mar. at Ward County Livestock Show.

Home gardeners display best fruits and vegetables at Green Thumb Show on third Fri. of July.

On Pecan Perfection Day, usually last week in Nov., area growers compete for prizes for best nut specimens, and luscious variety of pecan dishes and pastries receive culinary attention.

Downtown Oil Production — Unusual example of oil drilling techniques downtown where six pump jacks sit side-by-side. Pumps are grouped for convenience, while holes slant thousands of feet down and away beneath midtown area, drawing oil from beneath city hall, courthouse, banks and business houses. On Texas 18 one block north of U.S. 80, adjacent to Texas & Pacific depot.

Lake — Imperial Reservoir. See LAKES this section.

Million-Barrel Tank — In 1928 when gushing oil fields were producing faster than oil could be hauled or stored, Shell Oil Co. constructed world's largest oil storage tank. Hundreds of men and mule-powered scrapers and wagons excavated huge oval tank. Floor and sloping walls were sheathed with concrete. Leaks, technical problems and advancement of pipelines doomed project; giant, empty reservoir is unusual sight, with floor able to accommodate nearly five football fields. Off U.S. 80 at east limits.

Monahans Sandhills State Park — 4,000 acres of wind-sculptured sand dunes like classical landscape of the Sahara. Park has modern museum and interpretive center, picnicking, camping and thrilling "sand buggy" rides over steep dunes. Huge sandhills area, only part of which is in park, was formidable obstacle to pioneer travelers and wagon trains. Indians knew it better; frequently camped here because pure, fresh water could be found between dunes by scooping a trench in sand. Not apparent to eye is one of largest oak forests in nation, stretching over 40,000 acres of arid land. "Forest" is not apparent because mature trees (Harvard oaks) are seldom over three feet high, yet send down roots as far as 90 feet to maintain miniature surface growth. Unusual park is on F.M. 20/U.S. 80 five miles east. Admission.

ODESSA *Grid G-5* *Pop. 76,109* *Alt. 2,891*

General — Established 1881 as stop on Texas and Pacific Railroad, said that name originated from Russian railroad laborers who compared wide, flat prairies with their homeland on steppes of Russia. City is in heart of vast area which was once an ancient sea. Area today, geologically speaking, is known as the Permian Basin, containing tremendous quantities of anhydrite, potassium salt, natural gas and oil. Oil boom beginning in 1929 brought great population growth. Symphony orchestra and chorale, Civic Music Association, Permian Playhouse Theatre and Globe of the Great Southwest.

Major Events — Sand Hills Hereford & Quarter Horse Show & Rodeo in Jan., eight days; first of the year draws top RCA cowboys.

Square Dance Festival in Feb., two days. Leading callers and 100 squares at Ector County Coliseum.

West Texas Relays in Mar., two days, has top high school competition.

National Hot Rod Triple Point Meet, three days in Apr. Hundreds of entrants compete on one of fastest and finest strips in U.S.

Fine Arts Festival, citywide throughout April.

Jazz Festival in May, five nights with outstanding artists.

Shakespearean Festival with professional talent; mid-June to mid-Aug.

Highway 80 Tennis Tourney in June, three days, draws 700 amateur players in all age brackets.

Independence Day Festival ends with fireworks and new Miss West Texas entry for Miss America competition.

A.J.R.A. Rodeo Finals in Aug., three days.

Permian Basin Oil Show is in Oct. on even-numbered years. Four-day show is exposition of oilfield equipment; attracts world-wide attention.

Junior College Invitational Basketball Tourney in Dec., three days at Odessa College.

Ector County Coliseum — 10,000-seat coliseum hosts varied cultural attractions. Just north of coliseum is re-created cable tool drilling rig circa 1920. In "driller's shack" adjacent to rig is a collection of photographs and relics of "boom" days of West Texas oil industry. Andrews Highway and 42nd St.

Globe of the Great Southwest — On grounds of Odessa College, theater is authentic replica of original Shakespearean Globe Theatre. Only group in Southwest offering year-round classics with professional talent. National road shows, local productions share unusual facilities.

Jackrabbit Statue — Billed as "the World's Largest Jackrabbit," 10-foot statue is in 400 block of N. Lincoln St., two blocks west of U.S. 385 and two blocks north of U.S. 80. A popular photo spot.

Odessa College — Founded 1946; two-year, coed, more than 3,000 students. Present campus occupied in 1949; school is rated one of outstanding junior colleges in Texas and nation.

On campus is museum with Indian artifacts, mementos of Permian Basin pioneers, literary exhibits, and items of research which led to re-creation of Globe Theatre. (See above.) Open Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Odessa Meteor Crater — Site of second largest meteor crater in U.S.; believed to have been formed more than 20,000 years ago; now silted almost level with surrounding plain. Displays include meteoritic fragments, documents and photographs, plus general and Texas meteorological exhibits. Open June - Aug., Thurs. - Mon. 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sept. - May, Sat. and Sun. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Five miles west, two miles south of U.S. 80. Admission

Presidential Room — In Ector County Library (622 N. Lee St.) room houses furniture, documents and other relics of presidents of Republic of Texas and of United States. Open Mon. - Fri., 10 a.m. - noon; 1 - 5 p.m.

OZONA *Grid I-7* *Pop. 3,400* *Alt. 2,348*

General — Seat of Crockett county, vast ranching and oil area of 3,000 square miles, and only town in entire county. One of nation's top areas in wool production; more than two million pounds marketed annually. In Edwards Plateau region, hunters find white-tailed deer, javelina and upland game birds.

Major Events — Quarter Horse Show in May exhibits champion specimens of the traditional cowboy mount.

Junior Rodeo, three days in July; school-age youngsters compete in rough and tumble arena events.

Crockett County Memorial Fair Park — Playground equipment and picnic facilities; east edge of city off U.S. 290.

Crockett County Museum — Frontier antiques, Indian relics, artifacts from Fort Lancaster, ranch implements and household items. Open Mon. - Sat. 9 - 11 a.m., 1 - 3 p.m. 404 11th St.

Davy Crockett Monument — Statue in city park on town square honors legendary frontiersman and hero of the Alamo, for whom county was named.

Fort Lancaster State Historic Site — Established 1855 by 1st U.S. Infantry; large rectangle around parade ground was site of 25 buildings which housed two companies. Troopers on mules protected wagon trains on San Antonio-El Paso "lower road." Restoration underway. Modern visitor and interpretive center. 33 miles west on U.S. 290.

Scenic Drive — Lancaster Hill, west on U.S. 290, overlooks Pecos River valley. Highway Department roadside park provides excellent spot for picnic lunch with panoramic view .

PECOS *Grid H-5* *Pop. 12,492* *Alt. 2,480*

For description of this famed Western town, see page 159, TOWERING WEST Section.

ROBERT LEE *Grid G-8* *Pop. 1,085* *Alt. 1,850*

General — Promoted as townsite in 1889 by two Confederate veterans, name honors Robert E. Lee. Graves of 34 Civil War veterans are in local cemetery. Seat of Coke County, area of rolling grasslands cut by Colorado River. Southern Overland Mail route (Butterfield Stage) crossed county near Robert Lee. Oil discovered in 1942, and more than 200 million barrels have been produced in county.

County Park — Neat, small county park off Austin St., offers public golf course, swimming pool, shaded picnic pavilions.

Dripping Springs — Scenic spot on Salt Creek about eight miles west on Texas 158 offers popular picnic facilities.

Ghost Town of Hayrick — In the Kickapoo Mountains, named for a nearby hill shaped like a hayrick, the abandoned town was once county seat. Only a few crumbling structures remain about eight miles northeast of Robert Lee. Inquire locally for directions.

Indian Relics — Coke County area was popular with many Indian tribes; several excellent local collections of artifacts. Flint points and other Indian items still found at numerous sites. Inquire locally and always obtain permission from landowners.

Lakes — E. V. Spence, Oak Creek Reservoirs. See LAKES this section.

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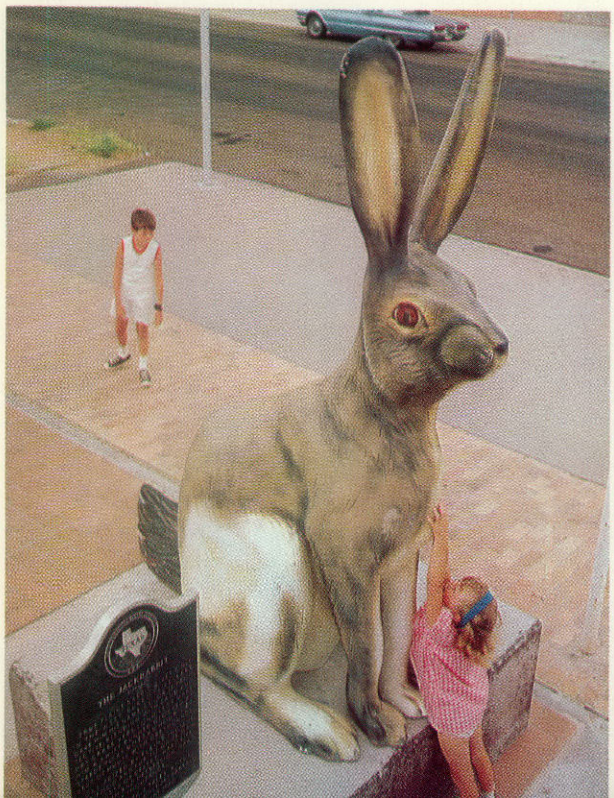

SOUTH LLANO RIVER NEAR ROCKSPRINGS

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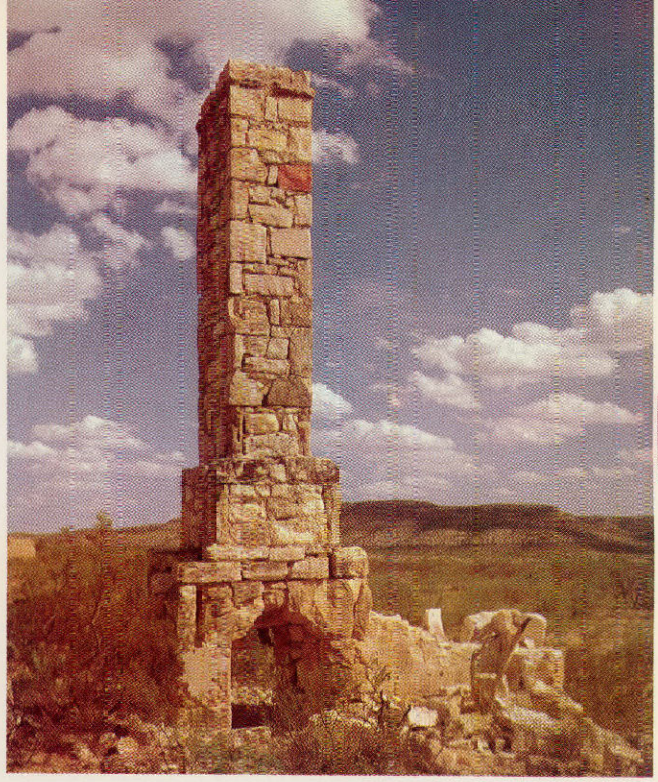

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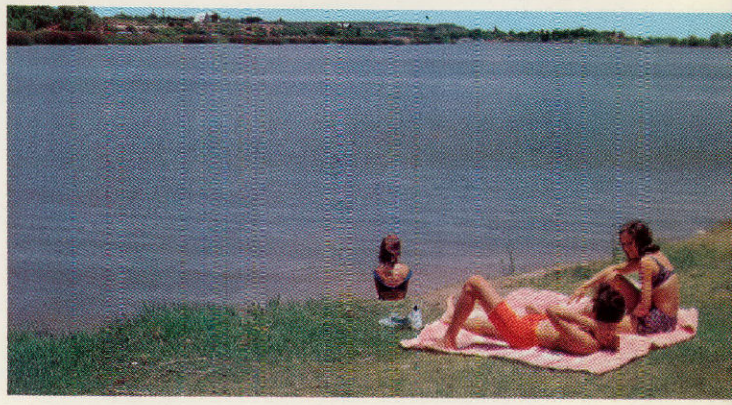

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ROCKSPRINGS *Grid J-9* *Pop. 1,199* *Alt. 2,450*

General — Established 1891, namec for springs prized as a water source oy wagon trains and Indians. Located in highest area of rugged, scenic Edwards Plateau known locally as the Hill Country. Climate is cool and dry in summer, mild and sunny in winter. Area is popular year-round vacation spot offering camping, picnicking, hiking, rock collecting and frequent finds of Indian artifacts. During specified seasons hunters take white-tailed deer, wild turkey and upland game birds. Fishing on nearby South Llanc and Nueces Rivers.

Angora Goat Breeders' Association Museum — On Austin St., includes pictures, records and early history of Angora goat-raising industry. Only registry office for industry in the nation. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - noon, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Scenic Drives — Most highways from Rocksprings are scenic routes through the rugged Hill Country, especially R.M. 674 south, U.S. 377 southwest toward Del Rio, and U.S. 377 northeast toward Junction.

SAN ANGELO *Grid H-8* *Pop. 63,928* *Alt. 1,847*

General — Community grew around frontier site of Fort Concho, established at junction of north and middle branches of Concho River in 1867. Town became center of early ranching efforts, both cattle and sheep; today the largest primary wool market in U.S. as well as a great livestock and oil region. In recent decades substantial development of diversified industry including petroleum equipment, plastics, medical supplies and jet aircraft. In season, hunters take white-tailed deer, wild turkey, javelina, migratory waterfowl and upland game birds. Excellent fishing on lakes and rivers. Symphony orchestra.

Major Events — San Angelo Fat Stock Show and Rodeo, five days in Mar., attracts top entrants for stock competition and arena events.

Miss Wool of America Pageant in late June marks week of festivities climaxed by coronation of queen from among national contestants.

Angelo State College — Coed, liberal arts, established 1927; enrolling more than 3,000. Four-year state-supported school.

Fort Concho — Among best preserved of Texas frontier military forts; many original buildings in excellent condition. Established 1867 as pivot post on frontier line, replacing Fort Chadbourne (see BRONTE this section). Most stone structures built with pecan wood beams and rafters by skilled German craftsmen from Fredericksburg.

Frontier troopers protected stagecoaches and wagon trains, escorted U.S. mail, explored and mapped new territory, and clashed frequently with raiding Indians. Among commanders was fabulous Col. Ranald S. Mackenzie whose bold, successful campaigns against the Indians finally secured the frontier and opened area to peaceful settlement.

The bluecoats were no longer needed when the frontier moved farther west. In a sentimental ceremony the colors were struck and a last column of troops moved out of Fort Concho on Mar. 27, 1889, as the regimental band played "The Girl I Left Behind Me." Extensive remains of fort are centered along Burges St. and Aves. C and D.

Fort Concho Museum displays diorama of post as it appeared in the previous century plus military artifacts, geological and wildlife displays, guns, pioneer relics and old vehicles. Museum open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. and holidays 1 - 5 p.m. 716 Burges St. Admission.

General Telephone Exhibit Museum — Models of telephones from Alexander Graham Bell's "Gallows Frame Phone" (only five ever built) to present models. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 2701 Johnson St.

Goodfellow Air Force Base — U.S. Air Force Security Service training facility.

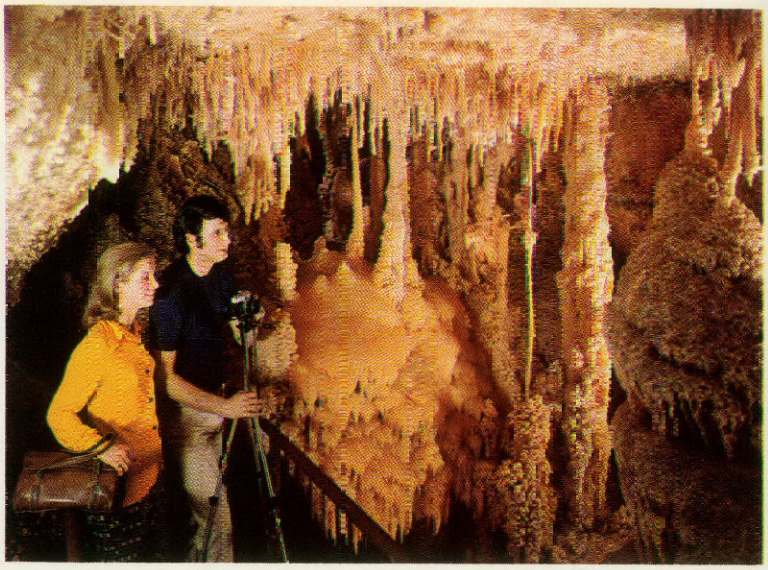
Lakes — Nasworthy, San Angelo and Twin Buttes Reservoirs. See LAKES this section.

Parks — Seven city parks covering 124 acres; golf, tennis, fishing, swimming and picnicking.

SANDERSON *Grid J-6* *Pop. 1,700* *Alt. 2,780*

General — Seat of Terrell County, established with survey of Texas and New Orleans Railroad prior to 1831. In early days frontier town was infamous for its population of outlaws, gunmen, border renegades and cattle rustlers. Roy Bean operated a saloon in the rough town before moving to Langtry. Today a supply point and retail headquarters for surrounding, sparsely settled ranching areas. Hunting for white-tailed deer is good in area; many hunters make Sanderson their headquarters during season.

GIANT YUCCAS BLOOM SPECTACULARLY IN SPRING



CAVERNS OF SONORA

PRIMITIVE PECOS FRONTIER LANDSCAPE

SONORA *Grid I-8* *Pop. 2,076* *Alt. 2,120*

General — On western slope of the Edwards Plateau Sonora began as tracing post on Old San Antonio-El Paso road with Anglo-American settlement beginning about 1890; was connected by stage to San Angelo until 1915, and Western heritage is reflected still.

The longest fenced cattle trail in world once extended from a railhead at Brady to Sonora. Fort Worth & Rio Grande Railroad purchased 250-foot wide right-of-way and fenced it for 100-mile distance. Holding pastures and windmills were along route that operated profitably for decade — until another railroad completed line to Sonora. The Sutton County seat is a leading wool, mohair and registered livestock center of the nation. Hunting seasons bring sportsmen for white-tailed deer and wild turkey.

Major Events — Spring Race Meet, last weekend Apr. and first weekend May, features West Texas Quarter Horse Futurity.

Quarter Horse Show, late May, exhibits prize specimens of the hardy, intelligent breed developed as cowboy mounts.

Wool and Mohair Show and National 4-H Wool Judging Contest, mid-June.

Caverns of Sonora — Discovered and opened to public only a few years ago, fantastic caverns are called unbelievable by cave experts. Formations called "impossible" grow in delicate crystal beauty, and amazing profusion. Every hue of rainbow shimmers from intricate networks of cave growth. A past president of the National Speleological Society has said "This is the most indescribably beautiful cavern in the world. Its beauty cannot be exaggerated, even by Texans!" About 15 miles southwest via U.S. 290 and R.M. 1989. Admission.

Miers Home Museum — Ike Miers House, built 1888, furnished as a pioneer home. Miers came to county in covered wagon, figured in area history. Open Thurs. 3 - 5 p.m. Oak St., across from jail.

Will's Museum — Fine private museum features stamp, rock shell, bottle collections; also pioneer blacksmith shop, barn; other relics. Shady playground, cacti display. Open daily. 105 7th St.

STANTON *Grid G-7* *Pop. 2,032* *Alt. 2,664*

General — Settled 1881 by German Catholics, originally named Mariensfeld (Field of Mary). In 1882 Carmelite Monastery opened a boarding school for elementary and junior high students. Name changed 1890 in honor of Abraham Lincoln's Secretary of War, Edwin M. Stanton. Kelly home is only structure that remains of school which was called the Convent and Academy of Our Lady of Mercy. Half-mile north on Texas 137 is small adobe building said to be oldest hospital in West Texas. City is cotton compressing center for area.

Major Event — Old Settlers' Reunion in mid-July held for nearly 40 years; one-day event features parade, barbecue, and community homecoming.

STERLING CITY *Grid G-8* *Pop. 850* *Alt. 2,294*

General — Grew from ranch headquarters of W. S. Sterling, Indian fighter and buffalo hunter, in late 1880s. Designated Sterling County seat in 1891. Rolling prairie land of the area had long been popular with Indians before coming of white men. Was location of several huge cattle companies before influx of settlers and introduction of barbed wire forced reduction in giant cattle operations. County remains ranching area today with some oil production. City is principal retail center and shipping point.

campground guide

In every season the camping's great in Texas! Sites listed below are administered by local, state and federal agencies. Not included are commercial camps whose listings are usually available in commercial guides. Camps are listed under nearby city name; driving directions are provided to each.

Directions are by standard compass abbreviations: **N** (north), **NE** (northeast), **E** (east), **SE** (southeast), **S** (south), **SW** (southwest), **W** (west), **NW** (northwest). Highways are indicated by standard abbreviations: **IH** = Interstate Highways, shown on maps as (35). **US** = U.S. Highways, shown on maps as (80). **Tex** = Texas State Highways, shown on maps as (21). **FM** or **RM** = Texas Farm or Ranch Roads (all are excellent paved routes), shown on maps as (770).

Drinking water is at all sites except where specifically noted.

ANDREWS — **Municipal Trailer Park**

Within city: Tex 115/176 W 7 blocks from US 385. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers, area lighting, dump sta. Free, max 3 days. Near to swim, fish, picnic, playground, golf, Prairie Dog Town. (City Hall, Andrews 79714)

BIG SPRING — **Lake J. B. Thomas Public Area**

Tex 350 NE 20.9 mi; FM 1205 N 5.7 mi; local rd N 1.9 mi & E .9 mi. On Lake J. B. Thomas. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Colorado River Municipal Water Dist, Box 869, Big Spring 79720)

BIG SPRING — **Moss Creek Lake Campgrounds**

IH 20 E 6 mi; local rd S 3 mi & E 2 mi. On Moss Creek Lake. Tent sites, pit toilets. No drinking water. Free. Swim, fish, bait, picnic, nature trail. (City Hall, Box 391, Big Spring 79720)

BRONTE — **Coke County Park**

Local rd E .3 mi. On Old City Lake. Tent & trailer sites, screened shelters, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers, area lighting, dump sta. Free. Groc, laundry. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic, playground, hunt, golf, nature & bike trails. (County Auditor Box 105, Robert Lee 76945)

CHRISTOVAL **(see San Angelo)**

CRANE — **Crane Overnight Campground**

US 385 N .5 mi. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers, area lighting. Free, max 2 days. Groc, laundry. Playground, golf. (County Chamber of Commerce, 512A S Gaston, Crane 79731)

DEL RIO — **Diablo East Marina**

US 90 NW 10 mi. On Amistad Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Daily $1, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic, hunt. (Amistad Recreation Area, Box 1463, Del Rio 78840)

DEL RIO — **Rough Canyon Marina**

US 277/377 N 1.6 mi; R-2 W 7 mi. On Amistad Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Daily $1, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic, hunt. (Amistad Recreation Area, Box 1463, Del Rio 78840)

FORT STOCKTON — **Comanche Springs**

Within city: US 285 S at Comanche Creek. Trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, area lighting, dump sta. Free, max 10 days. Swim, picnic, playground. (County Judge, Fort Stockton 79735)

IRAAN — **Iraan Park**

Within city: Tex 29. Tent & trailer sites, fl toilets, area lighting. Free, max 3 days. Groc. Swim, picnic, playground, golf. (County Courthouse, Fort Stockton 79735)

MONAHANS — **Monahans Sandhills State Park**

US 80 E 5 mi; Park Rd 41 N. Tent & trailer sites, fl toilets, dump sta. Entrance $1, daily tent or trailer $1-1.50; max 14 days May 1 - Sept 15. Snack bar. Picnic, nature trail, museum, dune buggy rides, sand surfing. (Monahans Sandhills St Pk, Box 1738, Monahans 79756)

ROBERT LEE — **E. V. Spence Reservoir Public Area**

Loop 229 W 1.6 mi; local rd N 1.5 mi. On E. V. Spence Reservoir (formerly Robt. Lee Reservoir). Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 7 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Colorado River Municipal Water Dist, Box 869, Big Spring 79720)

ROBERT LEE — **E. V. Spence Reservoir Public Area**

Tex 208 NW 9.6 mi; local rd SW 3.5 mi. On E. V. Spence Reservoir (formerly Robt. Lee Reservoir). Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 7 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Colorado River Municipal Water Dist, Box 869, Big Spring 79720)

ROBERT LEE — **E. V. Spence Reservoir Public Area**

Tex 158 SW-W 8.4 mi; local rd E 1.3 mi. On E. V. Spence Reservoir (formerly Robt. Lee Reservoir). Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 7 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Colorado River Municipal Water Dist, Box 869, Big Spring 79720)

ROBERT LEE — **E. V. Spence Reservoir Public Area**

Tex 158 SW 5 mi; local rd E .8 mi. On E. V. Spence Reservoir (formerly Robt. Lee Reservoir). Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 7 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Colorado River Municipal Water Dist, Box 869, Big Spring 79720)

ROBERT LEE — **Robert Lee Park**

Within city: Tex 208/158, 4 blocks N of blinker light. On Mountain Creek Lake. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, area lighting, dump sta. Free. Groc, laundry. Swim, boat, fish, bait, picnic, playground, hunt, golf, nature & bike trails. (County Courthouse, Box 105, Robert Lee 76945)

SAN ANGELO — **Dry Creek Park**

US 87 NW 9.9 mi; FM 2288 S 1.3 mi. On San Angelo Reservoir (North Concho Lake). Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets. Free, max 10 days. Boat ramp, groc. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, playground. (Corps of Engineers, Box 3085, San Angelo 76903)

SAN ANGELO — **Grandview Park**

US 87 NW 9.9. mi; FM 2288 S 4 mi. On San Angelo Reservoir (North Concho Lake). Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 3085, San Angelo 76903)

SAN ANGELO — **Highland Range Park**

US 67 SW 3 mi; FM 853 W 2.3 mi; FM 2288 N 2.5 mi. On San Angelo Reservoir (North Concho Lake). Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat. (Corps of Engineers, Box 3085, San Angelo 76903)

SAN ANGELO — **Lake Nasworthy Park**

US 87 S to Knickerbocker Rd, RM 584 SW 6 mi. On Lake Nasworthy. Tent & trailer sites, fl & pit toilets, area lighting, dump sta. Free, max 10 days, cabins available. Groc. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic, playground, saddle horses, bike trail. (Park Supt, 15 E Washington Dr, San Angelo 76901)

SAN ANGELO — **Red Arroyo Park**

US 67 SW 3 mi; FM 853 W 2.3 mi; FM 2288 N 1.2 mi. On San Angelo Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets. Free, max 10 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, playground, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 3085, San Angelo 76903)

SAN ANGELO/Christoval — **Christoval Park**

From San Angelo: US 277 S 20 mi in Christoval. On South Concho River. Tent sites, pit toilets, area lighting. Free, max 10 days. Groc. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic, playground, nature trail. (Park Supt, County Courthouse, San Angelo 76901)

woodland lakes

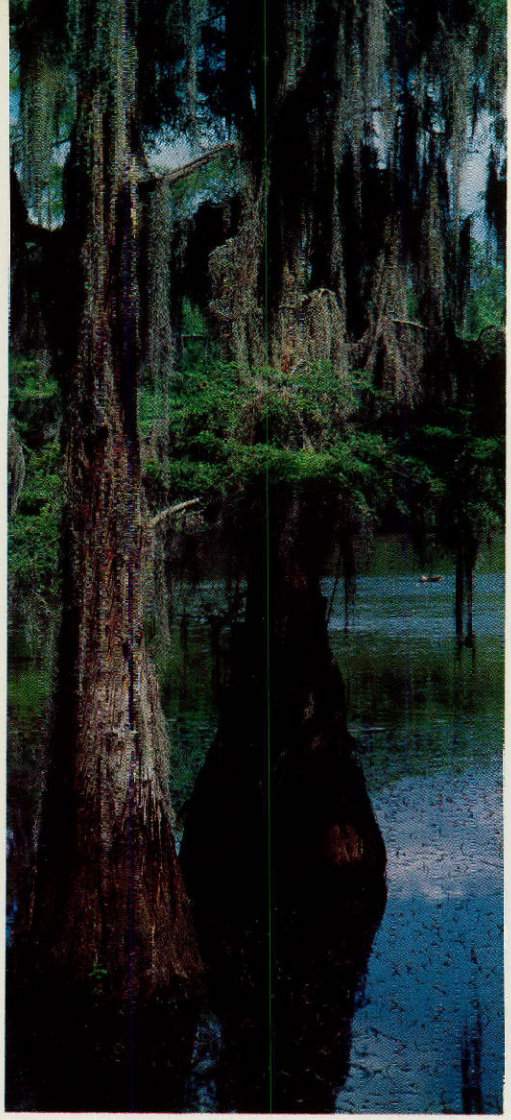
This is the green-canopied region of Texas, the Piney Woods and the Big Thicket laced with wild azaleas, native orchids and passion flowers.

These lush woodlands border lakes of misty beauty—some secluded in small glades, disturbed only by a bullfrog's splash—others spreading like vast inland seas, miles of open water to test the yachtsman's skill.

Here are four national forests plus a myriad of state and local parks, for this is the place to meet Nature on her own terms. Here lingers the atmosphere of the Old South—a paddle wheeler that cruises moss-draped bayous—still-proud plantations, and architecture from a more gracious age.

Here is Texas' only Indian reservation, welcoming visitors to view traditional dances, and observe the making of intricate handicrafts.

For pine-scented draughts of relaxation, savor the vacation variety of the Woodland Lakes!



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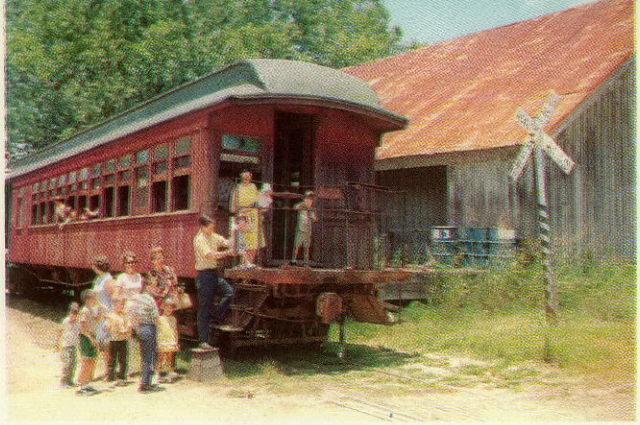
WILD FLOWERS ALONG I. H. 45

OLD FIDDLERS CONTESTS

ANGELINA NATIONAL FOREST

THE *CYPRESS QUEEN* PADDLE WHEELER



VINTAGE MC&SA COACH, CAMDEN

WHERE TO GO, WHAT TO SEE

ALTO — Grid H-15 — Pop. 1,039 — Alt. 433

General — Originally a stop on the Old San Antonio Road, town is tomato-growing center in redland belt. Name derives from Spanish word for "high" because of location on highest point between the Angelina and Neches Rivers. Contact the local chamber of commerce for information about sites of interest in this historically rich area.

Major Event — "Showing of Past Treasures," weekend in Oct., features antiques at one of several historic sites such as Forest Hill Plantation, built 1847.

Davy Crockett National Forest — Nearest entrance southwest six miles on Texas 21. (See NATIONAL FORESTS IN TEXAS at end of book.)

Mission San Francisco de Los Tejas State Historic Park — See WECHES this section.

Mound Prairie — One of the chief archeological points of interest in Texas, these ceremonial mounds, two measuring 300 by 350 feet, are remains of Hasinai Indian culture. Six miles southwest of Alto.

Scenic Drive — Exceptional scenery in forested hills and streams lies along U.S. 69, Texas 21 (El Camino Real) and numerous local roads around Alto.

ATLANTA — Grid E-16 — Pop. 4,947 — Alt. 264

General — Established 1872 with building of the Texas and Pacific Railroad, named for Atlanta, Ga., former home of many early settlers. Town today serves a farming, forestry and oil area. Sites of more than 25 early Caddo Indian villages have been noted in the region.

Major Events — Cass County Calf Show, mid-Mar., is a 4-H/FFA exhibition of animals raised by school-age stockmen.

Atlanta Forest Festival, three days in Sept.; dedicated to area forests and forest products. Name entertainment, forest skill contests, pageants and product displays are among highlights.

Atlanta State Park — Excellent trailer and campsites available at 1,475-acre facility on south shore of Lake Texarkana. Other features include swimming, boating, water skiing, fishing and hiking. About 14 miles northwest via F.M. 1154 off U. S. 59 north, or via F.M. 96 off Texas 77 west. Admission.

Lake — Texarkana. See LAKES this section.

CAMDEN — Grid I-16 — Pop. 1,100 — Alt. 322

General — Established as lumbering town 1898, activity still centers around timber growing, cutting and processing. County's largest lumber mill, handling both pine and hardwoods, located here. Nostalgic reminders of the past are retired steam engines used by the mill and the MC&SA Railroad (see below); on display at the railroad yards.

Moscow, Camden and San Augustine Railroad — Known as "the shortest railroad in Texas," the MC&SA runs round trip between Camden and Moscow (seven miles) Monday through Friday. It departs Camden at 1:40 p.m. and returns at 3:10 p.m. There is one vintage passenger coach; fares are nominal, children under 5 free. Tickets are purchased on board from conductor. The line's antique steam engines have been retired to a siding at the yard in Camden.

Scenic Drive — Several highways linked to form a loop called Polk County Scenic Drive. Through a landscape of pines and dogwoods, the 100-mile route travels from Camden over F.M. 942, F.M. 2500 (to Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation,) F.M.

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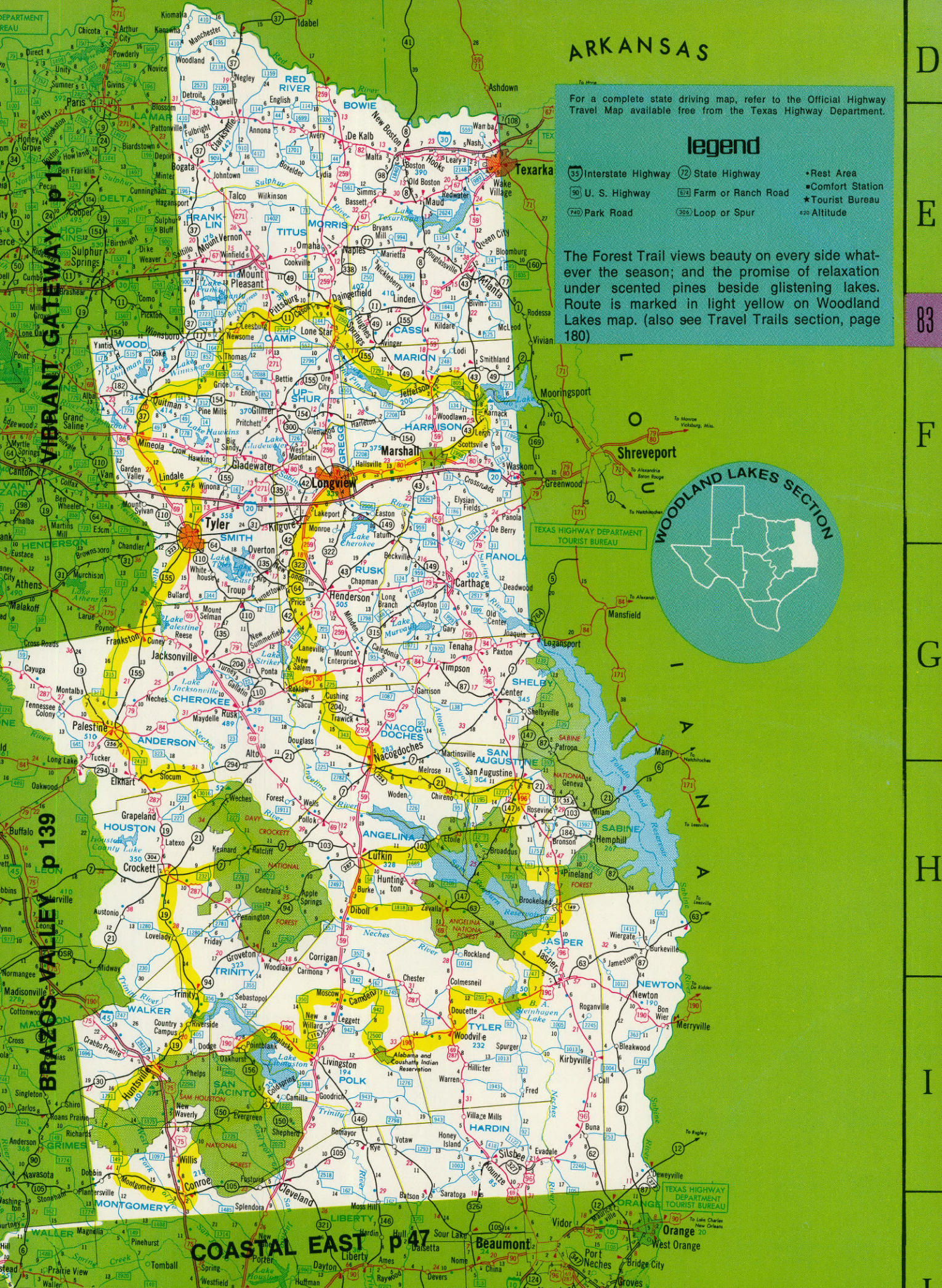
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For a complete state driving map, refer to the Official Highway Travel Map available free from the Texas Highway Department.
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The Forest Trail views beauty on every side whatever the season; and the promise of relaxation under scented pines beside glistening lakes. Route is marked in light yellow on Woodland Lakes map. (also see Travel Trails section, page 180)
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Woodlands Trail — 1.8-mile walking trail through one of the finest old pine stands in East Texas. Close-up views of 225-year-old longleaf pines and 170-year-old loblolly pines. Specimens of forest growth are identified. Three miles east on F.M. 62.

CARTHAGE *Grid G-16* *Pop. 5,389* *Alt. 302*

General — Became seat of Panola (Indian word for cotton) County in 1848 when 100 acres were donated for the townsite. Today a center for gas and oil processing, petrochemicals, lumber mills, meat packing and filter manufacturing.

Major Events — Junior Stock Show, one day in Mar.; FFA All-Boys Rodeo, two days in May. School-age youngsters compete with prize livestock and rodeo skills.

Miss Panola County Queen Pageant and Panola County Quarter Horse Show, June events.

4-H Horse Show, July; entries by young stockmen from 22 counties.

July 4th Celebration centered around Lake Murvaul; Three-mile Swim and fireworks are highlights.

Panola County Western Week & Rodeo, three days in Aug.; festivities feature parades and top cowboys in arena excitement.

Annual Christmas Parade, early Dec., attracts hundreds to downtown streets.

Lake — Murvaul. See LAKES this section.

Panola County Frontier Jail Museum — Authentic restoration of 1891 jail — oldest building in town — complete with antique furniture, photographs and pioneer relics reflecting history of East Texas. One cell block retained intact to remind visitors of building's heritage. Winter hours: Mon. - Fri. 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.; Sat. 8 a.m. - noon. Summer: Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - noon, 1 - 5 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. - noon. On downtown square.

Panola County Junior College — Founded 1947, coed, enrollment of more than 600. West of downtown on U. S. 79.

Reeves Memorial — A life-sized statue of Jim Reeves marks the grave of this East Texas country-western singer who died in a plane crash in 1964. Four miles east of downtown on U. S. 79.

CENTER *Grid G-16* *Pop. 4,916* *Alt. 345*

General — Founded 1866 and named for its central location, town's economy is based upon sawmills, plywood mills, timber, poultry, and processing of farm products.

Major Events — Sheriff's Posse Rodeo, three days in July, attracts top riders and ropers.

Heart of East Texas Fox Hunt, five days in Oct. at Boles Field, a beautiful sunken area. Attracts fox hunting enthusiasts statewide. Also site of National Fox Hunters' Association annual meeting, and burial ground of champion foxhounds.

Lake — Toledo Bend Reservoir. See LAKES his section.

Sabine National Forest — Nearest entrance southeast 11 miles on Texas 87. (See NATIONAL FORESTS IN TEXAS at end of book.)

Scenic Drives — Many Forest Service Roads in Sabine National Forest offer exceptional scenery. One excellent route is to Shelbyville via Texas 87, F.M. 417 and F.M. 2694 (not shown on section map) to Boles Field Recreational Area, then local Forest Service Roads.

Shelby County Courthouse — Erected more than 80 years ago, picturesque battlements attract attention to one of the few such structures still standing.

Shelby County Museum — Indian artifacts, lore, farm tools, machinery, firearms, clocks, watches, antique furniture, pictures, period costumes, books, documents and coins. County and East Texas memorabilia. Open Wed. - Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. Shelbyville and Riggs Sts.

CLARKSVILLE *Grid E-15* *Pop. 3,307* *Alt. 442*

General — City is the commercial center and seat of Red River County, one of the original Texas counties; created 1836 and organized 1837. From its original area all or part of 38 other counties have been created. City founded 1834 by Capt. James Clark. Among manufactured products are cement, aluminum products, brushes, garments, trailer equipment and fiber glass boats.

Major Event — Red River County Fair and Livestock Exposition four days mid-Sept. Agricultural exhibits, horse show, fiddlers' contest, and carnival.

Col. Charles DeMorse Home — Known as the "Father of Texas Journalism," Colonel DeMorse founded *The Northern Standard,* participated in the Civil War, and was the first president of the Texas Press and Editorial Association. His home, one block north of the town square, is built around original log walls.

Red River County Courthouse — Dates from 1885, yellow stone with massive walls and turrets. The building has a remarkable clock tower. Affectionately referred to as "Old Red," the timepiece ran smoothly from 1885 to 1961 when it was converted to electrical power. Soon afterward Old Red began striking — 120 gongs until someone unplugged it; known as 'the night it got later than ever before" in Clarksville.

U. S. 59 SOUTH OF CARTHAGE

WOODLAND CAMPSITES IN NATIONAL FORESTS, STATE AND LOCAL PARKS

DAVY CROCKETT SPRING, CROCKETT

CLEVELAND Grid I-15 Pop. 5,448 Alt. 160

General — Established 1880 as a station on the Houston, East and West Texas Railroad (later the Texas and New Orleans). In 1890, city became the junction of that line and the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad. Today, a lumber and oil field supply center.

Major Events — Cleveland Dairy Days, three days in Apr., features displays of poultry, beef, hogs and dairy products. Highlights of the show held in Stancil Memorial Park include Dairy Day parade and coronation of Dairy Queen.

Antique Market Show, May, held at Old Wells Store on Texas 321, eight miles east of Cleveland.

Mounted Sheriff's Posse Rodeo, mid-July, showcases cowboy specialists in traditional arena action.

Sam Houston National Forest — City is near southeast boundary of forest. (See NATIONAL FORESTS IN TEXAS at end of book.)

COLDSPRING Grid I-15 Pop. 675 Alt. 356

General — Founded 1847, called Coonskin. Name successively changed to Firemen's Hill and Cold Spring. Present seat of San Jacinto County, a crop, livestock and lumber area.

Major Event — San Jacinto County Fair and Rodeo, three days in Sept. Traditional fair and rodeo festivities, plus parades and the Rodeo Queen's Race.

Lake — Livingston. See LAKES this section.

Sam Houston National Forest — City is near eastern edge of forest. (See NATIONAL FORESTS IN TEXAS at end of book.)

San Jacinto County Museum — Artifacts of early settlers, including items from family of Gov. George T. Wood. Documents and records. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat. 8 a.m. - noon. San Jacinto County Courthouse.

Scenic Drives — Several Forest Service Roads through Sam Houston National Forest offer close views of the tangled, undisturbed area known as the Big Thicket. One such route is to Double Lake Recreation Area south of Coldspring about four miles via Texas 150, F.M. 2025 and a Forest Service Road.

CONROE Grid J-15 Pop. 10,931 Alt. 213

General — Seat of Montgomery County on southern edge of Big Thicket area. Towering pines, rolling hills and many small lakes contribute to scenic rural atmosphere of area. The old (1931) but still-producing Conroe Oil Field southeast of the city is of interest, and historical locations are marked. Storied community of Cut and Shoot is five miles east of Conroe.

Major Event — Junior Livestock Show and Achievement Day, three days in spring, features the animals and efforts of junior farmers and ranchers.

Jones State Forest — Five miles southwest via I.H. 45 and F.M. 1488. (See STATE FORESTS OF TEXAS at end of book.)

Walton Gardens — A floral showcase where thousands of flowering plants are displayed appropriate to each season. One mile north on U. S. 75; two miles west on local road. Closed Sat. Admission.

CROCKETT Grid H-15 Pop. 6,448 Alt. 350

General — Named for Davy Crockett, legendary frontiersman who died at the Alamo, among the oldest towns in Texas and site of many historic structures. Legend has it that Crockett stopped here to camp (see below) on his way to the Alamo. Seat of Houston County, center of agricultural area plus furniture, lumber and wood products, clothing, candy, bottling plant, cotton gins, and meat processing.

Major Events — Lovelady Trail Ride & Calf Show, two days Apr., features overnight camping, barbecue and entertainment, climaxed by calf show and sale in nearby Lovelady.

Crockett Fiddlers' Festival, mid-June, a famous affair attracting audiences and old fiddlers from all parts of the country.

Crockett RCA Rodeo, three days in July. Action-packed arena events follow a parade through downtown.

Davy Crockett Memorial Park — Municipal; 35 scenic acres beneath towering pines and hardwoods. Park contains picnicking areas, tennis courts and playgrounds, plus pavilion and civic buildings; adjacent swimming pool and athletic stadium. Terminus of S. 5th St.

Davy Crockett National Forest — Nearest entrance about 10 miles east on Texas 7. (See NATIONAL FORESTS IN TEXAS at end of book.)

Davy Crockett Spring — Said to be site where Col. Davy Crockett and small detachment of men camped on their way to San Antonio, where they died in the heroic defense of the Alamo. The spring still flows, and youngsters enjoy drinking from a water fountain marked by a memorial plaque. W. Goliad at underpass (intersection Texas 21/7).

Mission San Francisco de Los Tejas State Historic Park — See WECHES this section.

Stage Coach Inn — One of many built early in the 18th Century along El Camino Real (The Royal Highway), now Texas 21. A single room was built in 1828 by Joseph Redmond Rice, Sr., but hostile Indians forced abandonment for two years before he returned and built a more substantial way station on the important frontier road. Five miles east on Texas 21.

DAINGERFIELD Grid E-16 Pop. 2,464 Alt. 402

General — Seat of Morris County, one of smallest in Texas. Extensive deposits of iron are utilized by Lone Star Steel plant. In addition to steel, area industries include farming, livestock, sand and gravel.

Major Events — Morris County Calf Show in Mar. features 4-H and FFA Club boys exhibiting their prize livestock.

Daingerfield Beauty Pageant in Mar. selects Miss Daingerfield and junior Miss Daingerfield. The senior beauty competes in "Queen Holiday in Dixie" pageant held in Shreveport, La.

Morris County Arts & Crafts Shows, three days in Apr. and again in Oct. Held on a farm at Rocky Branch Community in center of county about five miles north of Daingerfield.

Christmas Parade, early Dec., attracts area residents with official opening of the holiday season.

Daingerfield State Park — 581 acres offer boating, fishing and swimming in 80-acre lake, boat ramp, fishing pier, camping, cabins and hiking trails. Two miles east off Texas 11. Admission.

Lake — Lake O' the Pines. See LAKES this section.

GILMER Grid F-15 Pop. 4,003 Alt. 370

General — Established 1846, seat of Upshur County. A commercial center for farming, livestock, and lumber. Sweet potatoes introduced as a major crop in 1890, and are still a feature (see below). Industries include sawmills, potteries, and a conduit plant.

Major Event — East Texas Yamboree, three days in Oct., salutes the yam or sweet potato — a feature crop in the area since 1890. Queen Yam reigns over events which include the pageant and float parade, fiddling contest, livestock show, singing, dancing and carnival, plus judging of corn and yam exhibits including yam pie.

Lake — Lake O' the Pines. See LAKES this section.

GLADEWATER Grid F-15 Pop. 5,298 Alt. 333

General — Originally established at a different site and called St. Clair, town was moved to location on Texas and Pacific Railroad in 1872, renamed for Glade Creek. Located in heart of famed East Texas Oil Field, industries include oil refineries and equipment, furniture, machines, tools, clothing, timber, and railway-bus operations.

Major Event — Gladewater Roundup Rodeo, four days in June. RCA-approved event features clowns, ropers, racers, steer wrestling, bull and bronc riding.

City Park — Attractive tree-shaded area with swimming pool, playground equipment, picnic tables and tennis courts. N. Tennery St.

Lake — Gladewater. See LAKES this section.

HEMPHILL Grid H-17 Pop. 1,019 Alt. 257

General — Founded 1858, seat of Sabine County, a vast timber area. Today a commercial center for lumber and poultry, and a major gateway to immense Toledo Bend Reservoir.

Scenic Drives — Excellent forest scenery along highways in all directions. Stands of Virginia shortleaf pine are seen south of Hemphill at community of Yellowpine via Texas 87, also on F.M. 2343 (not shown on section map). One of the finest stands of longleaf pine is at a scenic roadside park on Texas 184 about five miles west.

Sabine National Forest — City is at western boundary of forest. (See NATIONAL FORESTS IN TEXAS at end of book.)

Lakes — Sam Rayburn and Toledo Bend Reservoirs. See LAKES this section.

HENDERSON Grid G-16 Pop. 10,003 Alt. 505

General — Designated seat of Rusk county in 1843. Enjoyed rapid growth during its first two decades, but a disastrous fire in 1860 destroyed most of the business houses. Oil discovered in 1930. City is now an oil-agriculture commercial center.

Ghost Town — Harmony Hill — 18 miles northeast on Texas 43, the town was an important trade center known as Nip and Tuck in 1850. Bypassed by the railroads the town declined, and in

1906 a storm destroyed many buildings. A few old homes and a large well-kept cemetery remain.

Great East Texas Oil Field Tour — Selected route through the fabulous East Texas Oil Field which once numbered about 26,000 producing wells and covered 130,000 acres, making it the largest field in Texas. Now, nearly half a century later, it still has some 18,000 wells and a productive area of over 80,000 acres. Between 1930 and 1964 its wells produced more than 3.6 billion barrels of oil. Additional information on the field and a route map can be obtained at the local chamber of commerce, or at chambers in other cities on the tour: Longview, Kilgore and Overton.

West of town on Texas 64 near Turnertown is a replica of an early-day wooden derrick, the type used to open the field. Next to it is a statue of "Joe Roughneck" dedicated to all oil field workers.

Howard-Dickinson House — First brick house in county; built 1855 and visited many times by Sam Houston, related to one of the builders. Restoration cited by American Association for State & Local History; authentically furnished. Structure which bears Texas Historical Medallion is two blocks from square on South Main St. Open Tues. - Sun. Admission.

Lake Forest Park — 55 acres administered by Henderson and Rusk County, with swimming pool, picnic area and playgrounds. West on Texas 64.

Lakes — Cherokee, Murvaul and Striker. See LAKES this section.

Texas Baptist Institute — Established 1948, coed, four-year institute and seminary of Missionary Baptist Association. Enrolls some 75 students.

SAM HOUSTON'S HOME, HUNTSVILLE

WOODLAND LAKES OFFER ABUNDANT BASS, CRAPPIE AND CATFISH

HUNTSVILLE *Grid I-15* *Pop. 15,367* *Alt. 401*

General — Founded as an Indian trading post in 1836, the year of Texas independence. Sam Houston was one of many prominent early Texans who lived here. Today a center for agriculture and lumbering, location of main unit, Texas State Penitentiary.

Major Events — Mrs. Sam Houston Birthday Party, first Sunday in Apr. honors Margaret Moffette Lea Houston, wife of Texas' first president. Held in Sam Houston Memorial Park, costumed hostesses receive more than 10,000 guests. Floral and botanical trails are marked in the park.

Sam Houston State University Intercollegiate Rodeo, three days in Apr., collegiate cowboy competition in the school's rodeo arena.

Texas Prison Rodeo, each Sun. in Oct., spotlights state prison inmates who compete for awards and prize money. The unusual rodeo attracts attendance from throughout the state, and features top names in country-western show business appearing with convict performers. Funds from the rodeo support inmate recreation and rehabilitation programs.

Huntsville State Park — 2,123 acres of greenery in Sam Houston National Forest. Complete camping facilities on Lake Raven, marked botany trail, boating, fishing, and swimming. Nine miles south off I.H. 45. Admission.

Lake — Livingston. See LAKES this section.

Sam Houston Memorial Park — Many of the buildings and personal effects of Gen. Sam Houston, twice president of the Republic of Texas. Buildings include "Steamboat House," the Sam Houston Museum, Law Office, Carriage House and one of the general's homes. His tomb in Oakwood Cemetery bears Andrew Jackson's tribute, "The world will take care of Houston's fame." The museum displays a wide variety of 19th Century pioneer items. Open daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 1804 Ave. L, across from campus of Sam Houston State University.

Sam Houston National Forest — City is at northwestern boundary of forest. (See NATIONAL FORESTS IN TEXAS at end of book.)

Sam Houston State University — Coed, founded 1879, long a leading teacher training institution. Enrolls some 7,700 students. Near downtown across from Sam Houston Park, east of U.S. 75.

Scenic Drives — Several routes through Sam Houston National Forest offer woodland beauty. F.M. 1374 (not shown on section map) leads to near Stubblefield Lake Recreation Area, administered by the National Forest Service. F.M. 1375 northeast from New Waverly leads to near Walker Lake Recreation Area, also a forest service facility.

JACKSONVILLE *Grid G-15* *Pop. 9,411* *Alt. 516*

General — Was a post office community before 1849, but moved three miles to present site when International-Great Northern Railroad was built in 1872. More than 50 manufacturing enterprises produce such varied products as cap pistols, baskets, brassieres and furniture.

Major Events — World Championship RCA-approved Rodeo, second weekend July. Professional rodeo cowboys compete in all traditional arena events.

Hamlin's Gardens — Thousands of beautiful azaleas, dogwoods and redbuds. Public tours (during spring blooming season only) may be arranged with the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hamlin. Their home is immediately west of Jacksonville on U.S. 175.

Jacksonville Baptist College — Founded 1899, coed, enrolls about 150 students. Noted for beautiful campus and exceptional basketball teams; in northwest Jacksonville.

Killough Monument — Native stone monument commemorates victims of East Texas' worst Indian depredation, erected on spot where the massacre took place on Oct. 5, 1838. Seven miles northwest of Jacksonville near the community of Larissa: U.S. 69 north to Mount Selman, F.M. 855 (not shown on section map) west to Larissa.

Lakes — Jacksonville, Palestine and Striker. See LAKES this section.

Lon Morris College — Coed, junior college founded 1873 by Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Enrolls about 400 students. In southwest Jacksonville.

Love's Lookout Park — The view is breathtaking; other attractions of Love's Lookout are facilities for camping and picnicking and an Olympic-sized swimming pool. Five miles north on U.S. 69.

Scenic Drives — Beautiful hill, forest and lake scenery both north and south on U.S. 69; also along F.M. 747 and F.M. 2138 (neither shown on section map) around Lake Jacksonville.

Vanishing Texana — A museum in Jacksonville Public Library displays Cherokee County historical items. Open June, July, Aug., Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Sept. - May, Mon. - Fri., noon - 5 p.m. 310 Bolton St.

JASPER *Grid H-17* *Pop. 6,397* *Alt. 221*

General — Seat of Jasper County, named for Sgt. William Jasper, hero of the American Revolution. Area terrain ranges from hilly to level, 85 per cent forested by pines and hardwoods.

Major Event — Lions Club Annual World's Championship Rodeo, second weekend May, attracts more than 150 of the nation's top cowboys. Big name country and western artists entertain at all rodeo performances.

Angelina National Forest — Nearest entrance 13 miles northwest on Texas 63. (See NATIONAL FORESTS IN TEXAS at end of book.)

Jasper County Museum — Documents, mementos, Civil War records; on display in the Jasper County Courthouse. Open Mon. - Fri., 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Lakes — B. A. Steinhagen and Sam Rayburn Reservoir. See LAKES this section.

Martin Dies Jr. State Park — 705 acres on eastern shore of B. A. Steinhagen Lake (also known as Town Bluff and Dam B Reservoir). Rest rooms with showers, picnic, camping and trailer sites, screened shelters, boat rentals, children's play area, fishing pier with a fish cleaning station. About 13 miles west on U.S. 190. Admission.

Siecke State Forest — 25 miles south on U.S. 96. (See STATE FORESTS OF TEXAS at end of book.)

JEFFERSON *Grid F-16* *Pop. 2,703* *Alt. 191*

General — Various dates are cited as the beginning of Jefferson at a river landing on Big Cypress Bayou: 1836-1840. Whatever the date, early settlers were already established when the town was laid out in 1842. Today one of Texas' most historic towns. More than 30 structures bear Texas State Historical Medallions.

Jefferson early became the major East Texas river port of entry; Big Cypress was then navigable by steamboats from New Orleans. Discovery of nearby iron ore brought smelters and plow works, while plentiful pine and cypress stimulated a lumber industry.

Here was one of Texas' first breweries, and in 1873 the world's first ammonia refrigerant ice plant. It was the state's first city to utilize artificial gas for street lighting, and shortly after the Civil War, reached a peak transient population of 30,000 with as many as 15 steamboats at a time lining the docks, and scores of wagon trains passing through on the way West.

Steel rails were also reaching west, but Jefferson, confident in the steamboat, refused Jay Gould's offer for a railroad (see below). Gould angrily predicted death for the city, and laid his tracks elsewhere. He was right as far as "city" goes, because succeeding years, like the railroad, seemed to bypass Jefferson.

For today's traveler seeking quiet reflection of a past era, it was a fortunate result.

Major Event — Jefferson Historical Pilgrimage, three days late Apr. - early May. With all traditional flavor of the Old South, hoop-skirted belles usher guests through gracious and historic old homes, collections of antiques, and gardens at height of spring bloom. Highlights include a parade and re-enactment of the Diamond Bessie Murder Trial, a notorious scandal of the 1870s.

Apothecary Shop and Country Store — Apothecary antiques (including patent medicines of 1850-90) and country store supplies; a recorded Texas historic landmark. 312 E. Broadway St.

Caddo Lake State Park — See KARNACK this section.

Cypress Queen — Replica of a paddlewheeler skippered by a certified riverboat captain; 45-minute trip down Big Cypress Bayou with narrator. During summer daily except Tues., Thur.; leaves Cypress Queen dock hourly 1 - 7 p.m. Charter and special group trips and rates. Free playground and antique car ride at dock on Big Cypress Bayou and U.S. 59. Fare.

Excelsior Hotel — Numbered among its guests Ulysses S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, Diamond Bessie, Jay Gould and Oscar Wilde. Period furnishings of maple, cherry and mahogany include marble-topped dressers, button and spool beds, many from original furnishings of the hotel when it opened more than a century ago. Still accepting guests. Open daily for tours 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 211 W. Austin St. Admission.

Jay Gould Private Railroad Car — The "Atalanta," luxurious interior with four staterooms, lounge, dining room, kitchen, butler's pantry and bathroom. Ironically, the car is within a stone's throw of the Excelsior Hotel, in whose register Gould wrote "The end of Jefferson" when citizens indicated a preference for grass to grow in the streets rather than have them marked with railroad tracks. Open daily, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission.

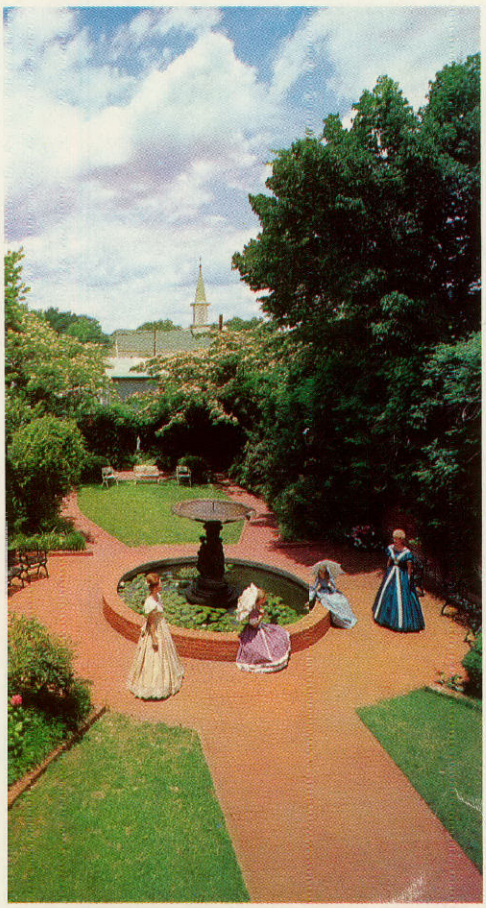
Jefferson Historical Society Museum — Four floors of articles, documents and antiques from a bygone era. Mementos of pioneer days, early steamboat commerce, antebellum society. Paintings and sculpture from D. D. Feldman collection. Open daily, Lafayette and Vale Sts. Old Federal Building.

Lakes — Caddo, Lake O' the Pines. See LAKES this section.

Riverfront Warehouse — A recorded Texas historic landmark, century-old stone structure on the Jefferson waterfront, once the busiest river port in Texas. Now a restaurant with historical decor, relics of the frontier and foreign lands. Steaks, barbecue, catfish and seafood; closed Mon. Dallas St.

The Manse — Built about 1839, probably Jefferson's oldest building. One-story structure is city's best example of Greek Revival architecture; also headquarters of Jessie Allen Wise Garden

BYGONE ELEGANCE LINGERS IN JEFFERSON



OLD SOUTH COSTUMES IN JEFFERSON

PINE–SCENTED CAMPGROUNDS

Club, the organization responsible for much of historic restoration in Jefferson.

KARNACK *Grid F-16* *Pop. 775* *Alt. 237*

General — Adjacent to Caddo Lake and Caddo Lake State Park (see below), city is named from a point of ancient historical reference. The village was the same distance from Port Caddo, the northeast port of entry for the Republic of Texas, that Karnak, Egypt, was from Thebes. The Thiokol Chemical Corp. here manufactures solid fuel for rocket engines.

Birthplace of Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson — Constructed of bricks made by slaves, the birthplace of the former First Lady (born Claudia Taylor) is a handsome two-story structure on a sloping hill. Built before the Civil War, it was the family home of T. J. Taylor, a well-known merchant; 2.7 miles southwest on Texas 43.

Caddo Lake State Park — 478 acres beside Caddo Lake (which see), an area once occupied by Caddo Indians, a tribe quite advanced in civilization. Camping areas, trailer sites, cabins, fishing, swimming, boating, hiking, nature trails. Two miles north off Texas 43. Admission.

Lake — Caddo. See LAKES this section.

KILGORE *Grid F-15* *Pop. 9,120* *Alt. 371*

General — Plantation owners settled the area before the Civil War, but town was not established until building of the Missouri Pacific Railroad in 1872. Town is at geographic center of huge East Texas Oil Field discovered 1930; more than 1,100 oil wells once located within city limits, many still producing. Home town of internationally acclaimed concert pianist Van Cliburn.

Great East Texas Oil Field Tour — Selected route through the fabulous East Texas Oil Field which once numbered about 26,000 producing wells and covered 130,000 acres, making it the largest field in Texas. Now, nearly half a century later, it still has some 18,000 wells and a productive area of over 80,000 acres. Between 1930 and 1964 the wells produced more than 3.6 billion barrels of oil. Additional information on the field and a route map can be obtained at the local chamber of commerce, or at chambers in other cities on the tour: Henderson, Longview and Overton.

Kilgore Junior College; "Kilgore Rangerettes" — Established 1935, known for academic and sports programs. Coed, enrollment of about 3,000 students. Widely known as "Sweethearts of the Gridiron," the school's 53-member Rangerette precision drill and dance team receives applicants from girls throughout the United States. The red-white-and-blue Texan-hatted beauties perform at the nearby Texas Rose Festival (see TYLER this section) and various bowl games throughout the nation.

"WORLD'S RICHEST ACRE" IN KILGORE

World's Richest Acre — On part of one downtown block, actually about 1.2 acres, once stood the greatest concentration of oil wells in the world. One of the original 24 derricks is preserved, and an historical marker details the history of the plot, which is now landscaped. Business Route Texas 135 at Main and Commerce Sts.

An interesting sidelight is that one of the wells was drilled through the terrazzo floor of the Kilgore National Bank building that once stood on the site.

KOUNTZE *Grid I-16* *Pop. 1,624* *Alt. 85*

General — Established as railroad town 1881. Seat of Hardin County, an area more than 89 per cent forested that produces over 5.5 million board feet of lumber monthly.

The Big Thicket — Kountze describes itself as "The Big Light in The Big Thicket" — that vast area of tangled, often impenetrable woods, streams and marshes in East Texas. Local inquiry will direct visitors to roads offering typical views of the Thicket.

LAKES

B. A. Steinhagen, Lake — 13,700-acre Corps of Engineers impoundment also known as Dam B and Town Bluff Reservoir. Modern public parks, marinas and camps are at lakeside. Very popular for fishing, boating and swimming. Also location of Martin Dies Jr. State Park (see Jasper this section). For details on lake facilities contact project headquarters at the dam off F.M. 92. Midway between Jasper and Woodville. I-17

Caddo Lake — A huge expanse of 32,700 acres that spreads over portions of both Texas and Louisiana. It is rich in Indian legends which say the lake was formed at night, in the dark of the moon, by powerful shaking earth spirits who were angered at a Caddo Indian chief. There could be a factual basis for the legend because the lake may have resulted from the great New Madrid (Mo.) earthquake of 1811. Steamboats from New Orleans and elsewhere regularly plied the lake in the mid-1800s. In 1869 a tragedy took 60 lives when the riverboat *Mittie Stevens* burned near Swanson's Landing. Had the victims known the water was only a few feet deep they could have waded to shore. Pearls in freshwater mussels brought a swarm of pearl hunters about the turn of the century. Today the lake has a primeval aura, edged by dense forests which frequently invade the waters; Spanish moss drapes the trees, and lush aquatic growth appears jungle-like. Because the maze of channels can be confusing, the state has marked 42 miles of "boat roads" on Caddo. Fishing is superb, and many camps and marinas are at lakeside, including Caddo Lake State Park (see KARNACK this section). Lake is a few miles north of Karnack, also accessible from Jefferson. F-16

Cherokee, Lake — 3,987 acres popular with residents and tourists who enjoy boating, skiing, fishing and other water sports. The lake also provides power generation and the municipal water of Longview. 12 miles southeast of Longview off Texas 149, also accessible from Henderson and Tatum. F-16

Gladewater, Lake — 800-acre impoundment on Glade Creek offers fishing, water sports and sites for weekend outings. Northern edge of Gladewater. F-15

Hawkins, Lake — One of four small Wood County lakes for flood control and recreation, 1,064 acres. Lakeside facilities cater to boaters, fishermen and campers at Lake Hawkins Camp Park. A few miles northwest of Hawkins, accessible from Mineola. F-15

Holbrook, Lake — 653-acre Wood County lake designed for recreation and flood control. A county-operated campground is at lakeside. All water sports and fishing. On Keys Creek, four miles northwest of Mineola, also accessible from Quitman. F-15

Houston County Lake — A small impoundment of 1,300 acres on Little Elkhart Creek, popular with area fishermen and boaters. Lakeside picnic and camping areas. Inquire locally for details of facilities. About seven miles southwest of Grapeland, also accessible from Crockett. H-15

Jacksonville, Lake — 1,760 acres rated by area fishermen as one of the best bass lakes in Texas. Water skiers and boaters enjoy the waters, while picnicking and camping are popular along the scenic wooded shore. About four miles south of Jacksonville, also accessible from Rusk. G-15

Lake O' the Pines — Large 38,200-acre Corps of Engineers reservoir amid scenic rolling forestlands; one of the most attractive lakes in East Texas. Modern Corps of Engineers public parks, commercial marinas and camps at lakeside. Excellent fishing, boating, sailing, water skiing, swimming and camping. For details on facilities contact reservoir headquarters at east end of Ferrell's Bridge Dam, F.M. 726. About 10 miles west of Jefferson, also accessible from Gilmer, Ore City, Lone Star, Daingerfield and Avinger. F-16

Livingston, Lake — Huge new 84,800-acre reservoir on the Trinity River, spreads into four counties. Operated by Trinity River Authority and city of Houston. Stretching 52 miles long, the lake has a timbered shoreline of 452 miles devoted mainly to recreation. A host of lakeside parks, camps and marinas offer a complete range of services for boating, fishing, camping and other water sports. About six miles west of Livingston, also accessible from Coldspring, Huntsville and Trinity. I-15

Murvaul, Lake — 3,820 acres, built for industrial purposes, but also furnishing recreational facilities for residents and visitors. Excellent fishing, water skiing, boating and swimming, plus campsites at lakeside. Waterfowl hunting during winter season. 12 miles southwest of Carthage, also accessible from Henderson, Tenaha and Mount Enterprise. G-16

Palestine, Lake — 25,500-acre impoundment for recreation, municipal and industrial water supplies, on the Neches River in a hilly timber area. Very popular for boating, water sports and fishing. Facilities include a marina, bait and tackle shops, swimming beach, boat launching ramps and camping areas. Some 13 miles northwest of Jacksonville, also accessible from Palestine, Tyler, Frankston and Bullard. G-15

Quitman, Lake — 814 acres, one of four small Wood County lakes for flood control and recreation. All water sports, fishing, and a county-operated campground. At east end of dam is large Caddo Indian burial ground. Four miles north of Quitman. F-15

Sam Rayburn Reservoir — Giant lake in the heart of Angelina National Forest, one of most popular recreation areas in East Texas. Largest body of water wholly within the state, covers 113,410 acres at normal capacity. There are no "closed" areas; reservoir lands are open to all. Corps of Engineers (builder of the lake) and National Forest Service parks, camps, marinas and recreational areas at scenic spots along the 560-mile shoreline. Spacious open areas for all kinds of boating activities, plus huge expanses of flooded timber providing prime fish habitat. Boat roads available through flooded timber areas. Fishing is superb! Catches may include black bass, white bass, crappie, catfish and bream. For details on facilities contact project headquarters at west end of the dam on F.M. 255, or chambers of commerce in nearby towns. Sam Rayburn Reservoir, spanning several counties, is accessible about 20 miles north of Jasper, and also from Zavalla, Huntington, Lufkin, Etoile, San Augustine, Broaddus, Hemphill, Pineland and Brookeland. H-16

Striker, Lake — (Formerly Striker Creek Reservoir) 2,400 acres used for recreation, power generation and industrial water supply. A great bass lake with marina services and boat launching facilities, plus picnicking and camping areas. 18 miles southwest of Henderson, also accessible from Jacksonville, New Salem and New Summerfield. G-15

Texarkana, Lake — 20,000-acre Corps of Engineers lake on the Sulphur River, an immensely popular recreation area of northeast Texas. Many public parks and commercial facilities are along the shoreline. Water sports, camping, picnicking, and hiking trails; fishing consistently good. Atlanta State Park is on the southern shore (see ATLANTA this section.) About 12 miles southwest of Texarkana, also accessible from Atlanta, Douglassville, Linden, Maud and Queen City. E-16

Toledo Bend Reservoir — Gigantic impoundment on the Sabine River between Texas and Louisiana, 65 miles long, covering 186,500 acres with 650 miles of shoreline. Joint project of the two states, the largest lake in Texas or on its borders. Parks of Sabine River Authority and National Forest Service at lakeside, plus almost unlimited commercial camps, resorts and marinas. Vast open water areas provide room for sailing and boating of all kinds; equally large regions of submerged timber are prime fish habitat. Fishing is superb with black bass the favorite game fish, plus white bass, crappie, catfish, bluegills and bream species. Maps and information about lakeside facilities available at nearby towns, and at seven offices of Texas Sabine River Authority: at the dam north of Burkeville, F.M. 692 and F.M. 3125 (not shown on section map); off Texas 87 south of Hemphill; off Texas 21 as it crosses the lake east of Milam; southeast of Patroon on local roads; east of Shelbyville on F.M. 2694 (not shown on section map); northeast of Shelbyville via F.M. 417, F.M. 139 north; and southeast of Joaquin off F.M. 139. Lake is accessible from Center, San Augustine, Hemphill and many other nearby towns. H-17

Tyler and Tyler East, Lakes — Municipal lakes, both are water supply impoundments and provide public recreation sites. Lake Tyler East, formerly Mud Creek Dam Lake, has an area of 2,580 acres; Lake Tyler 2,450 acres. Both about 12 miles southeast of Tyler, also accessible from Arp, Troup and Whitehouse. G-15

Winnsboro, Lake — 806 acres, designed primarily as a recreational lake. Fishing, water sports, camping. Six miles southwest of Winnsboro, also accessible from Quitman. F-15

LANEVILLE *Grid G-16* *Pop. 200* *Alt. 415*

General — Developed in the 1880s near the Angelina River. Several antebellum homes (see below) are found in and near the town.

Monte Verdi — Even in an era when colonial mansions were the standard for large East Texas plantations, this two-storied, six-columned home was a showplace of Rusk County. Modeled after the famed Virginia home of George Washington, Monte Verdi was headquarters for a cotton plantation that covered more than 10,000 acres. The 1848 mansion is not open to the public, but may be viewed from the road. About eight miles southwest: F.M. 225 south; U.S. 84 west; F.M. 2753 (not shown on section map) north one mile, local unpaved road west approx. half-mile.

SAM RAYBURN RESERVOIR

LIVINGSTON *Grid I-16* *Pop. 3,742* *Alt. 194*

General — Trade center for prosperous lumber and agricultural district of fertile Trinity River Valley; seat of Polk County. Established 1846, named by founder Moses L. Choate for his former home in Alabama. Oil discovered in the 1940s.

Major Event — Polk County Youth Rodeo, four days in July, attracts hundreds of high school-age contestants from Texas and neighboring states. Prizes include handsome hand-tooled saddles.

Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation — Texas' only Indian reservation, located in a dense wooded area known as the Big Thicket. Sam Houston was influential in having two square miles of land, 1,280 acres, given for a reservation in the 1850s. Between 300 and 400 Indians are on the reservation today. Members of these tribes migrated to East Texas in early part of 19th Century. Visitors to the "Living Indian Village" can watch tribal members use traditional tools and techniques to make authentic jewelry, basketry and leather items; fry bread and sofkey are cooked and samples offered visitors. Foods are also served in Indian-operated restaurant, and handicraft items are stocked in museum-gift shop. Authentic Indian dances are performed; "swamp buggies" and a miniature train provide scenic tours through the Big Thicket. A 600-acre lake and playground area for boating, fishing, swimming. Open daily (except Sun. morning) Mar. - Nov., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Dec. - Feb. Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. During winter months visitors are welcome at any time, but museum, shops, tours and programs are available only as listed.

Lake — Livingston. See LAKES this section.

Moscow, Camden and San Augustine Railroad — See CAMDEN this section.

Polk County Museum — More than 600 items including early American glassware, coins and stamps, as well as jewelry, arrowheads and Indian handicrafts; a candelabrum from the White House, era of John Quincy Adams. Open Tues., Wed., and Fri., 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Thurs. 12:30 - 5 p.m. Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and by appointment. 601 W. Church St.

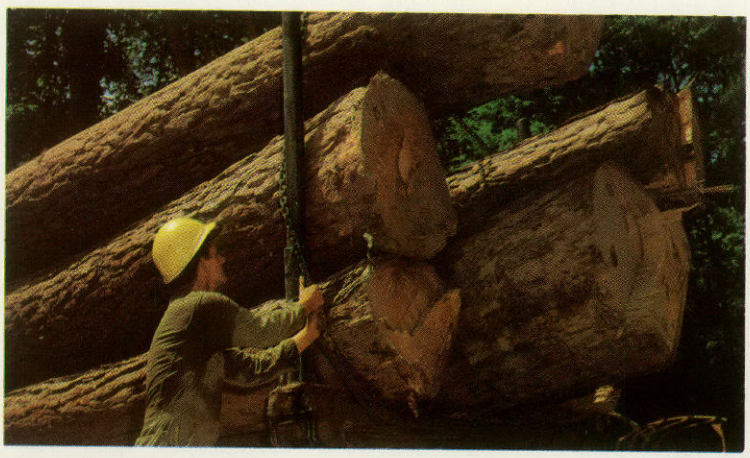
Scenic Drive — Several highways linked to form a loop called Polk County Scenic Drive. Through a landscape of pines and dogwoods, the 100-mile loop from Livingston travels over F.M. 350 (to Moscow), F.M. 62 (to Camden), F.M. 942, F.M. 2500 (to Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation), F.M. 1276, F.M. 943, F.M. 2665 (not shown on section map) and F.M. 1988.

LONGVIEW *Grid F-16* *Pop. 44,397* *Alt. 339*

General — Seat of Gregg County, settled early 1800s. Rapid development by planters from the Old South after 1850. Discovery of oil in 1930s more than trebled the population of 6,000. Today an industrial city with oil refineries, machine shops, wholesale and jobbing houses, food processing plants, farm implement factory, steel plant, and is the loading end of the "Big Inch" pipeline.

Major Events — The annual East Texas Oil Men's Golf Tournament, usually in June, includes $2,000 Pro-Am purse and a giant barbecue. Members of Southwest area petroleum industry participate to raise funds for East Texas Treatment Center for the Physically Handicapped in Kilgore.

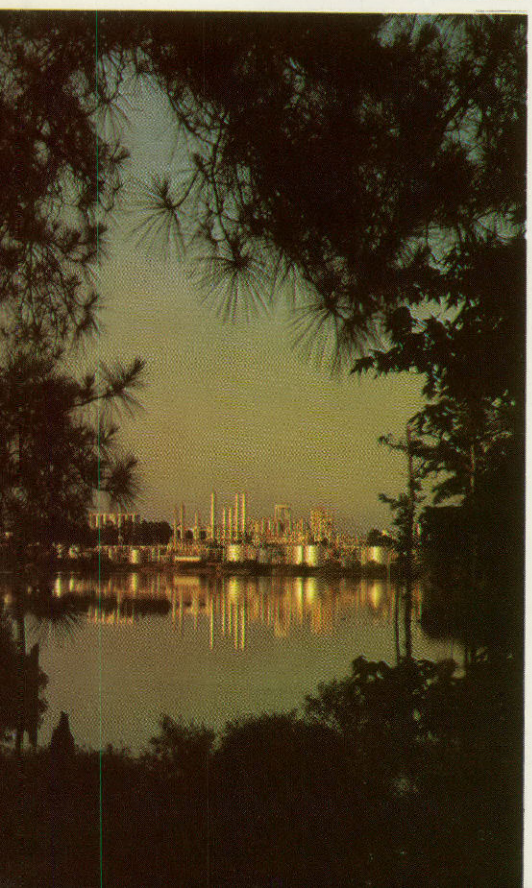
The Gregg County Exposition and Livestock Show, late Sept. - early Oct., features carnival with queen contest; traditional competition in pies, cakes, canning and handwork; and livestock competition of Angus, Hereford, dairy cattle and swine.



LOGGING IN THE "PINEY WOODS"

ALABAMA-COUSHATTA INDIAN RESERVATION, LIVINGSTON-WOODVILLE

PETROCHEMICAL PLANT, LONGVIEW



SWAMP BUGGIES EXPLORE THE BIG THICKET AT INDIAN RESERVATION

Caddo Indian Museum — Prehistoric and historic Caddo Indian artifacts including relics of stone, bone and pottery; 18th Century Spanish trade items. Open daily, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. 701 Hardy St.

Great East Texas Oil Field Tour — Selected route through the fabulous East Texas Oil Field which once numbered about 26,000 producing wells and covered 130,000 acres, making it the largest field in Texas. Now, nearly half a century later, it still has some 18,000 wells and a productive area of over 80,000 acres. Between 1930 and 1964 the wells produced more than 3.6 billion barrels of oil. Additional information on the field and a route map can be obtained at the local chamber of commerce, or at chambers in other cities on the tour: Henderson, Kilgore and Overton.

Lake — Cherokee. See LAKES this section.

LeTourneau College — Private college began as LeTourneau Technical Institute 1946. Became four-year college 1961 emphasizing industrial and engineering education. Coed, enrolls more than 700 students. On Mobberly Ave. in south part of city.

LUFKIN *Grid H-16* *Pop. 23,739* *Alt. 328*

General — In heart of the Piney Woods region of East Texas, headquarters for the National Forests of Texas, home of vast lumber and wood products industries. City lies between Angelina and Davy Crockett National Forests, and between Angelina and Neches Rivers. Central East Texas timber region includes some 12,285,000 acres of forest lands, plus rivers and lakes rich in recreational opportunities. Area produces some 1,233,900,000 board feet of saw timber annually, plus large quantity of pulpwood. Timber species include short- and longleaf pines, cypress, hickory, oak, gum and magnolia.

City parks offer picnicking and outdoor sports including golf, fishing, swimming and tennis. Lufkin City Zoo, in Ellen Trout Lake Park, includes a miniature railroad in addition to animal displays. Sites of historical interest are marked throughout city. Contact the Angelina County Chamber of Commerce for complete details on city and area attractions.

Angelina National Forest — Nearest entrance is 14 miles southeast on U.S. 69. (See NATIONAL FORESTS IN TEXAS at end of book.)

Davy Crockett National Forest — Nearest entrance is about 11 miles west on Texas 94. (See NATIONAL FORESTS IN TEXAS at end of book.)

Lake — Sam Rayburn Reservoir. See LAKES this section. (The Angelina County Chamber of Commerce and many local business firms can provide recreational maps of Sam Rayburn.)

MARSHALL *Grid F-16* *Pop. 22,666* *Alt. 375*

General — Settled 1839, became seat of Harrison County 1842. When Texas seceded from the Union in 1861, city was one of biggest and wealthiest in the state. It produced saddles, harness, clothing, powder and ammunition for the Confederate Army. When Vicksburg fell, Marshall became seat of civil authority west of the Mississippi River, housed the wartime capital of Missouri and headquarters of the Trans-Mississippi Postal Department. Confederate Monument on courthouse lawn. Industry today includes lignite processing, and products of clay, wood, iron, steel, feed, dairy products and clothing.

Major Events — Ark-La-Tex-Oma Singing Convention, first weekend in Feb., draws old time gospel singing groups from four states.

Farm City Week, annually the last week in Apr., features agricultural exhibits plus nationwide entrants in Yorkshire Breeders Association sale and show, and All-Breed Bull show and sale.

Harrison County Fly-In, weekend mid-May, draws scores of private aircraft and pilots, plus parachutists, sky divers, and acrobatic exhibitions.

Citizens Band Radio Jamboree, last weekend in June, attracts some 1,500 ham radio operators.

Central East Texas Fair, week beginning Labor Day, features traditional county fair activities plus an industrial exposition and horse show.

East Texas Baptist College — Founded 1912 as College of Marshall, changed to present name 1944. Four-year, coed, about 800 students. On North Grove St. in northwest Marshall.

Franks Museum — Private museum houses thousands of historical items and a special exhibit of more than 800 antique and rare dolls. 211 W. Grand Ave. Admission.

Ginocchio Hotel — One of the finest examples of Victorian architecture in the state; a recorded Texas historic landmark. Built 1896 at terminus of New Orleans section of T&P Railroad; early Texas notables lodged and dined here. Actor Maurice Barrymore was shot, and one of his troupe killed, in front of the building in the 1880s. Refurbished in period style; public rooms and restaurant open to the public, daily except Mon. Washington St. at T&P depot.

Harrison County Historical Society Museum — Remodeled former county courthouse. Exhibits depict history of Marshall and Harrison County including Caddo Indian artifacts, pioneer and Civil War displays, Lady Bird Johnson display, and Y. A. Tittle exhibit. Open afternoons except Sat. and holidays. Admission.

Lakes — Caddo, Cherokee. See LAKES this section.

Wiley College — Four-year, coed, founded by the Methodist Church in 1873 for Negro students. Enrolls some 500. At Wiley and University Sts. downtown.

MONTGOMERY *Grid I-15* *Pop. 676* *Alt. 286*

General — Established about 1837, named for Gen. Richard Montgomery of American Revolutionary fame. Today a small retail center for surrounding farm and forest activities. Several historical markers at sites of interest in town and countryside.

Major Event — The Texas Trek, annually the third Sun. in Apr. with neighboring Anderson (Brazos Valley section). Sponsored by respective historical societies, observances are separate, but tickets purchased in either town are honored at the other. Historic homes, some 135 years old, are Texas Trek highlights. Visitors are welcomed by hosts dressed in costumes of bygone years. An antique auto club from Houston takes part in celebration which also features street dance and parade. An ox wagon provides rides to church services.

Sam Houston National Forest — Nearest entrance approx. six miles north on F.M. 149. (See NATIONAL FORESTS IN TEXAS at end of book.)

MOSCOW *Grid I-16* *Pop. 200* *Alt. 310*

General — The community, established in 1846, serves a lumbering and agricultural area of Polk County.

Moscow, Camden and San Augustine Railroad — Known as the "shortest railroad in Texas," the MC&SA runs round trip between Camden and Moscow (seven miles) Monday through Friday. It departs Camden at 1:40 p.m., arrives Moscow 2:30 p.m.; leaves Moscow 2:40 p.m., arrives Camden 3:10 p.m. There is one vintage passenger coach, and fares are nominal, children under 5 free. Tickets are purchased on board from conductor.

Scenic Drive — Several highways linked to form a loop called Polk County Scenic Drive. Through a landscape of pines and dogwoods, the 100-mile loop travels from Moscow over F.M. 62 (to Camden), F.M. 942, F.M. 2500 (to Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation), F.M. 1276, F.M. 943, F.M. 2665 (not shown on section map), F.M. 1988 (to Livingston) and F.M. 350.

Woodlands Trail — 1.5-mile nature trail parallels Bull Creek among large magnolia, white oak, maple, holly, dogwood, and other forest species. All are identified. Entrance to the trail is 8.5 miles west of Corrigan on U.S. 287; Corrigan is five miles north of Moscow on U.S. 59.

MOUNT PLEASANT *Grid E-15* *Pop. 8,654* *Alt. 416*

General — Named from location on beautifully wooded hills. In early 1900s town was famous as a resort because of red mineral springs nearby. Today, a commercial center for farming, livestock, and oil. Industries also include poultry processing, meat packing, canning, garments and concrete products.

Dellwood Park — 25 acres in wooded area where mineral springs resort once stood. Picnicking and playground areas, swimming pool, small stream; off Texas 49 east.

MOUNT VERNON *Grid E-15* *Pop. 1,740* *Alt. 476*

General — Seat of Franklin County, an area of many small streams through woodlands, offering wide variety of fishing spots. During seasons hunters take white-tailed deer and upland game birds. Name honors George Washington's home.

Major Events — Mount Vernon Riding Club Rodeo, June, features local contestants in bronc riding, roping, and other traditional events.

Franklin County Hay Show, Sept., combines a festival atmosphere with agricultural displays on the town square.

Scenic Drives — Franklin County south of I.H. 30 is a rolling area heavily wooded with pine, gum and hardwoods. Texas 37 south, F.M. 21 and other local roads are scenic routes through the woodlands, especially popular in fall when autumn colors are vivid.

NACOGDOCHES Grid H-16 Pop. 22,316 Alt. 283

General — Site of Indian settlement for centuries before the first European arrived; named for the Nacogdoche Indians. Area visited by La Salle expedition in 1687. Spanish mission founded in 1716. For more than a hundred years the town was the major eastern gateway to Texas. Some of the state's most historic landmarks are here. Texas' first newspaper, *Gaceta de Tejas*, was published in Nacogdoches.

Major Events — Homes and Historical Places Tour, late Apr., shows traditional old East Texas homesteads along with contemporary homes.

Arabian Horse Show, late Apr. - early May, brings romance of the Middle East to East Texas. Equestrian events feature riders in colorful costumes.

Nacogdoches Horse Show, early Aug. High-stepping, five-gaited Thoroughbreds and beautiful Tennessee walking horses from throughout the southern U.S., plus fine harness class animals.

Nacogdoches County Fair and Livestock Exposition, week in mid-Oct., features a midway plus beef, dairy cattle, swine, poultry, and horse shows.

Adolphus Sterne Home — Pioneer home with a store in one end was often a refuge for women and children during Indian raids. Built about 1830, this charming dwelling was home of a founder of the Republic of Texas and a personal friend of Sam Houston. Today occupied by Hoya Memorial Library. Open Mon. - Sat. 2 - 5 p.m.; 211 S. LaNana St.

Halfway House — Built in 1840s, old stagecoach inn maintained in nearly original condition. Such famous Texans as Sam Houston, Thomas J. Rusk and James Pinckney Henderson were visitors here. On Texas 21, 18 miles east of Nacogdoches. Open daily. Admission.

L. T. Barret Memorial and Oil Springs Marker — Honors the man who drilled Texas' first oil well in Sept. 1866. It produced 10 barrels a day. Memorial located on Stephen F. Austin State College campus. Site of the well, at Oil Springs, is restored, marked and open to visitors. Southeast via Texas 21, south on F.M. 226 approx. 10 miles to Oil Springs sign. Turn left (east) on county road to Oil Springs area.

La Calle del Norte — Spanish for The Street of the North, currently North Street in Nacogdoches, believed by many to be the oldest public thoroughfare in the U.S. Long before the first Spanish explorers discovered and named it, the route connected the major Indian community of Nacogdoches with another concentration of Indian villages to the north.

Lake — Sam Rayburn Reservoir. See LAKES this section.

Oil Springs Woodlands Trail — A marked hiking trail along abandoned logging railroad; picnic area. Located at Oil Springs (see above).

Old Nacogdoches University — Built 1858, modified Grecian structure was first nonsectarian university established during the Republic of Texas. Now on campus of Nacogdoches High School, stately building is a museum featuring antique furniture, silver, and other relics. Open during summer Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - noon, 2 - 5 p.m.; Sun. 2 - 5 p.m.

Old Stone Fort — Built 1779 as a Spanish trading post and fort to store supplies for trading with the Indians. Was headquarters for four unsuccessful attempts to establish the Republic of Texas; where the first two newspapers published in Texas were printed, and where "Three-Legged Willie" Williamson held court with a pistol as "authority." Today the reconstructed fort stands on campus of Stephen F. Austin State University, where students learn about eight flags that have flown over it — Spain, Magee-Gutierrez Expedition, Long Republic, Fredonian Republic, Mexico, Republic of Texas, Confederacy and United States. Museum features Indian artifacts; gun, coin, and doll collections, other historic items. Open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - noon, 1 - 5 p.m.; Sun. and holidays, 1 - 5 p.m.

Stephen F. Austin State University — State four-year teacher-training institution opened 1923. Studies include a Forestry Research Program under the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Coed, enrollment exceeding 8,700. On U.S. 59 just north of downtown.

NEWTON Grid I-17 Pop. 1,363 Alt. 190

General — Selected as site for new seat of Newton County in 1853. Today a commercial center for lumbering, livestock, oil and farming.

Lake — Toledo Bend Reservoir. See LAKES this section.

Sylvan Nature Trail — A Texas Forestry Association Woodlands Trail, the hiking path meanders through a dogwood-filled area for about one and a quarter miles. Many species of forest trees are identified by signs. Four miles southeast on U.S. 190 opposite Highway Department roadside park.

OLD STONE FORT, NACOGDOCHES

Wild Azalea Canyons Trail — A pocket wilderness with prolific growth of wild azaleas (most spectacular in March) and other native flowering plants. Scenic rock cliffs. Five miles north on Texas 87; 10 miles east on F.M. 1414 (not shown on section map.)

OVERTON Grid G-15 Pop. 2,042 Alt. 507

General — Laid out 1873 when the Missouri Pacific Railroad was built; named for a pioneer family, located in famed East Texas Oil Field discovered 1930. Present economy derived from oil supply houses, ranching, pine forests, grain and cattle. Also noted for crimson clover, Coastal Bermuda, and other grasses.

Community Park — 160 acres include a nine-hole golf course, two small lakes, swimming pool and bathhouse, tennis courts, community center, miniature golf, driving range, playground area and picnic facilities.

Great East Texas Oil Field Tour — Selected route through the fabulous East Texas Oil Field which once numbered about 26,000 producing wells and covered 130,000 acres, making it the largest field in Texas. Now, nearly half a century later it still has some 18,000 wells and a productive area of over 80,000 acres. Between 1930 and 1964 the wells produced more than 3.6 billion barrels of oil. Additional information on the field and a route map can be obtained at the local chamber of commerce, or at chambers in other cities on the tour: Henderson, Kilgore, and Longview.

PALESTINE Grid G-15 Pop. 14,518 Alt. 510

General — In 1840s it was discovered that the seat of Anderson County, a village called Houston (not the major city of Harris County) was two miles off center. Taking literally the legislature's general guidelines that county seats should be at center of county areas, new town of Palestine was created as county seat, while former community faded away. Today interests range from dogwood blossoms to atmospheric balloons. (See below.)

Major Event — Texas Dogwood Trails usually the last two weekends in Mar., first weekend of Apr. Inaugurated 1939 to share springtime beauty of area forestlands with out-of-town visitors. Marked roads wind through rural landscapes where dogwood blossoms are most lavish especially Davey Dogwood Park (see below). Local events scheduled to coincide with the trails period. Information available at the Palestine Chamber of Commerce.

Davey Dogwood Park — 400 acres in picturesque landscape of rolling hills, clear flowing streams, forests and meadows; picnic areas and scenic overlooks from paved roads winding through the park; feature area during annual Texas Dogwood Trails (see above). Just north of Palestine off F.M. 315.

High Altitude Scientific Balloon Launch Base — Operated by

TEXAS WOODLANDS COVER 26 MILLION ACRES

ELEGANT DOGWOOD BLOSSOMS INTRODUCE SPRING TO TEXAS FOREST LANDS WITH FESTIVALS AT PALESTINE, QUITMAN AND WOODVILLE

the National Center for Atmospheric Research. Balloons as large as 300 feet in diameter periodically launched to make studies of the upper atmosphere and outer space. Launching schedules may be obtained from the Palestine Chamber of Commerce, and tours may be arranged through the public relations officer at the base.

Howard House Museum — In a cottage built 1851, displays include furniture, clothing, tools, household implements and century-old relics from early days of colonization. Open Sat. - Sun. afternoons. 1011 N. Perry St.

Lakes — Jacksonville and Palestine. See LAKES this section.

Palestine Community Forest — 900 acres of pines and hardwoods with scenic drives leading to three lakes. Fishing, boating and picnicking, plus public rifle and pistol range. Sumac, yaupon and sweet gum trees add accents of brilliant color during autumn. Access from intersection of Texas 19/U.S. 287 a few miles northwest of Palestine.

Pilgrim Church — Authentic reconstruction of original 1833 house of worship, said to be the first Protestant church in Texas. Four miles south of Elkhart on F.M. 861 (not shown on section map).

PITTSBURG *Grid F-15* *Pop. 3,672* *Alt. 398*

General — Seat of Camp County, a heavily timbered area, also a commercial center for farming and livestock.

Major Events — East Texas Peach Festival, six days in July, celebrates million-dollar peach production of East Texas. Features include beauty pageant, sports events, livestock show and prizes for peaches and peach products.

I.R.A. Rodeo, three days in Aug., top competitors vying for prizes and championship points.

Lake — Lake O' the Pines. See LAKES this section.

QUITMAN *Grid F-15* *Pop. 1,480* *Alt. 414*

General — Seat of Wood County, a commercial center for farming, livestock, oil, headquarters for electric co-op. James Stephen Hogg, one of most famous citizens, published the *Quitman Daily News* in 1873, was later justice of the peace, county attorney, state attorney general, and governor of Texas, 1891-1895.

Major Events — Dogwood Fiesta early Apr., features marked trail through the most striking beauty spots of the area. Activities include horse shows, trail rides, arts, crafts and antique shows, queen coronation.

Wood County Old Settlers' Reunion and Fiddlers' Contest, mid-Aug., held on the grounds of Governor Hogg State Park. Four-day event includes prominent speakers, band concerts, carnival.

Governor Hogg Shrine and State Park — James Stephen Hogg, first native-born governor of Texas, lived here when he served as justice of the peace. His first public office. Hogg family mementos and period furnishings are displayed in the "honeymoon cottage." Park area includes pavilion, picnic grounds, rest rooms. Museum open Tues. - Sun. noon - 5 p.m. 515 S. Main St. (Texas 37). Admission.

Lakes — Holbrook, Quitman and Winnsboro. See LAKES this section.

RUSK *Grid G-15* *Pop. 4,678* *Alt. 489*

General — Although only one family was living here in 1846, site was chosen as seat of Cherokee County. Named after Thomas Jefferson Rusk, a signer of Texas Declaration of Independence. Town also famous as birthplace of James Stephen Hogg and Thomas Mitchell Campbell who were first and second native-born Texans to serve as governor.

Major Events — Cherokee County Livestock Show, one day in Mar.

Flower Show, three days in Apr., features prize garden and greenhouse blossoms.

Rodeos include youth competitions throughout the spring and summer, plus an I.R.A.-approved rodeo, three days late May - early June, and the Round-Up Rodeo, three days in Aug.

Arts and Crafts Fair, three days in Nov.

Bass Rodeo at Lake Striker (which see), three days in Nov.

Cherokee & Southwestern Railroad — Utilizing tracks of the Texas State Railway from Rusk through Fairchild State Forest to Maydelle, the C&S operates vintage passenger coaches pulled by antique steam engines. Begun in 1890s to connect Rusk Prison with convict labor camps, the line first hauled iron ore and wood to foundry at the prison; later a logging railroad. Today passengers enjoy experience of old-fashioned steam railroading. Trips daily in three summer months; other months weekends only.

Fairchild State Forest — 13 miles west on U. S. 84. (See STATE FORESTS OF TEXAS at end of book.)

Jim Hogg State Historic Park — 175-acre scenic forest area of towering pines. Dedicated as a memorial to Governor Hogg, facilities include restored birthplace, picnic areas, historical study. Two miles northeast of U.S. 84.

Lakes — Jacksonville and Striker. See LAKES this section.

New Birmingham Trail — 2.6-mile walking trail follows route which in 1830s was a major artery between the booming city of New Birmingham and rest of the state. The city was a headquarters for early iron industry, but with financial panic of 1893 and a furnace explosion, the industry died. The walking trail is north of old townsite which the forest has reclaimed. Trail is southeast of Rusk off F.M. 343 from U.S. 69 south.

Scenic Drives — Several routes near Rusk offer excellent woodland scenery: U.S. 69 both north and south; also F.M. 347, F.M. 2138 and F.M. 747 (none shown on section map) which lead north from U.S. 84 west.

SAN AUGUSTINE Grid H-17 Pop. 2,606 Alt. 304

General — History walks the streets here, known as "The Cradle of Texas." Located on the historic El Camino Real (The Royal Highway, now Texas 21 in this area). Sam Houston walked here; Davy Crockett was feted on his way to the Alamo; and J. Pinckney Henderson, Texas' first governor, lived here when San Augustine was the eastern gateway to Texas. All features are too numerous to mention, but a significant representation would include those listed below.

Major Event — Tour of Medallion Homes and Historical Places, first weekend in June. There are 36 homes and buildings with historical medallions in San Augustine; hoop-skirted hostesses greet guests at the Cullen House (see below), headquarters for the sponsoring Daughters of the Republic of Texas chapter. Antiques Show and Sale an associate event.

Angelina National Forest — Nearest entrance about 11 miles south on Texas 147. (See NATIONAL FORESTS IN TEXAS at end of book.)

Bodine Place — Built 1886, the third Bodine house on the site. Because the original builder served with Commodore Perry on Lake Erie, one son in each succeeding generation has been named Oliver Hazard Perry Bodine. Four miles north on Texas 147, then two miles west.

El Camino Real — Spanish for The Royal Highway, also called the Old San Antonio Road, the first "interstate" (actually international) highway system in North America. Name given by Spanish rulers to primary routes connecting provinces. In this area Texas 21 follows the old route. Laid out about 1690 from St. Augustine, Fla. to San Antonio and down through Mexico City to Vera Cruz. From Mexico branches led to Santa Fe, N. Mex. and through California to San Francisco.

Ezekiel W. Cullen Home — An early judge of the First District Court, Cullen lived in this large six-room frame house of Greek Revival style, the entire upper floor a ballroom. The 1839 structure is now a community house and museum. Among paintings is a collection by S. Seymour Thomas, renowned artist and native of San Augustine. Congress and Market Sts.

Lakes — Sam Rayburn and Toledo Bend Reservoirs. See LAKES this section.

Old Garrett House — Fine example of indigenous pre-Republic architecture built about 1830, oldest house in San Augustine County. Eleven miles west on Texas 21.

Old Town Well — Dug to a depth of 27 feet by slave labor in 1860, supplied citizens as well as travelers on El Camino Real (The Royal Highway). Restored, complete with sweet gum roller, hand-wrought iron handle and oaken bucket, located in R. N. Stripling's downtown drug store.

Sabine National Forest — Nearest entrance about five miles east on F.M. 353. (See NATIONAL FORESTS IN TEXAS at end of book.)

TEXARKANA Grid E-16 Pop. 29,393 Alt. 295

General — Commercially one city, but two separate municipalities, one in Texas, one in Arkansas. The Federal Building has distinction of being the only one of its kind situated in two states. Within a 30-mile radius are 70 Indian mounds — reminders of Caddo Indian occupation and culture.

Major Event — Four States Fair and Rodeo, six days mid-Sept. Opens with colorful parade; top national cowboys compete in the rodeo, and the prettiest cowgirls vie for "Queen of the Fair" title. The fair calendar includes Appaloosa and Quarter Horse Shows.

Lake — Texarkana. See LAKES this section.

Red River Army Depot — Occupies 50-square-mile area with 3,000 buildings and structures connected by modern highways and a 100-mile rail network. Depot's primary missions are to receive, store, recondition, and issue general supplies and ammunition for the Armed Forces, and to rebuild and maintain all types of ordnance equipment and Army aircraft. Worldwide distribution through all major ports. Tours of various operations are conducted for organized groups of 10 or more persons; however, arrangements must be made 2 - 3 days in advance.

Texarkana College — Two-year municipal institution established 1927, coed, enrolling more than 1,800 students. West of city just north of U.S. 82.

Tourist Bureau — The Texas Highway Department maintains nine Tourist Bureaus at key points of entry to the state, plus a Tourist Information Center in the State Capitol and the Judge Roy Bean Visitor Center at Langtry. All bureaus are operated daily throughout the year, staffed by uniformed, trained travel counselors. Services free to all visitors include information, maps, literature on every part of the state and expert assistance in charting routes. On I.H. 30 west of U.S. 59.

Unique Model Railroad — A large room at Texarkana Union Station has the only known model railroad operating in two states. The little railroad merits the distinction because the station is on the Texas-Arkansas line.

TRINITY Grid I-15 Pop. 2,254 Alt. 226

General — Settled 1868 on land of the New York and Texas Land Company. Current industries include forest products and electronics. During seasons hunters take white-tailed deer and upland game birds.

Major Event — Trinity Community Fair, three days late Sept., a feature for more than two decades. Queen's coronation begins events which include All Trophy Open Youth Horse Show on final day.

Davy Crockett National Forest — Nearest entrance about 17 miles northeast on Texas 94. (See NATIONAL FORESTS IN TEXAS at end of book.)

Lake — Livingston. See LAKES this section.

Sam Houston National Forest — Nearest entrance about 17 miles southwest on Texas 19. (See NATIONAL FORESTS IN TEXAS at end of book.)

Scenic Drives — Four routes through scenic areas of Trinity County, especially popular during spring and fall. Trails vary in length from two to 28 miles. Inquire locally for route directions.

TYLER Grid F-15 Pop. 56,301 Alt. 558

General — Chartered 1870, named for President John Tyler. Present metropolitan area encompasses a diversified economy based on oil, manufacturing and agriculture. One of the most famous products is the Tyler rosebush (see Municipal Rose Garden below).

Major Events — Azalea Trails and Spring Flower Show, 10 days late Mar. - early Apr., herald arrival of spring. Some 75 home gardens are open to public; visitors see showcases of azaleas ranging from crimson to purple to white. Redbud, dogwood, wisteria and other blooms add to the color. Hoop-skirted young ladies are hosts at art shows and historical exhibits.

East Texas Fair, six days late Sept., the outstanding livestock event in East Texas. Large variety of breeds exhibited include all popular beef and dairy cattle plus Shetland ponies, swine, sheep and industrial displays. Exhibits and midway attractions draw some 100,000 visitors.

Texas Rose Festival, five days in Oct., a tribute to harvest of Tyler rosebushes. One of the state's greatest floral pageants, event features coronation of Rose Queen, parade of floats, tours of rose gardens, and a rose show where hundreds of thousands of blooms are arranged in magnificent displays. Attendance reaches 150,000.

Camp Ford — At its zenith in spring of 1864, Camp Ford stockade contained some 6,000 Union troops — largest prisoner of war compound west of the Mississippi. An historical marker provides details of the Civil War site in rest area on U.S. 271 two miles northeast.

Goodman-LeGrand Home — Built 1859 by Gallatin Smith, wealthy young Tyler bachelor and Confederate officer. The stately colonial mansion is now a city museum housing artifacts of antebellum years, 18th Century dental and medical tools, medicines, antique dressers and period furniture. Open daily, 1 - 5 p.m. Closed holidays. 624 N. Broadway.

Hudnall Planetarium — Located at Tyler Junior College (see below), the planetarium is one of Texas' largest. Among exhibits are replicas of exploratory space vehicles.

Lakes — Palestine, Tyler and Tyler East. See LAKES this section.

Municipal Rose Garden — More than 35,000 rosebushes in nearly 400 varieties, at their floral peak from April through October. Garden is one of the nation's largest. More than half the field-grown rosebushes in the United States come from the immediate vicinity of Tyler. Rose fields surrounding city give appearance of immense gardens themselves.

Texas College — Established 1894 by Colored Methodist Episcopal Church. Coed. Predominantly a teacher-training institution enrolling some 500 students. North of town on Grand Ave.

Tyler Children's Zoo — Species both familiar and strange are arranged for enjoyment of young visitors. Open May - Oct. daily, 2 - 6 p.m. At West Lincoln St. and Texas 110.

Tyler Junior College — Established 1926, academic and technological training. Coed. 3,600 students. Home of "Apache

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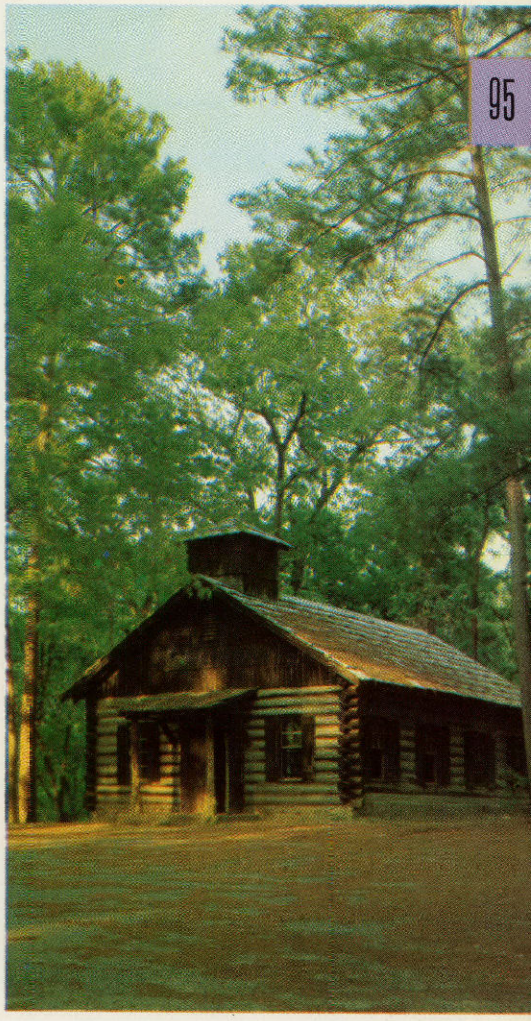


TYLER MUNICIPAL ROSE GARDEN

Belles," famous precision dance-drill team. Campus east of downtown just off Texas 64.

Tyler State Park — 994-acre scenic playground is one of the finest forested sections of Texas. Facilities include camping, picnicking, screened shelters, rest rooms and showers, snack bar, miniature golf, fishing, swimming and boats; 10 miles north via F.M. 14, Park Road 16. Admission.

WASKOM *Grid F-17* *Pop. 1,440* *Alt. 371*

General — Established 1850, originally known as Powellton. Name changed to Waskom Station in 1872 to honor man who was instrumental in bringing Southern Pacific Railroad through the community. Waskom Gas Field discovered in 1924.

Tourist Bureau — The Texas Highway Department maintains nine Tourist Bureaus at key points of entry to the state, plus a Tourist Information Center in State Capitol and Judge Roy Bean Visitor Center at Langtry. All bureaus are operated daily throughout the year, staffed by uniformed, trained travel counselors. Services free to all visitors include information, maps, literature on every part of the state, and expert assistance in charting routes. At the Texas-Louisiana state line on I.H. 20.

WECHES *Grid H-15* *Pop. 26* *Alt. 450*

General — A rural community first settled before 1847. Originally called Neches, the citizens chose Weches when a post office application revealed the first name was already in use. A Spanish mission (see below) had been established 150 years earlier at a large Tejas Indian village nearby. Town is within the boundary of Davy Crockett National Forest (see NATIONAL FORESTS IN TEXAS at end of book).

Mission San Francisco de Los Tejas State Historic Park — Landmark in the 118-acre state park is replica of Mission San Francisco de Los Tejas, the first Spanish mission in East Texas, built in 1690 to stem tide of French encroachment. Park is southwest of Weches off Texas 21 to Park Road 44. Camping, picnicking and nature study. Admission.

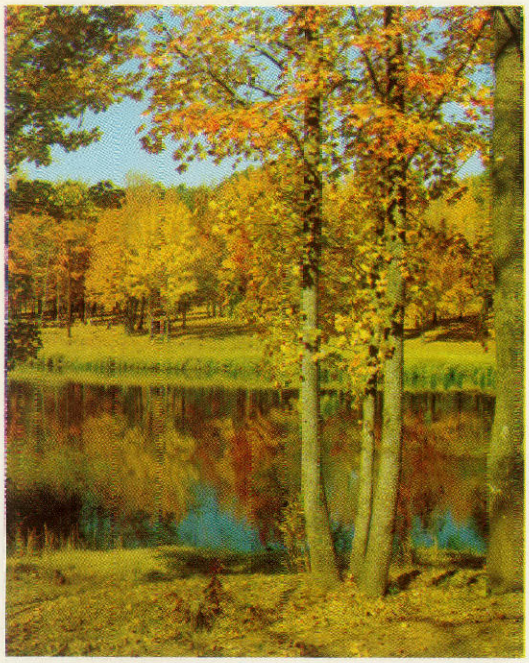
WINNSBORO *Grid F-15* *Pop. 2,482* *Alt. 533*

General — Although named for John E. Wynn, an 1854 settler, the spelling was supposedly changed by a newspaper editor in the 1870s because of a shortage of "y's" in his type. Poultry, beef and dairying are important agriculturally. Strawberry production ranks second in the state.

Major Events — Old Fiddlers' Contest, 4th of July. (Held on Monday if 4th is Sunday.) Festival of old-time country music.

Autumn Trails weekends from late Sept. to early Nov. Special routes through autumn beauty of forestlands. Associate attractions include an old syrup mill in operation, century-old cider mill (free cup for visitors!), Queen Autumn coronation, one-act plays, Gospel Sorgfest, Pilgrimage of Early Texas Homes, barn and square dances, turkey shoot, and a round trip Horseback Trail Ride to Duncanville. Art and flower shows also lend color to the popular event.

AUTUMN TRAILS ARE FALL FEATURES AT WINNSBORO



SIDEWALK ART, WINNSBORO AUTUMN TRAILS FESTIVAL

HERITAGE GARDEN PRESERVES SCENES FROM THE PAST, WOODVILLE

Caddo Indian Industrial Center — Evidences of large prehistoric Indian settlement: large tanning yard, paint production (probably for ceremonies), corn shellers and mills; other structures. Demonstrations are given. About eight miles west of Winnsboro via F.M. 852, F.M. 269 and local road south (none shown on section map). Open Sat. - Sun., June - Nov. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission.

Lake — Winnsboro. See LAKES this section.

WOODVILLE *Grid I-16* *Pop. 2,506* *Alt. 232*

General — A commercial center for lumbering and forest products; seat of Tyler County, an area more than 90 per cent forested. Named for George T. Wood, second governor of Texas.

Major Event — Tyler County Dogwood Festival, late Mar. - early Apr., relives area history in pageant, story and song as landscape is dotted with beautiful white blooms. First event is Western Weekend with trail rides and horsemanship competition followed by dancing. The second weekend features an historical pageant and coronation of Festival Queen.

Alabama - Coushatta Indian Reservation — Texas' only Indian reservation, located in a dense wooded area known as the Big Thicket. Sam Houston was influential in having two square miles of land, 1,280 acres, given for a reservation in the 1850s. Between 300 and 400 Indians are on the reservation today. Members of these tribes migrated to East Texas in early part of 19th Century. Visitors to the "Living Indian Village" can watch tribal members use traditional tools and techniques to make authentic jewelry, basketry and leather items; fry bread and sofkey are cooked and samples offered visitors. Foods are also served in Indian-operated restaurant, and handicraft items are stocked in museum-gift shop. Indian dances are performed; "swamp buggies" and a miniature train provide scenic tours through the Big Thicket. A 600-acre lake and playground area for boating, fishing, swimming. Open daily (except Sun. mornings) from Mar. - Nov., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Dec. - Feb. open Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. During winter months visitors are welcome at any time, but the museum, shops, tours and programs are available only as listed.

Heritage Garden — Texas' past preserved in unusual setting created by ceramist Clyde E. Gray, honored by the Texas Heritage Society for his efforts in historical preservation. Open-air display features old buildings, shops, homes and vehicles, plus pictures, historical documents, maps and pictorial records of everyday life from the pioneer days through the Roaring Twenties. Outstanding among the buildings is a log cabin built in 1866, and in continuous use through 1960. Restored to its original condition, cabin has handmade pegged windows and wooden door hinges oiled with washers of bacon rind. Open daily, 9 a.m. - sundown. One mile west of Woodville on U.S. 190. Admission.

Kirby State Forest — 14 miles south on U.S. 287. (See STATE FORESTS OF TEXAS at end of book.)

Lake — B. A. Steinhagen. See LAKES this section.

Martin Dies Jr. State Park — See JASPER this section.

Scenic Drives — In an area of rolling hills, lively springs and streams, thousands of wild flowers and 250 species of trees, any highway provides scenic treasures.

Shivers Library and Museum — Former Texas Governor and Mrs. Allan Shivers made a gift of this restored Victorian home to the people of Woodville. Among handsome furnishings is carpeting from France. Mementos and historical documents of the Shivers administration are among many items on display. Open Mon. - Fri. 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; Sat. - Sun. 2 - 4 p.m. at 302 N. Charlton. Admission.

ZAVALLA *Grid H-16* *Pop. 900* *Alt. 228*

General — Rural community which grew around Concord Church before the Civil War; once an important shipping point for forest products on the Texas and New Orleans Railroad. Located in Angelina National Forest, town is a gateway to several recreation areas on Sam Rayburn Reservoir (which see).

Angelina National Forest — Town is within the forest boundary. (For details see NATIONAL FORESTS IN TEXAS at end of book.)

Lake — Sam Rayburn Reservoir. See LAKES this section.

CADDO LAKE STATE PARK

campground guide

In every season the camping's great in Texas! Sites listed below are administered by local, state and federal agencies. Not included are commercial camps whose listings are usually available in commercial guides. Camps are listed under nearby city name; driving directions are provided to each.

Directions are by standard compass abbreviations: **N** (north), **NE** (northeast), **E** (east), **SE** (southeast), **S** (south), **SW** (southwest), **W** (west) **NW** (northwest). Highways are indicated by standard abbreviations: **IH** = Interstate Highways, shown on maps as (35). **US** = U.S. Highways, shown on maps as (80). **Tex** = Texas State Highways, shown on maps as (21). **FM** or **RM** = Texas Farm or Ranch Roads (all are excellent paved routes), shown on maps as (770).

Drinking water is at all sites except where specifically noted.

ATLANTA — **Jackson Creek Recreation Area**

US 59 SW 1.3 mi; Tex 77 NW 7.6 mi; FM 2791 N 1.6 mi local rd N 4 mi. On Lake Texarkana. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Fish, boat, picnic, hunt. (Corps of Engineers, Box 1817, Texarkana 75501)

ATLANTA — **Mill Creek Recreation Area**

US 59 N 8.4 mi; local rd W 2.5 mi; S .6 mi, W 2 mi. On Lake Texarkana. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Fish, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 1817, Texarkana 75501)

ATLANTA — **Overcup Recreation Area**

US 59 SW 1.3 mi; Tex 77 NW 11.7 mi; Tex 8 N 3.5 mi; local rd W .6 mi. On Lake Texarkana. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Fish, boat, picnic, hunt. (Corps of Engineers, Box 1817, Texarkana 75501)

ATLANTA — **Sawmill Hill Recreation Area**

US 59 N 8.4 mi; local rd W 2.5 mi, N&W 1 mi. On Lake Texarkana. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Fish, picnic, hunt. (Corps of Engineers, Box 1817, Texarkana 75501)

ATLANTA — **Sherman's Landing Recreation Area**

US 59 N 10.2 mi; local rd NW .7 mi. On Lake Texarkana. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Fish, boat, picnic, hunt. (Corps of Engineers, Box 1817, Texarkana 75501)

ATLANTA — **South Abutment Recreation Area**

US 59 N 12.6 mi; local rd W .3 mi. On Lake Texarkana. Tent & trailer sites, fl toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Fish, boat, picnic, hunt. (Corps of Engineers, Box 1817, Texarkana 75501)

ATLANTA — **Thomas Lake Recreation Area**

US 59 SW 1.3 mi; Tex 77 NW 19.4 mi; FM 994 N 3.2 mi; local rd NE 3 mi. On Lake Texarkana. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Fish, boat, picnic, hunt. (Corps of Engineers, Box 1817, Texarkana 75501)

ATLANTA/Queen City — **Atlanta State Park**

From Atlanta: US 59 N 2.8 mi to Queen City; FM 2791 W 6.9 mi; FM 96 N 1.6 mi; FM 1154 N 1.6 mi to Park Rd 42. On Lake Texarkana. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers, dump sta. Entrance $1, daily tent $1.50, trailer $1.75, max 14 days May 1-Sept 15. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat. (Atlanta St Pk, Rt 1, Box 115, Atlanta 75551)

AVINGER (see Jefferson)

BROADDUS (See San Augustine)

CARTHAGE — **Dotson Crossing Camp**

Tex 315 SW 10.5 mi; FM 1971 S 6 mi. On Lake Murvaul. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets, area lighting. Free, max 30 days. Groc. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic, playground, bike trail. (Rt 1, Box 187, Carthage 75633)

CARTHAGE — **Main Camp**

Tex 315 SW 9.4 mi; FM 1970 SE 4.5 mi; FM 1234 S 1 mi. On Lake Murvaul. Tent & trailer sites, fl toilets, showers; cabins, elec outlets fl toilets, showers. Daily tent free; trailer $1.50; cabins $6-9. Groc. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic, playground, bike trail. (Rt 1, Box 187, Carthage 75633)

CARTHAGE — **South Side Camp**

Loop 455 S 1.8 mi; US 59 S 6.5 mi; FM 999 W 9.6 mi; local rd NW to camp. On Lake Murvaul. Tent sites, pit toilets. No drinking water. Free. Groc. Fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic (Rt 1, Box 187, Carthage 75633)

CENTER/Shelbyville — **Boles Field Recreation Area**

From Center: Tex 87 E 6.8 mi to Shelbyville; FM 417 E 1.2 mi; FM 2694 E 5.3 mi. Tent & trailer sites pit toilets Free. Picnic. (U.S. Forest Serv, Box 969, Lufkin 75901)

CLEVELAND/Coldspring — **Double Lake Recreation Area**

From Cleveland: FM 3025 N 17 mi; local rd SE 1.5 mi. On 25-acre lake in Sam Houston Nat'l Forest. Tent & trailer sites, fl toilets, showers. U.S. fee area. Concessionaire. Swim, fish, picnic. (U.S. Forest Serv, Box 969, Lufkin 75901)

COLDSPRING (see Cleveland)

CROCKETT/Ratcliff — **Ratcliff Lake Recreation Area**

From Crockett: Tex 7 E 19 mi. On Ratcliff Lake in Davy Crockett Nat'l Forest. Tent & trailer sites, fl toilets, showers. U.S. fee area. Concessionaire. Swim, fish, boat (no motors), picnic (U.S. Forest Serv, Box 969, Lufkin 75901)

CROCKETT/Weches — **Mission Tejas State Park**

From Crockett: Tex 21 NE 21 mi; Park Rd 44 NW. Tent & trailer camping permitted, pit toilets. Entrance $1. Fish, picnic, nature study, mission replica. (Mission Tejas St Pk, Rt 2, Box 108, Grapeland 75844)

DAINGERFIELD — **Daingerfield State Park**

Tex 49 E 2.4 mi; Park Rd 17 S. Tent & trailer sites, cabins, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers, dump sta Entrance $1, daily tent $1, trailer $1.75 cabin $6, max 14 days May 1-Sept 15. Boat ramp, snack bar, fishing pier. Fish boat up to 12 hp, boat rentals, playground, picnic, nature study. (Daingerfield St Pk, Box B, Daingerfield 75638)

DAINGERFIELD/Lone Star — **Highway 26 Campground**

From Daingerfield: US 259 S 7 mi to Lone Star; US 259 S 2.5 mi; local rd SE 1 mi. Near Lake O' the Pines. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free. Fish, boat (no motors), picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Drawer W, Jefferson 75657)

ETOILE (see Lufkin & San Augustine)

GLADEWATER — **Jaycee Park**

US 80 W 1 mi (from US 271 intersection); East Dr N .5 mi; Gay Ave W 2 mi. On Lake Gladewater. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, area lighting, dump sta. Free, max 30 days. Groc, laundry. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic playground. (Jaycees, Box 1062, Gladewater, 75647)

GROVETON — **Holly Bluff Recreation Area**

Tex 94 NE 15.7 mi; FM 2501 E 4.4 mi; local rd S 3.3 mi; local rd E 1.3 mi. On Neches River in Davy Crockett Nat'l Forest. Tent sites, pit toilets Free. Fish, boat, picnic. (U.S. Forest Serv, Box 969, Lufkin 75901)

HAWKINS (see Mineola)

HEMPHILL — **Red Hills Recreation Area**

Tex 87 N 9.9 mi; local rd E 7 mi. On Red Hills Lake in Sabine Nat'l Forest. Tent & trailer sites fl toilets, showers. U.S. fee area. Swim, fish, boat (no motor), picnic hiking trail. (U.S. Forest Serv, Box 969, Lufkin 75901)

HUNTINGTON (see Lufkin)

HUNTSVILLE — **Huntsville State Park**

IH 45 S 6.9 mi to Park Rd 40. Encloses Lake Raven. Tent & trailer sites, screened shelters, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers, dump sta. Entrance $1, daily tent $1-1.50, trailer $1.75, shelters $3.50, max 14 days May 1-Sept 15. Groc, boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, paddle boat rentals, picnic, playground, saddle horses, miniature golf, nature & bike trails, bike rentals. (Huntsville St Pk, Box 508, Huntsville 77340)

HUNTSVILLE/New Waverly — **Stubblefield Recreation Area**

From Huntsville: FM 1374 SW 12.4 mi; local rd S 2 mi. On Stubblefield Lake in Sam Houston Nat'l Forest. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. U.S. fee area. Fish, picnic, hiking trails. (U.S. Forest Serv, Box 969, Lufkin 75901)

HUNTSVILLE/New Waverly — **Walker Lake**

From Huntsville: US 190 E 3.7 mi; FM 2929 SE 4.1 mi; local rd SE 4.9 mi; FM 1375 SW 1.1 mi. On Winter's Bayou in Sam Houston Nat'l Forest. Tent sites, pit toilets. No drinking water. Free. Picnic, (U.S. Forest Serv, Box 969, Lufkin 75901)

JACKSONVILLE — **Lake Jacksonville Campgrounds**

From US 79: College Ave S 3 mi. On Lake Jacksonville. Tent & trailer sites, cabins, screened shelters, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers, area lighting, dump sta. Daily tent & trailer $2, shelters $2.50, cabins $8. Restaurant. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic. (Lake Jacksonville Campgrounds, Box 1002, Jacksonville 75766)

JASPER — **Ebenezer Park**

Tex 63 NW 16 mi; FM 255 NE 4 mi; local rd N 1 mi. On Sam Rayburn Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramps, boat storage. Swim, fish, boat. (Corps of Engineers, Rt 3, Box 320, Jasper 75951)

JASPER — **Letney Recreation Area**

FM 2799 W 3 mi; Tex 63 NW 11 mi; FM 255 NE 1.1 mi; local rd 2.8 mi. On Sam Rayburn Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, fl toilets, showers. U.S. fee area. Concessionaire. Swim, fish, boat, picnic, hiking trails, scenic overlook. (U.S. Forest Serv, Box 969, Lufkin 75901)

JASPER — **Martin Dies Jr State Park**

US 190 SW 10.7 mi to Park Rd 48. On Steinhagen Lake. Tent & trailer sites, screened shelters, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers. Entrance $1, daily tent $1, trailer $1.75, screened shelters $3.50, max 14 days May 1 - Sept 15. Groc, boat ramp, fishing pier. Swim, fish, boat & rentals, paddle boat rentals, picnic, playground. (Martin Dies Jr St Pk, Box 1108, Dogwood Station, Woodville 75979)

JASPER — **Mill Creek Park**

US 96 N 17 mi; Loop 149 W 1 mi; Loop 165 W .8 mi. On Sam Rayburn Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Daily $1 Memorial Day — Labor Day; free other times; max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Rt 3, Box 320, Jasper 75951)

JASPER — **Sandy Creek Recreation Area**

FM 2799 W 3 mi; Tex 63 NW 12.8 mi; local rd N 2.3 mi. On Sam Rayburn Reservoir in Angelina Nat'l Forest. Tent sites, pit toilets. U.S. fee area. Boat ramp. Fish, boat, picnic, hiking trails. (U.S. Forest Serv, Box 969, Lufkin 75901)

JASPER — **Twin Dikes**

US 96 N 9.5 mi; FM 255 W 6 mi. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp, boat storage, snack bar. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Rt 3, Box 320, Jasper 75951)

JASPER/Woodville — **East End Park**

From Jasper: US 190 W 8 mi; FM 777 S 1.3 mi; local rd W&S 4.5 mi. On Steinhagen Lake. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Rt 1, Box 82, Woodville 75979)

JASPER/Woodville — **Jasper County Park**

From Jasper: US 190 W 11.5 mi. On Steinhagen Lake. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp, boat storage. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Rt 1, Box 82, Woodville 75979)

JASPER/Woodville — **Sandy Creek Park**

From Jasper: US 190 W 8 mi; FM 777 S 1.3 mi; local rd W 2.3 mi. On Steinhagen Lake. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Rt 1, Box 82, Woodville 75979)

JEFFERSON — **Alley Creek Park**

Tex 49 NW 3.5 mi; FM 729 W 11 mi; local rd S .2 mi. On Lake O' the Pines. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Drawer W, Jefferson 75657)

JEFFERSON — **Brushy Creek Park**

Tex 49 NW 3.5 mi; FM 729 W 3.4 mi; FM 726 SW 5 mi; local rd NW .7 mi. On Lake O' the Pines. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Drawer W, Jefferson 75657)

JEFFERSON — **Copeland Creek Campgrounds**

Tex 49 NW 3.5 mi; FM 729 W 3.4 mi; FM 726 SW 8.7 mi; FM 1968 N .8 mi; local rd W&NW 1 mi. On Lake O' the Pines. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Drawer W, Jefferson 75657)

JEFFERSON — **Hurricane Creek Campground**

Tex 49 NW 3.5 mi; FM 729 W 6.2 mi. On Lake O' the Pines. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free. Boat ramp. Fish, boat, picnic, hunt. (Corps of Engineers, Drawer W, Jefferson 75657)

JEFFERSON — **Johnson Creek Park**

Tex 49 NW 3.5 mi; FM 729 W 8.7 mi; local rd S .8 mi. On Lake O' the Pines. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic, hunt. (Corps of Engineers, Drawer W, Jefferson 75657)

JEFFERSON — **Lakeside Park**

Tex 29 NW 3.5 mi; FM 729 W 3.4 mi; FM 726 SW 3.7 mi. On Lake O' the Pines. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic, hunt. (Corps of Engineers, Drawer W, Jefferson 75657)

JEFFERSON — **Mims Chapel**

Tex 49 NW 3.5 mi; FM 729 W 13 mi; local rd S .6 mi. On Lake O' the Pines. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Drawer W, Jefferson 75657)

JEFFERSON — **Overlook Park**

Tex 49 NW 3.5 mi; FM 729 W 3.4 mi; FM 726 SW 2.7 mi. On Lake O' the Pines. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Drawer W, Jefferson 75657)

JEFFERSON — **Railroad Landing Campground**

Tex 49 NW 3.5 mi; FM 729 W 14 mi; local rd S 1 mi. On Lake O' the Pines. Tent & trailer sites, fl toilets. Free. Boat ramp. Fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Drawer W, Jefferson 75657)

JEFFERSON — **West Abutment Campground**

Tex 49 NW 3.5 mi; FM 729 W 3.4 mi; FM 726 SW 4.9 mi. On Lake O' the Pines. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Fish, boat, picnic, hunt. (Corps of Engineers, Drawer W, Jefferson 75657)

JEFFERSON/Avinger — **Highway 155 Park**

From Jefferson: Tex 49 NW 16 mi to Avinger; Tex 155 SW 14 mi; local rd SE 1 mi. On Lake O' the Pines. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Drawer W, Jefferson 75657)

KARNACK (see Marshall)

LIVINGSTON-WOODVILLE — **Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation Campsite**

From Livingston: US 190 E 12 mi. On Big Sandy Creek. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers, area lighting, dump sta. Tent daily $1, trailer $1.50. Groc, laundry. Swim, fish, picnic, playground. (Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation, Rt 3, Box 170, Livingston 77351)

LONE STAR (see Daingerfield)

LUFKIN — **Ellen Trout Lake Park**

US 69 N (Kurth Dr); Lake St N 1.5 mi. On Ellen Trout Lake. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets, area lighting. Free, max 2 days. Boat, fish, picnic, playground. (City Hall, Drawer 190, Lufkin 75901)

LUFKIN — **Etoile Park**

Tex 103 E 18 mi. On Sam Rayburn Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Rt 3, Box 320, Jasper 75951)

LUFKIN — **Marion Ferry Park**

Tex 103 E 13 mi; FM 1669 N 2 mi. On Sam Rayburn Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Rt 3, Box 320, Jasper 75951)

LUFKIN/Etoile — **Shirley Creek Park**

From Lufkin: Tex 103 E 19 mi to Etoile; FM 226 S 6 mi. On Sam Rayburn Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Rt 3, Box 320, Jasper 75951)

LUFKIN/Huntington — **Hanks Creek Park**

From Lufkin: US 69 SE 11 mi to Huntington; FM 1669 NE .5 mi; FM 2109 E-SE 10 mi; FM 2801 NE 2 mi. On Sam Rayburn Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Groc, cafe, boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Rt 3, Box 320, Jasper 75951)

LUFKIN/Zavalla — **Bouton Lake Recreation Area**

From Lufkin: US 69 SE 23 mi to Zavalla; US 69 S 8.5 mi; local rd E 5 mi; local rd S 2.5 mi. On Bouton Lake in Angelina Nat'l Forest. Tent sites, pit toilets. No drinking water. Free. Fish, picnic, hiking trails. (U.S. Forest Serv, Box 969, Lufkin 75901)

LUFKIN/Zavalla — **Boykin Springs**

From Lufkin: US 69 SE 23 mi to Zavalla; Tex 63 SE 10.6 mi; local rd S 2.7 mi. In Angelina Nat'l Forest. Tent & trailer sites, fl toilets, showers. U.S. fee area. Concessionaire. Swim, fish, picnic, hiking trails. (U.S. Forest Serv, Box 969, Lufkin 75901)

LUFKIN/Zavalla — **Caney Creek Park**

From Lufkin: US 69 SE 23 mi to Zavalla; Tex 63 E 4.8 mi; FM 2743 E 5.2 mi. On Sam Rayburn Reservoir in Angelina Nat'l Forest. Tent & trailer sites, fl toilets, showers. U.S. fee area. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic, hiking trails. (U.S. Forest Serv, Box 969, Lufkin 75901)

LUFKIN/Zavalla — **Cassells Boykin Park**

From Lufkin: US 69 SE 23 mi to Zavalla; Tex 147 NE 6 mi; FM 3123 NW 1 mi. On Sam Rayburn Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat. (Corps of Engineers, Rt 3, Box 320, Jasper 75951)

LUFKIN/Zavalla — **Monterey Park**

From Lufkin: US 69 SE 23 mi to Zavalla; Tex 147 E .8 mi; FM 2109 N 3.4 mi; FM 3124 E 2 mi. On Sam Rayburn Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Rt 3, Box 320, Jasper 75951)

MARSHALL/Karnack — **Caddo Lake State Park**

From Marshall: Tex 43 NE 15.2 mi to Karnack; FM 134 N .8 mi; Park Rd 2 N. On Caddo Lake. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers, dump sta. Entrance $1, daily tent $1, trailer $1.75, max 14 days May 1 - Sept. 15. Boat ramp. Fish, boat up to 12 hp on park pond, picnic, playground, nature study. (Caddo Lake St Pk, Box 316, Karnack 75661)

MAUD (see Texarkana)

MINEOLA — **Lake Holbrook Camp Park**

US 80 W 2.7 mi; Old US 80 W 1 mi; local rd N .3 mi. On Lake Holbrook. Tent & trailer sites, fl toilets, area lighting, dump sta. No drinking water. Free, max 30 days. Groc. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, playground, nature & bike trails. (County Courthouse, Box 938, Quitman 75783)

MINEOLA/Hawkins — **Lake Hawkins Camp Park**

From Mineola: US 80 E 14 mi (4 mi W of Hawkins); Lake Hawkins Rd N 1.5 mi. On Lake Hawkins. Tent & trailer sites, fl toilets, area lighting, dump sta. Free, max 30 days. Groc. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic, playground, nature & bike trails. (County Courthouse, Box 938, Quitman 75783)

NEW WAVERLY (see Huntsville)

OVERTON — **Overton Trailer Park**

Within city: City Park. On Lake Overton. Trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, area lighting, dump sta. Daily $2, max 5 days. Swim, fish, boat, picnic, playground, golf. (City Hall, Box 277, Overton 75684)

PATROON (see San Augustine)

QUEEN CITY (see Atlanta)

QUITMAN — **Lake Quitman Camp Park**

FM 2966 N 4.8 mi; local rd E. On Lake Quitman. Tent & trailer sites, fl toilets, area lighting, dump sta. No drinking water. Free, max 30 days. Groc. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic, playground, nature & bike trails. (County Courthouse, Box 938, Quitman 75783)

QUITMAN-WINNSBORO — **Lake Winnsboro Camp Park**

From Quitman: Tex 37 NE 9.7 mi; local rd W 1 mi. On Lake Winnsboro. Tent & trailer sites, fl toilets, area lighting, dump sta. No drinking water. Daily $1, max 30 days. Groc. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, playground, nature & bike trails. (County Courthouse, Box 938, Quitman 75783)

RATCLIFF (see Crockett)

SAN AUGUSTINE — **Powell Park**

Tex 147 S 8.7 mi; FM 705 S 23 mi. On Sam Rayburn Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, showers, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramps, boat storage. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Rt 3, Box 320, Jasper 75951)

SAN AUGUSTINE — **Rayburn Park**

Tex 147 S 8.7 mi; FM 705 S 22.4 mi; FM 3127 W 1.2 mi; Spur 3127 S .5 mi. On Sam Rayburn Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramps. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Rt 3, Box 320, Jasper 75951)

SAN AUGUSTINE — **San Augustine Park**

Tex 147 S 1.8 mi; US 96 S 4.7 mi; FM 1751 S 25.8 mi. On Sam Rayburn Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Rt 3, Box 320, Jasper 75951)

SAN AUGUSTINE/Broaddus — **Harvey Creek Recreation Area**

From San Augustine: Tex 147 SW 19.1 mi to Broaddus; FM 83 E 2.6 mi; FM 2390 SW 5.7 mi. On Sam Rayburn Reservoir in Angelina Nat'l Forest. Tent & trailer sites, fl toilets, showers. U.S. fee area. Concessionaire, boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic, hiking trail. (U.S. Forest Serv, Box 969, Lufkin 75901)

SAN AUGUSTINE/Broaddus — **Jackson Hill Park**

From San Augustine: Tex 147 SW 19.1 mi to Broaddus; Tex 147 S 3.9 mi; FM 2851 W .5 mi, local rd W .5 mi. On Sam Rayburn Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Groc, cafe, boat ramps, boat storage. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Rt 3, Box 320, Jasper 75951)

SAN AUGUSTINE/Broaddus — **Townsend Recreation Area**

From San Augustine: Tex 147 SW 11.2 mi; Tex 103 W 5.7 mi; FM 1277 S 2.3 mi; FM 2923 W 1.5 mi. On Sam Rayburn Reservoir in Angelina Nat'l Forest. Tent & trailer sites, fl toilets, showers. U.S. fee area. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic, hiking trail. (U.S. Forest Serv, Box 969, Lufkin 75901)

SAN AUGUSTINE/Etoile — **Boggy Creek**

From San Augustine: Tex 147 S 11.2 mi; Tex 103 W 8.1 mi; (from Etoile Tex 103 E 6 mi). On Sam Rayburn Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. No drinking water. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Rt 3, Box 320, Jasper 75951)

SAN AUGUSTINE/Patroon — **Patroon Creek Recreation Area**

From San Augustine: Tex 21 E 13.4 mi; FM 330 N 7.4 mi; Tex 87 SE 1.7 mi; local rd E 1 mi. On Patroon Bayou near Toledo Bend Reservoir in Sabine Nat'l Forest. Tent sites, pit toilets. U.S. fee area. Fish, picnic. (U.S. Forest Serv, Box 969, Lufkin 75901)

SHELBYVILLE (see Center)

TEXARKANA — **Clear Springs Recreation Area**

US 67 SW 10.2 mi; local rd S 1.1 mi; E .5 mi. On Lake Texarkana. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic, hunt. (Corps of Engineers, Box 1817, Texarkana 75501)

TEXARKANA — **North Abutment Recreation Area**

US 59 SW 9.7 mi; FM 2148 N 1 mi; local rd W 1.9 mi. On Lake Texarkana. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, bait, picnic, hunt. (Corps of Engineers, Box 1817, Texarkana 75501)

TEXARKANA — **Oak Grove Recreation Area**

US 59 SW 10.4 mi; local rd SW 1 mi. On Lake Texarkana. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Fish, picnic, hunt. (Corps of Engineers, Box 1817, Texarkana 75501)

TEXARKANA — **Overlook Recreation Area**

US 59 SW 12.1 mi. On Lake Texarkana. Tent & trailer sites, fl toilets. Free. Fish, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 1817, Texarkana 75501)

TEXARKANA/Maud — **Berry Farm Recreation Area**

From Texarkana: US 67 SW 18.4 mi to Maud; Tex 8 S 1.1 mi; FM 2624 SE 4.1 mi; local rd S 2 mi. On Lake Texarkana. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Fish, boat, picnic, hunt. (Corps of Engineers, Box 1817, Texarkana 75501)

TEXARKANA/Maud — **Herron Creek Recreation Area**

From Texarkana: US 67 SW 18.4 mi to Maud; Tex 8 S 2.1 mi; local rd E .2 mi, S&E 1 mi. On Lake Texarkana. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Fish, boat, picnic, hunt. (Corps of Engineers, Box 1817, Texarkana 75501)

TEXARKANA/Maud — **Malden Lake Recreation Area**

From Texarkana: US 67 SW 18.4 mi to Maud; Tex 8 S 4.5 mi; local rd SE .2 mi. On Lake Texarkana. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Fish, boat, picnic, hunt. (Corps of Engineers, Box 1817, Texarkana 75501)

TRINITY — **Trin-Lady Park**

Local rd NE 7 mi. On White Rock Creek. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, dump sta, area lighting. No drinking water. Free. Swim, fish, picnic, nature trail. (Chamber of Commerce, Box 549, Trinity 75862)

TYLER — **Tyler State Park**

US 271 N 3.2 mi; Loop 323 W .6 mi; FM 14 N 5.9 mi; Park Rd 16 W. Tent & trailer sites, screened shelters, showers, dump sta. Entrance $1, daily tent $1, trailer $1.75, shelters $3.50, max 14 days May 1 - Sept. 15. Boat ramp, snack bar. Swim, fish, boat (up to 12 hp), nature study. (Tyler St Pk, Rt 9, Tyler 75701)

WECHES (see Crockett)

WINNSBORO-QUITMAN — **Lake Winnsboro Camp Park**

From Winnsboro: Tex 37 SW 5.5 mi; local rd W 1 mi. On Lake Winnsboro. Tent & trailer sites, fl toilets, area lighting, dump sta. No drinking water. Daily $1, max 30 days. Groc. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, playground, nature & bike trails. (County Courthouse, Box 938, Quitman 75783)

WOODVILLE — **Camper Cove Park**

US 190 E 12.5 mi; FM 92 S 2.6 mi; local rd E .6 mi. On Steinhagen Lake. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Rt 1, Box 82, Woodville 75979)

WOODVILLE — **Magnolia Ridge Park**

US 190 E 11.8 mi; local rd N .9 mi; local rd E 1 mi. On Steinhagen Lake. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Rt 1, Box 82, Woodville 75979)

WOODVILLE-LIVINGSTON — **Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation Campsite**

From Woodville: US 190 W 19 mi. On Big Sandy Creek. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers, area lighting, dump sta. Daily tent $1, trailer $1.50. Groc, laundry. Swim, fish, picnic, playground. (Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation, Rt 3, Box 170, Livingston 77351)

ZAVALLA (see Lufkin)

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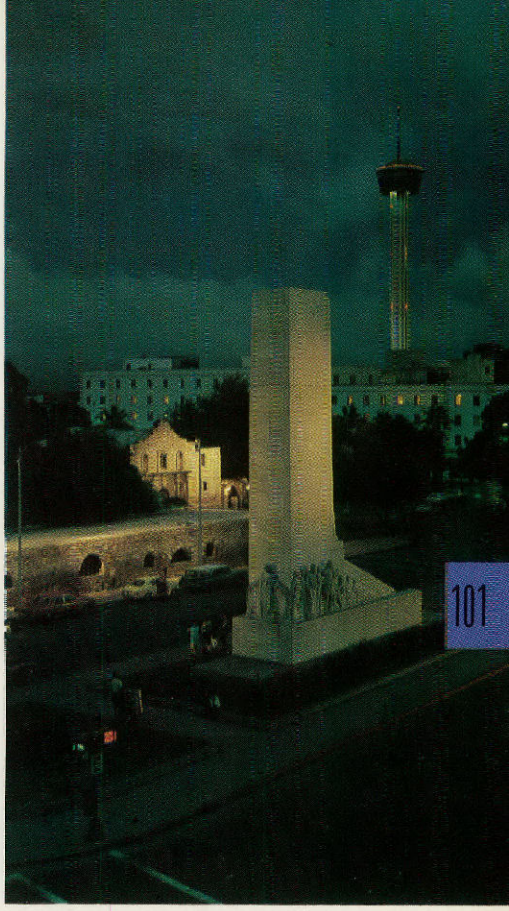

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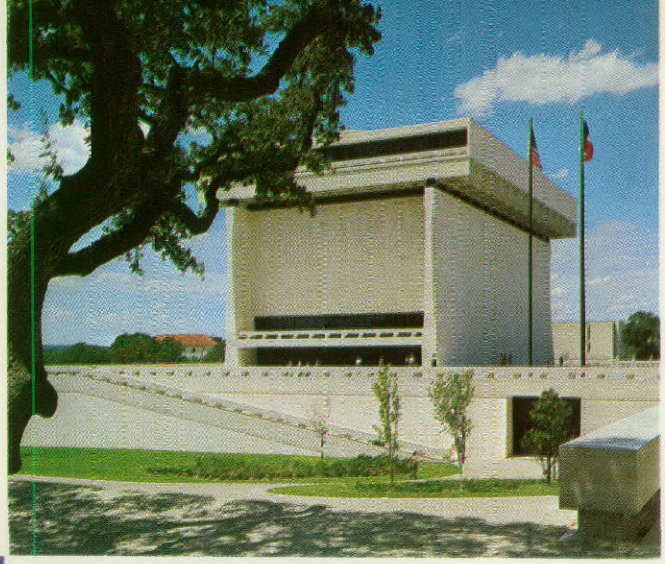

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WHERE TO GO, WHAT TO SEE

AUSTIN *Grid J-12* *Pop. 246,904* *Alt. 550*

General — In 1839 five mounted scouts ranged over a broad area of wilderness seeking a site for a new capital city for the Republic of Texas. Location on the north bank of the Colorado River was chosen, where rich blacklands meet scenic hills. Site occupied at the time by a four-family settlement called Waterloo. Name honors Stephen F. Austin, the "Father of Texas." About the first of Sept., 1839, archives and furniture of Texas government were transported from Houston to Austin by 50 ox-drawn wagons. Today the hub city of Texas, seat of government, education, industry and diversified recreation.

For details about city attractions contact the Austin Chamber of Commerce, 901 W. Riverside Dr. (south side of Town Lake adjacent to Municipal Auditorium), the Texas Highway Department Tourist Information Center in the State Capitol, or the Old Bakery Information Center at 1006 Congress Ave.

Major Events — Central Texas Boat and Travel Show, four days in Jan.; the latest in boats, travel trailers and outdoor recreational equipment.

Austin Livestock Show, nine days in Mar., exhibits prize animals from throughout Central Texas.

Highland Lakes Bluebonnet Trails, two weekends in Apr., lead visitors into scenic Hill Country where roadsides are splashed with colors of bluebonnets, Indian paintbrush, buttercups, and other wild flowers.

Texas Relays, a major track and field event scheduled two days each Apr.

Laguna Gloria Art Fiesta, two days each May. A great variety of art originals and crafts in atmosphere of gala outdoor fair.

Longhorn Jazz Festival, July, attracts top performers from throughout the South.

Travis County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo, three days in July. Traditional rough-and-tumble arena competition.

Aqua Festival, 10 days in Aug. Parades, pageants and water-related contests centered around Town Lake in the city, with other events scheduled on the chain of Highland Lakes northwest of Austin. Boating events range from opening canoe race to power boat races in all classes with some of the fastest boats in the nation. A lighted night water parade and fireworks extravaganza are other features.

Highland Lakes Arts and Crafts Trail, two weekends in Sept. or Oct., leads visitors to participating Hill Country towns where paintings and handicrafts of local artists are displayed.

Gathering of the Clans and Highland Games, two days in Oct. or Nov., brings Scots from throughout Texas. Event is colorful with clan tartans, skirl of bagpipes, traditional Scottish athletic events, pomp and ceremony.

Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary — Founded as Austin School of Theology 1884 by the Synod of Texas, Presbyterian Church. Coed, enrollment about 170. On a five-acre tract at 27th and Speedway.

Bergstrom Air Force Base — Large U.S. Air Force installation a few miles east of city on Texas 71. Not open to the public.

Concordia Lutheran College — Northeast Austin; beautiful grounds and classic structures of high school and junior college. 3400 East Ave.

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(90) U. S. Highway (674) Farm or Ranch Road
(P40) Park Road (306) Loop or Spur
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The Hill Country Trail circles a scenic region where climate, wildlife, land and water offer unlimited outdoor recreation. Route marked in light yellow on Ranch & Hill Country map. (also see Travel Trails section, page 183)

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, AUSTIN

GOVERNOR'S MANSION, AUSTIN

BANDERA DUDE RANCH CAPITAL OF TEXAS

Daughters of Confederacy and Daughters of Republic of Texas Museums — Exhibits and displays of Confederate and Republic of Texas memorabilia. Open Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Old State Land Office Building on Capitol grounds. Main entrance, 11th and Brazos.

Elisabet Ney Museum — Art treasures in former home of one of world's foremost sculptors of the past century. Her works stand in European palaces and museums, and in the Texas and national capitols. Open 10 a.m. - noon and 3 - 5 p.m. except Sun. and Mon. mornings. 44th and Ave. H.

Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest — Established 1951 coed institution enrolls about 60 students. 606 Rathervue Place.

French Legation — Built in 1841 by French Minister to Republic of Texas; furnishings and millwork imported from France. The only legation ever constructed on continental U.S. soil by a foreign government outside of Washington, D. C. Open 1 - 6 p.m. daily. 817 E. 8th St. Admission.

Governor's Mansion — Dignified white-columned mansion built 1856, filled with antique furnishings and items of historical significance. Still the residence of Texas governors. Public rooms open Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. - noon. 11th and Colorado Sts.

Huston-Tillotson College — Southeast Austin; Methodist and Congregational Negro college. Coed, enrollment about 830. 1820 E. 8th St.

Laguna Gloria Art Gallery — Home of Texas Fine Arts Association. Frequently changing exhibits. Open 10 a.m. - noon, 2 - 5 p.m. except Sun. and Mon. mornings. On Lake Austin via W. 35th and Old Bull Creek Rd.

Lakes — Austin, Decker, Town Travis. See LAKES this section.

Lyndon B. Johnson Library — Archives/museum relating to LBJ and office of presidency in general; colorful highlights of political campaigns. Slides, motion pictures, closed circuit TV, and mobile techniques. Exhibits include gifts from foreign heads of state, classical Western art, a moon rock, and replica of Oval Office. Open daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., 2300 Red River St.

Mount Bonnell — At western edge of the city overlooking Lake Austin; dramatic views of city and Hill Country. Mount Bonnell Rd. reached via W. 35th and Old Bull Creek Rd.

Neill-Cochran House — Domicile of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in Texas. Greek Revival architecture circa 1853. Antique furnishings and historic documents. Open Fri. 3 - 5 p.m.; groups by appointment. 2310 San Gabriel St. Admission.

O. Henry Home — Residence of William Sydney Porter, eminent short story writer who signed his works 'O. Henry.' Porter lived in Austin 1885 - 95. Desk, writing materials and other furnishings of the period. Open daily (except Tues.) 10 a.m. - noon, 2 - 5 p.m. 409 E. 5th St.

Parks — Eight major park areas of more than 5,600 acres, including three municipal golf courses, 42 playgrounds, 21 swimming pools, 39 tennis court areas, four community recreation centers, and 71 athletic fields.

Decker Lake Metropolitan Park includes all lands around 1,300-acre lake; fishing, sailing. About five miles east of downtown, Blue Bluff Rd. off Webberville Rd.; admission.

Fiesta Gardens on Town Lake; lavish displays of exotic flora, a lagoon, and boat rides.

Lake Austin Metropolitan Park, beside Lake Austin about 17 miles northwest via R.M. 2222. Swimming, fishing and camping; admission.

Zilker Park in southwest Austin includes popular Barton Springs swimming pool, Zilker Hillside Theater and Austin Area Garden Center. Barton Springs is 1,000-foot-long spring-fed pool edged by graceful trees and immaculate grounds; water is cold, 68 degrees year-round, and crystal clear. Open May to Oct. 1; admission. Free Zilker Hillside Theater presents drama, concerts and variety shows under the stars, early June - Aug. Austin Area Garden Center, beautiful showcase of flowers, shrubs and trees featuring authentic Japanese garden with small cascade and lotus pool, also a pioneer log cabin furnished in the frontier style.

Two other popular facilities of Austin parks are Hike & Bike Trails in scenic areas along Shoal Creek and Blunn Creek.

St. Edward's University — Roman Catholic institution established as boys' school 1872. Now includes Holy Cross College for men, Maryhill College for women; enrolls about 885. 3000 S. Congress Ave.

State Capitol Complex — 46 acres of immaculate, landscaped grounds, stately shade trees and flowering gardens. The Capitol itself, a massive, classic statehouse of famous Texas pink granite,

dominates the park-like area. Striking new state office buildings, which have won international architectural prizes, surround the Capitol. Details about points of interest in Capitol, city and entire state available from Texas Highway Department Tourist Information Center operated seven days a week in the Capitol. Midtown.

State Cemetery — The "Arlington of Texas" where monuments mark resting places of nearly 2,000 patriots, statesmen and heroes of Texas, including tombs of Stephen F. Austin and Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston. E. 7th and Comal Sts.

Texas Memorial Museum — Historical, archeological, biological and geological exhibits including historical and petroleum dioramas, and famed dinosaur tracks. Open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. Closed major holidays. 2401 San Jacinto St.

Texas State Library — Documents and books dealing with all phases of Texas history. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed holidays. State Capitol grounds, 1201 Brazos.

Tower Lights — Sentimental holdovers from a past era, 26 tall towers support lights that cast "artificial moonlight;" only such lighting system remaining in the world.

Treaty Oak — Legend has it that treaties with Indians, other historic conferences were formulated beneath giant spread of this 500-year-old oak. 503 Baylor St.

University of Texas — A huge complex of Mediterranean-style buildings in heart of north-central Austin. With about 40,000 registered for main terms, university is largest in Texas and the South. Familiar landmark is university tower atop Main Building; rises 27 stories to height of 307 feet.

BANDERA *Grid K-10* *Pop. 1,100* *Alt. 1,258*

General — Founded 1853 as a cypress shingle camp, and site of a Mormon colony established 1854. An authentic Western town surrounded both by working and guest ranches. Horseback riding available at all, plus swimming in resort pools or clear Hill Country lakes and streams. Fine year-round fishing, hunting for wild turkey and white-tailed deer, camping, hiking, frequent rodeos and square dances. Contact Bandera Chamber of Commerce for details on historic sites, area attractions and events.

Major Event — Hunters' Free Barbecue Dinner, annually the night before deer season opens in Nov. Large attendance by resident and out-of-state hunters.

Dude Ranches — By the dozen! Make a selection from modern dude ranch resorts where airplane runways and hangars are just as important as the corral — or real working ranches that accept a few guests who want to see ranch life as it actually is.

Frontier Times Museum — Old West relics, Western art and antiques, plus Indian artifacts. Variety of items ranges from centuries-old Chinese temple bells to Buffalo Bill Wild West Show posters. Open Sun. afternoon, and daily except Mon. Admission.

Lake — Medina. See LAKES this section.

St. Stanislaus Catholic Church — Built 1876, serves Polish settlement dating from 1855, one of the oldest Polish parishes in the U.S.

Scenic Drives — Beautiful Hill Country landscapes in almost any direction.

F.M. 689 north winds through scenic vistas to Camp Verde and Kerrville.

F.M. 689 south rolls to southern edge of hills and enters lower South Texas Plains.

Texas 46 east explores steep-shouldered scenery through community of Pipe Creek to German-accented town of Boerne.

Texas 16 and F.M. 470 west is one of the best — dramatic blue hills enfold small green valleys threaded by sparkling creeks.

BLANCO *Grid J-11* *Pop. 1,000* *Alt. 1,350*

General — Settled 1853 by pioneer stockmen who had to fortify homes against hostile Indians. Now a popular tourist and resort area of the Hill Country. Sunny, dry climate attracts campers, fishermen and hunters. Hill Country streams abound in game fish; hunters take white-tailed deer, wild turkey, quail and mourning dove during specified seasons. Many scenic camping areas.

Major Event — Blanco Art Show, late Aug., showcases fascinating local arts and crafts.

Blanco Museum of the Early West — Created to tell the story of the roaring West, and life of the cowboy. Life-sized dioramas in authentic settings with genuine pioneer furnishings, recorded narrative interpretations. Housed in the old Blanco County Courthouse, circa 1885. U.S. 281 downtown. Admission.

Blanco State Park — 110 acres in scenic Blanco River Valley. Camping, trailer sites, picnicking, screened shelters, fishing, swimming, paddle boats, children's play area, rest rooms, shower. Located one mile south of Blanco on U.S. 281. Admission.

Lake — Canyon Reservoir. See LAKES this section.

Scenic Drive — R.M. 32 from U.S. 281 two miles south of Blanco. Portions of drive toward Wimberley follows a ridge called "the Devil's Backbone," a treat of Hill Country landscapes where white-tailed deer are often seen, especially in early morning or late afternoon.

BOERNE *Grid K-11* *Pop. 2,405* *Alt. 1,403*

General — Grew from a town called Tusculum laid out in 1848. New community of Boerne established 1851 by German settlers; named for Ludwig Boerne, German poet and historian, then a political refugee in Texas. Schools give instruction both in English and German. Long considered a health center, Boerne designated by the U.S. Health Survey as one of the three healthiest spots in the U.S. Fishermen find fortune in Hill Country lakes and streams; hunters seek white-tailed and Axis deer, wild boar and turkey, plus native and migratory game birds.

Major Events — Berges Fest, two days in June, "Feast of the Hills," parade, games, food & beverage stands, queen coronation, oom-pah music, German costumes, jumping frog contests, turtle races.

Quarter Horse Show in June brings fine show horses into the local arena.

Kendall County Fair, three days around Labor Day, with traditional competitions, contests and exhibits.

Cascade Caverns — First room of the caverns known for generations, once inhabited by a hermit; remaining maze discovered 1930. Huge rooms and crystal pools laced by profusion of cave growth. Open daily. Five miles southeast off U.S. 87. Admission.

Century Caverns — Dating from Cretaceous geologic period more than 50 million years ago, displays vast corridors and grottoes sheathed with sparkling cave growth. Ice-like scenes suggest a bizarre winter on another planet. Eleven miles northeast off R.M. 474. Open daily. Admission.

Old Kendall Inn — Stagecoach inn built 1859, a recorded Texas historic landmark. Served as gathering place for lawmen, army officers, cattle drovers and frontier celebrities. Still accepting guests; restaurant. Downtown plaza.

Robert E. Lee Headquarters — Small native stone building once served as headquarters for Lee during his frontier military service in Texas.

BRADY *Grid I-10* *Pop. 5,481* *Alt. 1,670*

General — Settled mid-1800s, became seat of McCulloch County 1876. At edge of the Hill Country near geographical center of Texas, located on former Dodge Cattle Trail. Fourteen miles southwest, community of Calf Creek is site of Indian battle where James and Rezin Bowie with a small party were besieged for eight days by more than 100 Tawakoni Indians. The fierce Bowie brothers fought their way free, inflicting heavy losses on the Indians.

The longest fenced cattle trail in the world once extended from a railhead at Brady to Sonora (PECOS FRONTIER section).

City today offers excellent parks, city-owned lake and golf course; fishing year-round; hunting during seasons includes white-tailed deer, wild turkey, dove and quail.

Major Events — Brady Band Festival, two days in Feb. or Mar. Some 25 high school bands and 1,500 students converge for festival.

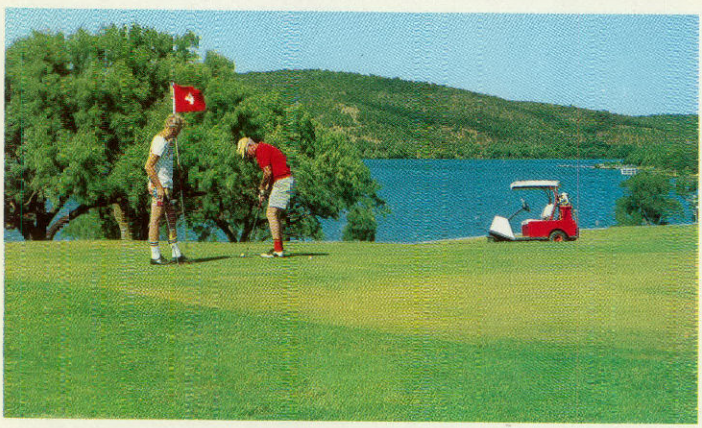
Heart of Texas Golf Tournament, four days of links competition around Memorial Day.

July Jubilee, three-day weekend around July 4th. Parade, dances, beauty pageants and Quarter Horse Futurity are highlights.

Camp San Saba Ruins — Fortification established on San Saba River 1862, Texas Ranger station for Frontier Regiment. Protected area settlers from Indian depredations. Ruins of original structures at small community called Camp San Saba (not shown on section map) about 10 miles south on San Saba River, U.S. 87.

Lake — Brady Reservoir. See LAKES this section.

LONGHORN CAVERN STATE PARK, BURNET



BUCHANAN DAM *Grid H-11* *Pop. 931* *Alt. 1,025*

General — Small resort and retirement community which grew at construction site of dam whose name it bears; popular center for extensive tourist activity on and around Lake Buchanan.

Major Events — Bluebonnet Trail and Art Show, two weeks in Apr., held with other Highland Lakes communities.

International Bass Tourney, one day in May. Top anglers compete for cash and prizes.

Austin Aqua Festival Canoe Race, early Aug., starts at Black Rock Park. Festivities on eve prior to start include barbecue dinner and opening of Aqua Festival Art Show.

Arts & Crafts Festival, nine days in Oct., held in conjunction with other Highland Lakes communities.

Black Rock Park — Public facility on western shore of Lake Buchanan with camping, swimming, fishing and boating. On Texas 261 north from Texas 29.

Highland Lakes Golf Course — Beautiful nine-hole course on shore of Inks Lake, Inks Lake State Park. Accessible via Texas 29 east, south on Park Road 4.

Inks Lake State Park — 2,000 acres on Inks Lake southeast of Buchanan Dam. Camping, shelters, trailers, rest rooms, picnicking, groceries, fishing, swimming, boats, golf, nature study, hiking. Accessible via Texas 29 east, south on Park Road 4. Admission.

Lakes — Buchanan, Inks. See LAKES this section.

Longhorn Cavern State Park — About 12 miles southeast. (See BURNET this section.)

BURNET *Grid I-11* *Pop. 2,870* *Alt. 1,319*

General — Seat of Burnet County, in one of most ancient geologic areas of the world. Town attracts tourists, visitors, sportsmen, and both professional and amateur geologists and rockhounds. (See TEXAS ROCKS AND MINERALS at end of book.) Minerals include great quantities of quarried stone, and graphite. Town grew around frontier Fort Croghan, established 1849. Nearby Hill Country dude ranches, Highland Lakes. Excellent fishing, hunting and camping.

Major Events — Highland Lakes Bluebonnet Trail winds through area when the State Flower is at its peak, usually two weeks mid-Apr.

All-Girl Rodeo, two days in May. Arena competition in riding and roping.

Youth Rodeo, three days around July 4th. School-age riders, ropers and 'doggers provide excitement.

Old Fiddlers' Contest, Aug., draws country music artists from throughout state.

Burnet County Fair and Rodeo, three days in Aug. Traditional fair exhibits, displays, and cowboy action in the arena.

AQHA Quarter Horse Show, early Sept., brings quality quarter horses from area ranches.

Roping contests in local arena are Oct. highlights. Events include steer roping, matched roping, and "heading & heeling."

GOLF AT INKS LAKE STATE PARK, BUCHANAN DAM

HISTORIC LANDMARK INN, CASTROVILLE

Highland Lakes Arts & Crafts Festival, two weekends in Oct., held with neighboring towns.

Black Rock Park — About 18 miles west on Lake Buchanan. (See BUCHANAN DAM this section.)

Burnet County Park — Excellent fisherman's camp on east side of Lake Buchanan. Accessible via Texas 29 west, R.M. 2341 north.

Fort Croghan — Restored powder house, stone and log buildings. Old guns, furniture and relics depicting local frontier days. Open Wed. - Sun. 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Apr. 16 - Sept. 16. By appointment: Sept. 17 - Apr. 15. On Texas 29 west. Admission.

Highland Lakes Golf Course — On shore of Inks Lake. (See BUCHANAN DAM this section.)

Inks Lake State Park — About 12 miles west. (See BUCHANAN DAM this section.)

Lakes — Buchanan, Inks. See LAKES this section.

Longhorn Cavern State Park — World's third largest cavern; two miles of underground fantasy. Home of prehistoric cavemen, site of secret gunpowder manufacture for Confederate armies, later an outlaw hideout. Snack bar, nature trails; museum displays Indian artifacts, frontier and Civil War items. Open daily June 1 - Labor Day, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. About 11 miles southwest via U.S. 281, Park Road 4. Admission.

Old Mormon Colony and Mill — Remnants of colony of 200 Mormons which existed 1851-53. Cemetery, millpond, hitching post, and commemorative marker. Several Indian mounds in area of colony. No picnicking or camping on grounds. Reached via S. Pierce St. to underpass; continue on this route (Mormon Mill Rd.) eight miles; mill site on right.

Pioneer Museum — Indian artifacts, frontier and pioneer exhibits, mineral and geological displays. U.S. 281 near downtown.

Scenic Drives — Among the best is Texas 29 west and R.M. 2341 northwest, a beautiful route to Spider Mountain, which according to legend is an Indian burial ground. Below the landmark is Bee Bluff, a noted fishing spot.

Hoover Valley Road, a scenic county road, leaves Texas 29 west and intersects Park Road 4 below Inks Lake State Park.

R.M. 2342 offers excellent landscape views, especially at turnout near confluence of the Llano and Colorado Rivers.

CAMP VERDE *Grid J-10* *Pop. 34* *Alt. 1,800*

General — Small community in beautiful Hill Country area at approximate site of Camp Verde, U.S. Army frontier post which was established July 8, 1855, as headquarters for the famous Army camel experiment. Secretary of War Jefferson Davis promoted experiment to use camels for overland communications and transportation across the rugged, often arid country to the west terminating at Fort Yuma, Cal. Taken over by Confederates 1861; regarrisoned by Federals 1865; abandoned 1869. On F.M. 689 about 10 miles south of Kerrville. Only remaining structure is now main ranch house of Nowlin Ranch.

CAMP WOOD *Grid K-9* *Pop. 716* *Alt. 1,450*

General — Community grew around U.S. Army post of same name established 1857. Site was abandoned location of Spanish mission San Lorenzo de la Santa Cruz, founded by Franciscan missionaries 1762. Army abandoned post in 1861, but Texas Rangers used facilities for a number of years following the Civil War. Historical markers just north of city on Texas 55 give details of fort and mission. Town is at edge of Neuces River Canyon in area of Hill Country camps, sparkling streams.

Major Event — Old Settlers' Reunion, mid-Aug., brings together old timers from Neuces Canyon country. Fiddlers compete, and there is a style show and huge barbecue.

Scenic Drives — A series of highways in a loop to the northeast span some of the most spectacular scenery in Hill Country — a land of massive timbered hills, steep cliffs, small secluded valleys and streams. North on Texas 55 and F.M. 335, east on Texas 41, south on F.M. 336 and U.S. 83 to Leakey, west on F.M. 337 to Camp Wood.

CARRIZO SPRINGS *Grid L-9* *Pop. 5,699* *Alt. 602*

General — Established 1865 as first permanent settlement in the area; today seat of Dimmit County. Several large ranches are located in surrounding brush country; one a huge 100,000-acre spread extending to the Rio Grande. Also a winter garden area; more than 300 farms (averaging 2,400 acres each) cultivate immense quantities of vegetables including onions, broccoli, carrots, lettuce, cauliflower, peppers, eggplant, tomatoes and melons. Hunting is good for quail, mourning doves, whitewing doves and white-tailed deer. Inquire locally for hunting access on private lands.

Major Events — Dimmit County 4-H/FFA Stock Show, two days in Jan.; countywide competition for blue ribbons.

Golf tournaments are prominent: Winter Garden Sweepstakes Golf Tourney, two days in Apr. or May; three-day Memorial Day Tourney, and Carrizo Springs Birdie Tourney, two days in Oct.

Arts and Crafts Show each May. The one-day show features exhibits and displays by area residents.

CASTROVILLE *Grid K-11* *Pop. 1,788* *Alt. 760*

General — Rich in French-German traditions, founded 1844 by Henri Castro, an empresario of the Texas Republic who brought a group of Alsatian settlers. Today in this quaint Texas village, past and present intermingle within a curve of the Medina River.

Major Event — St. Louis Day Homecoming, Aug., held on banks of Medina River in tree-shaded Koenig Park. More than 12,000 visitors feast on five tons of prime beef barbecue with Alsace-style sausage and trimmings. A dance and tours of pioneer homes are other features.

Lake — Medina. See LAKES this section.

Landmark Inn (Vance Hotel) — Once a stagecoach stop; a recorded Texas historic landmark. First floor completed 1848 and second nearly 10 years later. Still accepting guests; has separate kitchen and lead-lined bathhouse, a luxury feature in early days. Small museum contains furniture brought from Europe, and other memorabilia. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 - 11:30 a.m., 1 - 5:30 p.m.; Sat. - Sun. 2 - 6 p.m. U.S. 90 west and Florence St. Admission.

St. Louis Catholic Church — The "new" church was built in 1869, replacing original tiny chapel, still standing on grounds. The little stone chapel, built by colonists themselves, was first community project of Alsatian pioneers.

COMFORT *Grid J-10* *Pop. 1,444* *Alt. 1,437*

General — Established by German settlers 1854. Wearied by their journey from New Braunfels, small group was so pleased by picturesque site and pure water that they named it "Camp Comfort." Now a popular tourist area with numerous camps along Guadalupe River sponsored by various civic organizations. Visitors enjoy fishing, swimming and camping during summer months, hunting during fall and winter.

Major Event — Fourth of July Homecoming, annual celebration in which entire town participates. Features huge community barbecue at noon, contests, games, traditional German band music and dancing.

Comfort Historical Museum — Photos and histories of area pioneers; household items. Open Sat. 1 - 5 p.m. and by appointment. 838 High St. Contributions.

Monument — On high school campus, recalls event of Civil War era and fierce passions which wracked the nation. Predominantly German settlers of Comfort were openly sympathetic with Union cause. Friction developed with Confederate forces, and some 65 men led by Fritz Tegener determined to leave area and go to Mexico. Group was surprised and attacked by mounted Confederate soldiers on west bank of Nueces River about 20 miles from Fort Clark. Nineteen settlers were killed and nine wounded. Confederate losses were two killed and 18 wounded. The nine wounded settlers were captured and executed a few hours after battle. Monument commemorates the Unionists killed in this tragic episode of a violent era.

CONCAN *Grid K-9* *Pop. 150* *Alt. 1,260*

General — Settled about 1840, supposedly named for "coon can," a Mexican gambling game. Located in scenic Frio River Canyon, an area of numerous dude ranches and resort camps.

Garner State Recreation Park — 630 acres on the Frio River, named for John Nance Garner, a former vice president. In addition to wide range of adult activities, park is popular with teen-

SCENIC DRIVE IN INKS LAKE STATE PARK

agers because of programs in their behalf. Accommodations for two to eight people in comfortable stone and timber cabins. Camping area provides shaded sites for tents and trailers, and screened shelters. Rest rooms with showers, grocery store for supplies. Other facilities include snack bar and restaurant in summer season, pedal boats, miniature golf course, swimming, fishing, boating, hiking, and nature study. Located six miles north of Concan (31 miles north of Uvalde) off U.S. 83 on Park Rd. 29. Admission.

Scenic Drives — Explore Frio River Canyon along U.S. 83, F.M. 1050 and Texas 127 — all routes offering exceptional scenery.

COTULLA *Grid M-10* *Pop. 3,356* *Alt. 442*

General — Retaining much of the atmosphere of its pioneer era, located in typical South Texas brush country on Nueces River. In early years town had its share of Indian raids, gunplay politics, and organized outlawry. It is said the largest roundup of horses (1,000 head) ever staged in Texas was held in Cotulla to fill contract for Argentine government. Today seat of La Salle County, banking and marketing center for vast ranching areas and agricultural products including onions, spinach, tomatoes, peppers, cabbage, squash, peas and watermelons. During specified seasons county attracts hunters seeking some of state's largest white-tailed deer, plus doves, quail, wild turkey, javelina and wolves. Fishermen take catfish, bass and bream in Nueces River.

Welhausen Elementary School — Modest red brick schoolhouse typical of such structures familiar to generations of students; noted by political historians as site of former President Lyndon B. Johnson's first school teaching assignment in 1928.

CRYSTAL CITY *Grid L-9* *Pop. 8,012* *Alt. 581*

General — Seat of Zavala County, town is a primary center for packing, processing and shipping vegetables; also serves a large ranching region. Most famous for its spinach crop (see below), this "winter garden" area also produces large quantities of onions, carrots, tomatoes and peppers.

Major Events — Zavala County Exposition Junior Fair, late Jan. - early Feb. Parade precedes livestock show on Exposition grounds.

Miss Crystal City Beauty Pageant, Apr.; winner goes to Miss South Texas Pageant.

Christmas Parade, early Dec., officially opens holiday season.

Popeye Statue — A whimsical salute to area's spinach crop, statue depicts the cartoon sailor man who eats his spinach and fights to the finish. A favorite spot for snapshots with children; downtown city square.

EAGLE PASS *Grid L-8* *Pop. 15,277* *Alt. 797*

General — First U.S. settlement at site on Rio Grande began during Mexican War with establishment of temporary Camp Eagle Pass. In 1849 permanent Fort Duncan was ordered constructed. Today a primary international gateway and tourist center, seat of Maverick County, and retail shipping center for 40,000-acre irrigated winter garden region. International bridge to Piedras Negras, just across Rio Grande. Bridge connects U.S. 57 with Mexico 57 which leads to Monclova, Saltillo, San Luis Potosi and Mexico City. Portions of Mexican route are through scenic areas of the Sierra Madres. Sportsmen enjoy fishing for the famous (and huge) Rio Grande catfish, hunting for large white-tailed deer and upland game birds.

Major Events — George Washington International Fiesta, three days in Feb. Piedras Negras joins with Eagle Pass for Latin-accented balls, pageantry and parades.

Old Men's Roping, mid-Oct., sees old timers and former champions sling fancy loops and tall tales.

Fort Duncan — Established 1849 and occupied by three companies of 1st U.S. Infantry Regiment. During Civil War post was occupied by Confederate troops of Frontier Regiment. Federal troops reoccupied post 1868; it remained under military authority until 1916. Many restored stone buildings form center of municipal park and spacious country club.

Piedras Negras — Mexican city across Rio Grande from Eagle Pass, population about 33,000. Handicraft items at bargain prices in many shops and traditional Mexican market area. Restaurants and popular night clubs; bullfights at intervals throughout summer months. (See MEXICO: Entrance and Exit Regulations, at end of book.)

FISCHER *Grid J-11* *Pop. 20* *Alt. 1,200*

General — Established 1853 by Hermann Fischer to serve neighboring settlers. Store grew from a one-room log cabin to business requiring a dozen wagons pulled by six-mule teams to haul products for community. Post office established 1875 has never failed to have a Fischer as postmaster. The weather-beaten store is almost only remainder of once-thriving community. Located on one of most scenic drives in state, a winding, razor-backed ridge known as the Devil's Backbone — officially R.M. 32.

FRIO RIVER NEAR CONCAN

SHOPPING IN PIEDRAS NEGRAS

FLORESVILLE *Grid K-11* *Pop. 3,666* *Alt. 389*

General — Name derives from early Mexican rancher, Don Francisco Flores de Abryo (or Abreyo), who built his headquarters about six miles northwest in 1832. In 1883 nucleus of present city was established on land donated by the Flores family; became Wilson County seat in 1885. With annual growing season of 285 days, is marketing and shipping point for watermelons, peanuts, flax, cotton, beef cattle, dairy and poultry products.

Major Event — Floresville Peanut Festival, two days in Oct. Highlights include coronation, parade, fiddlers' contest, street dances and rodeo.

Canary Islanders Cemetery — Predates the church built in 1732; Canary Islanders formed first regularly organized civil government at San Fernando de Bexar, now San Antonio. Several old Texas families trace lineage to these colonists. One block north of U.S. 181/F.M. 536 intersection.

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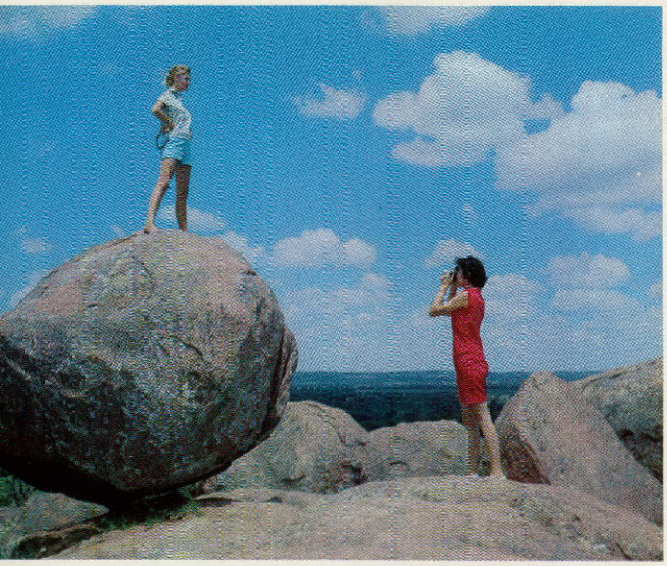
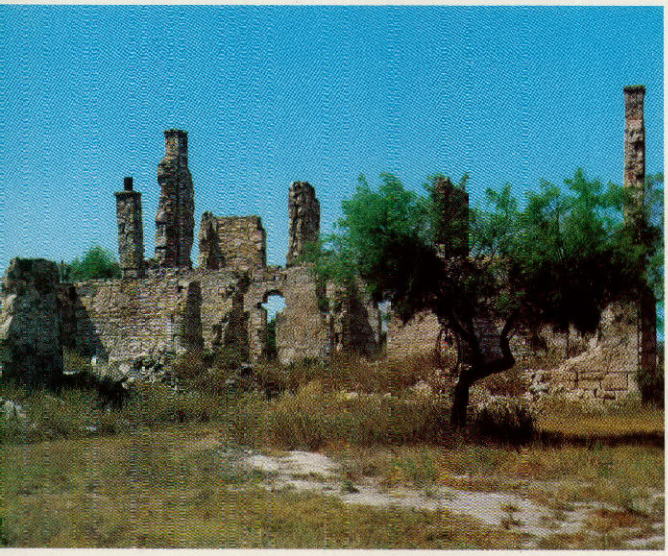




FORT MCKAVETT STATE HISTORIC SITE

FORT McKAVETT *Grid I-9 Pop. 103 Alt. 2,155*

General — Community occupying site and several of the original stone buildings of U.S. Army fort established 1852 as protection for settlers from Indians.

Fort McKavett State Historic Site — Extensive ruins; major restoration program underway. Established 1852 by Maj. Pitcairn Morrison, U.S. 8th Infantry, called Camp San Saba. Later named for Capt. Henry McKavett, killed at Battle of Monterrey in Mexican War. Abandoned during Civil War, reoccupied by Col. Ranald S. Mackenzie in 1868. By 1875 there were stone barracks for eight companies, 12 officers' quarters, hospital, guardhouse, magazine, bakery, post office, large headquarters building, storehouses and stables. Fort's usefulness declined after 1874 when army offensive against Indians produced several major victories — the most significant one led by Mackenzie in Palo Duro Canyon. (See CANYON, High Plains section.) Post abandoned 1883. Historical interpretation being developed at site.

FREDERICKSBURG *Grid J-11 Pop. 5,240 Alt. 1,743*

General — Settled by German families from New Braunfels in 1846, led by John O. Meusebach. Although settlement was on Indian frontier, Meusebach-Comanche Treaty of following year established lasting peace. Many older buildings retain traditional continental styles. German is spoken as often as English, and old customs are regularly observed: Saengerfests (song festivals), Easter fires and Schuetzenfests (marksmanship tournaments). Visitors attracted by scenic beauty, European atmosphere, historic landmarks, excellent fall and winter hunting; famous breads and pastries. Birthplace of Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, Commander in Chief of the Pacific Fleet during World War II.

Major Events — Easter Fires Pageant (see separate entry below).

July Horse Races, three days around July 4th.

A Night in Old Fredericksburg, usually third weekend in July. Old world traditions with music, food, colorful costumes.

Gillespie County Fair, three days in Aug. Traditional events, exhibits and competitions of a Texas county fair.

American Heritage Museum — Thousands of items from Indian cultures, pioneer and frontier eras. Collections from country store, saddle shop, early kitchen and household items, farm and ranch equipment, geologic displays. Open Mon. - Sat. 8 a.m. - 10 p.m., Sun. 1 - 10 p.m. summer; Mon. - Sat. 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., Sun. 1 - 7 p.m. winter. U.S. 290 east. Admission.

Balanced Rock — Roadside park of Texas Highway Department, popular picnic spot. A huge boulder, easily accessible, is perched on an incredibly small base. About four miles north on R.M. 965.

Easter Fires — An unknown pioneer mother told first Easter Fires story to quiet fears of her children — a charming tale of Easter rabbit who lit and tended hillside fires to boil traditional eggs. In reality fires were those of Indians watching new settlers carve out a community in the Pedernales Valley more than a hundred years ago. A cherished tradition remaining today, hillside fires still glow each Easter eve, while pageant retells the story in city's Fair Park.

Enchanted Rock — Massive dome of solid granite famed in Indian legend far before recorded history. Site of human sacrifices, some tribes feared to set foot on it, while others used height as rallying point. All held it in awe and reverence. Indians believed ghost fires flickered upon crest on moonlit nights. Weird creaking, groaning sounds emitted at night are explained by geologists as result of cooling and contraction after day's heat. Covers about 640 acres, 500 feet high. Park area, picnic grounds and screened cabins. About 20 miles north off R.M. 965.

Lady Bird Johnson Park — 190-acre municipal park features golf, swimming, tennis, badminton, hiking trails, picnicking and camping facilities. Also small lake where sailboats, canoes and paddleboats are permitted. 3.5 miles south on Texas 16.

Lange's Mill — Century-old, well preserved grist and sawmill of burr type on Threadgill Creek near community of Doss. About 22 miles northwest via U.S. 87 and R.M. 648.

Nimitz Hotel — Dating from 1847, was one of most famous hostelries of Central Texas for many generations, counting such guests as Rutherford B. Hayes, Robert E. Lee and Phil Sheridan. Now a naval museum honoring founder's famous grandson, Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz. Naval documents, pictures, souvenirs and memorabilia from admiral's career. Main St. at N. Washington.

Old Gillespie County Courthouse — Built 1882, served as courthouse until 1939. Restored and converted to library/community hall. Library's German Room houses prized German collection. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. W. Main St.

Pioneer Museum — Relics, documents, furniture, clothing, tools and weapons of earliest settlers. Open daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. June - Aug.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. and by appointment Sept. - May. 309 W. Main St. Admission.

Scenic Drives — R.M. 965 north through geologic and scenic beauty, leads to Enchanted Rock. Travelers may often glimpse area wildlife.

U.S. 87 to R.M. 648 to community of Doss, and Lange's Mill on Threadgill Creek.

Sunday Houses — Almost miniature houses built by early settlers for use only on weekends. From their farm and ranch homes miles away from town, early residents would journey into Fredericksburg on weekends for Saturday marketing and church on Sunday. Several of the little stone houses remain today, marked by historical medallions. (Not open to the public.)

Vereins Kirche — Reconstructed "coffeemill church," eight-sided structure now a museum with collection of items used by German settlers. Open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. W. Main St., midtown.

GEORGE WEST *Grid M-12 Pop. 2,013 Alt. 162*

General — Became seat of Live Oak County in 1919. Town is chiefly a retail center and shipping point for surrounding ranch and farm area.

Major Event — Live Oak County Fair, first week in Apr., at fairgrounds on U.S. 281 north.

Live Oak County Museum — Historical relics and documents of early Live Oak County. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., county courthouse.

INGRAM Grid J-10 Pop. 832 Alt. 1,600

General — On north bank of Guadalupe River, city founded 1883 by J. C. W. Ingram who built a store and conducted church services. "New" section was started in 1936 following a disastrous flood. A trade center for surrounding camps, vacation and retirement homes.

Hill Country Arts Foundation — Founded 1958 to provide a cultural atmosphere, including art classes and summer theater for professionals and amateurs, plus special children's program. Famous artists conduct classes; summer stock theater directed by top professionals. Restaurant, art gallery, studios, theater on bank of Guadalupe River. Season June - Aug.

JOHNSON CITY Grid J-11 Pop. 730 Alt. 1,197

General — Seat of Blanco County, named for pioneer Johnson family, ancestors of former President Lyndon B. Johnson. Retail center for farm and ranch area.

Lyndon Baines Johnson National Historic Site — Boyhood home of the former president is a frame structure nearly 100 years old. House was long a focal point in area history — as residence of influential early settlers, as aid station for those wounded in Deer Creek Indian Battle, and home of Lyndon Johnson while he attended public school. Furnishings include Johnson family household items and period furniture. Operated by National Park Service; open daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Also part of the National Historic Site is the Johnson birthplace 15 miles west. (See STONEWALL this section.)

Pedernales Falls State Park — 4,800 scenic acres preserving natural beauty of the area; features picturesque waterfalls, abundant animal and birdlife, fishing and swimming. No overnight camping; limited picnic facilities. About eight miles east via F.M. 2766. Admission.

JOURDANTON Grid L-11 Pop. 1,772 Alt. 491

General — Known as "Dairyland of Texas," a marketing center for farmers and ranchers, and location of a major butane and propane refinery. Abundant ground water from four water-bearing strata provides extensive agricultural irrigation. Seat of Atascosa County.

EASY LIVING AT HILL COUNTRY RESORTS

LBJ NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE, BOYHOOD HOME AT JOHNSON CITY

First County Courthouse — Structure is a replica of log cabin that served as county's first courthouse in rough and tumble days of cowboys and Indians.

JUNCTION Grid I-9 Pop. 2,654 Alt. 1,710

General — Established 1876 with formation of county. Today a trade and retail center of scenic, sparsely populated area nationally noted for production of fine wool and mohair. Dude ranches are popular in area, as well as camping, fishing and hunting. More flowing streams than any other Texas county; year-round fishing. Hunters find wild turkey, deer and game birds during season, squirrels throughout the year.

Major Events — Easter Pageant, annually attracts more than 10,000 to scenic natural amphitheater. Rehearsals by area residents span months preceding presentations.

Hill Country Race Meet & Billy Sale, three days in Aug. Quarter horse races staged on picturesque Junction racetrack, prize Angora goats featured in auction ring.

Kimble County Historical Museum — Documents, tools and other relics from days of early settlers. Open Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. and by appointment; 4th and College Sts.

Scenic Drives — Although several are scenic, one of most impressive is U.S. 377 southwest as it travels along the South Llano River. An exceptional overlook with picnic table is maintained by the Highway Department about 22 miles south.

KERRVILLE Grid J-10 Pop. 12,541 Alt. 1,645

General — Seat of Kerr County, one of state's most famous health and recreation centers. Area within a hundred mile radius believed by many to have most ideal climate in nation. More than a dozen boys' and girls' camps, scores of hotels, motels, adult camps, dude ranches, and religious encampments attract thousands annually. Rugged cedar and live oak covered hills, picturesque green valleys and beautiful streams edged by towering cypress. White-tailed deer are so numerous that highway signs caution motorists to be on the alert for them, especially at night. Center of extensive beef, wool and mohair production.

Capt. Charles A. Schreiner, born in Riguewihr, France, was early, prominent Kerrville settler. He served with the Confederacy and as a Texas Ranger, established general merchandising business in Kerrville, 1869. The Charles Schreiner Co. owned more than 600,000 acres of land by 1900, extending some 80 miles northwest to Menard. Among Schreiner's philanthropic efforts was establishment of Schreiner Institute (see below).

Major Events — Junior Livestock Show and Auction, Jan., features prize animals raised by local youths.

Heart of the Hills Invitational Golf Tournament, Aug., draws golfers from a wide area. Event is over a quarter century old.

Kerrville State Park — 500 beautiful Hill Country acres on upper reaches of cypress-edged Guadalupe River. Camping, shelters, trailers, rest rooms, picnicking, fishing, swimming, nature study, hiking. South edge of city off F.M. 689. Admission.

Schreiner Institute — Organized 1923, Presbyterian-sponsored junior college on scenic 1,000-acre campus. Coed, enrolls some 250 students. Campus two miles east on Texas 27.

LAKES

Austin, Lake — 1,830-acre Lower Colorado River Authority impoundment begins within western edge of Austin, winds 20 miles up the Colorado. Very popular for boating and skiing; shoreline dotted with marinas, clubs and leisure home developments. Lake Austin City Park at lakeside (see AUSTIN this section.) J-12

Brady Reservoir — 2,020-acre reservoir on Brady Creek affording a wide range of water sports activities near the scenic Hill Country area. Fishing throughout year. Lakeside facilities include boat ramps, docking and service, resorts, camps, plus vacation and retirement homes. About three miles west of Brady. H-10

Braunig, Lake — 1,350-acre reservoir on Arroyo Seco, tributary of the San Antonio River, owned and operated by city of San Antonio for recreation, and cooling in power generation plant. Fishing, boating and lakeside picnic areas. A few miles southeast of San Antonio; accessible from Floresville and Elmendorf. K-11

Buchanan, Lake — 23,200-acre Lower Colorado River Authority impoundment, the highest and broadest in series of six Highland Lakes. Water sports and fishing are superb with generous space for boating, skiing, sailing. Innumerable beaches, docks, marinas, and leisure home developments at lakeside. Public and commercial camps, boat ramps. Many water-related festivals staged on lake during summer months. At community of Buchanan Dam, also accessible from Llano and Burnet. I-11

Calaveras Lake — 3,450-acre impoundment on Calaveras Creek, owned and operated by city of San Antonio for recreation and cooling in power plant generation. Fishing, boating and lakeside picnic areas. A few miles southeast of San Antonio, also accessible from Floresville, Elmendorf and La Vernia. K-11

Canyon Reservoir — 8,240-acre Corps of Engineers reservoir, one of the most scenic lakes in Texas; blue waters spread among steep-shouldered, evergreen hills. Public parks are spotted at strategic points around shoreline, offering camping and trailer areas, picnicking, and boat ramps for a variety of water sports. Fishing is excellent on lake proper, and rainbow trout are a rare treat for Southern anglers in rushing waters of Guadalupe River below dam. About 20 miles north of New Braunfels, also accessible from San Marcos and Blanco. J-11

Corpus Christi, Lake — 22,050-acre reservoir on the Nueces River, a very popular South Texas water sports and recreational area; provides Corpus Christi municipal water supply. Swimming, boating, sailing and skiing. Large areas of submerged brush in upper reaches of the 27-mile long lake provide prime fish habitat. All fishing good; noted especially for excellent catfishing — channels, flatheads and blues. Fishing camps and marinas accessible at several spots around the shore, plus fine facilities at Lake Corpus Christi State Park (see MATHIS, BORDER TROPICS section). Immediately west of Mathis, also accessible from Corpus Christi, Alice and George West. M-12

Decker Lake — 1,300-acre municipal impoundment (not shown on section map), city of Austin. Excellent fishing, also popular for boating and sailing. All lands around lake administered as city park; boat ramp. Five miles east of Austin (J-12). Admission.

Inks Lake — 803-acre Lower Colorado River Authority reservoir, one of series of Highland Lakes. Very scenic; excellent year-round fishing; popular for boating and water sports. Lakeside docks, marinas and leisure homes; also Inks Lake State Park and Highland Lakes Golf Course (see BUCHANAN DAM this section). South of Buchanan Dam, also accessible from Llano and Burnet. I-11

Lyndon B. Johnson, Lake — 6,375 acres, one of the most scenic in series of Highland Lakes on Colorado River. Edged by steep hills; granite domes found in several places at shoreline. Lakeside marinas, boat rentals, launching ramps. Fishing is rated excellent; water skiing and sailing very popular. Just southeast of Kingsland, also accessible from Marble Falls. I-11

McQueeney, Lake — Small 396-acre lake on Guadalupe River, long popular as weekend and leisure home spot. Especially noted for champion water skiers who developed there. Ski shows, both day and night, are presented weekly during summer months. Fishing, boating and swimming available at several facilities. About four miles northwest of Seguin, also accessible from New Braunfels. K-12

Marble Falls, Lake — Small 780-acre impoundment on Colorado River, one of series of Highland Lakes. Scenic blue waters wind among hills; fishing good year-round; boating, sailing, swimming and skiing very popular. Launching ramps, tackle-bait shops and boat service facilities at lakeside. Lake is impounded within city of Marble Falls, winds nearly six miles up the Colorado. I-11

Medina Lake — 5,570-acre impoundment on the Medina River, long popular for water sports and excellent year-round fishing. Lakeside facilities include camping, service establishments, marinas and resorts. About 34 miles southeast of Bandera, 20 miles north of Castroville. K-10

Town Lake — Stabilized course of the Colorado River through Austin (J-12). Scenic; site of Aqua Festival boat races and water parade. (See AUSTIN this section.) Fishing available from city parks at lakeside. Sailing and canoeing; no swimming or power boats permitted. (Not shown on section map.)

Travis, Lake — 18,960-acre reservoir of the Lower Colorado River Authority, one of famous Highland Lakes that stair-step up the Colorado from Austin. Winds between steep, scenic hills for 65 miles; 270 miles of shoreline largely devoted to camps, marinas, resorts and leisure home developments. Immensely popular for boating, skiing, sailing and fishing; interesting mineral outcroppings and fossils. Several resort airstrips near lake. For maps and information on facilities contact LCRA headquarters at the dam, F.M. 620. About 23 miles northwest of Austin, also accessible from Bee Cave and Jonestown. J-12

YOUTH CAMP ACTIVITIES AT KERRVILLE

LAKE MARBLE FALLS

LEAKEY Grid K-9 Pop. 639 Alt. 1,609

General — Small community (pronounced LAY-key) is in one of most scenic and picturesque areas of rugged Edwards Plateau, locally called the Hill Country. Elevations range from 1,500 to 2,400 feet with deep, dramatic canyons cut by Frio and Nueces Rivers. Archeological excavations show evidence of prehistoric civilizations in area. At time of first Spanish explorers, game-rich area was inhabited by Comanche, Apache and Lipan-Apache Indians. Ranching predominates today featuring cattle, sheep and goats. The flocks of registered Angora goats produce prized mohair. Camping, fishing and hunting are popular with visitors. Game birds and animals include white-tailed deer, wild turkey, mourning dove, quail, squirrel, javelina, rabbits, ringtails and an occasional mountain lion.

Scenic Drives — Series of highways in a loop to the west span some of the most spectacular scenery in the Hill Country — land of massive timbered hills, steep cliffs, small secluded valleys and streams. West on F.M. 337 to Camp Wood, Texas 55 north to Barksdale, F.M. 335 north to Texas 41; then east to F.M. 336, and south back to Leakey.

U.S. 83 north skirts East Frio River. About 12 miles north a Highway Department roadside park offers spectacular view, and picnic facilities. Texas 39 east is another picturesque route, along Guadalupe River to Ingram and Kerrville.

LLANO Grid I-11 Pop. 2,575 Alt. 1,029

General — Settled about 1855, pioneers were plagued by hostile Indians who stole livestock, equipment and even clothes of settlers during the first year. By 1860 town was well established with stores, several saloons and a hotel, though a church had not appeared in the rough frontier village. Located in ranching country of scenic beauty. Fine fishing along picturesque Llano River and on nearby lakes. Hunting, especially for plentiful white-tailed deer, is among best in Texas. Early Spanish are said to have mined gold and silver, and there are legends of lost mines. Mineral production today includes a dozen varieties of fine granite plus feldspar, talc and graphite. Minerals and outcroppings of ancient rocks lure rockhounds from throughout nation. (See TEXAS ROCKS AND MINERALS at end of book.)

Major Events — Highland Lakes Bluebonnet Trail, two weeks in Apr.; art shows and handicraft exhibits during season when the state flower is at blooming peak.

Llano Rodeo, first weekend in June; rough and thrilling cowboy competition.

Enchanted Rock — About 20 miles south of Llano, Texas 16 and R.M. 965. (See FREDERICKSBURG this section.)

Lakes — Buchanan, Inks, and Lyndon B. Johnson. See LAKES this section.

Llano County Museum — General county historical displays, housed in refurbished old-time drug store. Open afternoons Tues. - Sun., June - Aug.; Fri. - Sun., Sept. - May. North end of Llano River bridge on Texas 16.

LOCKHART Grid J-12 Pop. 6,444 Alt. 518

General — Originally called Plum Creek, town is near site of a fierce Indian battle which took place on Aug. 12, 1840. Large war party of Comanches successfully swept down Guadalupe Valley all the way to the Gulf Coast, killing settlers, stealing horses, plundering and burning settlements. A volunteer force of settlers and Texas Rangers met the returning war party and defeated them near present Lockhart.

Major Event — Fun-Tier Festival, a week in June. Parade, rodeo, hobby and art show, and beauty revue for selection of festival queen.

Emanuel Episcopal Church — One of Texas' oldest Protestant churches, built 1856 of stone and wood, still in use as originally constructed with only minor alteration.

Lockhart State Park — 257 acres feature fishing, swimming, picnicking, and golf. Tent camping permitted, also trailer sites. About four miles southwest of Lockhart via U.S. 183 and F.M. 20 to Park Road 20. Admission.

LULING Grid K-12 Pop. 4,591 Alt. 418

General — Established 1874 as terminus of a branch of the Southern Pacific Railroad. In early years a cattle center, shipping point and end of a freight trail from Chihuahua, Mexico. Crossroads frontier town was once known as "the toughest town in Texas." Oil discovered 1922, and today visitors will see active wells in and around the town, some on such incongruous spots as church lawns, residential back yards and city parks.

Major Events — Luling Watermelon Thump and Queen Coronation, late June, pays tribute to a major crop of area. Beauty queen selection, arts and crafts exhibits, golf tournament, parade and dance are attractions, highlighted by Grand Champion Melon Auction. ($625 record price for the Grand Champion Melon.)

Caldwell County Youth Rodeo, three days in July. Arena performances by school-age youngsters.

Palmetto State Park — A rare botanical garden, almost tropical profusion of plants includes an amazing variety, many found nowhere else in Southwest. On San Marcos River, the 178-acre park is used as a field laboratory by several Texas universities. Quaking bogs, wild orchids, water lilies, graceful ferns, moss-draped trees and a profusion of wild flowers in various seasons. Tent and trailer camping permitted, rest rooms, swimming, fishing, picnicking, nature study, hiking. Seven miles south of Luling on U.S. 183, Park Road 11. Admission.

Scenic Drive — Park Road 11 through Palmetto State Park (see above).

MARBLE FALLS Grid I-11 Pop. 1,979 Alt. 764

General — Named for Colorado River waterfalls over marble outcroppings. Area known as the Central Mineral Region of Texas, a rockhound's delight! (See TEXAS ROCKS AND MINERALS at end of book.) Hunting, fishing and camping activities are popular. Native game fish abound in lakes and streams. Fall and winter hunting seasons offer plentiful white-tailed deer, wild turkey and excellent wing shooting of migratory and native game birds.

Major Events — Highland Lakes Archers' Invitational Tourney, Mar., attracts state's top bowmen.

Highland Lakes Invitational Tennis Tourney, two days in Apr.

Marble Falls Junior Rodeo, two days in Apr. Arena performances by school-age cowboys.

Marble Falls Annual Rodeo and Parade, two days in July.

Texas Elimination World Series Bass Tourney, three days late Sept. on Lake Lyndon B. Johnson. Cash and prizes for anglers who land biggest and most bass.

Fox Memorial Marker — A monument overlooking Colorado River and scenic Hill Country is dedicated to Oscar J. Fox, composer of the classic song, "Hills of Home." In roadside park on U.S. 281 just south of town.

Granite Mountain — Huge dome of high-quality red and pink granite, prized the world over. Quarrying was begun in 1880s for construction of the Texas Capitol. An unending flow of this superb granite has continued ever since, yet bulk of the mountain has hardly been touched. Half mile west off R.M. 1431.

Lakes — Buchanan, Inks, Lyndon B. Johnson, Travis. See LAKES this section.

Scenic Drives — R.M. 1431 offers breathtaking scenery both northwest and southeast over winding curves and hills, with frequent glimpses of the Highland Lakes. Spring scenes are exceptionally beautiful.

Both R.M. 2147, (not shown on section map) along western shore of Lake Marble Falls, and Texas 71 through the Hill Country are routes to be remembered.

MASON Grid I-10 Pop. 1,795 Alt. 1,934

General — Seat of Mason County, grew under protection of Fort Mason, one of series of Texas frontier forts. In rolling, scenic Hill Country noted for camping, hunting and fishing. White-tailed deer and wild turkey attract hunters each fall and winter, while fishing in beautiful Llano River is year-round sport. Historical interest centers around Indians who once roamed the area; a bloody feud known as the Mason County War, and the fort. Profuse bluebonnets blanket surrounding hillsides and valleys during the spring.

Major Events — Mason County FFA Livestock Show, Jan. Youthful stockmen show their prize animals.

Jaycee Annual Rodeo, two days in July, sees thrilling cowboy competition in arena events.

Mason County Fair, two days in Aug., features exhibits and festivities.

Fort Mason — Nothing remains of Fort Mason except crumbling foundations on crest of Post Hill, about five blocks south of courthouse. Old fort once had 23 buildings including barracks, officers quarters, storehouses, stables, guardhouse and hospital. Primarily a cavalry post, Fort Mason was a duty station for such military figures as Albert Sidney Johnston, John Bell Hood and Robert E. Lee. Fort Mason was Lee's last command in U.S. Army — from here he was called to Washington where he refused command of Union army being prepared for the Civil War. Briefly

ELUEBONNETS BLANKET HILL COUNTRY LANDSCAPES

HILL COUNTRY STREAM

activated after that war, Fort Mason was abandoned in 1869.

Mason County Museum — General collection of Mason County historical articles are housed in old schoolhouse built in 1870s. Open daily 1:30 - 5:30 p.m. May - Aug.; Sat. - Sun. 1:30 - 5:30 Sept. - Apr. 300 Moody St. Contributions.

Rocks and Minerals — Rock collectors from throughout nation seek out Mason County for a variety of rocks and minerals appearing in ancient geologic outcroppings. Prized type of topaz is eagerly sought, and often found. (See TEXAS ROCKS AND MINERALS at end of book.)

Scenic Drives — Many highways are scenic in this area of hills and rivers. F.M. 386 northeast offers delightful pastoral landscapes and occasional domes of granite mountains buried in earth. One such dome is Spy Rock, an Indian lookout according to old-timers, today a popular picnic spot.

MENARD *Grid I-9* *Pop. 1,720* *Alt. 1,960*

General — Established 1858 near ruins of an ancient Spanish fort, Real Presidio de San Saba, which had been abandoned a century before. Town served as trading post and overnight stop on north and west cattle trails. Old compound of a Spanish mission near the presidio served as corral, holding as many as 3,000 cattle on way to market. Legends of lost silver mine still circulate in area. Sheep and wool production are of primary importance today, followed by beef cattle and Angora goats. City park provides picnic facilities in attractive tree-shaded area along San Saba River.

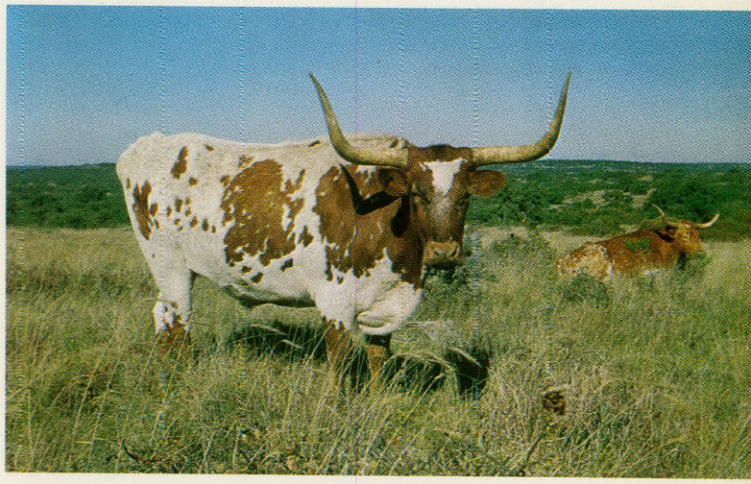
Ruins of Real Presidio de San Saba — Spanish fort established 1757 to protect nearby San Saba de la Cruz Mission. Mission suffered increasing dangers from Indians, and the presidio commander urged missionaries to abandon effort. They refused, and on Mar. 16, 1758 a strong force of Comanche and other Indians attacked mission, murdered occupants and burned the buildings. Only three escaped to the presidio, which successfully withstood the attack. In following years depredations of Indians became increasingly severe until the presidio was virtually in a state of siege with fierce attacks almost daily. The site was abandoned in 1769. Ruins maintained as a county park two miles west off Texas 29.

MOUNTAIN HOME *Grid J-10* *Pop. 96* *Alt. 2,135*

General — Established 1890 by storekeeper Thomas A. Dowdy to serve surrounding ranchers with staple foods and supplies. Community still provides much the same service in a rather sparsely populated area of several very large ranches.

Y. O. Ranch — Established 1880 by Capt. Charles Schreiner (see KERRVILLE this section), the vast ranch in scenic Hill Country is one of the Southwest's largest deer and exotic game preserves. Guided hunting tours throughout year (but only during seasons for native species) can produce such trophies as blackbuck antelope of India, wild Corsican rams, East African oryx, Axis deer and aoudad sheep. Both resident and non-resident hunting licenses available at ranch. Hunting fee guarantees success, or no charge. Of historic interest is substantial herd of Texas Longhorn cattle. Several historic buildings are preserved on ranch, including stagecoach stop from the 1850s; Wells Fargo office from near Boerne; pioneer cabin from near Fredericksburg; and pioneer schoolhouse. 2,110-foot sod airstrip. Ranch entrance is 15 miles west of Mountain Home on Texas 41; ranch headquarters eight miles north of entrance.

TEXAS LONGHORNS ARE PRESERVED IN STATE PARKS AND PRIVATE RANCHES



BOW HUNTING ON THE Y.O. RANCH

NEW BRAUNFELS Grid K-12 Pop. 17,610 Alt. 720

General — Seat of Comal County, established 1845 on Comal River by predominantly German settlers led by Prince Carl of Solms-Braunfels. Successful farming, ranching, abundant water flow for power and plentiful building materials contributed to early prosperity of the settlement. A weekly newspaper, the *Neu Braunfelser Zeitung,* established 1852, was published in German until just a few years ago. German influence in language, culture and traditions still strong; famous for local sausages, breads and pastries.

Major Events — Comal County Fair, four days in Sept., features parade, carnival, rodeo, horse races, agricultural and cooking exhibits, arts and antiques.

Horse Races in May, two days.

Wurstfest (Sausage Festival), 10 days early Nov., salutes the best of the wurst. Features singing societies, traditional German bands, dancing groups and sausages of every description. Sausage king and queen are crowned; a "sausage" dog show with dachshunds, and a Sausage Golf Tourney.

Historic Homes and Buildings — Many throughout town and nearby area include ancient mills, churches, business establishments and private residences. At Broadway and Church Hill Dr., first Lutheran Church in Texas, built 1851. Old Plaza Hotel dates from stagecoach era. Site of Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe Mission 2.5 miles northwest of city.

Lake — Canyon Reservoir. See LAKES this section.

Landa Park — Exceptionally scenic city park located around crystal springs heading the Comal River. Towering trees, spring-fed swimming pools, camping, picnicking, boating, bicycling, hiking and golf.

Natural Bridge Caverns — Vast underground maze recently discovered and opened on ranch land some 17 miles west. Gigantic rooms and formations stretch more than a mile underground; profuse cave formations. Texas 46, F.M. 1863. Open daily; admission.

Scenic Drives — Any of several highways into the Hill Country are scenic. R.M. 32, the "Devil's Backbone," northwest of Canyon Reservoir is exceptionally beautiful, as is the county road from New Braunfels to Sattler along the Guadalupe River.

Sophienburg Museum — On the hilltop site where Prince Carl of Solms-Braunfels built a log fortress. Displays many of the nobleman's personal effects, Indian artifacts, and household items of the pioneer era. Open Mon. - Sat. 3 - 6 p.m.; Sun. 2 - 6 p.m. May - Sept; Mon. & Fri. 3 - 6 p.m.; Sun. 2 - 6 p.m. Oct. - Apr. 401 W. Coll St. at Academy Ave. Contributions.

PAINT ROCK Grid H-9 Pop. 224 Alt. 1,639

General — Founded in 1879, present seat of Concho County. Named for extensive group of Indian pictographs painted on limestone cliffs bordering the Concho River. Earliest paintings date from prehistoric times; succeeding pictographs continued until last quarter of 19th Century when Comanche Indians still hunted in area. Inquire locally about daily tours during summer months, or special access at other times. The pictograph site is about one mile west of Paint Rock off F.M. 380. Admission.

PEARSALL Grid L-10 Pop. 5,400 Alt. 646

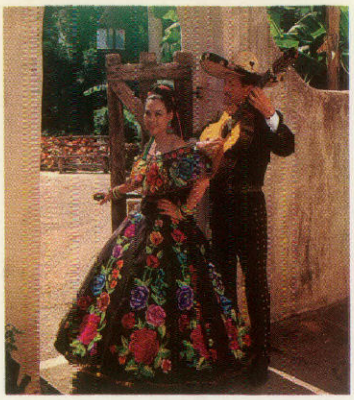
General — Established on International-Great Northern Railroad 1880; seat of Frio County and primary retail center for a large area of diversified agriculture and livestock production. A giant peanut monument downtown salutes area's most important crop. County markets more than 44 million pounds of peanuts annually, plus cotton, grain sorghum and commercial vegetables. Fifty-four thousand acres are irrigated. Local recreational facilities include sports fields and swimming pool. Fishing is available along Frio River and smaller streams. During designated seasons hunters take white-tailed deer, wild turkey, javelina, dove and quail.

"This is Texas" Tours — Contact Pearsall Chamber of Commerce, 211 S. Oak St., for guided tours to oil fields, modern mechanized farms and large ranches.

POTEET Grid L-11 Pop. 2,842 Alt. 525

General — In center of truck farming region; called the "Strawberry Capital of Texas." Also extensive ranching and dairying. Large nurseries cultivate fields of flowers, almost everything from asters to zinnias.

World's Largest Strawberry — Celebrating the distinction of producing 40 per cent of Texas' strawberries is a monument to the favorite fruit. Giant replica is seven feet tall and weighs 1,600 pounds. City Hall.



SAN ANTONIO Grid K-11 Pop. 650,183 Alt. 701

General — An area of pleasant, wooded springs at southern edge of Central Texas Hill Country has long been popular with Indians of the region, and was site of an Indian village in 1691 when area became of interest to Spanish officials for future development. Spain took first steps in 1718 with establishment of a mission called San Antonio de Valero, and the customary accompanying presidio (fort) called San Antonio de Bexar. Although several other missions were soon established nearby, forming the nucleus of a community, the city's growth actually dates from establishment of a villa (civil settlement) in 1731, the first Spanish effort to implement colonization of Texas.

The civil settlement was called San Fernando de Bexar, and the original colonists were a group of Canary Islanders. From its beginnings, the town suffered great difficulty from Indian raids, but remained the chief Spanish, then Mexican stronghold in Texas until the Texas Revolution.

Today the state's third largest city remains indelibly stamped with the colorful flavor of its multicultural heritage. It is a bilingual city, both Spanish and English being heard at every hand. Educational facilities, art museums and theaters are among finest in the state; symphony orchestra rates with the nation's best, and love for fiesta is unsurpassed!

For complete details on city attractions, local events, maps to the missions and other information, visit the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, corner of Commerce and S. Alamo Sts. across from Joske's.

Major Events — Junior Livestock Show and Rodeo, two days late Jan. School-age youngsters show their prize animals and compete in rough and tumble rodeo events.

San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo, 10 days mid-Feb. One of best in Southwest. Top breeders show champion animals from many states, and nation's best professional rodeo cowboys compete in bone-rattling arena action.

San Antonio Charity Horse Show, five days late Mar. or early Apr. Superb show horses of all breeds in eight performances at Joe Freeman Coliseum.

Starving Artists Show, Easter. Hundreds of artists display their work at La Villita along the River Walk; nothing priced over $10.

Fiesta San Antonio, nine days third and fourth weeks of Apr. The feature fiesta in a fiesta-loving city; innumerable associate events: art exhibitions, coronation of King Antonio, Pilgrimage to the Alamo, concerts, band festivals, Battle of Flowers Parade, King's River Parade, Fiesta Flambeau (night) Parade, championship rifle and skeet shoots, flower and fashion shows, musical productions, balls and street dancing, fireworks, and the fabulous series of "Nights in Old San Antonio."

Citywide Flower Show, two days in May; masses of colorful blossoms shown by individuals and garden groups.

Fiesta Noche del Rio each Tues., Fri. and Sat. evening from early June to late Aug. Colorful two-hour shows of authentic Spanish and Mexican dances, music and songs. At Arneson River Theater (open air) at La Villita.

International Trade Fair, five days mid-June.

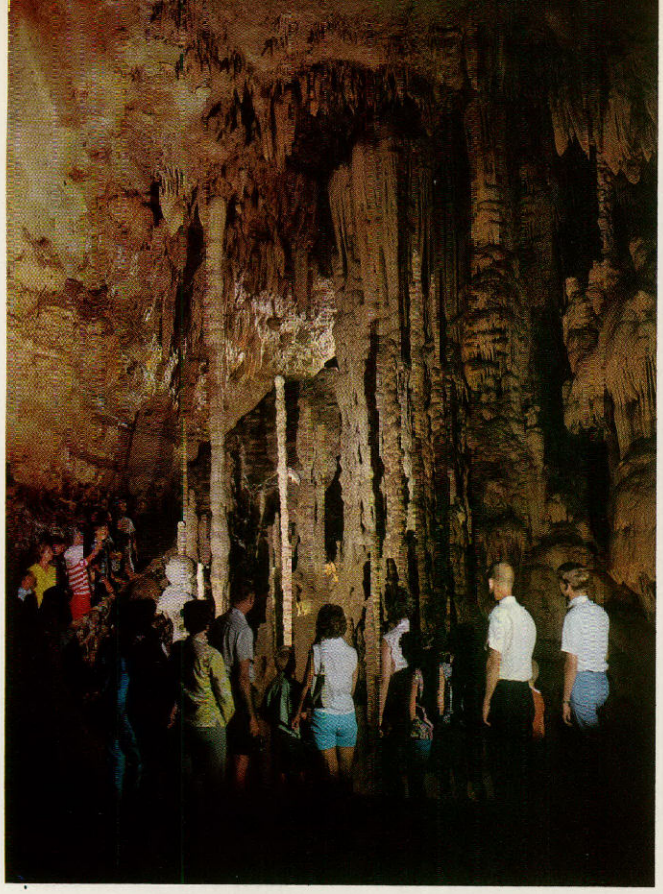
Fun-tier Nights at La Villita, each Wed. evening mid-July to early Aug. Musical shows featuring close harmony groups, Dixieland jazz, and individual vocalists. Also snack and Mexican food booths.

El Dia de las Misiones (The Day of the Missions), Aug. 6. Salute to the five historic missions of San Antonio.

Mexican-American Friendship Week, around Sept. 16 (Mexican Independence Day). Includes Diez y Seis Fiesta and Parade.

River Art Show, weekend early Oct. Lavish displays of arts and crafts by local, regional artists.

Christmas Pilgrimage, Garden Center; two days early Dec.



NATURAL BRIDGE CAVERNS, NEW BRAUNFELS

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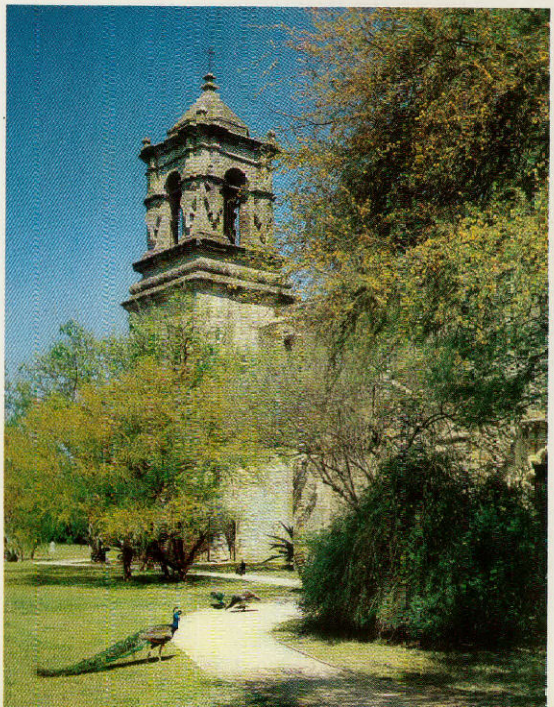


McNAY ART INSTITUTE, SAN ANTONIO

THE ALAMO, SAN ANTONIO

WITTE MUSEUM, SAN ANTONI

The Alamo — Mission San Antonio de Valero was the first of five Spanish colonial missions established in San Antonio in first part of 18th Century to Christianize and educate the Indians. In 1718 Spanish Viceroy of Mexico authorized Father Antonio de Olivares to establish the mission that was to become internationally famous as the Alamo. The church structure, standing today in downtown San Antonio, was begun about 1755. Less than a century later, in 1836, it established undisputed claim as the "Cradle of Texas Liberty." During 13 days to glory — Feb. 23 to Mar. 6 — it became the focal point of one of the most heroic struggles in the annals of mankind. Outnumbered Texans at the Alamo gallantly challenged a seasoned Mexican army — but in vain. The defenders died to the last man, among them such storied names as William Travis, Davy Crockett and Jim Bowie.

Alamo Cenotaph — Erected in memory of heroes of the Alamo, monument dominates Alamo Plaza. Names of those who fell defending the Alamo are inscribed in marble around the sides.

Alamo Museum — D.R.T. Library — Located on grounds of state park surrounding the Alamo. On view are relics of famous Battle of the Alamo, and others associated with days of early colonization and Republic of Texas period. Open weekdays 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library closed Sun.

Brackenridge Park — Includes rustic stone bridges and winding walks, gleaming pools, and Chinese Sunken Garden. On occasion the Sunken Garden Theater presents entertainment. An aerial skyride and the Brackenridge Eagle, a one-fifth scale model of a diesel train. Innumerable picnic spots; bridle paths

Buckhorn Hall of Horns — Formerly located in heart of San Antonio, Buckhorn Saloon developed one of world's finest animal horn collections. When time caught up with old Buckhorn, the Lone Star Brewery intervened, and today the saloon's famous horn and mounted animal collection is on free display at brewery, along with comparable "Hall of Fins" featuring mounted game fish. Also preserved is the little home in which O. Henry lived. House is stocked with authentic copies of *The Rolling Stone*, newspaper the famed short story writer published in San Antonio. Brewery at 600 Lone Star Blvd.

General Cos House — Outstanding example of an early San Antonio dwelling located in La Villita (see below). Was scene of signing on Dec. 9, 1835 of Articles of Capitulation, by Gen. Perfecto de Cos, after Texans had captured San Antonio from Mexican forces.

HemisFair Plaza — Site of 1968 Texas World's Fair is a focal point of downtown entertainment and relaxation. Among structures retained from the fair is 750-foot Tower of the Americas with dining levels at 550 and 560 feet, topped by an observation deck offering panoramic views of the city; open daily; admission. Also open daily is the Witte Confluence Museum; admission. The Hall of Texas History features life-sized diaramas depicting Texas' colorful past; open Tues. - Sun. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Noted Institute of Texan Cultures is open Sept. - May, Tues. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; June - Aug., 1 - 6 p.m. Also in Plaza are Casa San Miguel Philippine restaurant, boutiques, food stands, aerial tramway, monorail and amusement rides. Waterways thread the area, edged by tree-shaded walks and flower beds.

Hertzberg Circus Collection — Vividly depicts, for "big top" fans of all ages, evolution of "the greatest show on earth." Festive oil paintings, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thumb's carriage, antics of a mechanical Vienrese clown! It's all in miniature — but its entertainment value would win P. T. Barnum's unqualified approval. 210 W. Market St., third floor of Public Library.

Incarnate Word College — Catholic college for women chartered 1881. Outstanding medical and nursing career programs. Enrolls about 2,000, located on 230-acre tract on Broadway and Hildebrand just north of Brackenridge Park.

La Villita — (The Little Village), a re-created genuine Mexican village captures charming past of a century ago amid narrow streets, shaded patios and authentic adobe houses. A romantic setting for fiestas as well as an art and recreational center.

Arneson River Theatre in the open air presents Latin-flavored performances several times weekly during much of the year.

Old San Antonio Museum is in one of oldest houses in city. Guided tour of 12 life-size displays of Texas and San Antonio historic events. Open daily (except Christmas and New Year's) 10 a.m. - noon; 2 - 4 p.m. 511 Villita St. Admission.

McNay Art Institute — Works of artists who charted course of 20th Century painting. Once occupied by Marion Koogler McNay, patroness of modern art, institute houses Postimpressionistic paintings of Cezanne, Gauguin (one a self-portrait), Toulouse-Lautrec and Van Gogh. Winslow Homer and John Marin number among Americans, but the international collection also includes works of Diego Rivera and El Greco. Two galleries devoted to Indian arts and crafts from New Mexico. Open Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. 6000 N. New Braunfels St.

Mexican Market — Colorful area of small shops and stalls offering local handicrafts and imports from Mexico including wrought iron, leather goods, pottery, glassware, wood carvings, paintings, curios and fresh farm produce. Santa Rosa and Commerce Sts.

Military Bases Complex — Since San Antonio's founding as a presidio more than two centuries ago, the military has been an integral part of the city. Most military installations require a visitor's pass, which may be obtained at the gate. For security reasons, some areas are restricted.

Brooks Air Force Base — Founded in 1917 and scene of history's first mass paratroop drop; present home of U.S. Air Force School of Aviation Medicine. Also headquarters of Aerospace Medical Center, first institution of its kind in world. Scientists and researchers at the aerospace facility engaged in studies of high altitude problems encountered in space flight. Regular tours of the center on last Friday of each month, but other tours may be scheduled.

Hangar 9, Edward H. White II Memorial Museum; displays of medical research and testing equipment for aviation medicine from 1917 to present. Also a Curtiss J-1 trainer, aircraft engines, propellers, bombs, aircraft photos and paintings. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Closed weekends and holidays.

Fort Sam Houston — Established 1876, has witnessed evolution of military from cavalry and foot soldier to today's airborne and motorized might. Dominated by famous watchtower, historic quadrangle which once detained Geronimo and his renegade Apache band, now confines only tame deer and peacocks. Today, Fort Sam Houston headquarters both the Fifth Army and Brooke Army Medical Center.

Kelly Air Force Base — Young aviator named Charles Lindbergh trained here, as did Billy Mitchell and "Hap" Arnold. Both the San Antonio Air Materiel Area, one of world's largest aircraft

PASEO DEL RIO, THE RIVER WALK IN SAN ANTONIO

repair and supply depots and the Air Force Security Service are headquartered at Kelly, nation's oldest military airfield.

Lackland Air Force Base — History and Traditions Classroom, the famous air museum at Lackland, is open free to the public 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on weekdays. Collections contain aircraft equipment dating from World War I (Spad VII and combat aircraft) to current operational turbojet engines. "Gateway to the Air Force" aptly describes Lackland, where most airmen first train.

Randolph Air Force Base — Official Air Force Records Center, also provides pilot training. The base's famous landmark, dubbed the "Taj Mahal," has become a symbol of professional flying training to thousands of Air Force pilots.

Missions of San Antonio — In addition to the Alamo, four other San Antonio missions were established by Franciscan Friars in the early 18th Century. "El Dia de las Misiones" (The Day of the Missions) is an annual Aug. 6 salute to these historic structures.

Mission Nuestra Senora de la Purisima Concepcion — Established in 1731, more than 20 years under construction. Massive church with twin towers and cupola is oldest unrestored stone church in the U.S., standing as completed in 1755. Beside it is a cloister arcade, partly restored. Church acoustics are equated with the Mormon Tabernacle. 807 Mission Rd. Admission.

Mission San Francisco de la Espada — Also established 1731, favorite of many students of Spanish period in Texas, and popular with photographers. The little church building dating from 1745 has been restored several times, is still in use. Ruins of walls which once surrounded the mission compound; foundations of a granary; baluarte, or fortified tower, can still be seen. Espada Rd. south. Admission.

Near the mission is an aqueduct over Piedra Creek, part of mission's irrigation system built in 1740s. System includes dam on San Antonio River and acequia (irrigation ditch), still in use after more than 200 years. The aqueduct is a National Historic Landmark.

Mission San Jose y San Miguel de Aguayo — Known as "the Queen of Missions," is both a State and National Historic Site. Founded 1720, with church constructed between 1768-82. Entire mission compound has been restored including outer wall with Indian dwellings, granary and workshops. An old flour mill outside north wall was built about 1790, first in Texas. Visitors are fascinated by rich facade of domed church, and by famous sculptured exterior of sacristy window known as "the Rose Window," or "Rosa's Window." Legend has it that an artisan named Pedro Huizar spent seven years embellishing that stone masterpiece. In granary is model of mission as it looked in late 1700s. 6539 San Jose Dr. at Mission Rd. Admission.

Mission San Juan Capistrano — Like both Espada and Concepcion, was established 1731. Extensive restoration work, based on archeological excavations, has been carried out. Besides charming little chapel with open bell tower, there are ruins of a more elaborate church which was never completed. Restored missionary residence houses displays and artifacts from Spanish colonial period. Church still serves community of Berg's Mill, now part of city. Graf Rd. off Mission Rd. Admission.

Our Lady of the Lake College — Catholic college for women established 1896 by Sisters of Divine Providence. Enrolls about 1,500. Noted for music and library science departments. 24th and Durango Sts.

River Walk — One level below busy streets of San Antonio, the Paseo del Rio is a picturesque retreat in time . . . and a world away. Walk meanders for several miles through heart of San Antonio, following bends of the river under graceful trees, past tropical foliage and flowering shrubs that scent the air. Gift shops and sidewalk cafes offer authentic wares and foods of faraway lands.

Safari Room — An outstanding collection of mounted African game trophies located at Pearl Brewery. Also huge mural depicting countless scenes from Texas history. Tours daily. 1700 Broadway.

St. Mary's University — Founded 1852 for male students, oldest institution of higher learning in city. Noted for School of Law, pre-med and engineering courses. Now coed, enrolls more than 4,000 students. In northwest San Antonio, just off Texas 16.

St. Philips College — Founded 1898 as private institution, became municipal junior college 1942. Originally all-Negro institution, became fully integrated 1955. Affiliated with San Antonio College, enrolls more than 1,400. At 2111 Nevada St.

San Antonio College — Coed junior college established 1925 under sponsorship of the University of Texas. Enrolls more than 12,000. San Pedro and Ashby Sts.

San Antonio Zoo — Ranked as one of finest zoos in world, sprawls across 70 acres adjacent to Brackenridge Park. Habitat of many species of animals and birds; baboons scamper over Monkey Island . . . formally attired penguins converse in realistic, chilly setting . . . and exotic flamingos preen. They're all here — from antelope to zebra, plus a modern aquarium. Tour of rolling terrain and high limestone cliffs designed to simulate native habitats requires leisurely day. Admission.

Spanish Governor's Palace — In 1772 San Antonio became seat of Spanish government in Texas, headquartered at 10-room Spanish Governor's Palace on Military Plaza. It was to this thick, adobe-walled structure that Moses Austin came in 1820 for permission to bring a colony of U.S. citizens into Spanish Texas. Many commandants of Presidio de Bexar and Spanish governors lived and ruled here. And here in 1830, the dashing Jim Bowie courted his beautiful, aristocratic future wife, daughter of Mexican vice governor (later governor) of Texas. Building is typical of colonial Spain with carved doors, low-beamed ceilings, grape arbor, and mosaic-tiled patio. Date of construction is uncertain, ranging from 1749 (date carved on entrance arch keystone along with Hapsburg coat of arms) to 1772, when government was officially established. Camaron St. at Military Plaza. Admission.

Steves Homestead — Elegant furnishings of bygone era preserved in historic Victorian mansion which was fashionable German residence in 1870s. Open daily, 10 a.m. - noon; 2 - 4 p.m. 509 King William St. Admission.

Trinity University — Coed Presbyterian university, founded 1869, moved to Waxahachie 1902 and San Antonio 1942. Modern "skyline campus" of 107 acres at 715 Stadium Dr. Enrollment exceeds 2,400.

Witte Memorial Museum — An original stagecoach, a Curtiss "Jenny" of World War I, and the 49.40-carat Myrtle McFarlin Canary Diamond are among diversified exhibits. Archeological examples of Oriental, Negrito and Indian tribes. Rebuilt on grounds are four early Texas houses and furnished log cabin. Open weekdays 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; weekends 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. 3801 Broadway. Admission.

SAN MARCOS Grid J-12 Pop. 18,556 Alt. 581

General — Seat of Hays County, located at edge of the Hill Country; was once temporary site of two Spanish missions being relocated from East Texas because of French and Indian difficulties. Laid out for Anglo-American settlers in 1851. Clear, cold San Marcos River rises from mammoth springs within town; noted for profusion of both plant and animal aquatic life, river is ranked as one of world's most fertile. White-tailed deer are so numerous they plague suburban residents' lawns and gardens. Hunters also take dove, quail, squirrel, fox and an occasional bobcat. Fishing is enjoyed year-round in the San Marcos and nearby Blanco Rivers.

Major Events — Texas Water Safari, eight days in June, one of world's toughest canoe races. Entrants must carry all supplies with them from San Marcos down hundreds of miles of rivers, and across saltwater bays, to finish at Seadrift. Grueling race draws canoe teams from as far away as Alaska. Start is at Aquarena Springs.

Republic of Texas Chililympics, State chili cooking contest in Sept. to select champion chili chef to represent Texas in World Chili Cook-off each Nov. at Terlingua (which see, Towering West Section), a ghost town in West Texas. Chili chefs from throughout state concoct their fiery stews for a panel of judges from the Chili Appreciation Society, International. Aquarena Springs.

Aquarena Springs — One of Texas' most popular commercial attractions, on Spring Lake where huge springs form beginning of the San Marcos River. Submarine theater features underwater shows daily; glass-bottomed boats cruise over an aquatic wonderland on the crystal lake; aerial tramway lifts visitors over lake and cliff to hillside gardens featuring Mexican market, old mill. Re-created frontier village, mission ruins and nature trail. At lakeside, Aquarena Hotel overlooks the beautiful setting. Open year-round.

City Park — Playground equipment, water, electricity, picnicking and travel trailer facilities. Open year-round.

Lake — Canyon Reservoir. See LAKES this section.

San Marcos Baptist Academy — Widely known preparatory school accepting boys and girls from first grade through high school. Southern Baptist Association.

Scenic Drive — F.M. 12 northwest to junction with R.M. 32, the winding ridge route called the "Devil's Backbone," offering exceptional views of Hill Country scenery.

Southwest Texas State University — Alma mater of former President Lyndon B. Johnson, picturesque college commands impressive vistas overlooking town. Architecture features graceful Mediterranean-style built with fossilized Texas limestone. Enrollment exceeds 8,400.

Wonder World — Includes earthquake-formed cave, wildlife park, observation tower, gift shop. Discovered 1893; cave tours every 15 minutes; Anti-Gravity House, elevator from cave to Tejas Tower. Miniature train through park; feeding and petting areas. Open daily; summer 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; winter 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Bishop St. within city. Admission.

SAN SABA Grid H-11 Pop. 2,529 Alt. 1,210

General — Settled 1854 and named for scenic river on which it is located. Seat of San Saba County, a predominately agricultural area on edge of Edwards Plateau. Wool and mohair provide chief source of income with additional production of cattle, horses, hogs and poultry. Also pecans and peaches. San Saba and Colorado Rivers are popular with campers and fishermen. Hunters are attracted to area each fall seeking white-tailed deer, wild turkey, squirrel and native game birds.

Major Events — San Saba County Junior Livestock Show, two days in Jan. Young stockmen display their prize animals and exhibits.

Annual Countywide Rodeo, three days in June. Popular San Saba feature for a third of a century.

Municipal Park — 24 acres of scenic, tree-shaded parkland including a small lake, swimming pool and picnic facilities.

Rocks and Minerals — Noted for rich variety of native stone building materials, and an even greater variety of mineral specimens attractive to collectors. Details may be obtained by inquiry at local rock shops.

San Saba County Historical Museum — Items from ranch, farm and western life. Household relics and period clothing. Housed in two 100-year-old log cabins. Open Sun. 3 - 5 p.m. Apr. 1 - Sept. 1, and by appointment. In Mill Pond Park, five blocks east of courthouse.

SUBMARINE THEATER SHOW, AQUARENA SPRINGS

SKY RIDE, AQUARENA SPRINGS, SAN MARCOS

SEGUIN Grid K-12 Pop. 15,569 Alt. 520

General — Founded as Walnut Springs in 1838 by members of Mathew Caldwell's Gonzales Rangers, name changed in 1839 to honor Juan N. Seguin, distinguished Mexican-Texan who served in Sam Houston's army which won Texas independence; later Texas Senator and mayor of San Antonio. Fishing, swimming and water sports are popular in area, with five hydroelectric power dams on Guadalupe River within six miles of town.

Major Events — Freedom Fiesta and Miss South Texas Pageant, two days around July 4th.

State Left-Handers' Golf Tourney six days late July. Draws southpaw golfers from throughout the state.

Seguin Birthday Celebration, Aug. 12.

Guadalupe County Fair and Horse Races, four days in Sept. All the traditional fun and festivities of an old-time county fair.

Historic Homes and Buildings — Many pre-Texas Revolution homes designated by historical markers. Among them a Texas Ranger station built 1823, Magnolia Hotel of 1824, and restored Juan Seguin Post Office (see Los Nogales Museum below).

Zorn Home, also known as Sebastapol, is notable structure. Built early 1850s, fronted by traditional high-columned porch. Unusual feature is a V-shaped roof forming water tank which cooled house and stored water. Historic structure received U.S.

BUFFALO AT LBJ STATE PARK, STONEWALL

LBJ NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE, PRESIDENT'S BIRTHPLACE, STONEWALL

Department of Interior's Award of Merit, and plans are on file with Library of Congress. Open by appointment, contact Seguin Chamber of Commerce, 379-6382. 704 W. Court St.

Lake — McQueeney. See LAKES this section.

Los Nogales Museum — Built 1823 by Mexican government for use as post office, building was known as Juan Seguin Post Office 1835 - 1870. Museum contains Texas historical papers, pictures and furniture. Open by appointment. E. Live Oak and S. River Sts.

Max Starcke Park — One of the finest municipal parks for a city of this size in nation. River Drive along Guadalupe River, beneath towering oak, live oak and pecan trees. Has public golf course, swimming pool and picnic areas. At Guadalupe River off Texas 123 south.

Texas Lutheran College — Four-year, coed college of American Lutheran Church; established in Brenham 1891; moved to Seguin 1912. Liberal arts, pre-ministerial training. Enrollment about 1,000. 102-acre campus between U.S. 90 and U.S. 90A.

STONEWALL Grid J-11 Pop. 205 Alt. 1,512

General — Established 1870, named for Confederate Gen. Stonewall Jackson. Known as peach center and location of LBJ Ranch, home of former President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Major Event — Stonewall Peach JAMboree, annual two-day celebration held in June. Queen's pageant and coronation, rodeo parade, barbecue, peach displays and eating contests, fresh peach ice cream!

Lyndon Baines Johnson National Historic Site — Replica of four-room birthplace of former president is operated by National Park Service as part of National Historic Site which includes Johnson boyhood home (see Johnson City.) One mile east of LBJ Ranch on Park Road 49. Birthplace is open daily, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Nearby LBJ ranchhouse is easily seen, but is not open to public.

LBJ State Park — 269-acre park, open during daylight hours only. Visitor center presents interpretive exhibits of the storied Central Texas Hill Country. There are picnic facilities, swimming pool, nature trails, and living wildlife displays including Texas Longhorns, white-tailed deer and buffalo. Also two restored dog-run log cabins of area pioneers, furnished in the frontier style. On U.S. 290 just east of Stonewall.

THREE RIVERS Grid M-11 Pop. 1,702 Alt. 145

General — First called Hamiltonburg, name changed to cite location near confluence of the Atascosa, Nueces, and Frio Rivers. Commercial center for farming and ranching, uranium mining, oil refineries and boat factory. First glass factory in Texas established here in 1913.

Tips State Recreation Park — 31-acre park one mile west off Texas 72 on Frio River. Camping, fishing, picnic areas.

TILDEN Grid M-11 Pop. 466 Alt. 245

General — Located in bend of Frio River, originally called Dog Town from local ranchers' habit of using packs of dogs to round up cattle in the brush country area. Now seat of McMullen County, town probably named for Samuel J. Tilden, Democratic candidate for president in 1876. Commercial center for ranching area, location of a natural gas processing plant.

Major Event — Tilden Annual Rodeo, three days late Aug. - early Sept.; old-time Western excitement as cowboys compete in arena action.

McMullen County Historical Museum — General collection of items, including old newspapers, locks, irons, branding irons. Open by appointment. Second floor, courthouse. Contributions.

UVALDE Grid K-9 Pop. 10,403 Alt. 913

General — First settled 1853, and in 1855-56 known as Encina. Once domain of notorious frontier sheriff and outlaw, J. K. "King" Fisher. Historical marker on Fisher, and graves of early settlers killed by Indians, in city park, 500 block N. Park St. Today a retail center for extensive cattle, sheep and goat ranching; also truck farming area and noted honey center. Industries include vegetable packing, processing and garment making.

Major Events — Southwest Texas Junior College Rodeo and FFA Rodeo, both two days in Apr. School-age youngsters compete in rough and tumble rodeo events.

Annual Uvalde Art Show, one day in May.

Quarter Horse Association Rodeo, three days in May, attracts top cowboys and more than 10,000 spectators.

Garner Memorial Museum — Former home of John "Cactus Jack" Garner, vice president under Franklin D. Roosevelt. Miscellaneous historical material and special displays associated with Garner and area history. Open daily 9 a.m. - noon, 1 - 5 p.m. Closed holidays. 333 N. Park St. Contributions.

Garner State Park — 31 miles north via U.S. 83. (See CONCAN this section.)

Scenic Drives — U.S. 83 north through Concan, past Garner State Park to Leakey, then west on F.M. 337 and south on Texas 55; some of the most spectacular scenery in the Texas Hill Country.

Southwest Texas Junior College — Founded 1946, coed, enrolls more than 1,000.

WIMBERLEY Grid J-12 Pop. 300 Alt. 967

General — Established 1848, small community is a center of resort and retirement development in beautiful Central Texas Hill Country. In area are countless cool, shady pools beneath towering cypress trees, frothy cascades on the Blanco River and sparkling Cypress Creek, green meadows and majestic hills. Dude ranches, resorts and youth camps dot the area. Climbing, hiking, fishing, swimming, boating and camping are popular activities in ideal setting. Many artists make their homes here.

POPULAR CAMPS NEAR WIMBERLEY

IDEAL PICNIC SITES AT HIGHWAY REST AREAS

PEDERNALES RIVER

Arts and Crafts Gallery — Hill Country scenes captured in oils; handcrafts and souvenirs. On the square in Wimberley.

Lake — Canyon Reservoir. See LAKES this section.

Devil's Backbone — One of Texas' most scenic drives, officially R.M. 32, the "Devil's Backbone" is a winding, razor-backed ridge overlooking Hill Country vistas.

Pioneertown — A village of the Old West re-created at 7-A Ranch Resort. Furnishings and details of saloons, general store, post office, hotel, opera house, log fort and other buildings. Medicine shows and old-time melodramas are regular summer fare. Open daily 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. summer; winter, during daylight hours. 7-A Ranch, one mile from Wimberley. Admission.

campground guide

In every season the camping's great in Texas! Sites listed below are administered by local, state and federal agencies. Not included are commercial camps whose listings are usually available in commercial guides. Camps are listed under nearby city name; driving directions are provided to each.

Directions are by standard compass abbreviations: **N** (north), **NE** (northeast), **E** (east), **SE** (southeast), **S** (south), **SW** (southwest), **W** (west), **NW** (northwest). Highways are indicated by standard abbreviations: **IH** = Interstate Highways, shown on maps as (35). **US** = U.S. Highways, shown on maps as (80). **Tex** = Texas State Highways, shown on maps as (21). **FM** or **RM** = Texas Farm or Ranch Roads (all are excellent paved routes), shown on maps as (770).

Drinking water is at all sites except where specifically noted.

AUSTIN — **Lake Austin City Park**

From IH 35N/US 290E: Koenig Lane W 1 mi; RM 2222 W 6.5 mi; local rd W 4.5 mi. On Lake Austin. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, area lighting. Daily $1.25, max 14 days. Groc. Swim, fish, boat, picnic, playground. (Pks & Recreation Dept, Box 1088, Austin 78767)

AUSTIN — **Mansfield Dam-Travis County Park**

From IH 35N/US 290 E: Koenig Lane W 1 mi; RM 2222 W 11 mi; FM 620 W 6 mi (across Mansfield Dam). On Lake Travis. Tent & trailer sites, fl toilets. Free, max 7 days. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Lower Colorado River Authority, Box 220, Austin 78767)

AUSTIN — **Sandy Creek Park**

From IH 35/US 183: US 183 NW 13.5 mi; FM 1431 W 1.8 mi; local rd SW 6 mi. On Lake Travis. Tent & trailer sites, primitive, no drinking water. Free. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Lower Colorado River Authority, Box 220, Austin 78767)

BLANCO — **Blanco State Park**

South city limits: Park Rd 23 W off US 281. On Blanco River. Tent & trailer sites, screened shelters, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers, dump sta. Entrance $1, daily tent $1, trailer $1.75, shelters $3.50, max 14 days May 1 - Sept 15. Swim, fish, picnic, playground, bird watching. (Blanco St Pk, Box 493, Blanco 78606)

BRADY — **Brady Lake Park #1**

FM 2028 W 3 mi. On Brady Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, screened shelters, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers, area lighting, dump sta. Daily $1.50-2, max 7 days. Groc. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic, nature & bike trails. (City Hall, 212 W Commerce St, Brady 76825)

BRADY — **Richards Park**

US 87 at W city limits. On Brady Creek. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, area lighting, dump sta. Free. Fish, picnic, playground. (City Hall, 212 W Commerce St, Brady 76825)

BURNET — **Inks Lake State Park**

Tex 29 W 9.1 mi; Park Rd 4 S 3 mi. On Inks Lake. Tent & trailer sites, screened shelters, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers. Entrance $1, daily tent or trailer $1.50, shelters $3.50, max 14 days May 1-Sept 15. Groc, snack bar, marina, boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat & rentals, picnic, golf, nature study, paddle boats. (Inks Lake St Pk, Box 342, Burnet 78611)

CAMP WOOD (see Uvalde)

CONCAN (see Uvalde)

FREDERICKSBURG — **Lady Bird Johnson Park**

Tex 16 SW 3.5 mi. Trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers, dump sta, area lighting. Daily $1-2, max 3 days. Swim, boat (no motors), picnic, playground, golf, recreational courts, hiking trails. (City Pks Dept, City Hall, Fredericksburg 78624)

JUNCTION — **Junction City Park**

Within city: US 290 at South Llano River. On Lake Junction. Tent/trailer camping permitted, pit toilets, area lighting. Free. Groc, laundry. Swim, fish, bait, boat, picnic, playground, golf, hunt. (City Hall, 102 N 5th St, Junction 76849)

KERRVILLE — **Kerrville State Park**

Tex 16 S 1.1 mi; FM 689 SE 2.1 mi; Park Rd 19 W. On Guadalupe River. Tent & trailer sites, screened shelters, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers. Entrance $1, daily tent $1, trailer $1.75, shelters $3.50, max 14 days May 1-Sept 15. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic, playground, saddle horses, bird watching. (Kerrville St Pk, Rt 1, Box 25, Kerrville 78028)

LLANO — **Black Rock Park**

Tex 29 E 16.1 mi; Tex 261 N 4 mi. On Lake Buchanan. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Daily $1, max 15 days. Boat ramps. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Lower Colorado River Authority, Box 220, Austin 78767)

LLANO — **Cedar Point Park**

Tex 29 E 1.5 mi; FM 2241 NE 16.5 mi; local rd NE .6 mi. On Lake Buchanan. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic. (Lower Colorado River Authority, Box 220, Austin 78767)

LLANO — **Robinson Park**

FM 152 W 1.5 mi. On Llano Park Lake on Llano River. Trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, area lighting, dump sta. Free, max 10 days. Swim, fish, boat, picnic, playground, golf. (City Hall, 301 W Main, Llano 78643)

LOCKHART — **Lockhart State Park**

US 183 S .9 mi; FM 20 W 2 mi; Park Rd 10 S. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers, dump sta. Entrance $1, daily tent $1.50, trailer $1.75, max 14 days May 1-Sept 15. Swim, fish, picnic, playground. (Lockhart St Pk, Rt 1, Box 69, Lockhart 78644)

LULING — **Palmetto State Park**

US 90/183 E 4.4 mi; US 183 S 2.4 mi; Park Rd 11 SW 2.5 mi. On San Marcos River. Tent & trailer camping permitted, fl & pit toilets, showers. Entrance $1, daily tent or trailer $1, max 14 days May 1-Sept 15. Swim, fish, picnic, playground, nature trail. Unique botanical area of sub-tropical vegetation, artesian wells and sulphur springs. (Palmetto St Pk, Box 4, Ottine 78658)

NEW BRAUNFELS — **Canyon Park**

From IH 35/FM 306: FM 306 NW 19.3 mi; local rd NW 2 mi; local rd SW 1 mi. On Canyon Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Daily $1 Memorial Day — Labor Day; free other times; max 14 days. Boat ramp, marina, cafe-snack bar. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Star Rt, New Braunfels 78130)

NEW BRAUNFELS — **Comal Park**

From IH 35/Tex 46: Tex 46 W 8.5 mi; FM 2722 NW 7.7 mi; FM 2673 NW 2.2 mi; local rd NE 2 mi. On Canyon Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Star Rt, New Braunfels 78130)

NEW BRAUNFELS — **Cranes Mill Park**

From IH 35/Tex 46: Tex 46 W 8.5 mi; FM 2722 NW 7.7 mi; FM 2673 NW 2.2 mi; local rd NW 2.8 mi. On Canyon Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp, marina. Fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Star Rt, New Braunfels 78130)

NEW BRAUNFELS — **Cypress Bend Park**

Tex 46 (Peace St) 1 mi from square. On Guadalupe River. Tent & trailer sites, fl toilets, area lighting. Daily $1.50. Fish, picnic. (Pks & Rec Dept, Box 601, New Braunfels 78130)

NEW BRAUNFELS — **Jacobs Creek Park**

From IH 35/FM 306: FM 306 NW 19.3 mi; local rd SW .1 mi. On Canyon Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Fish, boat & rentals, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Star Rt, New Braunfels 78130)

NEW BRAUNFELS — **Potters Creek Park**

From IH 35/FM 306: FM 306 NW 19.3 mi; local rd NW 4.8 mi; FM 306 NW .8 mi; local rd S .1; local rd SW .8 mi; local rd S 1.1 mi. On Canyon Reservoir Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Star Rt, New Braunfels 78130)

SAN MARCOS — **City Park**

Within city near downtown. On San Marcos River. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, dump sta. area lighting. Daily $2.50. Swim, fish, picnic, playground. (City Hall, Box 725, San Marcos 78666)

SEGUIN — **Governor Ireland Park**

US 90-A W 2.2 mi; local rd S 1.4 mi. On Guadalupe River and Lake Placid. Trailer sites, elec & sewer hookups. Daily $4. Fish. (Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, Box 271, Seguin 78155)

THREE RIVERS — **Tips State Park**

Tex 72 W .5 mi. On Frio River. Tent & trailer camping permitted, primitive. No drinking water. Free. Fish, picnic. (City Hall, Three Rivers 78071)

UVALDE/Camp Wood — **Nueces Park**

From Uvalde: Tex 55 NW 35 mi. On Nueces River and Lake Nueces. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers, area lighting. Daily $1.50. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (County Commissioners, Uvalde 78801)

UVALDE/Concan — **Garner State Park**

From Uvalde: US 83 N 23 mi to Concan; US 83 N 6.7 mi; Park Rd 29 E. On Frio River. Tent & trailer sites, cabins, screened shelters, fl toilets, showers. Entrance $1, daily tent or trailer $1, shelters $3.50, cabins $6, max 14 days May 1-Sept 15, 28 days Sept 16-Apr 30. Groc. Swim, fish, boat, picnic, paddle boats, miniature golf, nature study, bike trail. (Garner St Pk, Concan 78838)

rolling prairies

Texas lore and legends were born on the Rolling Prairies . . . nurtured by Indians and cowboys, frontier forts, and oil boom towns.

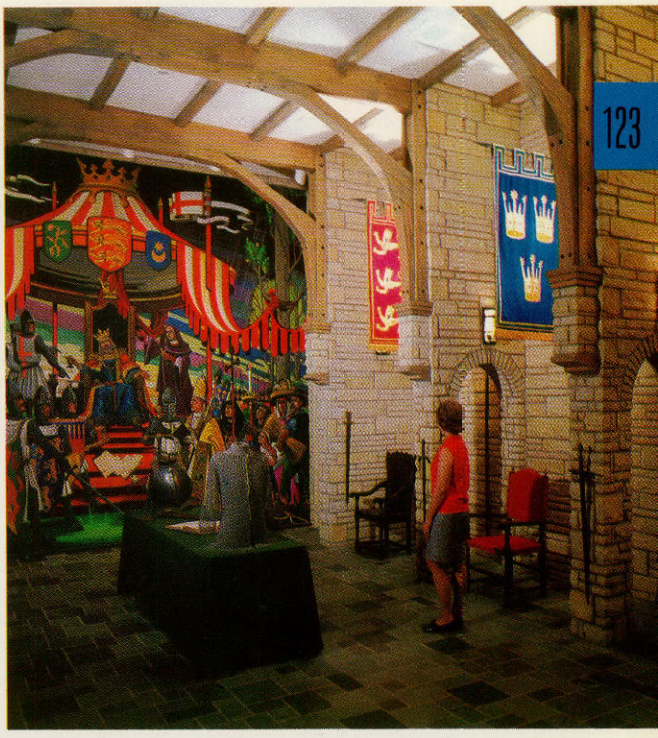
Along Rolling Prairies streams flints and beads mark camps of Indians who trailed buffalo herds, and gathered for war during seasons of the Comanche moon. Blue-clad troopers protected wagon trains, and built rude forts that secured a sparsely settled frontier. Huge ranches like the Four Sixes (they say named for a poker hand) still field cowboys who ply their timeless skills, and test them at rodeos. Here are oil towns like Ranger and Burkburnett, once the wildest, gaudiest boom towns in petroleum history.

Add the lore and legends to the modern face of Texas—leave room for water sports, rattlesnake roundups, air shows, and the Fort Griffin Fandangle. The result is a slate of enjoyment seasoned by a hearty frontier heritage.

Such are the Rolling Prairies. Such is Texas!

WHEAT ABOVE GROUND, OIL BELOW

DOUGLAS MACARTHUR ACADEMY OF FREEDOM, BROWNWOOD



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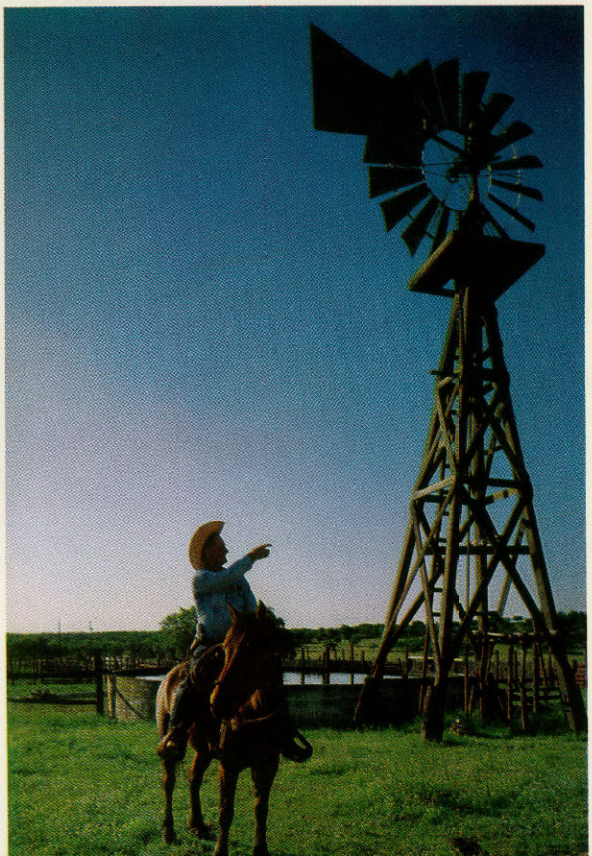
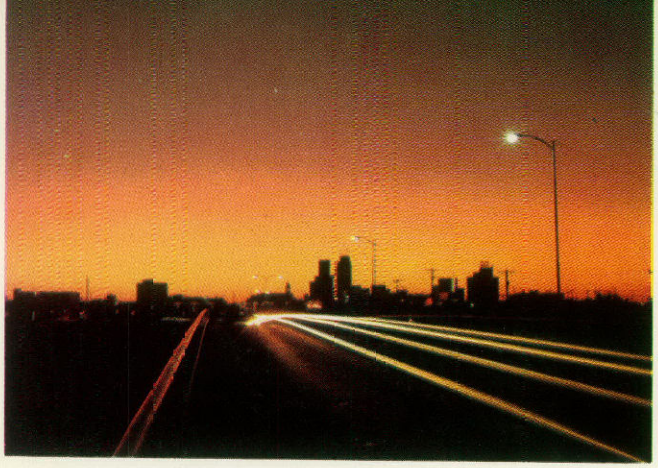




ABILENE

WHERE TO GO, WHAT TO SEE

ABILENE — Grid G-9 — Pop. 88,433 — Alt. 1,738

General — Established by cattlemen as stock shipping point on Texas and Pacific Railroad in 1881, named for Abilene, Kan., end point on the Old Chisholm Trail. Along with cattle, soon became major sheep and wool producing area, later center of diversified agricultural activities.

Oil and industry add impetus to present economic structure. Cultural aspects are influenced by two colleges and a university, community theater, philharmonic association and fine arts museum.

Major Events — Abilene Fat Stock Show in Jan. features prize animals from West Texas farms and ranches.

Abilene Festival of Arts, two weeks in Apr., offers art, drama, music and entertainment.

Hardin-Simmons University Intercollegiate Rodeo in Apr. showcases college students in traditional rodeo events.

West Texas Fair, six days in Sept., features exhibits and amusements reflecting early days of Abilene, plus modern attractions of West Texas.

Abilene Christian College — Coed liberal arts college affiliated with the Church of Christ, founded 1906. Enrollment exceeds 3,000. In northeast Abilene on E. North 16th St.

Abilene Fine Arts Museum — Cultural center located in Fair Park; permanent display of art, plus numerous special shows during the year. Open during shows daily 2 - 5 p.m.

Abilene State Park — 507-acre parkland near Lake Abilene; camping, trailer facilities, picnicking, shelters, swimming pool, rest rooms and showers, hiking and fishing. Large grove of some 4,000 native pecan trees, now a favorite picnic area, was once a popular campground for Comanche Indians. About 15 miles southwest on F.M. 89. Admission.

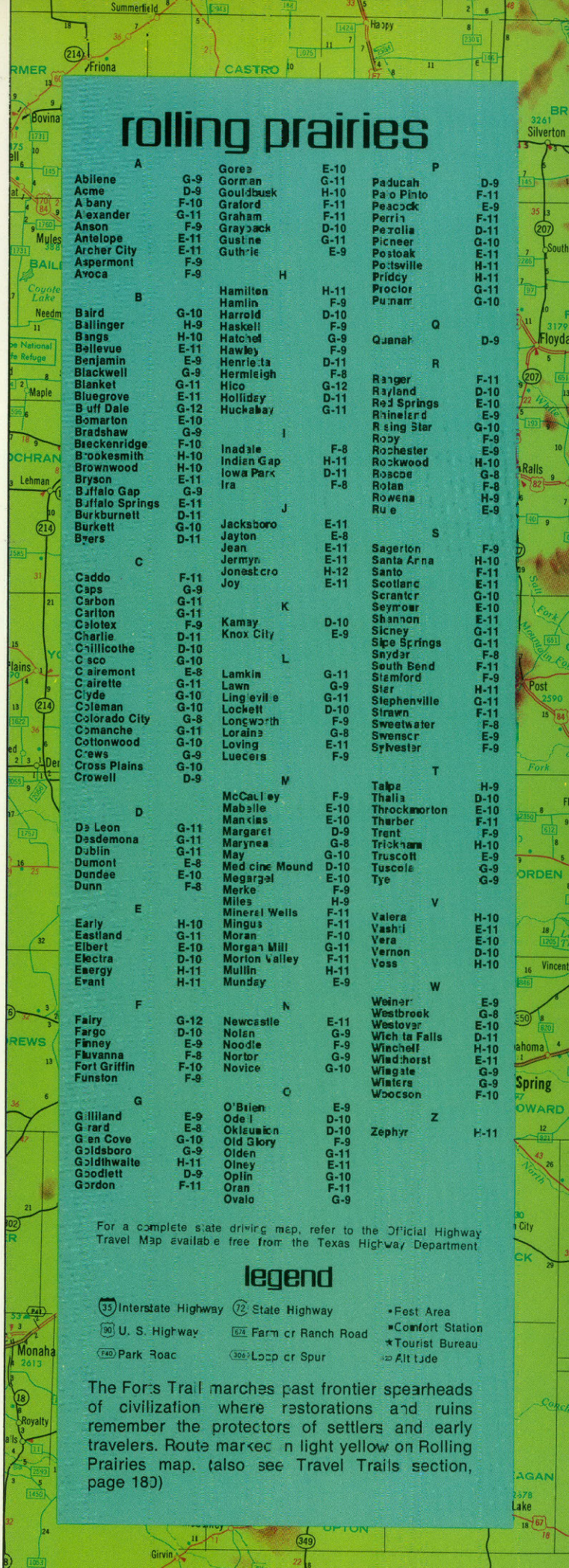
Dyess Air Force Base — Houses units of the Strategic Air Command, Tactical Air Command, and U.S. Army missile personnel. Visitors not admitted to portions of the base.

Fort Phantom Hill Ruins — Established by U.S. Army 1851, abandoned 1854. The silent ruins stand on private property not accessible to the public, but plainly visible to highway travelers on F.M. 600. Historical marker at roadside. The fort was burned when abandoned, and solitary chimneys are about all that remain. Fort Phantom Hill was never a thriving post; duty was hard — historians say desertions were frequent because of monotony and loneliness. Located about 10 miles north of Abilene F.M. 600.

Hardin-Simmons University — Baptist coed university founded 1906, enrolling more than 1,600. Campus almost due north of downtown business section, facing the city on W. Ambler Ave.

Lakes — Local Lakes Kirby and Lytle within city offer fishing and picnic sites. For information on Lakes Abilene and Fort Phantom Hill see LAKES this section.

McMurry College — Founded 1923 and associated with the Methodist Church; coed, average enrollment 1,600. Campus on S. 14th St. along Sayles Blvd.



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Acme	D-9	Gorman	G-11	Palo Pinto	F-11
Albany	F-10	Gouldbusk	H-10	Peacock	E-9
Alexander	G-11	Graford	F-11	Perrin	F-11
Anson	F-9	Graham	F-11	Petrolia	D-11
Antelope	E-11	Grayback	D-10	Pioneer	G-10
Archer City	E-11	Gustine	G-11	Postoak	E-11
Aspermont	F-9	Guthrie	E-9	Pottsville	H-11
Avoca	F-9			Priddy	H-11
		H		Proctor	G-11
B		Hamilton	H-11	Putnam	G-10
		Hamlin	F-9		
Baird	G-10	Harrold	D-10	Q	
Ballinger	H-9	Haskell	F-9		
Bangs	H-10	Hatchel	G-9	Quanah	D-9
Bellevue	E-11	Hawley	F-9		
Benjamin	E-9	Henrietta	D-11	R	
Blackwell	G-9	Hermleigh	F-8		
Blanket	G-11	Hico	G-12	Ranger	F-11
Bluegrove	E-11	Holliday	D-11	Rayland	D-10
Bluff Dale	G-12	Huckabay	G-11	Red Springs	E-10
Bomarton	E-10			Rhineland	E-9
Bradshaw	G-9	I		Rising Star	G-10
Breckenridge	F-10			Roby	F-9
Brookesmith	H-10	Inadale	F-8	Rochester	E-9
Brownwood	H-10	Indian Gap	H-11	Rockwood	H-10
Bryson	E-11	Iowa Park	D-11	Roscoe	G-8
Buffalo Gap	G-9	Ira	F-8	Rotan	F-8
Buffalo Springs	E-11			Rowena	H-9
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Caddo	F-11	Jonesboro	H-12	Santo	F-11
Caps	G-9	Joy	E-11	Scotland	E-11
Carbon	G-11			Scranton	G-10
Carlton	G-11	K		Seymour	E-10
Calotex	F-9	Kamay	D-10	Shannon	E-11
Charlie	D-11	Knox City	E-9	Sidney	G-11
Chillicothe	D-10			Sipe Springs	G-11
Cisco	G-10	L		Snyder	F-8
Clairemont	E-8			South Bend	F-11
Clairette	G-11	Lamkin	G-11	Stamford	F-9
Clyde	G-10	Lawn	G-9	Star	H-11
Coleman	G-10	Lingleville	G-11	Stephenville	G-11
Colorado City	G-8	Lockett	D-10	Strawn	F-11
Comanche	G-11	Longworth	F-9	Sweetwater	F-8
Cottonwood	G-10	Loraine	G-8	Swenson	E-9
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Desdemona	G-11	Marynea	G-8	Trent	F-9
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Early	H-10	Moran	F-10	Valera	H-10
Eastland	G-11	Morgan Mill	G-11	Vashti	E-11
Elbert	E-10	Morton Valley	F-11	Vera	E-10
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Finney	E-9	Nortor	G-9	Wichita Falls	D-11
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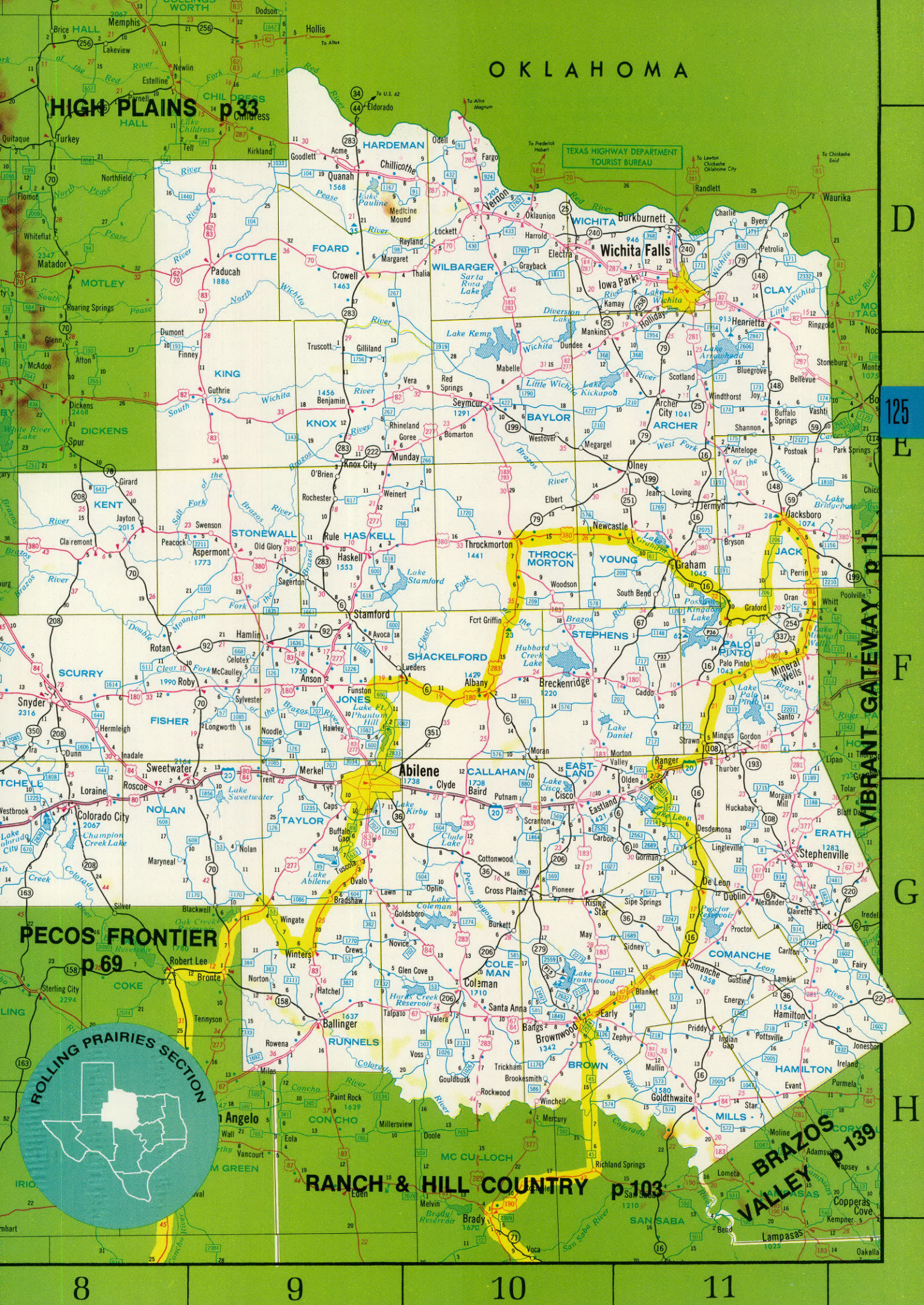
Girard	E-8	Old Glory	F-9		
Glen Cove	G-10	Olden	G-11	Zephyr	H-11
Goldsboro	G-9	Olney	E-11		
Goldthwaite	H-11	Oplin	G-10		
Goodlett	D-9	Oran	F-11		
Gordon	F-11	Ovalo	G-9		

For a complete state driving map, refer to the Official Highway Travel Map available free from the Texas Highway Department.

legend

- (35) Interstate Highway
- (72) State Highway
- •Rest Area
- ▪Comfort Station
- ★Tourist Bureau
- (90) U. S. Highway
- 674 Farm or Ranch Road
- ⌒ Altitude
- (F40) Park Road
- (306) Loop or Spur

The Forts Trail marches past frontier spearheads of civilization where restorations and ruins remember the protectors of settlers and early travelers. Route marked in light yellow on Rolling Prairies map. (also see Travel Trails section, page 180)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COWBOY STATUE, BALLINGER

THE FRONTIER RECAPTURED AT OLD ABILENE TOWN

Old Abilene Town — Western-type amusement park; depicts early Abilene and West Texas frontier days through pioneer store replicas, Golden Stagecoach Restaurant, Last Chance Saloon and various antique and historical exhibits. In northeast part of city on I.H. 20 at Loop 322.

Parks — 11 spacious, green parks featuring picnic facilities, bicycling trails, playground equipment and swimming pools.

Zoo — One of five largest in the state; animals displayed in modern areas simulating natural habitat. About three miles east of city on Texas 36 across from the West Texas Fairgrounds.

ALBANY *Grid F-10* *Pop. 1,959* *Alt. 1,429*

General — Seat of Shackelford County, was an early supply point on the Western Trail to Dodge City. Rolling plains of the area still important as ranch lands with 90 per cent of county's agricultural income from beef cattle. Fine herds of registered Herefords throughout the county. Also an oil producing and oil well supply center.

Major Event — Fort Griffin Fandangle staged on two successive weekends in June. Early West Texas in pageantry set to music. Presented in outdoor amphitheater, Fandangle roles are played by Albany townspeople. The colorful, outstanding shows have been presented annually for more than 30 years some present performers are grandchildren of original cast.

Albany News — Established 1883, the newspaper owns one of the most valuable files of authentic frontier history. It has preserved its own early files as well as those of other frontier-era publications including the Jacksboro *Frontier Echo*, the Fort Griffin *Echo*, Albany *Sun* and Albany *Star*.

Fort Griffin State Park — 15 miles north of Albany. (See FORT GRIFFIN this section.)

Lake — Hubbard Creek Reservoir. See LAKES this section.

Ledbetter Picket House Museum — Relics of Ledbetter Salt Works, founded in 1860. Housed in restored frontier ranch house, with furnishings of period and locale. House is a dog-run cabin built of slender upright poles (pickets). Artifacts from Fort Griffin and pioneer homes. Open daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Webb Park on S. Jacobs St.

ARCHER CITY *Grid E-11* *Pop. 1,639* *Alt. 1,041*

General — Established as seat of Archer County in 1880; in early years was retail and shipping center for large ranching area. Shallow oil wells developed in the 1920s still contribute to area economy.

Major Event — Archer County Rodeo & Livestock Show, three days in June.

Archer County Historical Museum — Frontier and pioneer items including dishes, pictures, ladies' hightop shoes. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Archer County Courthouse.

Lakes — Arrowhead and Kickapoo. See LAKES this section.

ASPERMONT *Grid F-9* *Pop. 1,175* *Alt. 1,773*

General — Ranchers who occupied this area of Texas in the 1880s referred to Aspermont as Sunflower Flat. Seat of Stonewall County, Aspermont is a Latin phrase meaning "rough hill." It is a commercial center for a farming, ranching and oil-producing area.

BAIRD *Grid G-10* *Pop. 1,565* *Alt. 1,708*

General — Established 1880 with building of the Texas and Pacific Railroad. A roundhouse, repair shops and switches marked the railroad division point named for Matthew Baird, railroad director who drove the first stake on the Texas and Pacific in 1875. Today the seat of Callahan County and commercial center for farming and livestock area.

Major Event — Annual RCA Rodeo, three nights in May; professional cowboys compete in the two decade-old arena event.

Callahan County Pioneer Museum — Pioneer farm and ranch implements, household items, clothing, barbed wire and documents. Located in basement of Callahan County Courthouse, Market & 4th Sts. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

BALLINGER *Grid H-9* *Pop. 4,018* *Alt. 1,637*

General — Present seat of Runnels County, city established in 1886 as Hutchins City. The Colorado River, popular with fishermen, sportsmen and campers throughout its length, cuts the county from northwest to southeast. County altitudes range from 1,600 to 2,000 feet. Agricultural interest predominates with extensive beef, dairy cattle, sheep and poultry production, plus cotton, grain sorghum, melons, forage crops, and fruits. Minerals include oil and natural gas.

City Park and Lake — 10-acre park features camping facilities, playground and picnic areas, a large swimming pool and miniature golf course. Excellent fishing and water skiing on the lake; about six miles west of Ballinger.

Cowboy and His Horse Statue — Honors Charles H. Noyes, local cowboy killed in range mishap, and all range riders who played such colorful roles in settling the West. The work is by world-famed sculptor Pompeo Coppini. On courthouse lawn, intersection U.S. 83/87.

BENJAMIN *Grid E-9* *Pop. 486* *Alt. 1,456*

General — Located on the divide between the South Wichita and Brazos Rivers, city was established in 1884 when 12 houses were built with lumber hauled from Wichita Falls. Early center of cattlemen's activities, present seat of Knox County, still a major ranching area.

Knox County Museum — Barbed wire collection and other relics of early settlers. In county courthouse. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Scenic Drive — 36-mile loop northeast provides views of farm and ranch lands cut by South Wichita River breaks; fantastic shapes in layers of multicolored soils. North on Texas 283 to F.M. 1756, east to F.M. 267, south to U.S. 82, then west back to Benjamin. A pair of roadside parks on U.S. 82 provide impressive views north toward the Wichita River and south toward the Brazos. The parks are located at a point called "the narrows" on a ridge line separating the two major watersheds.

BRECKENRIDGE *Grid F-10* *Pop. 5,873* *Alt. 1,220*

General — Established 1876, said named for John C. Breckin-

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LAKE BROWNWOOD STATE PARK

MACARTHUR ACADEMY OF FREEDOM, BROWNWOOD

ridge, vice president under Buchanan, 1857-61. Large-production oil wells discovered 1916-17; boom exploded in 1920 when town leaped from population of 1,500 to 30,000 in 12 months. As in all cases, the boom soon faded. Today the seat of Stephens County, retail and shipping center for ranching activities, location of petroleum-related industries.

Major Events — Junior Livestock Show, two days in Jan. Young area stockmen show prize animals.

Fine Arts Festival, three days in Apr., offers local-regional arts and handicrafts.

Junior Rodeo, three days in June, sees school-age youngsters in tough competition at the Breckenridge Rodeo Arena.

Miss Breckenridge Beauty Pageant, a feature of July 4th activities in Arthur Miller Park.

Hall of Fame Banquet in Dec. honors football heroes from Texas high schools.

Arthur Miller Park — Beautiful tree-shaded, grass-covered area of 15 acres with Olympic-sized swimming pool, wading pool, picnic tables, playground equipment. East edge of city on U.S. 180

High School Football Hall of Fame — City is official site of Texas High School Football Hall of Fame. An annual Dec. banquet honors young gridiron greats from high school squads throughout Texas.

Lakes — Daniel, Hubbard Creek and Possum Kingdom. See LAKES this section

Possum Kingdom State Park — 32 miles northeast on the popular reservoir. (See CADDO this section.)

BROWNWOOD *Grid H-10* *Pop. 16,277* *Alt. 1,342*

General — Established 1856, city became one of state's largest cotton buying centers. Oil discovered in 1920s; substantial industrial development in recent decades. A number of fine old structures of native sandstone — homes, a former mill, stores and schools — are reminders of city's history.

Major Events — Stage Band Festival, two days in Feb., sees competition between high school bands from wide area.

Rattlesnake Roundup & Antique Show, three days in Mar., provides entertainment at opposite ends of recreational spectrum. Rattlesnake hunters "bring 'em back alive," and both dealers and individuals show prize antiques.

Brown County Rodeo, three days in July; exciting action in the arena.

Texas Amateur Softball Tournament, four days in Aug., brings the state's top softball teams into competition for championships.

Partnership Golf Tourney, three days around Labor Day, attracts area golfers.

Camp Bowie Memorial Park — Honors men of famed 36th Infantry Division ("T-Patch"). Small park features vintage military equipment, cannon, armor. At intersection of Burnet Dr. and Travis Rd., Camp Bowie Industrial Area.

Douglas MacArthur Academy of Freedom — Established 1966 in affiliation with Howard Payne College specializing in history and government, directed toward interpretation and preservation of man's personal freedom in the context of Western civilization. Dedicated to and endorsed by the late Gen. Douglas MacArthur displays some of his personal souvenirs. Unique study settings lure visitors to the academy. Mediterranean Room entrance is flanked by replicas of the famed Egyptian statues of Rameses. Magna Carta Hall is a replica of a Gothic English castle room; Independence Hall is exact replica of room where John Hancock and Benjamin Franklin presided at founding of the United States. Magnificent three-story mural highlights academy entrance foyer. Austin Ave. (F.M. 2524) at Coggin St.

Howard Payne College — Southern Baptist coed institution established 1889, enrolling more than 1,100. Austin Ave. near downtown.

Lake — Brownwood. See LAKES this section.

Lake Brownwood State Park — 538 acres; swimming, fishing boating, hiking, camping, nature study, trailer facilities, rest rooms shelters, cabins and group camp accommodations. 23 miles northwest via Texas 279 and Park Road 15. Admission.

BUFFALO GAP *Grid G-9* *Pop. 349* *Alt. 1,926*

General — Settlement at site of a natural pass in the Callahan Divide through which herds of buffalo were a well-defined trail for centuries before coming of white man. It was a point on the Dodge or Western Trail, the route to Kansas markets for early Texas Longhorn herds.

Abilene State Park — Located on Lake Abilene a few miles south of Buffalo Gap. (see ABILENE this section.)

Ernie Wilson Museum — Housed in old Buffalo Gap jail and courthouse, oldest structure in Taylor County. Varied collections ranging from prehistoric skulls to pioneer relics and Civil War items. Open Sat. - Sun. 2 - 6 p.m. William and Elm Sts.

Lake — Abilene. (See LAKES this section.)

BURKBURNETT *Grid D-11* *Pop. 9,148* *Alt. 1,040*

General — Originally a community on 6666 Ranch property, known by cowboys as Nesterville. Theodore Roosevelt hunted wolves in this area, early 1900s. Oil discovered 1918. Historical marker at old Fowler Well, discovery gusher, .5 miles north on Texas 240. Collection of photos on oil boom era displayed at chamber of commerce.

Major Event — Boomtown Rodeo, usually third weekend June, features traditional bronc and bull riding, roping and other cowboy skills,

The Gun Shop — Antique weapons, armor and Indian relics, including an outstanding arrowhead collection. On Texas 240 (Main St.) downtown.

FRONTIER-STYLED COLEMAN COUNTY MUSEUM

FORT GRIFFIN STATE HISTORIC PARK

CADDO — Grid F-11 — Pop. 56 — Alt. 1,250

General — Caddo Indians camped on what is now the townsite. Today a small agricultural community, and gateway to popular recreational areas on Possum Kingdom Lake.

Lake — Possum Kingdom. See LAKES this section.

Possum Kingdom State Park — Scenic park on southwestern shore of huge Possum Kingdom Lake. Park covers 1,615 acres with cabins, campsites, boat rental and ramp, playground, picnic areas and fishing pier. Portion of official State herd of Longhorns at park. Clear lake waters attract skin divers; fishing, swimming and boating very popular. 18 miles north of Caddo via Park Road 33. Admission.

CISCO — Grid G-10 — Pop. 3,817 — Alt. 1,608

General — Established 1881, developed as marketing and distributor center for large cattle and agricultural area. Site of Conrad Hilton's first hotel. Economy greatly stimulated by discovery of Ranger oil pool in 1917. Today oil and gas production, diversified agriculture and manufacturing.

Cisco Junior College — Coed institution established 1940, enrolls some 975 students.

Lake — Cisco. See LAKES this section.

COLEMAN — Grid G-10 — Pop. 5,443 — Alt. 1,710

General — Founded 1876 on Hords Creek, area of rolling, grassy plains and wide bottom land. A typical frontier settlement, first store hardly completed before a cemetery had to be laid out for loser in a cowboy gun battle. Today seat of Coleman County, much of the area devoted to large scale ranching; additional income derived from oil, abundant natural gas, limestone and high-grade glass sand from Santa Anna Mountain eight miles southeast.

Major Events — Coleman County Stock Show, three days in Jan. billed as "biggest FFA/4H stock show in the U.S."

Rattlesnake Hunt & Antique Show in Mar. Amateur snake hunters bring in live rattlers by hundreds; collectors and dealers trade, sell and display articles.

Coleman RCA-approved Rodeo, four days in July, provides bone-rattling competition in one of the state's best arenas, as does the Coleman Junior Rodeo three days in Aug.

Coleman County Country Fair, in Sept., old-fashioned fair festivities with prize animals, produce and handicrafts.

Coleman City Park — Includes museum (see below), and pioneer blacksmith shop, prairie dog town, picnic and playground areas. Located amid shady pecan trees along bank of Hords Creek at U. S. 283 north.

Coleman County Museum — Pioneer memorabilia: guns, clothes, dishes, farming equipment, documents, saddles, wire, pictures. A famous horse statue, larger than life-size, was brought to Coleman in 1884 to display saddles. Located in replica of Camp Colorado, City Park Complex.

Lakes — Coleman, Hords Creek Reservoir, and Scarborough. See LAKES this section.

COLORADO CITY — Grid G-8 — Pop. 4,915 — Alt. 2,067

General — In 1877 a Texas Ranger camp on present townsite was first known Anglo-American settlement. Town became boisterous frontier supply point and recreation center. Early day income also from small gold mine and hydraulic mining of salt. Today center of a rich agricultural region that includes extensive industry related to petroleum. Seat of Mitchell County.

Major Event — Mitchell County Fair each fall, a showcase for year's activities, often including horse shows, fiddlers' contests, carnival and old-timers' reunion.

Colorado City Historical Museum — Artifacts pertaining to early history of West Texas, including buffalo tracks from Seven Wells, horse-drawn hearse, frontier ranch and home equipment, 19th Century pictures and archives. Open 2 - 5 p.m. except Mon. Downtown off U. S. 80 at 3rd and Walnut Sts.

Lake Colorado City State Park — Recently added to state park system, 500-acre site on Lake Colorado City has boat ramp, rest rooms and picnic facilities; camping, fishing, swimming, skiing permitted. About seven miles southwest. Admission.

Lakes — Champion Creek, Colorado City and J. B. Thomas. See LAKES this section.

COMANCHE — Grid G-11 — Pop. 3,692 — Alt. 1,358

General — Established as trade center for surrounding ranches 1858. For more than 15 years town and county suffered severe Indian raids, inhibiting growth. Today seat of Comanche County noted for peanut production (more than 22 million pounds annually), peaches, berries, grapes, pecans, grains, cattle, sheep, goats and poultry. Minerals include oil, natural gas and brick clay. Two municipal lakes provide boating and fishing.

Major Events — Area gardeners display prize blossoms at the annual Apr. Flower Show.

AJRA Rodeo, usually held in mid-summer, with contestants and spectators from New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas adding to the Texas audience.

Gardeners again show their best efforts at the 4-H Flower and Tomato Show in July.

Burks Museum — A fascinating collection of historic and rural memorabilia from antique cars to frontier relics of Indians and badmen. Housed in county's first courthouse, built 1856 of logs. Open Sun. afternoons and by appointment. North edge on Texas 16. Admission.

Flemming Oak — Only remaining member of a large grove of oaks around which the town developed. Legend has it that the city began clearing the grove many years ago to pave the square, but an ancient settler prevented cutting this particular tree. He said that as a youth, he and his family had camped under the tree upon their arrival in the area. The city reneged part of its paving project to spare the tree, and it stands today at the southwest corner of Comanche's town square.

Lake — Proctor Reservoir. See LAKES this section.

CROWELL — Grid D-9 — Pop. 1,332 — Alt. 1,463

General — Established 1891, seat of Foard County, retail center for agricultural and oil production. In mid-1800s area was home of Comanche Indians who figured in history's most famous case of a white girl captured and reared by red men. The girl was Cynthia Ann Parker, taken by Indians 1836, recaptured by white men 1860. Local inquiry will direct visitors to the site of Pease River Battlefield where the recapture was effected. Historical marker designates the site. (For more details on Cynthia Ann Parker story, see GROESBECK, Brazos Valley section.)

CLEAN BANKS OFFER EASY FISHING AROUND PROCTOR RESERVOIR, DE LEON

Foard County Museum — Documents, maps, Indian artifacts and other items dealing with Crowell's frontier history. In Foard County Courthouse. Open Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

DE LEON *Grid G-11* *Pop. 1,961* *Alt. 1,268*

General — Founded 1881, named for nearby Leon River, which was named for Alonso de Leon, early Mexican explorer and would-be Texas colonist who founded San Francisco de Los Tejas Mission, near Crockett, 1690. City serves as shipping point for peanuts, fruits, watermelons, and gateway to Proctor Reservoir.

Major Event — Peach and Melon Festival, four days in Aug., features coronation of Peach and Melon Queen, old-time fiddlers' contest, commercial and community exhibits. Parade kicks off the event which is a popular homecoming occasion for former residents.

Lake — Proctor Reservoir. See LAKES this section.

Texas Central Railroad — Passenger service on "The Peanut Line" available between Dublin and De Leon. Leave Dublin 3 p.m., arrive De Leon 4 p.m.; leave De Leon 5 p.m., arrive Dublin 6 p.m. Visit to Texas Railroad Museum in De Leon included in fare. Daily except Mon. & Tues., May 30 - Labor Day.

EASTLAND *Grid G-11* *Pop. 3,211* *Alt. 1,421*

General — Established about 1875 as seat of Eastland County, grew primarily as a trade center for surrounding farms and ranches. Today large production of peaches, small grains and vegetables. Industry includes meat packing, steel gates, petroleum products, clothing, pottery and artware.

Major Events — Eastland County Livestock Show, three days in Mar., attracts countywide competition for ribbons and prizes.

Kendrick Easter Pageant, sunrise services in 100,000-seat Kendrick Amphitheater four miles west on U. S. 80. Pageant is 43-scene Life of Christ on 325-foot-long master stage complete with 12 separate stages including a flowing River Jordan, Sea of Galilee and Mount Calvary; cast of 135 from area churches.

Lakes — Eastland and Ringling Lakes are pleasant, popular local fishing spots one mile north of town. Also Lake Leon: See LAKES this section.

"Old Rip" the Horned Frog — According to apparently authentic records and witnesses, a native Texas horned frog (a type of lizard) was sealed in the cornerstone of an Eastland courthouse being built in 1897. In 1928 a new courthouse was erected the cornerstone from the prior one was opened, and the horned frog was found alive — a period of 31 years! The small animal received a great deal of publicity and was displayed nationally. When it died the following year, it was interred in a glass-front casket, on view in the present Eastland County Courthouse.

FORT GRIFFIN *Grid F-10* *Pop. 96* *Alt. 1,275*

General — Frontier community that grew around military post of same name, served as area trade center in the 1870s and 80s. It was a rough, wild settlement frequented by cavalry troopers, trail herd cowboys, buffalo hunters and outlaws. More than 200,000 buffalo hides were shipped from the town. Over a 2-year period, gunfights accounted for 34 public killings. Town declined after fort was abandoned, and today there are only scattered rural homes on the Brazos River farmlands.

Fort Griffin State Park — 503 acres of parkland feature camping, trailer facilities, picnicking, fishing, nature study and hiking trails. Home of state-maintained herd of Texas Longhorn cattle, from which is selected Bevo, the University of Texas mascot. Ruins of several old fort buildings still stand; historical plaques provide details. On U.S. 283 at Clear Fork of the Brazos River.

Lake — Hubbard Creek Reservoir. See LAKES this section.

GOLDTHWAITE *Grid H-11* *Pop. 1,653* *Alt. 1,580*

General — Established 1885, seat of Mills County; a trade center for agricultural products including wool, mohair, fruits, cattle, turkeys and peanuts. The area was long plagued by Indian raids. In fact the Comanche and Apache fought over the area many times before the first white settlers arrived. White-tailed deer are popular with hunters during each fall and winter season, and fishing is excellent in the nearby Colorado River and Pecan Bayou all year.

GRAHAM *Grid F-11* *Pop. 7,383* *Alt. 1,045*

General — Founded 1872, seat of Young County. Cattle Raisers Association of Texas organized here in 1877. Today a farm-ranch-oil commercial center with industries including petroleum supplies and processing flour and feeds, leather goods. County abounds in frontier historical dates, events, sites.

Major Events — Young County 4-H/FFA Livestock Show, two days in Mar. Prize-winning livestock bring top prices from bidders.

Possum Kingdom Relays, usually second weekend in Mar., attract more than 1,200 boys for track and field events.

National Air Show, two days in June. Spectators, planes, pilots from over U.S. for world championship exhibitions, barbecue, dances; Rosser Ranch Airport eight miles southwest.

Central Rodeo Association Finals, four days in Aug. Quality rodeo stock and nationally ranked cowboys in Hipp Rodeo Arena.

Fort Belknap — Remains of major frontier fort, located about eight miles northwest. (See NEWCASTLE this section.)

Lakes — Eddleman and Graham, Possum Kingdom. See LAKES this section.

GUTHRIE *Grid E-9* *Pop. 190* *Alt. 1,754*

General — Town is a commercial center for ranches which span almost entire county, including such famous spreads as 6666 Ranch and Bar S Ranch. Hilly grasslands are cut by tributaries of Wichita and Brazos Rivers. Guthrie, seat of King County, organized in 1876, is located on the South Wichita River where fishing is available. County is sparsely populated, numbering about 600 people throughout 944 square miles. Several oil fields in eastern part of county contribute substantially to area's income.

HAMILTON *Grid H-11* *Pop. 2,729* *Alt. 1,154*

General — Established as county seat when Hamilton County organized in 1858. Early settlers plagued with Indian raids. On the courthouse lawn stands a memorial to one such pioneer, Anne Whitney, frontier schoolteacher killed while defending her students during a Comanche Indian attack.

Major Event — Hamilton County Junior Livestock Show in Jan. exhibits prize animals raised by youthful stockmen.

Hamilton County Museum — County artifacts, letters, newspapers, relics and photographs, housed in county courthouse. Open daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

HASKELL *Grid F-9* *Pop. 3,602* *Alt. 1,553*

General — Seat and commercial center of Haskell County. Site was early camping place for Comanche, Kickapoo and Kiowa Indians, and watering spot for buffalo hunters and pioneers. Formerly known as Willow Springs and Rice Springs, present name decided in 1885 when post office established.

Major Event — Rice Springs Roundup and Rodeo, a spring event dating from 1885 and one of oldest "cowboy reunions" in state.

Haskell Railroad Museum — Housed in 1906 railroad depot. Excellent railroad artifacts; other historical items. Open daily. S. Avenue C.

Lake — Stamford. See LAKES this section.

Rice Springs Park — At Rice Springs in southern part of town, large park is equipped with a variety of playground equipment, picnic tables, pavilion for group gatherings and seating for open-air stage productions.

Scott Memorial Park — Scenic county park on shore of Lake Stamford; picnicking and camping facilities. About 12 miles via Texas 24 east, F.M. 600 south.

HENRIETTA *Grid D-11* *Pop. 2,842* *Alt. 915*

General — Both Clay County and the town said named for Kentucky statesman-orator Henry Clay. Established 1870, developed as principal trade center for old Fort Sill in Oklahoma Territory. Today a commercial center and shipping point for cattle and farm products. Cattle branding equipment, boots and saddles are manufactured.

Major Events — Clay County Pioneer Reunion, Rodeo and Horse Show, three days in Sept., noted event for nearly four decades. Among features is huge free barbecue that attracts more than 10,000 people.

Clay County Junior Livestock Show in Oct. exhibits champion animals raised by school-age youngsters.

Lake — Arrowhead. See LAKES this section.

Tex Rickard Stadium — On 100 acres adjacent to the city, 6,500-capacity stadium is home of the Clay County Pioneer Reunion and Rodeo. Stadium named for boxing promoter Tex Rickard, who served as city marshal for several years.

JACKSBORO *Grid E-11* *Pop. 3,494* *Alt. 1,074*

General — Petroleum refining and related oil field services are among industries in seat of Jack County which is at center of huge, sparsely settled ranching area. Settlement began 1855; Butterfield stages ran through the community first known as Lost Creek, next Mesquiteville, then Jacksboro. Today a block of native limestone buildings, erected before turn of the century, lends picturesque atmosphere to town's central business square. A famous old opera house, where officers from Fort Richardson (see below) were entertained on Saturday nights, still stands on the square.

Major Events — Snake Safari, third weekend in Mar., an annual "bring 'em back alive" contest to capture the biggest and most rattlesnakes. Snakes are used for medical and scientific purposes; fried rattlesnake meat is served to the adventurous.

Jack County Sheriff's Posse Annual Rodeo, four days beginning first Thurs. in June; traditional rodeo thrills and spills. Trophies won by the posse are on permanent display at the Jacksboro Chamber of Commerce.

Fort Richardson Frontier Fair, first week of July, includes parades, a Calico Ball, Indian dances and historical pageantry.

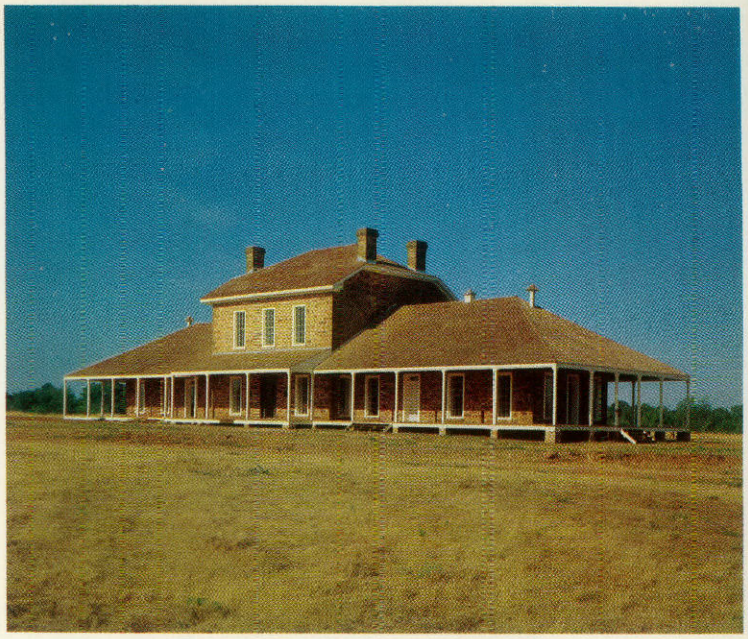
Firemen's Quarter Horse Show, second weekend Sept., demonstrates abilities of the hardy breed developed for ranch work throughout the Southwest.

Fort Richardson State Park — The most northerly of the line of Federal posts established in Texas after the Civil War to halt Indian depredations. Among regimental commanders garrisoned here was Col. Ranald S. Mackenzie of the famed Mackenzie's Raiders. Of all the buildings extant, none is more impressive than the hospital, now a museum and library on Western lore. One original wooden officers quarters, built in the "picket" style with slim vertical lumber, still stands. Other remaining buildings include the ammunition magazine, morgue, and bakery that produced some 600 loaves of bread daily. The fort was abandoned in May 1878. Southwest edge of city.

Lakes — Bridgeport, Jacksboro. See LAKES this section.

JAYTON *Grid E-8* *Pop. 851* *Alt. 2,015*

General — Established as shipping point on Wichita Valley Railroad; seat of Kent County. Town named for cattleman James B. Jay and banker R. A. Jay. A commercial center for farms, ranches, and surrounding oil activity. Texas Centennial marker located on northwest corner of courthouse grounds, Texas 70.



HISTORIC FORT RICHARDSON STATE PARK, JACKSBORO

LAKES

Abilene, Lake — Adjacent to Abilene State Park, 640-acre lake offers fishing, swimming, boating and other water sports as well as lakeside camping. About 15 miles southwest of Abilene. Also accessible from Buffalo Gap. G-9

Arrowhead, Lake — On the Little Wichita River, covering 13,500 acres at spillway crest behind an earthen dam more than three miles long; one of several municipal water sources for Wichita Falls. Visitors will see more than a dozen steel derricks over oil wells in lake itself. Recreational areas around Lake Arrowhead offer swimming, fishing, boating and picnicking. About 20 miles southeast of Wichita Falls, also accessible from Archer City and Henrietta. E-11

Bridgeport, Lake — 10,400-acre impoundment on West Fork of the Trinity River. Swimming, excellent year-round fishing, campsites, picnic areas, boat rentals, launching ramps and services at lakeside. Also site of extensive resort and leisure home developments. About 25 miles east of Jacksboro. E-12

Brownwood, Lake — 7,300 acres among pleasant hills, 95-mile shoreline. Commercial camps and boat docks at many locations; swimming, fishing, boating, water skiing and camping. Noted for excellent black bass and white bass fishing, plus crappie, catfish and bream. Location of several religious and youth camps; also Lake Brownwood State Park (see BROWNWOOD this section). About 23 miles north of Brownwood. G-10

Champion Creek, Lake — 1,560 acres with lake campsites and picnic areas, boat docks, swimming and fishing facilities. About seven miles south of Colorado City. G-8

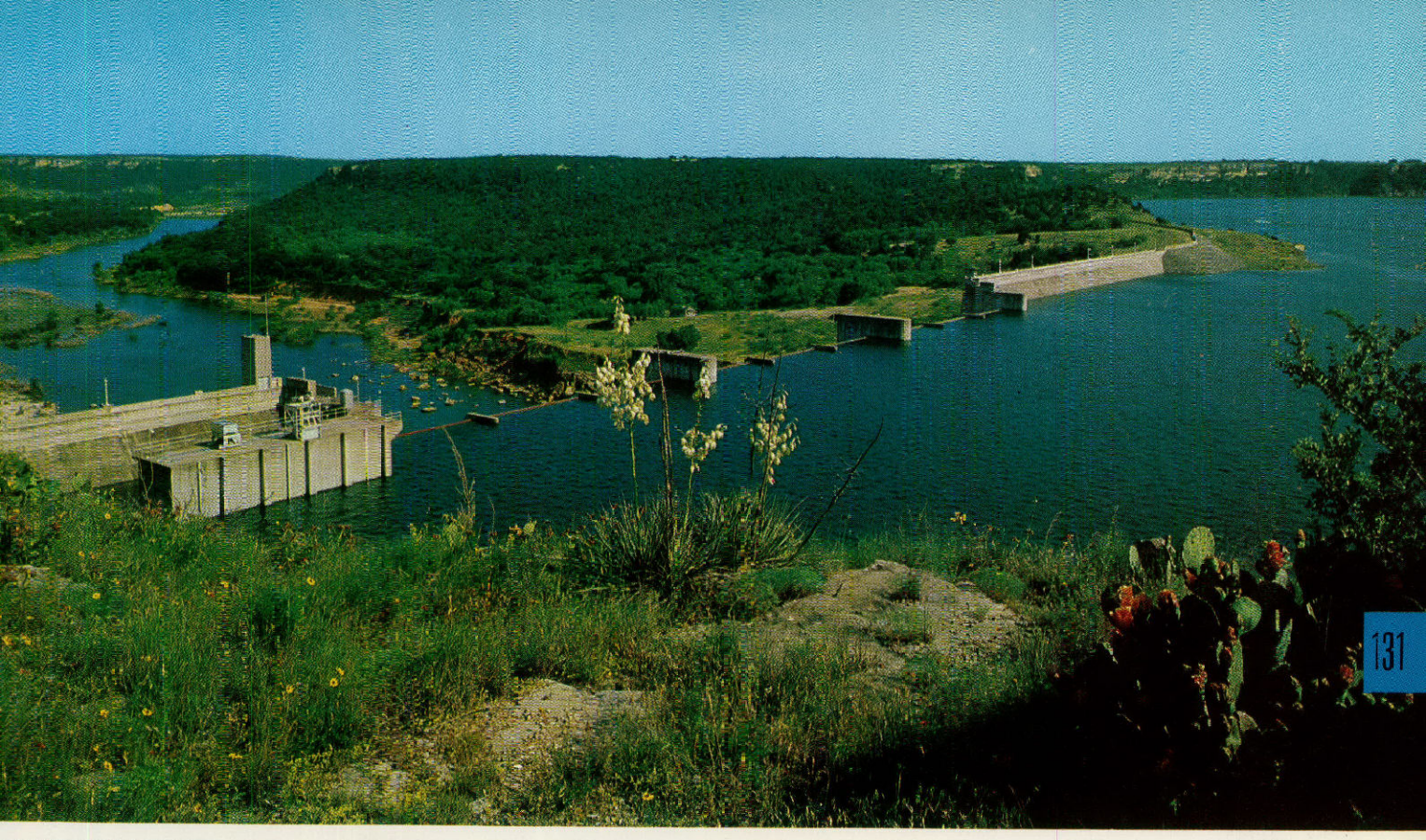
Cisco, Lake — A 1,050-acre lake in the shape of an irregular cross between scenic hills. Excellent fishing and all water sports; camping and picnicking in lakeside parks; swimming in a gigantic pool immediately below the dam. Unusual rock formations in area are of interest to mineral collectors. About four miles north of Cisco. G-10

Coleman, Lake — 190-acre Press Morris Park (city of Coleman) on 2,000-acre lake enhances visitor enjoyment of water sports, fishing, camping, picnicking, and glimpses of wildlife. About 17 miles south of Coleman. G-10

Colorado City, Lake — Dotting the shore of this 1,655-acre lake are popular fishing camps, boat ramps, picnic and camping areas, and 500-acre Lake Colorado City State Park. Fishing and most water sports enjoyed year-round. About seven miles southwest of Colorado City. G-8

Daniel, Lake — A beautiful small lake of 950 acres which supplies Breckenridge municipal water system; known for catches of huge catfish. Many of the big ones weigh in at over 50 pounds. Picnic areas available along the lake shore; a full-time lake keeper issues passes and permits. About eight miles south of Breckenridge. F-10

Diversion Lake — Owned by the city of Wichita Falls, on Wichita River (tributary of Red River). Popular for water sports and fishing.



SCENIC POSSUM KINGDOM LAKE OFFERS SHORELINE CAMPS, MARINAS AND A STATE PARK

About 27 miles southwest of Wichita Falls, also accessible from Mankins, Electra and Vernon. D-10

Eddleman and Graham, Lakes — On Salt Creek, tributary of Brazos River, the two connected by canal form impoundment of more than 2,600 acres. Fishing, boating and lakeside campsites. Two miles northwest of Graham, also accessible from Newcastle and Olney. E-11

Fort Phantom Hill, Lake — Covers 4,200 acres with 29-mile shoreline. Encircled by paved highways, lake south of old fort ruins (see ABILENE this section) has numerous campsites, marinas and other facilities for water sports and outdoor recreation. 10 miles northeast of Abilene, accessible from Anson. F-9

Hords Creek Reservoir — 510-acre conservation reservoir popular for all water sports, fishing, camping and picnicking. Three U. S. Corps of Engineers-administered parks offer excellent facilities. Boat rental and launching ramps, fishing supplies and other services available. About eight miles west of Coleman. G-10

Hubbard Creek Reservoir — Huge impoundment covering 15,250 acres with picturesque shoreline of 100 miles. Fishing excellent all year; visitors may rent boats or launch their own at several public or private ramps. Other activities include swimming, water skiing, sailing, camping and picnicking. About six miles northwest of Breckenridge, accessible from Albany and Fort Griffin. F-10

J. B. Thomas, Lake — 7,820 acres on Colorado River, with 75-mile shoreline. Locally very popular, offering wide range of water sports and recreational activities including swimming, boating, skiing, camping and excellent fishing. Four public use areas at lakeside about 32 miles northeast of Big Spring, also accessible from Colorado City and Snyder. F-8

Jacksboro, Lake — Small reservoir immediately east of Jacksboro (E-11) on Lost Creek; boating, swimming, fishing, picnic and camping areas. (Not shown on section map.)

Kemp, Lake — Wichita Falls municipal lake on Wichita River, a tributary of Red River. Many campsites available around the 20,620-acre lake, as well as service facilities for boaters and fishermen. Site of annual Fish Day on May 1 when nearby town of Seymour practically closes up to "go fishin'." About 48 miles southwest of Wichita Falls, also accessible from Seymour and Vernon. E-10

Kickapoo, Lake — Popular water sports facility for a large surrounding area, covers 6,200 acres at spillway crest. Swimming, fishing, boating, water skiing, camping, and picnicking. On North Fork of Little Wichita River about 12 miles northwest of Archer City; 27 miles southwest of Wichita Falls. E-10

Leon, Lake — 1,590 acres hosting fishermen, water sport enthusiasts, campers. Country club and golf course at lakeside, plus boat docks, fishing and marina services. About six miles southeast of Eastland, also accessible from Ranger. G-11

Mineral Wells, Lake — Small 646-acre lake popular for picnics, weekend outings and water sports. Boating and fishing throughout most of year; no water skiing. Approximately five miles east of Mineral Wells. F-11

Oak Creek Reservoir — Largest of three lakes supplying Sweetwater's municipal needs, 2,375 acres; wide range of water sports including fishing, swimming, boating. Services and accommodations at lakeside. About 30 miles south of Sweetwater. G-9

Palo Pinto, Lake — On Palo Pinto Creek, a tributary of the Brazos River; 2,667 acres offering water sports and excellent fishing. Several popular mineral bath facilities are at lakeside. About 25 miles southwest of Mineral Wells, also accessible from Palo Pinto. F-11

Pauline, Lake — Small lake on Wanderers Creek offering fishing, boating, swimming, camping and picnicking. Five miles east of Quanah, also accessible from Chillicothe and Vernon. D-9

Possum Kingdom Lake — Dotted with lakeside resorts and camps, the 19,800-acre reservoir is a favorite for swimmers, skin divers, boaters and fishermen. Scenic woodlands surround the lake offering good hunting during season. Possum Kingdom State Park (see CADDO this section) is located on the southwestern shoreline. About 80 miles northwest of Mineral Wells, accessible from Breckenridge, Caddo, Graford and Graham. F-11

Proctor Reservoir — U. S. Corps of Engineers conservation, flood control and recreational impoundment on the Leon River covering 4,810 acres. Lakeside camps, resorts, marinas and services. Boating and water sports, plus excellent fishing. For details on facilities contact reservoir headquarters at the dam; eight miles northeast of Comanche, eight miles south of De Leon, also accessible from Dublin. G-11

Scarborough, Lake — Small fishing lake providing a portion of Coleman's water supply. (Not shown on section map.) Located four miles north of Coleman (G-10)

Stamford, Lake — 5,125-acre impoundment popular for fishing, boating and water skiing; campsites and vacation cabins at lakeside. Stamford municipal park includes concessions, lodges, cabins and docks. About 15 miles northeast of Stamford, 14 miles southeast of Haskell. F-10

Sweetwater, Lake and Park — Spacious municipal park surrounds meandering 630-acre impoundment. Fishing, water sports, and a golf course on the lakeshore. About eight miles southeast of Sweetwater. G-9

Trammell, Lake — Smallest of Sweetwater's lake system, a quiet fisherman's lake. No swimming, skiing or boating; bait and permit service at the lake shore. (Not shown on section map.) About 10 miles south of Sweetwater (F-8).

Wichita, Lake — Small 2,200-acre lake on the south limits of Wichita Falls, popular for swimming, picnicking, weekend outings; on Holliday Creek. D-11

MINERAL WELLS *Grid F-11* *Pop. 17,109* *Alt. 925*

General — Discovery of medicinal qualities in waters made the city nationally famous in the late 19th-early 20th centuries. Was said that waters of the Crazy Well (discovered in 1885) could cure mental illness and a long list of other maladies. Today modern health seekers, conventioneers and retired persons still enjoy the refreshing mineral waters and baths.

Crazy Water Well — Source of the noted mineral waters and widely publicized Crazy Water Crystals. 209 N. W. 6th St.

Fort Wolters — U. S. Army Primary Helicopter School located on 7,960 acres east of city. Squadrons of helicopters often seen.

Inspiration Point — A scenic view overlooking the impressive Brazos River Valley eight miles south of the city at the terminus of S. W. 5th Ave.

Lakes — Mineral Wells, Palo Pinto, and Possum Kingdom. See LAKES this section.

MUNDAY *Grid E-9* *Pop. 1,713* *Alt. 1,460*

General — Established 1895 on agricultural plain called Knox Prairie. Named for R. P. Munday, first postmaster on whose land the townsite was located. Farming is major industry, with oil production adding substantial measure to local economy. Local recreational facilities include swimming pool and golf course.

Major Event — Knox County Vegetable Festival, two days late June, honors irrigated farmland. Citywide celebration with prize agricultural displays, beauty contests, arts and crafts show, variety of entertainment.

NEWCASTLE *Grid E-11* *Pop. 591* *Alt. 1,126*

General — Founded 1908; because of early mining interest, named after famous English mining city. Predominantly agricultural today, area also produces significant quantities of petroleum.

Fort Belknap — U. S. Army post established in 1851 at another location by Gen. William G. Belknap; moved same year to present site. One of the largest posts in North Texas prior to Civil War, it protected early settlers, travelers, and was stop on famous Butterfield Overland Mail Route. Abandoned 1867; several original buildings and replicas remain. Now a recreational park with museum, archives, picnic facilities. Open daily except Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Three miles south off Texas 251.

Lakes — Eddleman and Graham. See LAKES this section.

OLNEY *Grid E-11* *Pop. 3,810* *Alt. 1,184*

General — Town grew from 1880s site where early cattlemen gathered herds for branding, forming trail outfits. Named to honor Richard Olney, Secretary of State in Grover Cleveland's cabinet. Today commercial center for surrounding agricultural, ranching and petroleum activity; industries include manufacture of aircraft, men's slacks, soft drinks, antique reproductions of muzzle-loading guns, redwood lawn furniture, livestock feeds and machine parts. Excellent hunting in fall and winter for dove, quail, migratory waterfowl, wild turkey and white-tailed deer; day and seasonal leases available. Water recreation includes swimming, boating and fishing on small Lakes Cooper and Olney a few miles northwest.

Major Event — Olney Pioneer Days Celebration, three - six days in June. Antique exhibits, antique auto show, parades, rodeo, cutting horse competition, dances, baking contest and a prize for the most impressive beard.

Apothecary Antiques — On display in drug store on Main St., one of the state's largest collections of early drugs, herbs and apothecary equipment.

Buffalo — View from Texas 199 of private herd of buffalo (American bison), generally pastured across from a Highway Department Roadside Park eight miles east of Olney.

Space Surveillance Station — 12 miles north on F.M. 2178, is the nation's largest Naval Space Surveillance Station with a two-mile-long horizontal antenna.

PADUCAH *Grid D-9* *Pop. 1,948* *Alt. 1,886*

General — Established 1892 when Cottle County organized; principal market and shipping point, county seat. Local recreational facilities include a swimming pool, tennis courts, golf course, rodeo arena and city park with picnic areas.

QUANAH *Grid D-9* *Pop. 3,819* *Alt. 1,568*

General — Named for Quanah Parker, last great war chief of the Comanche Indians, who was son of a Comanche chief and a captive white girl, Cynthia Ann Parker. (See GROESBECK): Old Fort Parker State Historic Site, Brazos Valley section.) Seat of Hardeman County, located between the Red and Pease Rivers. First town lot sale held in Dec. 1886 after Fort Worth and Denver Railroad survey. Today a marketing and shipping point with cottonseed oil mill, cotton compress, dairy processing and meat packing plants; a large gypsum plant nearby.

Major Events — Countywide FFA and 4-H Club Show and auction each spring highlights youthful farmers-ranchers.

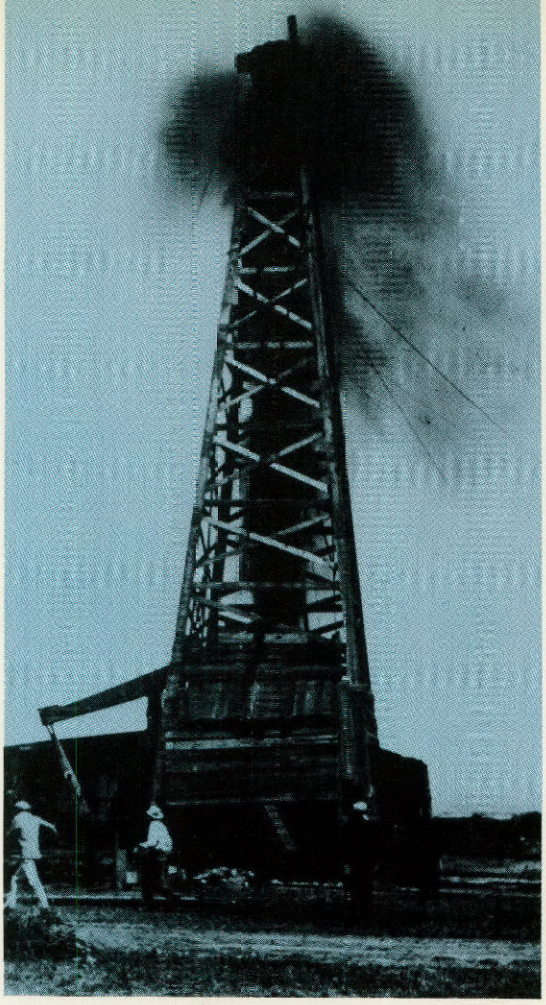
Quanah Free Air Show in Oct. blends modern aeronautics with thrills of early barnstormers; attracts thousands.

Lake — Pauline. See LAKES this section.

Medicine Mounds — Four unusual cone-shaped hills that rise some 350 feet above the surrounding plains; named by Comanche Indians, held in awe and reverence by them. Indians believed the mounds were dwelling place of powerful and benevolent spirits who could cure ills, assure successful hunts and protect in battle. About five miles south off Texas 283.

MUSEUM AT FRONTIER FORT BELKNAP, NEWCASTLE

TEXAS COWBOY REUNION RODEO, STAMFORD



McCLESKY #1, THE 1917 GUSHER THAT CREATED RANGER

IN SEYMOUR *EVERYBODY* GOES FISHING

RANGER *Grid F-11* *Pop. 2,991* *Alt. 1,429*

General — When oil boom towns are recalled, Ranger usually leads the list. It was a quiet rural community established near a Texas Ranger camp in the 1870s. In October 1917 a gusher (see McClesky Number 1 below) blew in and touched off the greatest boom in petroleum history. World War demand for oil was at an all-time high. The lure of instant riches was irresistible; the town erupted with every kind of frenzied activity. In one year population exploded from 1,000 to 30,000. Small farmers became millionaires. Four railroads raced to complete lines, and one railroad's receipts jumped from $94 000 to $8,000,000 in two years. As in every instance, the boom was short-lived and today there is no evidence of that bigger-than-life era. Oil activity is evident in orderly fields, while farming and ranching comprise a major interest of area citizens.

Major Event — Ranger Jaycee Annual Rodeo, first Thurs. - Fri. - Sat. after 4th of July. Top rodeo cowboys compete in rough series of eliminations for trophies and prizes.

Lake — Leon. See LAKES this section.

McClesky Number 1 — Site of the 1,700-barrel-per-day oil gusher that touched off Ranger's fantastic oil boom in 1917. Marked by a granite monument at T&P depot downtown.

Parks — Two city-maintained parks, with shaded picnic facilities, playground equipment, swimming pool and a lighted tennis court.

Ranger Junior College — Founded in 1926, coed, enrolls some 400 students.

Thurber Ghost Town — Located 16 miles east on U. S. 80. (See THURBER this section.)

ROBY *Grid F-9* *Pop. 1,050* *Alt. 2,110*

General — Townsite laid out 1885; seat of Fisher County. A commercial center and the headquarters for a nine-county electric co-operative.

SEYMOUR *Grid E-10* *Pop. 3,392* *Alt. 1,291*

General — Seat of Baylor County, grew at site where old Western Trail was crossed by a major trail route to California. The Western Trail, also called the Dodge Trail, was main route for the great Texas cattle drives to Dodge City, Kan., and other northern markets. Town experienced years of traditional rivalry between landowning settlers and open-range cowboys. Rich oil discovery early 1900s brought rapid growth and measure of industrialization.

Major Event — May 1 the entire town closes down and everybody "goes fishin'" on Lake Kemp. Festivities include a beauty pageant, rodeo, old-timers' reunion, and gigantic fish fry with tubs-full of golden brown fish and crispy hush puppies.

Lake — Kemp. See LAKES this section.

Park — Spacious 87-acre city park includes broad tree-shaded areas for picnicking, plus a swimming pool and variety of playground equipment.

SNYDER *Grid F-8* *Pop. 10,722* *Alt. 2,316*

General — Settled 1878 by W. H. (Pete) Snyder, who opened a trading post. Townsite laid out 1882, county organized two years later. Present seat of Scurry County. In 1950 the city grew from 4,000 population to more than 12,000 after discovery of Canyon Reef Oil Field. Now the center of the largest unitized (operated by a single operator) oil field in the world. Industries include magnesium production, petroleum processing, brick, tile, concrete products, mobile homes, livestock feed and cottonseed breeding.

Major Events — Annual Scurry County Rodeo, four days mid-July; RCA-sanctioned amateur elimination event.

Scurry County Fair, three days in Oct.; farm and livestock exhibits, old fashioned cooking, canning and bakery competitions, carnival.

Lake — J. B. Thomas. See LAKES this section.

Towle Memorial Park — Popular municipal park with playgrounds, athletic fields, swimming pool, picnic areas, courts for croquet and tennis, a fishing lake for youngsters and a prairie dog town where the now rare little animals can be seen at close hand. South side of city on Texas 350.

Western Texas College — New junior college being developed on a 100-acre campus off Texas 350 south.

White Buffalo Statue — Recalls frontier days, and rare albino buffalo killed near here. On courthouse square. Several other historical markers on square detail area history.

STAMFORD *Grid F-9* *Pop. 4,465* *Alt. 1,614*

General — Retail, banking and commercial center for a three-county area. Business facilities include grain elevators, cotton gins, delinting plant, cotton compress, clothing factory cotton seed oil mill, feed mill, oil well machinery, and wholesale outlets. Developed in 1899 as project of Texas Central Railroad Co.; named after Connecticut hometown of the railroad president.

Major Event — Texas Cowboy Reunion, three days around July 4, dedicated to the Old West. The Reunion was started in 1930 as a nonprofit community enterprise, and is unchallenged as greatest amateur rodeo in the world. Population of city more than triples when 500-plus rodeo contestants converge — drawn by prizes of handmade saddles and cash. Food served from authentic chuck wagons.

Buie's Store Exhibit — Pioneer farm machinery including Georgia plow, double shovel, ox yokes, harness, sickle and cradle for mowing, wooden plow, hand planting tools, guns, other artifacts. Open Mon. - Sat. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 114 N. McHarg.

Lake — Stamford. See LAKES this section.

Mackenzie Trail Monument — Large hand-carved marker erected by descendants of early ranchers, summarizes the famous Mackenzie Trail and what it meant to area pioneers in the late 1800s. Intersection of U. S. 277/380 north.

STEPHENVILLE Grid G-11 Pop. 9,297 Alt. 1,283

General — Seat of Erath County, began in 1850 with settlement by Stephens brothers in area; one, John, donated original townsite. Industry includes poultry dressing, meat packing, creamery, cheese processing, feed mills, garment factory and one of largest tree nurseries in the Southwest, specializing in pecan trees. Area is state's leading producer of popular Coastal Bermuda range grass.

Stephenville Historical House Museum — 1869 Victorian home; period furnishings include many relics of area history. Open June - Aug. daily, 2 - 5 p.m.; Sept. - May on Sat., Sun. and holidays 2 - 5 p.m. 525 E. Washington St. Admission.

Tarleton State College — Established 1899, coed, enrolls about 2,500, offering degrees in liberal arts, education and agriculture.

SWEETWATER Grid F-8 Pop. 11,317 Alt. 2,164

General — A store established in a dugout to accommodate buffalo hunters was beginning of city in 1877. Today the seat of Nolan County is a banking and commercial center. Industrial firms include two gypsum plants, cement plant, three meat packing facilities, cottonseed oil mill and garment manufacturer.

Major Events — Big Country Fair & All-Girl Rodeo, three days in Oct.; old-time fair festivities plus pretty cowgirls in arena competition.

Junior Indoor Rodeo, three days late Mar. - early Apr. One of world's largest junior events where many famous rodeo stars began career.

Rattlesnake Roundup, three days in Mar. Prizes awarded to hunters bringing in the most snakes by weight. No firearms allowed; all snakes brought in live. Venom is extracted for snakebite serum and medical research.

West Texas Appaloosa Horse Show, two days in May, includes both show and performance competitions.

Lakes — Sweetwater (and Park,) Trammell, and Oak Creek Reservoir. See LAKES this section.

THROCKMORTON Grid E-10 Pop. 1,041 Alt. 1,441

General — Established 1879; seat of Throckmorton County, vast agricultural and oil-producing area. The town serves as shipping point and retail center for surrounding ranches, one of which is huge 96,000-acre spread. Excellent fishing for catfish, crappie, bass and bluegills at small Throckmorton Lake, just south of town.

Major Events — Throckmorton County Pioneer Day Celebration and Rodeo, three days mid-June. Events include parades (one features vehicles and costumes of the early West), tours, costume and old fiddler's contests.

THURBER Grid F-11 Pop. 8 Alt. 1,100

General — Ghost town; all that remains of once-thriving town is a large smokestack and company store building, which serves as small cafe and service station. City founded in 1888 by Texas & Pacific Coal Company (now Texas Pacific Oil Company) and flourished as coal mining town. With discovery of high grade clay, brick manufacturing added. (Thurber bricks paved many Fort Worth streets, and are found in Galveston seawall.) The town, totally owned by the company, is believed to have been first city with 100 per cent unionized industries. Electricity was provided in 1895, making it one of the first in the world with complete electrical service. The company recruited miners throughout world, and 17 nationalities were represented in city's 10,000 population. The mines closed in 1921; brick plant in 1930. City was abandoned in 1933. Many brick foundations can be seen from highway. About 16 miles east of Ranger at intersection of U.S. 80/Texas 108.

VERNON Grid D-10 Pop. 11,204 Alt. 1,205

General — First called Eagle Flats because of eagles nesting nearby. Seat of Wilbarger County, headquarters for huge W. T. Waggoner Ranch, and commercial center for rich farming, ranching and oil area. About 15 miles north is Doan's Crossing, one of the most famous of historic cattle crossings on Red River. Industries include agricultural supplies and processing, seed breeding, drylot feeding, textiles, meat packing, cottonseed and alfalfa milling.

Major Event — Santa Rosa Roundup, four days late Apr. - early May, attracts world champion rodeo cowboys with top prize money in $750,000 arena.

Lakes — Diversion, Kemp and Pauline. See LAKES this section.

R. L. More Sr. Bird Egg Collection — 10,000-egg collection and taxidermy exhibit. More than 750 kinds of eggs and 150-plus specimens of taxidermy in the collection started in 1888. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. - noon. Second floor, 1905 W. Wilbarger St.

WICHITA FALLS

Red River Valley Museum — Archeological exhibits and Indian artifacts with interpretive displays. Open Mon. -Fri. 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sat. 7:30 a.m. - noon. Wilbarger Memorial Auditorium, 2100 Yamparika.

WICHITA FALLS Grid D-11 Pop. 94,976 Alt. 946

General — Named for small falls on the Wichita River; a leading gateway to Texas on U.S. 277/281; major trade and industrial center. Seat of Wichita County, economy based upon oil processing and manufacture of oil field machinery, electronic components, clothing, surgical supplies, film processing, air conditioning equipment, electrical controls, and agricultural products. Cultural aspects include a symphony orchestra, Museum and Art Center, ballet theater, Back Door Theater, and Midwestern University activities.

Major Events — Science Fair, three days in Mar. at Midwestern University.

Flower Show, two days in Apr., at Woman's Forum.

Red River Rodeo, four days around first weekend in June, features parades, dances, country and western entertainers plus exciting competitors in the arena.

Oil Bowl Football Game, second Fri. each Aug. Matches top high school stars from Texas and Oklahoma.

Pioneer Bowl Football Game, second Sat. each Dec. Matches conference champions from NCAA small college category; band festival and parade.

Farm Expo and Trade Fair, second week in Apr. Giant displays of farm machinery and agricultural products, plus industrial and retail exhibits. Exhibit Center.

Lakes — Arrowhead Diversion, Kemp, Kickapoo, and Wichita. See LAKES this section.

Midwestern University — Established 1922, coed, liberal arts university is on Taft Blvd. in the south central part of the city; enrolls more than 4,700.

Museum and Art Center — Features a planetarium, scientific, art and historical exhibits. Open Mon. - Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Thurs. 7 - 9 p.m.; Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. No 2 Eureka Circle.

Sheppard Air Force Base — Large USAF technical training center with 19,000 personnel; undergraduate jet pilot training wing. Many students from foreign countries. Tours available from main gate.

Parks — 59 city parks and nearby Lake Arrowhead State Park (under development). Facilities include swimming, golf, tennis, boating, children's fishing pond, camping and picnic areas. Amusement park with rides for children and adults.

Tourist Bureau — The Texas Highway Department maintains nine Tourist Bureaus at key points of entry to state, as well as Tourist Information Center in State Capitol, and Judge Roy Bean Visitor Center in Langtry. All bureaus are operated daily throughout year, staffed by uniformed, trained travel counselors. Services free to all visitors include information, maps, literature on every part of state, plus expert assistance in charting routes. Located in northern part of Wichita Falls on U.S. 277/281/287.

campground guide

In every season the camping's great in Texas! Sites listed below are administered by local, state and federal agencies. Not included are commercial camps whose listings are usually available in commercial guides. Camps are listed under nearby city name; driving directions are provided to each.

Directions are by standard compass abbreviations: **N** (north), **NE** (northeast), **E** (east), **SE** (southeast), **S** (south), **SW** (southwest), **W** (west), **NW** (northwest). Highways are indicated by standard abbreviations: **IH**=Interstate Highways, shown on maps as (35). **US**=U.S. Highways, shown on maps as (80). **Tex**=Texas State Highways, shown on maps as (21). **FM** or **RM**=Texas Farm or Ranch Roads (all are excellent paved routes), shown on maps as (770).

Drinking water is at all sites except where specifically noted.

ABILENE/Buffalo Gap — **Abilene State Park**

From Abilene, US 84/FM 89: FM 89 S 14.5 mi to Park Rd 32. Tent & trailer sites, screened shelters, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers. Entrance $1, daily tent or trailer $1; shelters $3.50, max 14 days May 1-Sept 15. Snack bar. Swim, picnic, playgrounds, nature trail. (Abilene St Pk, Rt 1, Tuscola 79562)

ALBANY — **Fort Griffin State Park**

US 283 N 18 mi. On Clear Fork of the Brazos River. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. No entrance fee, daily $1, max 14 days May 1-Sept 15. Fish, picnic, nature study, historical study (Fort Griffin ruins), Longhorn herd. (Fort Griffin St Pk, Rt 1, Albany 76430)

BALLINGER — **City Park**

Within city: Broadway N 6 blks; Crosson E to park. On Elm Creek. Trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, area lighting, dump sta. Free, max 1 day. Swim, fish, boat, picnic, playground, miniature golf. (City Hall, Box 497, Ballinger 76821)

BLACKWELL (see Sweetwater)

BRECKENRIDGE/Caddo — **Possum Kingdom State Park**

From Breckenridge: US 180 E 14.6 mi to Caddo; Park Rd 33 N&E 14 mi. On Possum Kingdom Lake. Tent & trailer sites, cabins, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers, dump sta. Entrance $1, daily tent $1.50, cabins $6-9, max 14 days May 1-Sept 15. Boat ramp, fishing pier. Swim, fish, boat & rentals, picnic, playground, nature study. (Possum Kingdom St Pk, Box 36, Caddo 76029)

BROWNWOOD — **Lake Brownwood State Park**

Tex 279 NW 15.2 mi; Park Rd 15 E 5.2 mi. On Lake Brownwood. Tent & trailer sites, cabins, screened shelters, (also fishing lodge accommodates 10, beach lodge 26); elec outlets, fl toilets, showers. Entrance $1, daily tent or trailer $1-1.75, cabins $6-12, fish lodge $6-15, beach lodge $24-39, max 14 days May 1-Sept 15. Boat ramp, fishing pier. Swim, fish, boat, picnic, playground. (Lake Brownwood St Pk, Rt 1, Grosvenor 76847)

BROWNWOOD — **Riverside Park**

Within city: US 377/84 N. On Pecan Bayou. Trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, area lighting. Free, max 3 days. Swim, fish, boat, picnic, playground, nature & bike trails. (Pks & Rec Dept, 1210 Willis St, Brownwood 76801)

BUFFALO GAP (see Abilene)

CADDO (see Breckenridge)

COLEMAN — **Flat Rock Park**

FM 53 W 8 mi; local rd S 2 mi (across dam). On Hords Creek Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, pit toilets. Daily $1 May 28-Sept. 6; free other times; max 14 days. Boat ramps. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Glen Cove Rt, Coleman 76834)

COLEMAN — **Friendship Park**

FM 53 W 8 mi; local rd S .2 mi. On Hords Creek Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramps. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Glen Cove Rt, Coleman 76834)

COLEMAN — **Lakeside Park**

FM 53 W 9 mi; local rd S .3 mi. On Hords Creek Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, pit toilets. Daily $1 May 28-Sept 6; free other times; max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Glen Cove Rt, Coleman 76834)

COLEMAN — **Press Morris Park**

US 283 N 14 mi; FM 1274 W 2.3 mi. On Lake Coleman. Tent & trailer sites, fl toilets, area lighting. Free. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic. (City Hall, Box 592, Coleman 76834)

COLORADO CITY — **Fisher Park**

IH 20 E limits; Tex 208 S 9 mi; local rd W 3 mi. On Champion Creek Lake. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, fl & pit toilets, showers, area lighting. Free. Groc. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic. (City Hall, 180 W 3rd St, Colorado City 79612)

COLORADO CITY — **Lake Colorado City State Park**

IH 20 W 6 mi; FM 2836 S 3.5 mi; local rd E .5 mi. On Lake Colorado City. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers, area lighting. Entrance $1, daily tent or trailer $1-1.75. Groc. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic. (Lake Colorado City St Pk, Rt 2, Box 140-B, Colorado City 79512)

COLORADO CITY — **Ruddick Park**

IH 20 E limits, Tex 208 S .5 mi. On Lone Wolf Creek. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, showers, pit toilets, area lighting, dump sta. Free. Swim, fish, picnic, playground, nature & bike trails. (City Hall, 180 W 3rd St, Colorado City 79612)

COMANCHE — **Copperas Creek Park**

Tex 16 N 4.9 mi; FM 2861 E 5 mi. On Proctor Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 220, Dublin 76446)

COMANCHE — **Promontory Park**

Tex 16 N 10 mi; FM 2318 E 5 mi. On Proctor Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 220, Dublin 76446)

COMANCHE/Proctor — **High Point Park**

From Comanche: US 67/377 NE 11 mi; FM 1476 W 5 mi. On Proctor Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 220, Dublin 76446)

COMANCHE/Proctor — **Sowell Creek Park**

From Comanche: US 67/377 NE 11 mi; FM 1476 W 2 mi; local rd S .3 mi. On Proctor Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, pit toilets. Free. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 220, Dublin 76446)

GRAHAM — **Kindley Park**

Tex 24 NW 7 mi at Lake Graham Bridge. On Lake Graham. Tent & trailer sites, fl toilets, area lighting. Free, max 15 days. Swim, fish, boat, bait, picnic, playground. (City Hall, Box 690 Graham 76046)

GRAHAM — **Lake Eddleman Park**

Tex 24 N 2 mi. On Lake Eddleman. Tent sites. Free, max 15 days. Fish, boat, picnic, playground. (City Hall, Box 690, Graham 76046)

GRAHAM — **Lake Graham Campgrounds**

Tex 24 NW 5 mi. On Lake Graham. Tent & trailer sites, primitive. No drinking water. Free, max 15 days. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic, playground, nature trail. (City Hall, Box 690, Graham 76046)

GRAHAM/Newcastle — **Fort Belknap Park**

From Graham: FM 61 W 10.4 mi. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, area lighting, dump sta. Free, max 1 day. Picnic, playground. (County Courthouse, Graham 76046)

HOLLIDAY — **Stonewall Jackson Camp**

FM 368 S 3 mi; local rd E .8 mi. On Holliday Creek. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, pit toilets, area lighting, dump sta. Picnic, playground, nature & bike trails. (City Hall, Box 508, Holliday 76366)

NEWCASTLE (see Graham)

PADUCAH — **Paducah Park**

US 70 at E city limits. Tent sites, elec outlets, area lighting. Free, permit required. Swim, picnic, playground, golf. (City Hall, Box 759, Paducah 79248)

SNYDER — **Lake J. B. Thomas Public Area**

Tex 350 SW 10.8 mi; FM 1606 W 4.9 mi; FM 2085 W 2.6 mi; FM 1298 W .6 mi & S 1.8 mi. On Lake J. B. Thomas. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 7 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Colorado River Municipal Water Dist, Box 869, Big Spring 79720)

SNYDER — **Lake J. B. Thomas Public Area**

Tex 350 SW 10.8 mi; FM 1606 W 4.9 mi; FM 2085 W 2.6 mi; FM 1298 W .6 mi; local rd W 1.2 mi. On Lake J. B. Thomas. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 7 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Colorado River Municipal Water Dist, Box 869, Big Spring 79720)

SNYDER — **Lake J. B. Thomas Public Area**

Tex 350 SW 10.8 mi; FM 1606 W 4.9 mi; FM 2085 W 2.6 mi; FM 1298 N 1.9 mi; FM 1610 W 3.2 mi; local rd S 2 mi. On Lake J. B. Thomas. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 7 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Colorado River Municipal Water Dist, Box 869, Big Spring 79720)

SNYDER — **Lake J. B. Thomas Public Area**

US 180 W 17.7 mi; FM 1610 S 8.5 mi; local rd S 1.2 mi & E 2 mi. On Lake J. B. Thomas. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 7 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Colorado River Municipal Water Dist, Box 869, Big Spring 79720)

STAMFORD — **Lake Stamford Park**

FM 142 E 9.4 mi; FM 600 N 6.4 mi; local rd E 1.3 mi; local rd N 2.5 mi. On Lake Stamford. Tent & trailer sites, screened shelters, cabins, elec outlets, area lighting, showers. Tent & trailer free, daily shelters $2.50-5, cabins $7.50-10. Groc. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals. (City Hall, Box 670, Stamford 79553)

SWEETWATER — **Lake Sweetwater Campsite**

Loop 432 E 2.7 mi; IH 20 E 1.7 mi; FM 1856 S 4 mi. On Lake Sweetwater. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, pit toilets. Free. Groc. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic, hunt, golf, hiking trails. (City Hall, Box 968, Sweetwater 79556)

SWEETWATER — **Lake Trammel Park**

Tex 70 S 5.7 mi; FM 1809 W 2.7 mi; local rd S 1.5 mi. On Lake Trammel. Tent sites, fl toilets. No drinking water. $.50 per person or $5 per year. Fish, boat, bait, picnic, hunt. (City Hall, Box 968, Sweetwater 79556)

SWEETWATER/Blackwell — **Oak Creek Lake Campgrounds**

From Sweetwater: Tex 70 S 28 mi to Blackwell; Tex 70 S 2 mi. On Oak Creek Lake. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, pit toilets. Free. Groc. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, hunt. (City Hall, Box 968, Sweetwater 79556)

WICHITA FALLS — **Lake Kickapoo Campgrounds**

US 82/277 SW 20.2 mi to Mankins; Tex 25 S 7.3 mi; FM 368 W 3 mi. On Lake Kickapoo on Little Wichita River. Tent & trailer sites, cabins, elec outlets, fl & pit toilets, area lighting, dump sta, showers. Tent free, trailer daily fee, cabins $10. Groc. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic. (Lake Custodian, Star Rt, Holliday 76366)

brazos valley

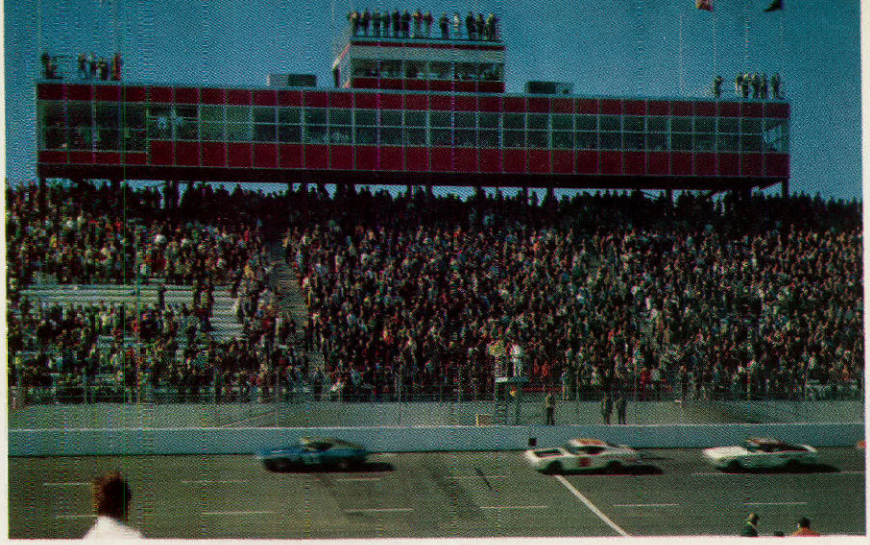
Indians padded these glades and dells, stalking fat deer and iridescent wild turkey. With wicker nets and bone hooks they took silver fish from the pure river called by names now forgotten. Later Spaniards came upon the limpid river and named it Brazos de Dios, the "Arms of God."

Anglo Americans, with a primitive empire to choose from, picked the Brazos Valley as their seat of colonization. It nurtured pioneer Texas, saw the flowering of a plantation economy, and the disaster of civil war. The region recovered and adapted to the 20th Century, but history still lingers here.

Enjoy the Brazos Valley—streams still pure for fishing and swimming—broad highways and quiet country lanes—graciousness and leisure savored by residents, and hospitality exercised much as it was in bygone days.

More than a region, the Brazos Valley is a way of life.

THE BRAZOS RIVER



TEXAS INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY,
BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION

CAMERON PARK, WACO

BRAZOS-STYLE COOKING

OLD FORT PARKER STATE HISTORIC
SITE, GROESBECK- MEXIA

THE LOST PINES, BASTROP

WHERE TO GO, WHAT TO SEE

ANDERSON *Grid I-14* *Pop. 490* *Alt. 215*

General — Historic seat of Grimes County, established 1834 on La Bahia Road, centuries-old Indian trail that stretched from Louisiana through Texas. Route had been used by Spanish explorers, later became important as a cattle trail, the Opelousas Road. During Civil War was assembly point for troops and ordnance. Local arms factory produced cannon, cannon balls, rifles, pistols, swords and gunpowder. Today a commercial center for rich agricultural area contains many historic structures.

Major Event — The Texas Trek, annually the third Sun. in Apr. with neighboring Montgomery (Woodland Lakes section). Sponsored by respective historical societies, observances are separate although tickets purchased in either town are honored at the other. Historic homes — some 135 years old — are Texas Trek highlights. Visitors are greeted by hosts dressed in costumes of bygone years. An antique auto club from Houston takes part in celebration which also features street dance and parade. An ox wagon provides rides to church services.

Oberkampf Pharmacy — Dark, polished wood cabinets, small marble-topped tables with traditional wire-frame chairs, square glass jars with sticks of licorice and rock crystal candy, little changed since established in 1911. Visitors will enjoy this change-of-pace stop along with rich ice cream still made the old-fashioned way.

Sam Houston National Forest — Nearest entrance about 13 miles east on F.M. 149. (See NATIONAL FORESTS IN TEXAS at end of book.)

Steinhagen Log Cabin — More than 100 years old; frontier furnishings, family heirlooms, antiques, cut glass, dishes, clothing, albums, records. Farm and hand tools from era of cabin's construction. Open by appointment only. Two blocks south of Main St. at Texas 90.

BASTROP *Grid J-13* *Pop. 3,066* *Alt. 374*

General — One of Texas' oldest settlements, named in honor of Baron Felipe de Bastrop whose influence aided Stephen F. Austin's original group of colonists. Rich in history, century-old buildings and homes. A jumble of geological formations popular with rock collectors; Indian artifacts still found. Obtain complete details at Bastrop Chamber of Commerce, Main and Pine Sts.

Major Events — Special Easter Sunrise Service attended by thousands.

Lost Pines Garden Club Flower Show, an Apr. attraction at height of spring flower season.

Lost Pines Invitational Golf Tourney on an Apr. weekend.

South Central Texas Association Performance Horse Shows, midweek, two to four times during Apr.

Annual Homecoming and Rodeo brings hosts of visitors and former residents in late July or early Aug. Parades and pageantry during three days.

Bastrop Advertiser — Oldest weekly newspaper in Texas, established 1853. 1105 Main St.

Bastrop Museum — Frontier tools, artifacts, pictures, documents and furnishings in a restored house, built 1850. Open Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sun. 1 - 6 p.m. 702 Main St. Admission.

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Caldwell	I-13	Jonesboro	H-12	Rosanky	J-13
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Cedar Creek	J-12	Kosse	H-13	Salado	I-12
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Centerville	H-14	L		Schulenburg	K-13
Chappell Hill	J-14	La Grange	J-13	Schwertner	I-12
Chilton	H-13	Lampasas	I-11	Serbin	J-13
China Spring	H-12	Leander	I-12	Shiro	I-14
Chriesman	I-13	Ledbetter	J-13	Singleton	I-14
Cistern	J-13	Leona	H-14	Smithville	J-13
Clay	I-14	Leroy	H-13	Snook	I-14
College Station	I-14	Lexington	I-13	Somerville	J-14
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Cottonwood	I-14	Long Lake	H-14	Teague	H-14
Coupland	I-12	Lorena	H-13	Tehuacana	H-13
Courtney	J-14	Lott	H-13	Temple	H-12
Crawford	H-12	Lyons	J-14	The Grove	H-12
Cross	I-14	M		Thorndale	I-13
D		McDade	J-13	Thornton	H-13
Davilla	I-13	McGregor	H-12	Thrall	I-13
Deanville	I-13	Madisonville	I-14	Topsey	H-12
Dew	H-14	Marlin	H-13	Travis	H-13
Dime Box	J-13	Marquez	H-14	Troy	H-13
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Elgin	J-13	Milano	I-13	Waco	H-13
Ellinger	J-13	Millican	I-14	Walburg	I-12
Elm Mott	H-13	Moline	H-11	Warda	J-13
Engle	K-13	Moody	H-12	Warrenton	J-13
F		Mooreville	H-13	Washington	J-14
Fairfield	G-14	Mooring	I-14	Weir	I-12
Farrar	H-14	Muldoon	J-13	Wellborn	I-14
Fayetteville	J-13	Mumford	I-14	West	G-13
Fedor	J-13	N		West Point	J-13
Flat	H-12	Navasota	I-14	Wheelock	I-14
Flatonia	K-13	New Baden	I-14	William Penn	J-14
Florence	I-12	Nolanville	I-12	Winchester	J-13
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For a complete state driving map, refer to the Official Highway Travel Map available free from the Texas Highway Department.

legend

- (35) Interstate Highway
- (72) State Highway
- •Rest Area
- ▪Comfort Station
- (90) U. S. Highway
- (674) Farm or Ranch Road
- ★Tourist Bureau
- (340) Park Road
- (306) Loop or Spur
- 820 Altitude

The Brazos Trail moves through a land of beauty and history . . . a land which nurtured the growth of frontier and modern Texas. Route is marked in light yellow on Brazos Valley map. (also see Travel Trails section, page 180)

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Bastrop State Park — 2,100 acres of quiet, rolling parkland shaded by the strange "Lost Pines" — an isolated area of stately pine trees far from the vast pine forests of East Texas. Camping and group camp facilities, trailers, rest rooms, cabins, picnicking, fishing, swimming, golf, nature study, hiking. One mile east of intersection of Texas 21/71. Admission. Scenic Park Road 1 connects with Buescher State Park 15 miles to the east.

Belle's Emporium — Like stepping back into history; furnishings and equipment of a 19th Century doctor's office and drug store are preserved, along with old-fashioned ice cream parlor, clerks in period costumes. A fascinating stop for introduction to local history, refreshments, gifts and antiques. 1003 Main St.

C. Erhard & Sons Drug Store — Oldest drug store in Texas, established 1847, still owned by same family. Fascinating history in furnishings and products still on display: "French Quinine," "Bull's Sarsaparilla," "Mexican Mustang Liniment," "Cherokee Ointment" and "Sweet Pea" perfume. 921 Main St.

OLDEST DRUG STORE IN TEXAS, BASTROP

MARY HARDIN-BAYLOR COLLEGE, BELTON

Lake — Bastrop. See LAKES this section.

Memorial Medallion Trail — Marked route of several miles within town leads to many historic sites, from the Bastrop Museum to antebellum homes, churches and business houses. Obtain map and interpretive folder from the chamber of commerce.

BELTON *Grid I-12* *Pop. 8,476* *Alt. 511*

General — Established 1850, first merchant sold goods from his wagon before any stores were built. First saloon said to have been a barrel of whiskey and a tin cup under a shade tree. Once a stop on the famous Chisholm Trail, now a gateway to two large water sports recreation areas.

Major Event — Belton Rodeo and July 4th Celebration offers three days of fun plus a colorful July 4th parade.

Lakes — Belton and Stillhouse Hollow Reservoirs. See LAKES this section.

Mary Hardin-Baylor College — Oldest college for women west of the Mississippi River, enrolling some 1,200 students. Celebrated Easter Pageant presented annually by student body.

Old Sommers Mill — Built 1866, still in working order after grinding more than a million bushels of corn. Located on Salado Creek some six miles south of the I.H. 35/Texas 317 interchange in Belton. From this interchange, drive southeast on F.M. 436 approximately two miles to a junction with F.M. 1123, then four miles south to mill site.

BRENHAM *Grid J-14* *Pop. 8,776* *Alt. 320*

General — Located in east central Washington County on land of an original Spanish land grant. German population began settling in the latter 1860s. Today the county seat and commercial center for a farming area. Cotton, feed mills, foundry, bottling works, and furniture factories.

Major Events — The state's best known "modern" trail ride begins in Brenham and winds some 95 miles to Houston where the conclusion marks the opening of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, late Feb. The four-day horseback, wagon, and camp-on-the-trail event attracts up to 2,000 riders.

Lake Somerville Open Bass Tourney, one Sun. in Mar. at Somerville Reservoir. See LAKES this section.

Bluebonnet Trails are charted each spring in surrounding area where blossoms are most profuse; three weekends in Apr.

Bluebonnet Antique Show in nearby Chappell Hill, staged on one of the Trail weekends, features dealer displays at Community Center. Chappell Hill Library and Museum are added attractions.

Maifest, traditional Germon Volksfest, dates from 1874. Entire town joins in two days of festivities, usually second weekend in May; dances, feasts and parades.

Washington County Fair has been staged for more than 100 years. Four days in Sept., includes all traditional county fair festivities plus rodeo.

Blinn College — Texas' first countywide junior college, founded 1883. Coed, with about 1,500 enrollment.

Lake — Somerville Reservoir. See LAKES this section.

Scenic Drive — Pastoral beauty along F.M. 389 southwest to F.M. 2502 to Burton.

Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park — Several miles northeast on the Brazos River. (See WASHINGTON this section.)

Winedale Inn — Restored stagecoach inn of the 1830s. (See ROUND TOP this section.)

BRYAN *Grid I-14* *Pop. 32,489* *Alt. 367*

General — Located in area where Stephen F. Austin's colonists settled between 1821-1831. City formally chartered 1855. Economy long based on diversified agriculture, enhanced by early educational centers including Villa Maria Ursuline Academy for girls, Allen Academy and nearby A&M University. Since World War II, increasing industrial development includes chemicals, furniture and metal fabrication. Extensive dairying; production of clay and fuller's earth. Hunting, fishing and camping popular almost year-round in nearby streams and woodlands.

Major Events — Southwest Conference competition in sports, art and drama at Texas A&M in nearby College Station. Throughout the regular semesters.

Auto Races at Texas International Speedway (see below) feature top prizes which bring world champion racing drivers.

Allen Academy — Private high school and preparatory school known for academic, athletic and military standards; now coed, enrolls about 600 students. Founded 1886 by R. O. and James H. Allen; located within city limits on Texas 6.

Texas A&M University — At nearby College Station, the school is Texas' first state-supported institution of higher learning, established 1876. Granted university status 1963. Coed, enrolls more than 12,000 students. Noted for technical and scientific studies; famed for military Cadet Corps and ROTC. In World War I school was credited with furnishing more officers to the armed services than any other in the nation. Some 20,000 men from A&M served in World War II, 14,000 as officers.

Texas International Speedway — Three-mile Grand Prix Road Course opened for competition 1969; one of the nation's finest racing facilities. Events attract top names in auto racing. Grandstand provides visibility of entire two-mile banked super-speedway, and almost all of the road course. Seats 26,000, infield parking for 10,000 cars. The multimillion dollar racing complex is just off Texas 6, eight miles south of intersection with Texas 30.

CALDWELL *Grid I-13* *Pop. 2,314* *Alt. 402*

General — Founded 1840, has been seat of two counties. Before Burleson County organized in 1846, was seat of Milam County. Named for Mathew "Old Paint" Caldwell, noted Indian fighter and a signer of Texas Declaration of Independence. In 1880s town was rendezvous for immigrants going west, and had one of finest hotels on Old San Antonio Road. One of state's best country inns still located in Caldwell; visitors enjoy Sunday afternoon rides in authentic surrey.

Major Events — Burleson County Fair, early Oct., three days of traditional county fair activities.

Caldwell Antique Show, Oct. weekends, recalls rich historical background of the area.

Burleson County Historical Museum — Items and relics of area pioneers, plus exhibits about Fort Tenoxtitlan (see below); open Sat. 8 a.m. - noon. Burleson County Courthouse.

Fort Tenoxtitlan — Planned for restoration, but now a determined effort is necessary to reach the site near where Damn Creek flows into Brazos River. At the site in 1830 a Mexican cavalry force established what was to have been the seat of empire in Mexican Texas. Ordered to stop flow of Anglo settlers and introduce Mexican colonists. However, Lt. Col. Jose Ruiz, troop commander, felt the wilderness area needed settlers from anywhere, even if from "Hell itself." An earlier Mexican government had given Sterling Robertson's colonists a settlement contract. Finding some of those colonists on the site, Ruiz wrote Mexico City for instructions. Before the reply came Ruiz became friendly with the men and additional settlers who arrived. Finally Mexico City wrote, "Drive the Anglos out!" Ruiz wrote back that (1) the settlers had never actually arrived, (2) those who had arrived were scattered all over the territory, and (3) his horses were in no shape to go looking for them. Mexican colonists never arrived; the plan collapsed, and Ruiz with his troops returned to San Antonio. Ruiz later cast his lot with the Anglo colonists; both he and Robertson were signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence. Inquire locally for exact directions.

Lake — Somerville Reservoir. See LAKES this section.

CALVERT *Grid I-13* *Pop. 2,061* *Alt. 335*

General — "Victorian" describes Calvert — from business buildings and residences to Virginia Field Park. Named for descendant of Lord Baltimore, Robert Calvert, plantation owner who donated townsite. In 1871 had largest cotton gin in world. Cotton still important — 30,000 bales annually in county.

Historic Buildings — Historical medallions mark Cobb's Market, 517 Main St.; Church of Epiphany, Gregg and Elm, and First Presbyterian Church, 401 N. Barton Ave. Cobb's Market built 1868; Church of Epiphany in use since parish founded about 1870; First Presbyterian Church built before Civil War with materials from Calvert Plantation (except for leaded-glass windows), moved to town 1868.

Virginia Field Park — Features large gazebo and shady playground. Once the site of an unusual prison during Reconstruction Days. A "sky parlor" jail was built atop a tall pole, and held Southern sympathizers.

CENTERVILLE *Grid H-14* *Pop. 923* *Alt. 353*

General — Rolling plains and prairies characterize the topography of this East Texas area. Seat of Leon County; lumber manufacturing; farm marketing center. Nine-tenths of the farm income is from livestock and poultry.

Leon County Courthouse — When the Leon County Courthouse burned in 1885, the smoke had scarcely died away before a contract was let to erect a new one. Completed in 1887, the "new" courthouse was built of slate bricks handmade near the site. The courthouse is one of the oldest such buildings in Texas.

CHAPPELL HILL *Grid J-14* *Pop. 475* *Alt. 317*

General — Settled in 1848, soon had two institutions of higher learning. Small schools thrived a while, but faded with closing of last century. Rural community still reflects quiet pace of bygone times. More than 25 homes and buildings bear historical markers. Local library, organized 1893, is a self-service facility; patrons have individual keys.

Major Event — Bluebonnet Antique Show, two days in Apr., attracts collectors and dealers. Staged in conjunction with Bluebonnet Trails at Brenham (which see, this section).

Chappell Hill Historical Museum — Site of former Chappell Hill Female College. Pioneer utensils, furniture and memorabilia. Open Wed. & Sun. 1:30 - 5 p.m. Apr. - Sept.; Sun. only Oct. - Mar. Admission.

Scenic Drive — F.M. 1155 north to Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park winds through beautiful pastoral landscapes of the Brazos River Valley, along an historic route used by early settlers.

Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park — A few miles northeast, on the Brazos River, accessible via F.M. 1155. (See WASHINGTON this section.)

COLLEGE STATION *Grid I-14* *Pop. 17,183* *Alt. 308*

General — Municipality adjacent to Texas A&M University.

Texas A&M University — State's first public institution of higher education, established 1876. Granted university status in 1963. Coed, enrolls more than 12,000 students. Noted for technical, scientific and agricultural studies; famed for military Cadet Corps and ROTC. In World War I school was credited with furnishing more officers to the armed services than any other in the nation. Some 20,000 men from A&M served in World War II, 14,000 as officers.

Texas International Speedway — Three-mile Grand Prix Road Course, two-mile banked oval super-speedway, opened for competition 1969. One of the nation's finest racing facilities, attracts top names in auto racing. Grandstand provides visibility of entire two-mile banked super-speedway, almost all of road course. Seats 26,000, infield parking for 10,000 cars. The multimillion dollar racing facility is just off Texas 6, eight miles south of intersection with Texas 30.

FAIRFIELD *Grid G-14* *Pop. 2,004* *Alt. 461*

General — Freestone rock in this area gave county its name, and this county seat is recognized as banking, market and shipping center. Rock quarry and sawmill contribute to town's economy.

(NOTE: Visitors should see historic Val Verde Cannon on courthouse lawn, part of famous Confederate battery used in unsuccessful attempt to drive Federal forces from New Mexico.)

Major Event — Freestone County Fair and Homecoming, three days in Aug., draws 10,000 visitors. Outgrowth of former Confederate Reunions. Festival calendar includes parade, livestock show, rodeo, and lots of country music.

Bradley House Museum — Antebellum home with antique furnishings; china doll collection. Open daily, June - Sept. Coleman St. (off N. Bateman Rd.)

Freestone County Museum — Generally referred to as "Old Jail." Period furniture, historical documents, artifacts. Century-old jail's "guest list" supposedly included such infamous names as John Wesley Hardin, Texas gunman-lawyer and reputedly "the deadliest preacher's son who ever lived." Open Wed., Sat., Sun. 302 E. Main St., one block E. of courthouse. Admission.

Stewards Mill Country Store — 100-year-old country store, a recorded Texas historic landmark, still operated by descendants of founders. Pioneer relics, antiques, archives, heirlooms. Museum, social center and old-fashioned general store. Seven miles north, U.S. 75 and F.M. 833 (not shown on section map).

FRANKLIN *Grid I-14* *Pop. 1,095* *Alt. 450*

General — Established under different name 1871, seat of Robertson County, a popular health resort in last decades of previous century. Mineral springs attracted visitors from throughout state. Today a shipping center for livestock, cotton, alfalfa, vegetables, fruits and pecans. Minerals include oil, fuller's earth and lignite. Wild flowers, especially the Texas state flower, the bluebonnet, are beautifully profuse in spring.

Lake — Camp Creek. See LAKES this section.

Walter Williams Grave — In a rural church cemetery a few miles southeast of Franklin is the grave of the last survivor of the Civil War. Walter Williams, Confederate veteran who survived all of his comrades-in-arms, both South and North, is buried in the Mount Pleasant church cemetery, F.M. 2446 southeast less than four miles.

GATESVILLE *Grid H-12* *Pop. 4,565* *Alt. 795*

General — Grew from U.S. Army Fort Gates established as protection from Indians 1849. Designated county seat when Coryell County was organized 1854. Land of mesas cut by narrow valleys of Leon and Cowhouse Rivers; peaks to 1,200 feet. Abundant underground water from wells 50-200 ft. Plentiful grasses support livestock year-round.

Few traces remain at site of frontier Fort Gates, about five miles east. Current military installation Fort Hood takes up some 20 per cent of county. (See KILLEEN this section.)

Two notable old structures are the Coryell County Courthouse, 1872, and a log jail, 1855. Jail now a restored museum curiosity, city's Raby Park.

Major Event — Annual Gatesville Rodeo, three days early June.

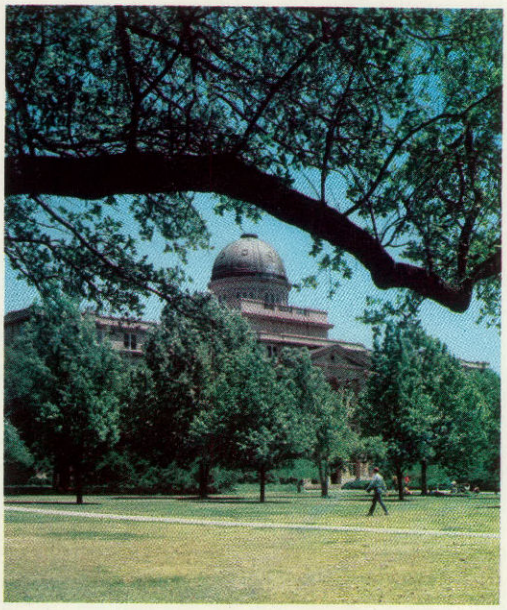
Buckhorn Museum — Appearance of early West barroom. Displays include Indian artifacts, branding irons, settlers' household items, guns, mounted animal horns, photographs, barbed wire. Open Mon. - Sat. 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Mother Neff State Park — 22 miles east via F.M. 107, Texas 236. (See MOODY this section.)

Scenic Drives — F.M. 182, F.M. 107 and F.M. 116 traverse a pleasant countryside of large Spanish oaks, cedars and wild flowers in season.

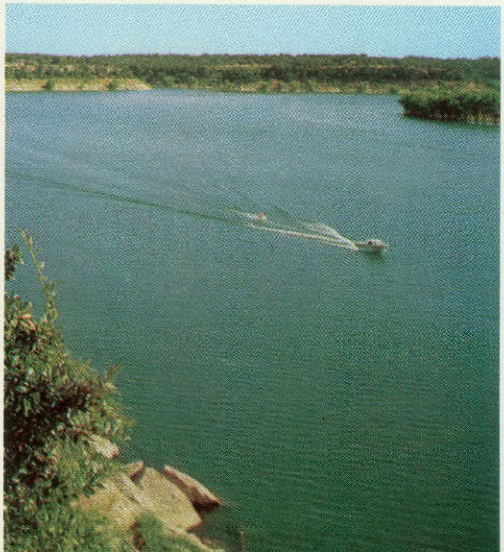
INNER SPACE CAVERNS, GEORGETOWN

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE STATION



LOG CABINS STILL SURVIVE ALONG THE BRAZOS

RESTORED OLD FORT PARKER, GROESBECK



BELTON RESERVOIR

GEORGETOWN Grid I-12 Pop. 6,377 Alt. 750

General — Established 1848 as trade center for agricultural region. Today seat of Williamson County, one of Texas' most productive farming areas. Fertile, black waxy soils; 50,000 bales of cotton annually, extensive livestock in western portion of county.

Major Events — Quarter Horse Show, one day in June, features champion stock of this traditional cowboy horse breed.

Western Week, three days late June. Festivities and rodeo competition attract nearly 20,000 attendance.

Southwestern Regional Fly-In, four days in Sept. draws hundreds of private, home-built, sport and experimental aircraft. Flight exhibitions, acrobatics, parachute jumps.

Inner Space Caverns — Texas' newest and most accessible cavern; subterranean beauty of stalactites, stalagmites and flowstones plus remains of prehistoric mastodons, wolves and Ice Age animals. Creative lighting and acoustics dramatize the natural beauty. Average temperature, 72 degrees year-round. Located on I.H. 35, one mile south. Admission.

Lakes — Austin and Travis. See LAKES, Ranch & Hill Country section.

Southwestern University — Texas' oldest institution of higher learning, established 1840, Methodist, coed. Traditional scenic campus in midtown. Enrollment limited to around 800; more alumni included in *Who's Who in America* than any other college of similar size in nation.

GIDDINGS Grid J-13 Pop. 2,724 Alt. 520

General — Seat of Lee County noted for livestock, poultry and manufacturing; deposits of fuller's earth, clay and lignite coal. Settled 1872 chiefly by Wendish Lutherans from Serbin community. Newspaper, the *Giddings Star,* has only type in the U.S. to print copy in the Wendish language.

Major Event — Lee County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo, three days in May; local and regional performers competing in bronc and bull riding, roping, bulldogging and other traditional rodeo fare.

Lee County Museum — Artifacts from 1854 Wendish Colony (Serbin) including photographs, books, clothing, household items and early newspaper articles. Open Sat. 3 - 4 p.m., City Hall.

Serbin Community — German-settled town six miles south on F.M. 2239 (not shown on section map). The old Wendish (an early German sect) church has unusual seating arrangement. Men occupy the balcony, women and children sit in downstairs pews.

Winedale Inn — A restored stagecoach inn of the 1830s. (See ROUND TOP this section.)

GROESBECK Grid H-13 Pop. 2,271 Alt. 477

General — Founded 1870 by Houston and Texas Central Railroad, named for a railroad director. At the peak of a small boom as a railroad terminus, Groesbeck became seat of Limestone County.

Fort Parker Memorial Cemetery — Large monument and graves of settlers massacred by Indians in 1836. Two miles north on F.M. 1245 (not shown on section map).

Fort Parker State Park — 1,485 acres of wooded and open parkland offer natural beauty, varied recreational opportunities; on Navasota River and 750-acre Lake Springfield. Camping, trailers, fishing, swimming, nature study. Nearby is restored Old Fort Parker (see below). State park is five miles north via Texas 14, Park Road 28. Admission.

Lake — Mexia. See LAKES this section.

Old Fort Parker State Historic Site — Established 1834 by Silas and James Parker and other members of the family of Elder John Parker. The private fort was to protect a settlement of eight or nine families. However, in 1836 a mass attack by several hundred Comanches overran the fort, killing five of the Parker family and carrying into captivity five persons including Cynthia Ann Parker, then age nine. She grew up, married a Comanche chief and lived with the Indians until captured with her two-year-old daughter, Prairie Flower, 24 years later in 1860. She was the mother of the last great Comanche chief, Quanah Parker. Cynthia Ann never became reconciled to her forced return to the life of her white kinsmen, and tried several times to escape. Unhappy and virtual prisoners, both she and her daughter died about four years after they were separated from the wild, free life of the Comanche. Restored in 1967, the old fort has pioneer memorabilia, authentic log blockhouses and stockade. Open during daylight hours. Four miles north via Texas 14, Park Road 35. Admission.

Old Springfield — Once the county seat, and only town in the county 1838-1870. Historical marker on Texas 14 near entrance to Fort Parker State Park details history of the village; along park entrance road is old cemetery. Five miles north on Texas 14.

INDEPENDENCE Grid J-14 Pop. 200 Alt. 321

General — Settled 1824, known as Coles Settlement for John P. Coles, one of Stephen F. Austin's original colonists. Present name suggested by Dr. Asa Hoxey who, during presidency of Sam Houston, was appointed medical censor of the Republic of Texas. Town square was designated as county courthouse site, and so remains although Brenham won courthouse location by two votes in a heated election.

Dr. Asa Hoxey Home — Built 1833 as dog-run log cabin, home of prominent Republic of Texas figure, developed into story-and-a-half home with cedar-lined library and overhanging porches. Two daughters of Sam Houston married here while Houston and his family lived with the doctor. F.M. 390 one mile west, local road one mile north.

Lake — Somerville Reservoir. See LAKES this section.

Ruins of Old Baylor University — Birthplace of present Baylor University (Waco). Only ruins remain — four pillars of original administration and classroom building, foundations and some walls of girls' dormitory, old college well, cook room and storehouse. Baylor University and Baylor Female College were here until 1886.

Sam Houston Homesite — Near spring which served pioneers and Indians; granite marker at F.M. 390/Spur 390 intersection.

Scenic Drive — F.M. 390 east and west from Independence offers attractive scenery and exceptional vistas.

Texas Baptist Historical Center — Part of old Independence Baptist Church, organized 1839, where Sam Houston was baptized. His wife, Margaret Moffette Lea, and her mother lie in cemetery across the highway. (Fear of spreading the yellow fever which caused Mrs. Houston's death prevented her burial beside her husband in Huntsville.) Records, books, relics and family information. Open Tues. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park — A few miles east on the Brazos River. (See WASHINGTON this section.)

KILLEEN Grid H-12 Pop. 34,953 Alt. 833

General — Keyed to the military life, edged by three important military installations (see below). Town grew around the Santa Fe Railroad as it built across county in 1883. Birthplace of Oveta Culp Hobby, first commanding officer of Women's Army Corps, later U.S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

Major Events — Arts and Crafts Festival, two days in mid-Apr.

Killeen Rodeo, three days early May, combine traditional rodeo events with area-wide beauty contest.

Killeen Junior Rodeo, three days early Aug., school-age youngsters competing in rough and tumble rodeo events.

Bull Riding Contest, two days early Sept.

Central Texas College — Municipal junior college founded 1967, coed, enrolling more than 2,000 students. Campus off U.S. 190 between Killeen and Copperas Cove.

Lakes — Belton, Stillhouse Hollow Reservoirs. See LAKES this section.

Military Bases — Fort Hood, nation's greatest concentration of armored power on huge 200,000-acre reservation immediately north of Killeen. Headquartered at the base named for Confederate General John Bell Hood is the Army's III Corps, 1st Armored Division ("Old Ironsides"), and 2nd Armored Division ("Hell On Wheels"). Base is "open" facility which welcomes visitors without requirements for special passes. Two museums feature venerable combat hardware from N. African and European campaigns of WW II. Museum of the 1st Armored Division: Building 2832, Battalion Ave. Museum of the 2nd Armored Division: Building 411, Battalion Ave. Main gate on U.S. 190 one mile west of Killeen. Inquire for directions and information at any Military Police post.

Gray Army Airfield, few miles southwest of Killeen, support facility for Killeen Base (see below). Restricted, not open to visitors.

Killeen Base, 9,000 acres west off U.S. 190. Defense Atomic Support Agency installation, restricted, not open to visitors.

Parks — Three spacious city parks offer facilities for swimming, picnicking, softball, tennis, playground equipment.

LA GRANGE Grid J-13 Pop. 3,022 Alt. 278

General — Located where old Indian trail known as La Bahia Road crossed the Colorado River. Developed 1831, became seat of Fayette County 1837. Settlers named the town and county after their home in Tennessee. Industries include milk products, hatcheries, cedar lumber sawmill, feed mill, furniture and mattresses. Noted for exceptional home-style meals, breads and pastries.

Major Events — Junior Livestock Show, one day in Mar., features animals raised and lovingly pampered by school-age youngsters.

Polka and Waltz Festival, two days in July, features Old World music, dancing and sumptuous meals.

Fayette County Fair, four days in Sept., includes events from pie-eating to an "armadillo scramble." Livestock and agricultural exhibits, parade, rodeo and dances.

Frisch Auf! Village — Recreational spot featuring old stone ruins of Kreische Brewery, one of the first in Texas, plus other historical aspects of Bavarian influence in Texas. Hiking trails, horseback riding in summer, golf course, snack bar and fishing. Three miles south off U.S. 77. Admission.

KREISCHE BREWERY RUINS, FRISCH AUF! VILLAGE, LA GRANGE

MONUMENT HILL STATE PARK, LA GRANGE

Monument Hill State Park — Final resting place of men who drew the black beans of death after the Mier Expedition against Mexico, and 41 of Capt. Nicholas Dawson's soldiers massacred by Mexicans at Salado Creek near San Antonio in 1842. Monument is a handsome 48-foot marker of stone, bronze, and polychrome. Picnic sites, playground. Three miles south off U.S. 77, Loop 92. Admission.

N. W. Faison Home — Dawson Massacre survivor. Occupied by Faison family from 1866 to 1960, contains original furniture, paintings and toys; relics of the Mexican War. Museum and garden center open Apr. - Sept. guided tours Tues. - Sun. 1 - 5 p.m.; Oct. - Mar. Sat. Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. 822 S. Jefferson. Admission.

Scenic Drives — F.M. 153 west from U.S. 77 to the community of Winchester traverses the Colorado River Valley amid tall pines. Other routes marked by La Grange Chamber of Commerce during bluebonnet and Indian blanket flowering season.

Winedale Inn — Restored stagecoach inn. (See ROUND TOP this section.)

LAKES

Alcoa Lake — 703-acre lake owned and operated by the Aluminum Company of America for cooling purposes in plant operation, and for recreation. Water sports include swimming, boating and skiing. Excellent fishing year-round. Not shown on section map. Southwest of Rockdale (I-13) about 10 miles.

Bastrop, Lake — 1,000-acre constant-level lake set amid low hills. Two recreational areas, on north and south sides of lake, operated by Lower Colorado River Authority. Picnic areas, fishing, swimming, boating, water skiing, boat launching ramps. About five miles northeast of Bastrop. Admission. J-13

Belton Reservoir — Set amid scenic hills, 7,400-acre reservoir winds and branches into numerous arms and coves along 110-mile shoreline. Corps of Engineers impoundment offers lakeside camps, marinas and parks with boat launching ramps, picnic areas, camping and trailer sites. Obtain details at headquarters area, F.M. 2305 at the dam. Few miles northwest of Belton, also accessible from Killeen and Temple. H-12

Camp Creek Lake — 750-acre recreational lake offering boat ramps, swimming, fishing, picnicking and lakeside camp sites. Not shown on section map. 13 miles southeast of Franklin (I-14). Inquire locally for route.

Mexia, Lake — Navasota River and lesser streams form the 1,200-acre recreational spot for boating, swimming, skiing, lakeside camps, and excellent year-round fishing. One of the smaller streams is Baines Creek. (George Washington Baines, great-grandfather of former President Lyndon Baines Johnson, was circuit-riding Baptist preacher in area during Civil War years.) About 10 miles southwest of Mexia, also accessible from Groesbeck. H-13

Somerville Reservoir — 85-mile shoreline around 24,500 acres of water. Recently completed impoundment has numerous camping and park areas administered by Corps of Engineers, plus commercial marinas and public areas. Facilities attract thousands for fishing, camping and water sports. Obtain details at headquarters area, north end of the dam off Texas 36. About 13 miles northwest of Brenham, 18 miles southeast of Caldwell, also accessible from Somerville. J-13

HIGHLANDS MANSION, MARLIN

Stillhouse Hollow Reservoir — Corps of Engineers project impounds Lampasas River to form 6,430-acre reservoir. 58-mile shoreline dotted with parks and recreational areas, campsites, boat launching ramps, picnicking spots and marina facilities. Obtain details at headquarters area at the dam, F.M. 1670 off I.H. 35, or off U.S. 190. About eight miles southwest of Belton, also accessible from Killeen, Salado and Temple. I-12

Waco, Lake — 7,260-acre impoundment, 60 miles of shoreline, much within the city limits of Waco. Boating of all kinds, long sand beaches, swimming, year-round fishing, lakeside camps, marinas and parks. Northwest edge of Waco. H-13

LAMPASAS Grid I-11 Pop. 5,799 Alt. 1,025

General—Established as Burleson in early 1850s, name changed with creation of Lampasas County; designated county seat. Mineral springs were popular among Indians in the area long before white settlers arrived, and they still flow, hardly half a mile from the native stone courthouse. A number of historic pioneer homes remain with many original furnishings, including the Keystone Hotel, an early Texas landmark and stagecoach stop. Sportsmen find prime hunting for plentiful white-tailed deer in the rugged Hill Country region, and excellent fishing in local creeks and nearby Lampasas and Colorado rivers.

Major Events — Golf: Women's Invitational Golf Tournament, one-day competition in late Apr.

School Masters' Invitational Golf Tournament, two days of links competition in mid-May.

Invitational Tournament of the Lampasas Golf Association, three days late May.

(Mrs.) Albert R. Bullion Collection — Items are personal relics of Isaac Newton Loveless, Confederate veteran. Books, furniture, photographs. Open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 2 - 5 p.m.; 406 S. Walnut St.

Lake — Buchanan. See LAKES, Ranch & Hill Country section.

Parks — Privately owned Gunderland Park, 430 acres on Sulphur Creek; campsites, fishing, swimming and picnic facilities. Two miles east, access via local roads from U.S. 190. Admission.

Hancock Park, 109-acre municipal facility at Hancock Springs which flow millions of gallons of water daily. Picnic grounds, swimming pool, a nine-hole golf course. Southwest corner of city, access off U.S. 281.

MADISONVILLE Grid I-14 Pop. 2,792 Alt. 278

General — Named for the fourth President of the United States; center for cotton, cattle and lumber in this local region, and is the seat of Madison County.

Major Event — Madisonville Sidewalk Cattlemen's Association Celebration, three days in June. El Camino Trail Ride opens the festivities which include a horse and cattle show, and an R.C.A.-approved rodeo.

Yesteryear — Pioneer atmosphere in setting of re-created frontier town. Buildings include a barbershop, log cabin, bank, barroom, blacksmith, livery stable, post office, drug store and trading post. Picnic area, small animals in a petting zoo, plus deer, wild rams, guanacos, buffalo and Texas Longhorns. Ten miles north on I.H. 45 at Old San Antonio Road (OSR) or Texas 21 exit. Open May - Oct. Admission.

MARLIN Grid H-13 Pop. 6,327 Alt. 383

General — Established in the 1830s, town and early settlers suffered numerous attacks by Indians — with the outnumbered colonists often on the losing side. Sites of such Indian conflicts are marked about town. Drillers struck a hot artesian well in 1891, and its curative qualities soon made town a health spa. The steaming mineral water still gushes 380,000 gallons a day. Still favored for mineral water baths and popular as a vacation and retirement area; many enjoy fishing and golfing facilities. Two miles west of the city, scenic falls area on the Brazos River provides fishing and swimming.

Highlands Mansion — Although not as imposing on the outside as some mansions of its day, this 19th Century house displays exceptional elegance within. Building reflects graciousness of its era in details including a leaded stained-glass dome, cut glass china cabinet and tufted leather paneling. One mile northeast on F.M. 147. Open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily except Sun., 1 - 4 p.m. Admission. No children under 12.

MEXIA Grid H-14 Pop. 5,859 Alt. 534

General — Established 1871, named for Mexican General Jose Antonio Mexia whose family donated the townsite. The general first served under Santa Anna, but later joined an uprising against the Mexican dictator. The rebellion failed, and the city's namesake died before a firing squad. Natural gas discovered nearby in 1912; oil gusher blew in nine years later. Resulting boom brought a rowdy period marked by violence and martial law. As in all cases the boom faded quickly, and Mexia today is a small, quiet city devoted to modern agriculture, oil and gas production.

Fort Parker State Park — 1,485 acres of wooded and open parkland offer natural beauty, varied recreational opportunities. On Navasota River and 750-acre Lake Springfield. Camping, trailers, fishing, swimming, nature study. Nearby is restored Old Fort Parker (see below). State park is five miles southwest on Texas 14, Park Road 28. Admission.

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Tehuacana Hills — Highest point between Houston and Dallas, a focal point of history for nearly two hundred years. In 1797 Philip Nolan's trading expedition found peaceful Tehuacana Indians farming the land. Fierce Cherokees destroyed the farming tribe around 1830. Tehuacana Academy, organized 1852, provided incentive for founding of Trinity University, now located in San Antonio. Silvery-towered building at the site now occupied by Westminster Junior College & Bible Institute (see below). Five miles northwest on Texas 171.

Westminster Junior College & Bible Institute — Established 1953, Congregational Methodist, branch of Southwestern University in Georgetown. Coed, enrollment about 95. At community of Tehuacana.

MOODY Grid H-12 Pop. 1,223 Alt. 783

General — Established 1881 on the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad. Diversified agriculture featuring cattle, poultry, dairying, cotton, corn and oats.

Mother Neff State Park — First state park in Texas, site donated by mother of former Gov. Pat Neff. Shady 259-acre site traversed by Leon River. Fishing, tent and trailer camping, nature study, hiking, bird watching. Eight miles northeast via F.M. 107, Texas 236. Admission.

NAVASOTA Grid I-14 Pop. 4,985 Alt. 215

General — Historic town that dates from earliest days of Anglo-American settlement in Texas. Soon after Stephen F. Austin's first advertisement for Texas colonists, issued in New Orleans 1822, settlers from Louisiana began to arrive in the Navasota area. Local chamber of commerce can supply information on historical sites. Today a banking and commercial center for large agricultural area.

La Salle Monument — More than 130 years before the first Anglo-American settlers, the French arrived in Texas led by Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle. It was a mistake: La Salle was actually seeking the mouth of the Mississippi River, but after a series of misadventures his fleet of three ships landed at Matagorda Bay. He established a coastal colony called Fort Saint Louis. Two years later while exploring inland, one of his men murdered La Salle near present Navasota. The statue on Texas 90 downtown honors the noted French trader-explorer.

Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park — A few miles southwest on the Brazos River, via Texas 90. (See WASHINGTON this section.)

FORT PARKER STATE PARK, MEXIA

ROCKDALE *Grid I-13* *Pop. 4,664* *Alt. 467*

General — Established 1873 in a rich agricultural district, town is known for its cotton, corn, fruits, vegetables and prize watermelons. Largest shipping point in Texas for lignite coal. Mine near the town has a capacity of 900 tons daily. A large aluminum plant operates nearby.

Lake — Alcoa. See LAKES this section.

ROUND ROCK *Grid I-12* *Pop. 2,687* *Alt. 720*

General — Established 1850, named for large round rock in the bed of Brushy Creek. Site of historic St. Charles Hotel, built 1850. El Milagro, rock farmhouse built in 1859, was home of Washington Anderson, veteran of the Battle of San Jacinto. Best known as site of killing of notorious outlaw Sam Bass, now buried in Round Rock Cemetery. Bass' gang plagued stagecoaches, trains and banks in the area, and was object of intensive chase by Texas Rangers. An informer warned Rangers and Round Rock lawmen of a planned raid on a local bank. The Bass gang was ambushed there on July 18, 1878. Wounded in the gun battle, Bass died two days later.

Major Events — Frontier Days, two days in July prior to Old Settlers' Days (see below) features pageantry, dances and parades, Sam Bass Shoot-Out, trail ride and cookout.

Old Settlers' Days, eight days in July, staged since turn of the century. Festivities include old fiddlers' contest, square dances, concerts, gospel singing, and memorial programs.

El Milagro Museum — Four-generation personal collection of American and Oriental antiques, in historic 1859 structure. Open by appointment; U.S. 79. Admission.

Inn at Brushy Creek — Built about 1850 as the Cole House, a recorded Texas historic landmark. Restored, today a restaurant featuring antique decor, table setting reproductions of Colonial era patterns; Continental cuisine. Off I.H. 35 at U.S. 79 east.

Lakes — Austin and Travis. See LAKES, Ranch & Hill Country section.

ROUND TOP *Grid J-13* *Pop. 105* *Alt. 390*

General — Established 1835 as Jones Post Office. In 1854 Round Top Academy was founded; advertised tuition for the five-month session was $10, with board, laundry, fuel and lights to cost an additional $12 to $15 per semester. The school closed in 1861. Judge Henkel Square contains eight historic homes enclosed by split rail fence.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church — Center of Lutheran faith in Fayette County; dedicated 1866. Unique pipe organ of hand-shaped cedar. Stone construction and simple lines show German architectural influence. Located one block west of Texas 237.

Winedale Inn — Restored stagecoach inn of the 1830s. Also restored pioneer homes and barns. Authentic furnishings and relics. A University of Texas center for study of cultural influences of immigrant groups (predominantly German) who settled the area. Open Thurs. - Sun. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Admission. Four miles east via F.M. 1457 and F.M. 2714 (not shown on section map).

COTTON IN THE BRAZOS VALLEY

CENTURY-OLD WINEDALE INN, ROUND TOP

SALADO *Grid I-12* *Pop. 300* *Alt. 695*

General — Established prior to 1860; location of first Grange formed in Texas; home of early Salado College (1860-85) which was unique in that tuition supported operation. Ruins of college are amid trees on hill east of F.M. 2268 at south limits.

Major Events — Pilgrimage to Old Salado, weekend in Apr.

Salado Art Fair, year's feature event, first weekend in Aug. Thousands attend exhibits, auction, and sales booths offering works of more than 150 artists.

Coppini Arts & Crafts Fair, one day in Oct. Held at Sterling C. Robertson Plantation, former home of early Texas colonizer. Includes tours of Robertson Plantation and Twelve Oaks, another historic pioneer home.

Gathering of Scottish Clans of Texas, weekend nearest Nov. 11. Attracts some 2,000; accented by skirl of bagpipes and colorful tartan banners.

For details on all events, contact Central Texas Area Museum.

Central Texas Area Museum — Across from Stagecoach Inn (below). Depicts area history with documents, antiques and exhibits. Open Mon. - Sat.10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 6 p.m. Admission.

Historic Homes and Buildings — Local inquiry will provide directions to several historic residences, mills and sites dating from early pioneer days. Most contain authentic furnishings, household articles, clothing and documents of a century ago.

Lake — Stillhouse Hollow Reservoir. See LAKES this section.

Stagecoach Inn — Historically the Shady Villa Inn, now the Stagecoach Inn, included among early guests Robert E. Lee, Jesse James and Shanghai Pierce. The restored old structure, a recorded Texas historic landmark, today houses a restaurant. F.M. 2268 (off I.H. 35) immediately south of Salado Creek.

TEXAS SCOTS GATHER ANNUALLY AT SALADO AND AUSTIN

SMITHVILLE *Grid J-13* *Pop. 2,888* *Alt. 324*

General — Established about 1827 in rich farming area, still devoted to agriculture. A large, popular state park is nearby.

Major Events — Smithville Jamboree Celebration attracts large area attendance for three days in Apr.

Smithville Antique Show, one day in May.

Buescher State Park — 1,730 acres of rolling, scenic parkland in the "Lost Pines" region, also including groves of huge live oaks festooned with Spanish moss. Lake Buescher. Camping, shelters, trailers permitted, rest rooms, picnicking, fishing, nature study, hiking. Three miles north via Texas 71/95, F.M. 2104. Scenic Park Road 1 connects this park with Bastrop State Park 15 miles to the west.

SOMERVILLE — Grid J-14 — Pop. 1,215 — Alt. 250

General — Railroad division point and trade center for surrounding agricultural areas, plus a gateway to the huge new Somerville Reservoir. Attesting to fact that railroading has always been an important feature in Somerville is an unusual motel. Its units, modern in furnishings and decor, are remodeled boxcars. A caboose serves as a refreshment-recreation room

Major Event — Somerville Stampede and Fodec, two days in May, features excitement in arena events, western entertainment stars, and a huge barbecue.

MARINAS AND CAMPS DOT THE SHORE OF NEW SOMERVILLE RESERVOIR

Lake — Somerville Reservoir. See LAKES this section.

Lake Somerville State Park — Two sites on Somerville Reservoir offering undeveloped camping areas, boat ramps, fishing, swimming, bathhouse. Birch Creek Area on north shore some 15 miles west via Texas 36 north, F.M. 60 west, Park Road 57 south. Nails Creek Area on south shore some 32 miles southwest via Texas 36 south and F.M. 390 west to Burton, F.M. 1697 northwest and local road northeast. Admission.

TEAGUE — Grid H-14 — Pop. 2,817 — Alt. 499

General — Dating from establishment of machine and car shops by the Trinity & Brazos Valley Railway, city is named for niece of railroad magnate B. F. Yoakum. The T&BV was known as the "Boll Weevil Line" because so many special trains ran to conferences about combating the insect menace in Texas cotton fields.

Major Events—Horse Shows in Apr. and Aug. with prize animals and performance competition in the Teague Rodeo Arena.

Western Days Celebration, three days around July 4; rodeo, parade, entertainment at Golden Garter Saloon and Olde Opry House.

Burlington-Rock Island Railroad Museum — The Trinity & Brazos Valley Railway was purchased by the Burlington and Rock Island lines in 1905; in 1936 inaugurated first streamlined passenger train in Texas, the "Sam Houston Zephyr" between Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston. The old two-story brick station is now a museum with varied relics from the golden age of railroads, plus county historical items. Open Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sun. 1 - 5 p.m.

TEMPLE — Grid H-12 — Pop. 32,645 — Alt. 736

General — Established 1880, first years of growth as railroad town on the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad, and the Missouri, Kansas and Texas line. Today a prosperous retail trade and agricultural center, one of the Southwest's leading medical centers, and a growing industrial producer. Medical facilities include the Santa Fe Hospital, King's Daughters Hospital, and Scott-White Hospital and Clinic. Diversified industrial products include furniture, builders' insulation, shoes and leather products, railroad shops, electronic equipment, plastics, clothing and oil field equipment.

Major Events — Bell County Junior Fair and Livestock Show, two days in Jan.

Temple Festival of Arts, three days in Apr.

Pioneer Day Celebration, the Sat. closest to June 28, recalls frontier heritage.

Texas Bird Breeder's and Fancier's Show, three days in Nov., draws scores of breeders and spectators.

Lakes — Belton and Stillhouse Hollow Reservoirs. See LAKES this section.

Temple Junior College — Established 1926, coed, enrollment exceeds 1,000.

Temple Lake Park — 172 acres on Belton Reservoir featuring camping, picnicking, swimming, boating and fishing.

WACO — Grid H-13 — Pop. 92,600 — Alt. 427

General — One of Texas' 13 major cities, located in rich agricultural region of the Brazos River Valley. Modern industry thrives, but the city retains flavor of its past when the five "C's" were its support: cattle, cotton, corn, collegians and culture. Large, cold springs on the Brazos River were long popular with the Waco Indians. First white men to see area were remnants of DeSoto's band in 1542. Texas Ranger fort established near the Indian village in 1837; first white settlers came 12 years later. Great plantations along the Brazos prospered briefly, but Civil War wrecked the plantation economy and scattered the population.

DOWNTOWN WACO

Renewed Western movement and the Chisholm Trail through Waco brought another boom — and frontier wildness that nicknamed the town "Six-shooter Junction." Today known for cleanliness and famous educational, cultural and recreational facilities.

Major Events — Brazos River Festival & Pilgrimage, Cotton Palace Pageant, last weekend Apr. Pilgrimage visits five historic houses, museums from Waco's early days, plus other historic sites; features outdoor art shows, food booths, children's center, "Thieves' Market," and old-fashioned melodrama. Cotton Palace Pageant depicts early Waco and Texas history, plus coronation of Cotton Palace royalty.

Heart O' Texas Fair, five days early Oct. Among the state's largest fairs; traditional livestock, farm and home exhibits plus a feature rodeo and fun-filled midway.

Armstrong Browning Library — On campus of Baylor University, the world's largest collection of works and memoirs of Robert and Elizabeth Barrett Browning. Open Mon. - Fri. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.; 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Sat. 9 a.m. - noon, Sun. 2 - 5 p.m.

Baylor University — Founded 1845, coed, famous Southern Baptist university enrolls about 8,000 students at main Waco campus and in branch colleges of dentistry, research and medicine in Dallas and Houston. Home of the Baylor Bears, Southwest Conference contenders.

Baylor University School of Nursing — Established 1909 by Baptist Convention of Texas, administered by the main university. Coed, enrollment about 300.

Central Texas Zoo — Informality and enchantment—with special planning for children. Selected animals may be hand fed. Near Municipal Airport and Lake Waco.

Heart O' Texas Coliseum and Fairgrounds — 11,000-seat auditorium-coliseum features ice shows, athletic events, stage productions, rodeos, industrial shows and is setting for giant Heart O' Texas Fair each Oct.

TEXAS RANGER STATUE, FORT FISHER, WACO

SOMERVILLE RESERVOIR

Historic Homes — Superb group of classical Southern homes restored and preserved, open by appointment throughout year and during annual Brazos River Festival & Pilgrimage; supervised by Heritage Society of Waco.

Two special homes are museums: Fort House, 504 S. 4th St., and East Terrace, 100 Mill St. Both open Sat. - Sun. 2 - 5 p.m., feature period furnishings and memorabilia. Admission.

Homer Garrison Memorial Texas Ranger Museum (Fort Fisher) — Replica of an original Texas Ranger fort established 1837. Displays commemorate history and heritage of the Texas Rangers. Headquarters for present Company F, Texas Rangers. Located in a 37-acre park along I.H. 35 at Riverside Dr. Camping, picnic sites. Museum open Fri. 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 6 p.m.

Lake — Waco. See LAKES this section.

Old Suspension Bridge — Still in use at S. 1st St. and Austin Ave., was the nation's largest suspension bridge when built in 1870, and became vital avenue over which passed much of the great Western movement. The famous Brooklyn Bridge later patterned after it — both built by Roebling of New York.

Parks — A network of 16 spacious, beautiful municipal parks unrivaled in the Southwest, led by 680-acre Cameron Park with profuse flowering plants, scenic vistas and miles of quiet bridle and footpaths — all in heart of city.

Paul Quinn College — Founded 1872, coed, one of oldest liberal arts colleges for Negroes in the South. The 22-acre campus includes 15 buildings and an enrollment of some 650 students.

Strecker Museum — Indian life and lore, geological, biological, anthropological collections. Electronically guided tours. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - noon, 2 - 5 p.m. Richardson Science Building, Baylor University campus.

Texas History Collection — Relics of early Texas and Southwestern pioneers, extensive archival materials. Open Mon. - Thurs. 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat. 8 a.m. - noon. Carroll Library Building, Baylor University campus.

Texas State Technical Institute — Established in 1965, coed, operates as part of Texas A&M University System; courses in technical and vocational education to some 1,400 students. Located at former James Connally Air Force Base, north side of city.

WASHINGTON *Grid J-14* *Pop. 300* *Alt. 200*

General — Usually known as Washington-on-the-Brazos, dates from 1822, when a ferry was operated across Brazos River just below mouth of Navasota River. A significant part of early Texas history was written here. The provisional government of Texas organized here March, 1836; Texas Declaration of Independence and Constitution in 1836, and a full corps of executive officers was created. A year later Washington was incorporated, and in 1842 was briefly the capital of Texas.

Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park — Extensive restoration program underway at the historic site on the Brazos River. Several old structures are in place; an unusual new museum is the focal point. Star-shaped, two-level museum contains auditorium, special showcase on Anson Jones, biographies and pictures of signers of Texas Declaration of Independence, library. Glass-walled second level features exhibits on colonial influences in Texas. Landscaping in park based upon flora common to Texas in 1836. Additional reconstruction will include pioneer homes, shops and stores along original village streets. Extensive picnic areas in groves of trees along the Brazos. Admission.

campground guide

In every season the camping's great in Texas! Sites listed below are administered by local, state and federal agencies. Not included are commercial camps whose listings are usually available in commercial guides. Camps are listed under nearby city name; driving directions are provided to each.

Directions are by standard compass abbreviations: **N** (north), **NE** (northeast), **E** (east), **SE** (southeast), **S** (south), **SW** (southwest), **W** (west), **NW** (northwest). Highways are indicated by standard abbreviations: **IH** = Interstate Highways, shown on maps as (35). **US** = U.S. Highways, shown on maps as (80). **Tex** = Texas State Highways, shown on maps as (21). **FM** or **RM** = Texas Farm or Ranch Roads (all are excellent paved routes), shown on maps as (770).

Drinking water is at all sites except where specifically noted.

BASTROP — **Bastrop State Park**

Tex 21 at E city limits. Tent & trailer sites, cabins, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers, dump sta. Entrance $1, daily tent $1, trailer $1.75, cabins $6-9, max 14 days May 1-Sept 15. Snack bar. Swim, fish, picnic, playground, golf, nature trail. (Bastrop St Pk, Box 518, Bastrop 78602)

BASTROP — **North Shore Recreation Area**

Tex 95 N 3.4 mi; FM 1441 E 2.6 mi; LCRA rd E .2 mi and S .8 mi. On Lake Bastrop. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers, area lighting, dump sta. Daily $1.50-3, max 14 days Apr 15-Sept 15, 28 days Sept 16-Apr 14. Groc, laundry, boat ramp. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic, nature & bike trails. (Lower Colorado River Authority, Box 220, Austin 78767)

BASTROP — **South Shore Recreation Area**

Tex 21 NE 1.8 mi; LCRA rd N 2 mi. On Lake Bastrop, Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers, area lighting, dump sta. Daily $1.50-3, max 14 days Apr 15-Sept 15; 28 days Sept 16-Apr 14. Groc, laundry, boat ramp. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic, playground. (Lower Colorado River Authority, Box 220, Austin 78767)

BELTON — **Belton Lakeview Park**

Tex 317 N 1.9 mi; FM 2271 W 2 mi. On Lake Belton. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Groc, restaurant, snack bar, fishing barge, boat ramp, boat storage. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 209, Belton 76513)

BELTON — **Iron Bridge Park**

Tex 317 N 14.3 mi; FM 2601 W 5.7 mi; local rd SW 1 mi. On Lake Belton. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets, area lighting. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 209, Belton 76513)

BELTON — **Live Oak Ridge Park**

Tex 317 N 1.9 mi; FM 2271 W 3 mi. On Lake Belton. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Snack bar, boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 209, Belton 76513)

BELTON — **Rogers Park**

Tex 317 N 6.2 mi; FM 2483 W 2 mi; local rd N 1 mi; local rd W .5 mi. On Lake Belton. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Snack bar, fishing barge, boat ramp. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 209, Belton 76513)

BELTON — **Westcliff Park**

Tex 317 N 1.9 mi; FM 2271 W 2 mi; FM 439 W 2.5 mi; local rd NW .5 mi; local rd N .5 mi. On Lake Belton. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Restaurant, snack bar, fishing barge, boat ramp. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 209, Belton 76513)

GATESVILLE/Moody — **Mother Neff State Park**

From Gatesville: Tex 36 SE 2.6 mi; FM 107 E 17 mi (6 mi W of Moody); Tex 236 S 1.8 mi; Park Rd 14 W. On Leon River. Tent & trailer camping permitted, fl toilets, showers. No entrance fee; daily tent or trailer $1, max 14 days May 1-Sept 15. Fish, picnic, playground, nature study. First official state park. (Mother Neff St Pk, Rt 1, Box 21, Moody 76557)

GROESBECK/Mexia — **Fort Parker State Park**

From Groesbeck: Tex 14 N 5.2 mi; Park Rd 28 W. On Lake Springfield. Tent & trailer sites, screened shelters, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers. Entrance $1, daily tent or trailer $1, shelters $3.50, max 14 days May 1-Sept 15. Boat ramp, fishing pier. Swim, fish, boat & rentals, picnic, playground, paddle boats. (Fort Parker St Pk, Rt 1, Box 256, Mexia 76667)

MADISONVILLE — **Wilson Shoals Park**

Tex 21 NE 11 mi; FM 247 S 8 mi; local rd E 3 mi. On Trinity River. Tent & trailer sites, screened shelters, cabins, elec outlets, pit toilets, area lighting. Tent, trailer & shelters free; cabins, daily $1.50; max 60 days. Groc. Swim, boat, fish, bait, picnic, playground. (County Courthouse, Madisonville 77864)

MARLIN — **Falls Area**

Tex 6 SE 2.1 mi; FM 712 SW 2.6 mi; local rd SW .3 mi. On Brazos River. Tent sites. Free, max 7 days. Swim, boat, fish, picnic, nature trail. (County Courthouse, Marlin 76661)

MEXIA — **Lake Mexia Park**

US 84 W 6.4 mi; FM 2681 S 1.2 mi. On Lake Mexia. Tent & trailer sites, screened shelters, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers, area lighting. Daily tent $1.50, trailer $2, shelters $3. Groc. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic, playground. (Lake Mexia Concessions, Rt 1, Box 471, Mexia 76667)

MEXIA (see Groesbeck)

MOODY (see Gatesville)

SMITHVILLE — **Buescher State Park**

Tex 95/71 N 1.7 mi; FM 153 E .5 mi; Park Rd 1 N. Tent & trailer sites, screened shelters, fl toilets. Daily tent $1, trailer $1.75, shelters $1.50, max 14 days May 1-Sept 15. Fish, picnic, playground, nature study. (Buescher St Pk, Box 75, Smithville 78957)

SOMERVILLE — **Big Creek Park**

Tex 36 N 3.7 mi; FM 60 W 3.6 mi; local rd S 2.7 mi. On Somerville Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals. (Corps of Engineers, Box 98, Somerville 77879)

SOMERVILLE — **Lake Somerville State Park**

Two sites on Somerville Reservoir. Birch Creek Area on north shore: Tex 36 N 3.7 mi; FM 60 W 7.2 mi; Park Rd 57 S 4 mi. Camping area, bathhouse, cold showers, fl toilets. Entrance $1.* Daily tent or trailer $1, max 14 days Apr 15-Sept 15. Boat ramp. Fish, swim, boat, picnic. Nails Creek Area on south shore (from Burton): FM 1697 N 12.2 mi; local rd NE 3.5 mi. Camping area, fl toilets. Entrance $1.* Daily tent or trailer $1, max 14 days Apr 15-Sept 15. Boat ramp. Fish, boat, picnic. *Single entrance fee good at both areas. (Somerville St Pk, Rt 1, Somerville 77879)

SOMERVILLE — **Overlook Park**

Tex 36 S 2.5 mi. On Somerville Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, showers, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 98, Somerville 77879)

SOMERVILLE — **Rocky Creek Park**

Tex 36 S 2.5 mi; FM 3092 W 5 mi; local rd N 2 mi. On Somerville Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Daily $1 Memorial Day - Labor Day; free other times; max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 98, Somerville 77879)

SOMERVILLE — **Welch Park**

Adjacent to headquarters area at west limits of Somerville. On Somerville Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 98, Somerville 77879)

SOMERVILLE — **Yegua Creek Park**

Tex 36 S 2.5 mi; FM 3092 W 1.3 mi; local rd N .5 mi. On Somerville Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat. (Corps of Engineers, Box 98, Somerville 77879)

TEMPLE — **Cedar Ridge Park**

Tex 36 NW 8 mi; local rd S .3 mi. On Lake Belton. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 209, Belton 76513)

TEMPLE — **Leona Park**

Tex 36 NW 11.7 mi at Leon River. On Lake Belton. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 209, Belton 76513)

TEMPLE — **McGregor Park**

Tex 36 NW 10.7 mi; local rd SW 2 mi. On Lake Belton. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat & rentals, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 209, Belton 76513)

TEMPLE — **Owl Creek Park**

Tex 36 NW 13.7 mi; local rd W 1 mi; local rd S 1.5 mi. On Lake Belton. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramps. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 209, Belton 76513)

TEMPLE — **Temple Lake Park**

From IH 35/FM 2305: FM 2305 W 8.4 mi. On Lake Belton. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Snack bar, boat ramp, fishing barge. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 209, Belton 76513)

TEMPLE — **White Flint Park**

Tex 36 NW 12.7 mi. On Lake Belton. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 209, Belton 76513)

TEMPLE — **Winkler Park**

Tex 36 NW 12.7 mi; local rd N 2 mi. On Lake Belton. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 209, Belton 76513)

WACO — **Koehne Park**

Within city: Valley Mills Drive NW. On Lake Waco. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Groc, boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 5041, Waco 76708)

WACO — **Midway Park**

Within city: From Tex 6/IH 35: Tex 6 NW 5 mi. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Free, max 14 days. Groc, cafe, boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 5041, Waco 76708)

WACO — **Speegleville Park**

Within city: From Tex 6/IH 35: Tex 6 NW 6.2 mi. On Lake Waco. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. No drinking water. Free, max 14 days. Groc, boat ramp. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Corps of Engineers, Box 5041, Waco 76708)

towering west

Here's the tallest region of Texas. Ninety peaks thrust above a mile high, while contorted cliffs plunge deep to secret canyons. This is sun-glinted desert land—all edges and thorns, unrelieved by softening greenery.

Yet here is a primitive, bewitching beauty. Purple mountains against a sky of crystal blue—sun-washed adobe villages—fiercely armed cacti unfolding spectacular blossoms.

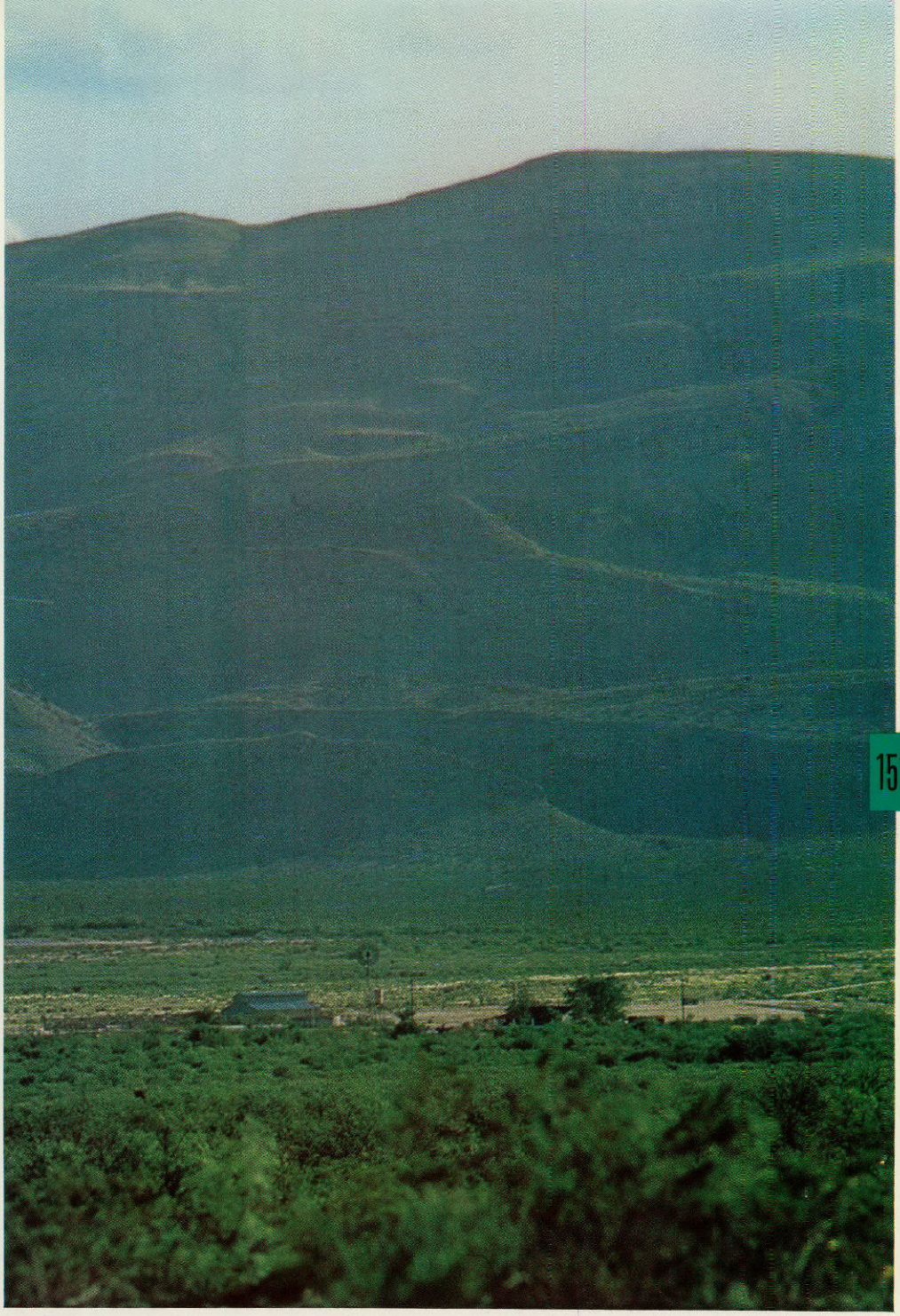
Then . . . discovery! Shangri-La valleys nestled among granite crags—ponderosa pines in an alpine meadow—quivering aspens flecking a mountainside with gold—and the grandeur of Big Bend National Park.

Discover too the exhilarating international atmosphere of two nations' largest cities on their mutual border: El Paso, Texas—and Juarez, Mexico. Separated by the Rio Grande, they're joined by ties of heritage, temperament and culture. Luxurious accommodations—colorful night spots—marimbas and mariachis.

Viva la Towering West!

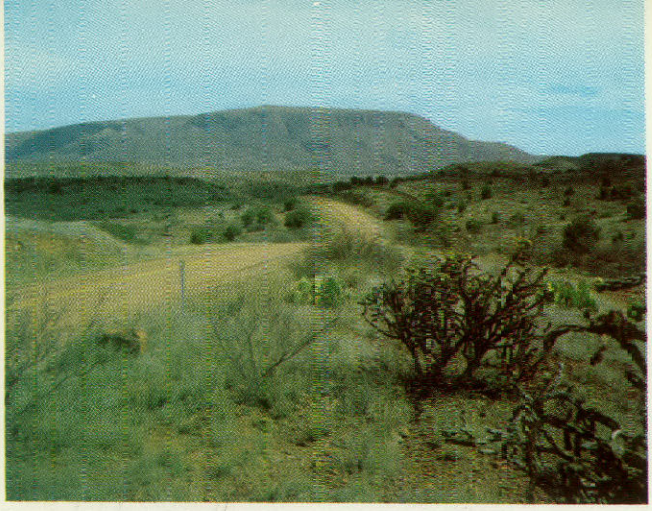
QUITMAN MOUNTAINS TOWER ABOVE
A WEST TEXAS RANCH

CAMPING, BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK



MOUNTAIN CREEK IN BIG BEND

TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TOURIST BUREAU, ANTHONY



MOUNTAIN VISTA ALONG TEXAS 118 SOUTH OF ALPINE

WHERE TO GO, WHAT TO SEE

ALPINE — Grid J-4 — Pop. 5,811 — Alt. 4,485

General — Established prior to 1882; seat of Brewster County, a vast mountainous area of 5,935 square miles, the largest county in Texas. (As a comparison, this single county is larger than the state of Connecticut.) Today the retail center and shipping point for a huge ranching area; headquarters for mining companies. Climate and location make the town a popular vacation area. Visitors enjoy golfing, mountain climbing, horseback riding, rock and mineral collecting, swimming and camping amid spectacular vistas. During season, hunters take mule deer, pronghorn antelope and varmint species, plus upland game birds.

Big Bend National Park — Approximately 80 miles south of Alpine on Texas 118. See BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK this section.

Scenic Drives — Texas 118 north to Fort Davis, then Texas 166 in a westward loop provides a host of mountain vistas on a grand scale.

Texas 118 south toward Big Bend National Park spans both desert and mountain landscapes of primitive grandeur.

U.S. 67 west to Marfa offers additional views of mountain majesty.

Sul Ross State University — Liberal arts, coed; established in 1920, enrolling more than 2,300 students.

Sul Ross State University Museum of the Big Bend — Indian items, reconstruction of a frontier general store, blacksmith shop, stagecoach, buggy, and pioneer rooms. Panels, showcases and walls illustrate area chronological development. On campus. Open 1-9 p.m. Admission.

ANTHONY — Grid G-1 — Pop. 1,560 — Alt. 3,800

General — One of Texas' newest towns (incorporated in 1952); a two-state city. Located on Texas 20, which in this area follows historic route of El Camino Real, Spain's royal highway that connected Mexico with Texas, California and Florida. In 1598 Don Juan de Onate and band of colonizers traveled this road to settle Santa Fe, at rate of only 40 miles in 15 days. Present economy keyed to food canning and packing, cotton, and a federal correctional institution providing adult rehabilitation.

Tourist Bureau — The Texas Highway Department maintains nine Tourist Bureaus at key points of entry to the state, as well as a Tourist Information Center in the State Capitol, and the Judge Roy Bean Visitor Center at Langtry. All bureaus are operated daily throughout the year, and are staffed by uniformed, trained travel counselors. Services free to all visitors include information, maps, literature on every part of the state, plus expert assistance in charting routes. Located on I.H. 10 at the New Mexico state line.

BALMORHEA — Grid I-4 — Pop. 1,009 — Alt. 3,205

General — Established by a firm of land promoters in 1906, townsite was located in center of a 14,000-acre tract watered by the famous San Solomon Springs. Today remains a center of irrigated farming.

Balmorhea State Park — At historic San Solomon Springs, facilities include camping and trailer sites, cabins, swimming, play and picnic areas. Huge walled swimming pool fed by the springs, which flow 26 million gallons daily. With 68,000-square foot surface, pool is one of world's largest. Springs were important

towering west

A		F		R	
Acala	H-1	Fabens	H-1	Redford	K-4
Allamoore	H-3	Fort Davis	I-4	Ruidosa	J-3
Alpine	J-4	Fort Hancock	H-1		
Anthony	G-1			S	
		K		Salt Flat	G-3
B		Kent	I-4	San Elizario	H-1
Balmorhea	I-4			Saragosa	I-4
Big Bend		L		Shafter	J-3
National Park	K-5	Lajitas	K-4	Sierra Blanca	H-2
		Lobo	I-3	Socorro	H-1
C				Study Butte	K-4
Candelaria	J-3	M			
Canutillo	G-1	McNary	H-2	T	
Casa Piedra	J-4	Marathon	J-5	Terlingua	K-4
Castolon	L-4	Marfa	J-4	Tornillo	H-1
Chisos Basin	K-5			Toyah	H-4
Clint	H-1	N		Toyahvale	I-4
Cornudas	G-2	Newman	G-1		
				V	
D		O		Valentine	I-3
Dell City	G-2	Orla	G-4	Van Horn	I-3
E		P			
El Paso	G-1	Pecos	H-4		
		Pine Springs	G-3		
		Plata	J-4		
		Presidio	K-3		

For a complete state driving map, refer to the Official Highway Travel Map available free from the Texas Highway Department.

legend

(35) Interstate Highway — (72) State Highway — •Rest Area
(90) U. S. Highway — (674) Farm or Ranch Road — ■Comfort Station
(P40) Park Road — (306) Loop or Spur — ★Tourist Bureau
820 Altitude

The Mountain Trail is charted through dramatic vistas from secluded canyons to unspoiled parks and weathered sites of living history. Route marked in light yellow on Towering West map. (also see Travel Trails section, page 180)

TOWERING WEST SECTION
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Carlsbad
Black River Village
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Whites City
CARLSBAD CAVERNS NATIONAL PARK
Pine Springs
Salt Flat
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Red Bluff Lake
Pecos River
LOVING
Mentone
WARD
Pyote
REEVES
Pecos
Barstow
Toyah
Toyah Lake
Balmorhea
Lake Balmorhea
Toyahvale
Saragosa
Kent
Van Horn
Alamoore
Lobo
CULBERSON
HUDSPETH
SIERRA DIABLO MTS.
GUADALUPE MTS.
DELAWARE MTS.
APACHE MTS.
VAN HORN MTS.
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Central Standard Time
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Andrews
Frankel City
Midland
Royalty
Grandfalls
Imperial
Coyanosa
CRANE
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McCamey
Girvin
Fort Stockton
PECOS
Bakersfield
TERRELL
Sanderson
Dryden
Marathon
BREWSTER
GLASS MTS.
Alpine
JEFF DAVIS
Fort Davis
DAVIS MTS.
Valentine
SIERRA VIEJA MTS.
PRESIDIO
Marfa
Cancelaria
Redosa
CHINATI MTS.
CUESTO DEL BURRO MTS.
Plata
Shafter
Casa Piedra
Presidio
Toll Bridge (Privately Owned)
Ojinaga
Redford
Terlingua
Lajitas
Study Butte
CHALK MTS.
CHRISTMAS MTS.
SANTIAGO MTS.
Park Headquarters
Chisos Basin
Rio Grande Village Campground
BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK
Castolon
CHISOS MTS.
Santa Elena Canyon
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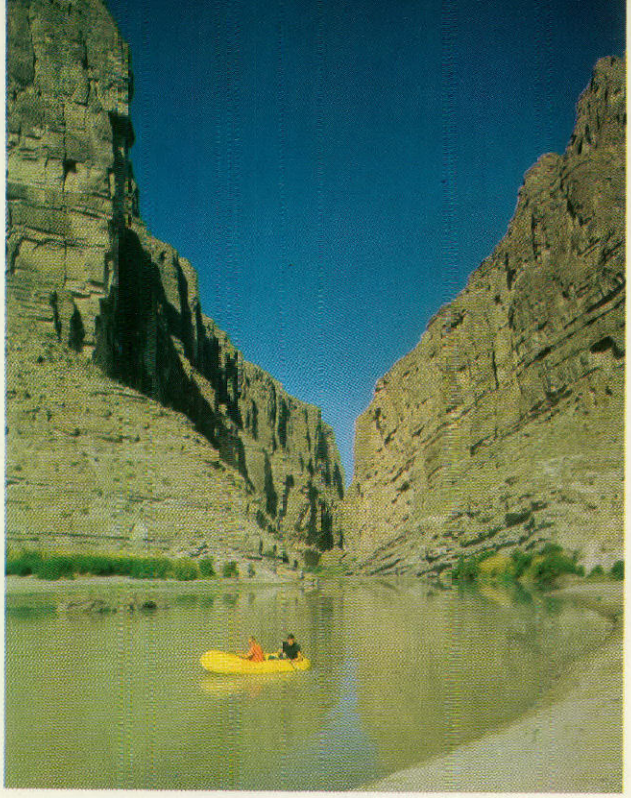


SPECTACULAR SANTA ELENA CANYON, BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK

watering place for buffaloes, Indians and pioneers. Today supply irrigational needs. Four miles southwest off U.S. 290. Admission.
Lake — Balmorhea. See LAKES this section.

BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK *Grid K-5 Pop. 113 Alt. 1,850-7,835*

General — A gigantic area of 708,221 acres enclosing stark desert, lofty mountains and incredible canyons. Edged on three sides by the "Big Bend" of the Rio Grande, international boundary between Mexico and United States.

Millions of years ago the sea covered this area, and fossil shells can be seen along canyon walls. When the ocean receded, it left great marshes and tropic forests where dinosaurs lived and died. A giant crocodile possibly 50 feet long is known to have lived here before recorded history.

Today visitors may see mule deer, javelina (collared peccary), squirrels, cougar, gray fox, bobcat coyote, ringtail, pronghorn antelope and perhaps a rare desert bighorn sheep.

More than 200 species of birds have been identified in the park. Watch for Mexican jay, Scott's oriole, cliff swallow and cactus wren. Also the roadrunner, weak-flying but fleet-footed member of cuckoo family. Only known U.S. nesting place of rare Colima warbler.

Accessible from Marathon via U.S. 385 (79 miles), from Alpine via Texas 118 (108 miles), and from Marfa/Presidio via U.S. 67 and F.M. 170 (156 miles).

Accommodations and routine auto needs available in "The Basin" of the Chisos Mountains. Facilities include cottages, modern motel-type units, campgrounds, trailer parks, small grocery store and gift shop, riding stable, restaurant and post office. Reservations and additional information may be obtained from National Park Concessions, Inc., Big Bend National Park, Texas 79834.

Park rangers present illustrated lectures, guided hikes and horseback trail rides.

The impact of Big Bend on visitors was well told by a U.S. Treasury agent who came to establish a port of entry with Mexico. He wrote, in part: "Nowhere else have I found such a wildly weird country. Emotions are stirred by the grandeur of the scenery and the ever-changing play of light and shadow. A man grows watchful — awe-struck by Nature in her lofty moods."

Big Bend National Park Museum — Exhibits of geological and wild flower interest, plus brochures, trail maps and accommodation information. Lobby of administrative building at Panther Junction. Open 8 a.m.-8:30 p.m. daily.

Scenic Drive — El Camino del Rio, Spanish for "The River Road," popular name for F.M. 170 which stretches from the western edge of Big Bend National Park to Lajitas, Redford, Presidio and beyond. An excellent, well-traveled highway, one of the most spectacular drives in the nation, plunging over mountains and canyons along the sun-drenched Rio Grande.

CAMPING IN BIG BEND

DELL CITY *Grid G-2 Pop. 714 Alt. 3,698*

General — Only a few years old, the center of a remarkable agricultural venture. In 1948 a rancher, drilling a small well struck an incredibly abundant water supply. Today huge wells produce three-quarters of a billion gallons daily for vast irrigation projects. More than 44,000 acres are cultivated, with a potential of three times that. Average water depth is 90 feet, and has shown no signs of diminishing. Extraordinary supply apparently originates from mountains that surround the area on three sides. Ten miles east of Dell City is a white sands area, as in New Mexico.

Major Event — Dell Valley Hudspeth County Fair, Oct., three days of traditional county fair activities, exhibits and events.

EL PASO *Grid G-1 Pop. 317,462 Alt. 3,762*

General — Grew from four earlier settlements, first of which established by Juan Maria Ponce de Leon in 1827. Largest U.S. city on the Mexican border, and its neighboring Juarez (see below), is Mexico's largest border city. Combined populations exceed 700,000. Located in ancient mountain pass from which the name derived; surrounded by peaks reaching a mile high. Superb climate, dramatic scenery and proximity to Mexico make city one of Texas' most popular tourist and vacation areas. Symphony orchestras, theatre, museums, libraries, and diversified sporting activities including horse and greyhound racing, soccer, polo, baseball, tennis, football and basketball. For full details and literature on city attractions visit the El Paso Chamber of Commerce, 820 N. Mesa St.

EL PASO

Major Events — Southwestern International Livestock Show and Rodeo, nine days in Feb. One of the top shows in the state.

Juarez bullfights, Sundays early Apr. - Sept.; Greyhound races year-round except late Jan. - early Feb.

Home Show, eight days, May. Exhibits and displays highlighting advances and new designs in modern living.

Sun Kings, Texas League baseball at Dudley Field.

Fiesta Chamizal, six days, Oct. El Paso and Juarez events including sports, parades, dancing, and pageantry with festival king and queen.

Sunland Park horse racing, Oct.-May, four miles northwest of downtown El Paso, off I.H. 10. Modern grandstand seats enthusiasts in air-conditioned comfort.

Southwestern Sun Carnival, Dec. 20-Jan. 1, celebrates magnificent climate. Festivities include Sun Bowl football game, art shows in El Paso and Juarez, horse racing, polo, bullfights, tennis, bowling, basketball, golf, concerts, dancing, parades, floats and coronation of Sun Queen.

Aerial Tramway — Breathtaking ride in glass and steel gondola to top of Ranger Peak, 5,632 feet. From viewing platform see vast areas of Texas, New Mexico and Mexico. Tramway operates 10 a.m.-9 p.m. summer; 2 p.m.-9 p.m. winter. Admission.

Chamizal Monument — Cites amicable settlement of a long-standing border dispute between Texas and Mexico. Monument in an area by the Rio Grande where a new channel marks adjusted international boundary. Facilities honoring friendship of U.S. and Mexico being developed on both sides of the border. Off Alameda Ave.

El Paso Centennial Museum — Archaeology, anthropology, geology, plants, animals. Photos and maps show historical development of El Paso. Open Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., afternoons Sun. and holidays. Campus, University of Texas at El Paso, University Ave. and Wiggins Rd.

El Paso County Historical Society — Documents, photographs, souvenirs. Guided tours. El Paso Library, 515 N. Oregon St.

El Paso Museum of Art — Multimillion-dollar Kress Collection, plus frequent exhibits of classical and contemporary Mexican and Southwestern art. Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 1-5 p.m. 1211 Montana Ave.

Fort Bliss — U.S. Army military post established 1848 as defense against hostile Indians and assertion of U.S. authority over lands acquired from Mexico following the Mexican War. Headquarters for Confederate forces in the Southwest during the Civil War, later a refitting post for military efforts against the wily, much-feared Apache chief, Geronimo. Today the U.S. Army Air Defense Center engaged in rocket research and combat training. A replica of original adobe fort and compound is maintained including a museum of frontier military era; Pleasanton Rd. and Sheridan Dr. Open daily, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Hueco Tanks State Park — Precious water from infrequent rains "stored" in natural rock basins, for centuries a strategic site for travelers in this arid region. Located 33 miles east of El Paso, off U.S. 62/180. On rocks are Indian pictographs 2,000 years old, and names of 49'ers on way to California.

AZTEC CALENDAR STONE, EL PASO

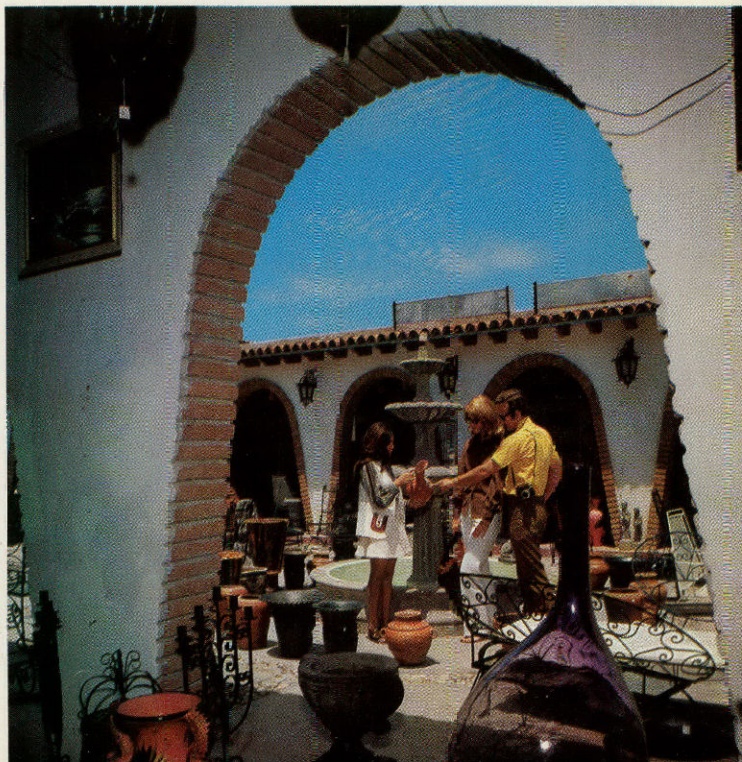
SAN ELIZARIO MISSION, EL PASO

Juarez — Mexico's fourth largest city, and that country's largest city on the U.S. border. Linked to El Paso by four bridges across the Rio Grande, often only a dry arroyo. Juarez numbers more than 280,000 population, offers visitors handicraft bargains in quaint shops, elegant night clubs, luxury hotels and motels, glassblowing factories, art and craft center, and the modern, soaring Juarez Race Track, called "the most beautiful in the Western Hemisphere." (See MEXICO: Entrance and Exit Regulations at the end of book.)

Old Missions — El Paso's Lower Valley is site of several graceful old Spanish missions which antedate the better known missions of California. A tour of them has been mapped by the El Paso Chamber of Commerce.

They include Nuestra Señora del Carmen, established as Corpus Christi de la Isleta, 1631; damaged by both floods and fires, but restored and maintained in original style. Oldest mission in Texas, founded 10 years prior to earliest East Texas mission. Franciscans maintained it to civilize and Christianize Tigua Indians. When established, the mission pueblo was estimated to be about three and one-half leagues southeast and east of modern Juarez. Left on Texas side of the Rio Grande following changes in river channel. Several acres of mission land have been in constant cultivation since 1682 — more than 285 years! Known by several other names including San Lorenzo del Realito and San Antonio de los Tiguas Village of Ysleta in which mission is located now incorporated into El Paso. (See below)

SHOPPING IN JUAREZ



Nuestra Señora de la Concepción del Socorro, pueblo and mission complex, established by refugees from present New Mexico area who were forced to flee following general Pueblo Revolt in 1681. Original relocation was some seven and half leagues south of El Paso in Mexico, but an Indian uprising the following year forced another relocation to village of Socorro on the Rio Grande one league from Ysleta. Early 19th Century flood changed course of the Rio Grande and left village and mission on Texas side. Present village of Socorro adjacent to southeast El Paso.

Village of San Elizario served as seat of El Paso County for many years, and was location of a presidio (fort) of the same name. San Elizario Presidio Chapel was founded 1777 to serve Spanish military garrison and government there. Still in daily use, chapel stands as built almost 200 years ago, preserving a type of architecture that supplanted more austere styles of older Ysleta and Socorro missions.

Parks — Thirty-three parks, plus Ascarate Lake, McKelligon Canyon and Tom Mays West Mount Franklin Park, popular picnic areas.

Scenic Drives — Scenic Drive traces a winding course on southern flank of Mount Franklin above downtown El Paso, with view of Juarez across the river. Reached from Richmond St. on the east, from Rim Rd. on the west.

El Paso is shaped roughly like a "V", divided by imposing steeps of Franklin Mountains. Connecting top ends of the "V" is Loop 375 which climbs through mile-high Smugglers Gap and offers impressive views of rugged mountain-desert scenery. Accessible from I.H. 10 northwest of city, and from U.S. 54 northeast.

AERIAL TRAMWAY, EL PASO

Sierra de Cristo Rey — The Mountain of Christ the King — looms above El Paso at point where territories of Texas, Mexico and New Mexico meet. Atop the 4,576-foot summit stands a massive monument of Christ on the Cross. Built of Cordova cream limestone quarried near Austin, Texas, figure and cross stand 33.5 feet high. A four-mile foot trail winds to the summit. Thousands of pilgrims make the climb on the last Sun. of each Oct. which is the Feast of Christ the King.

Tourist Bureau — I.H. 10 north. (See ANTHONY this section.)

University of Texas at El Paso — Established 1913 as Texas School of Mines and Metallurgy, destroyed by fire in 1916. Rebuilt with beautiful stone buildings in unusual slope-walled Bhutanese (Tibetan) style of architecture, blending perfectly with location on slopes of Mount Franklin. Liberal arts college enrolling more than 10,000 students. Primary athletic facility is the Sun Bowl Stadium. On campus is the El Paso Centennial Museum (which see).

Ysleta — Oldest community within the present boundaries of Texas, now part of the city of El Paso. Following revolt of Indians against the Spanish along the upper Rio Grande in present New Mexico, Spanish refugees and loyal Indians moved south to the protection of the Spanish fort called El Paso del Norte (now Juarez, across the Rio Grande from El Paso). In 1681 refugees established community of Ysleta del Sur, and built the first mission in Texas. Today in the Ysleta section of El Paso, age-old whitewashed adobe buildings stand between modern structures built hundreds of years later. Blue painted doors and window frames may still be seen, an ancient charm to ensure happiness and good luck, and to ward off evil.

PITAYA CACTUS

Within the Ysleta area live descendants of that portion of the Tigua Indian tribe which fled the Pueblo Revolt of 1681 from La Isleta, New Mexico.

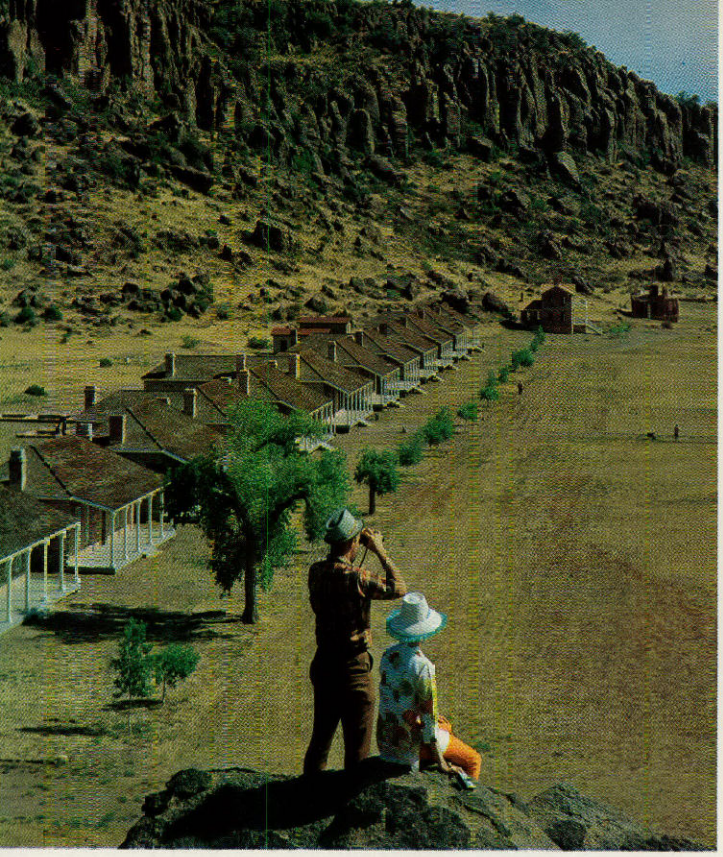
FORT DAVIS *Grid I-4* *Pop. 896* *Alt. 5,050*

General — Established and grew under protection of U.S. Army military post of the same name which was founded in 1854 at crossroads of the famous Chihuahua Trail and the Butterfield Overland Mail Route. Has served as the county seat of Presidio County, and later Jeff Davis County created largely from Presidio. Altitude and climate make it a popular tourist and camping area. During each fall and winter season hunters are attracted by plentiful mule deer and pronghorn antelope.

Davis Mountains State Park — In a sloping basin among the scenic Davis Mountains, 1,869 acres hosting more than 155,000 visitors annually. Primary service facility is multilevel structure called Indian Lodge, patterned in the pueblo style. A free interpretive center is open afternoons, June through Aug., featuring plant and animal material, both live and mounted; bird observation window and wildlife watering station. Camping, picnicking, cabins, dining room, trailer facilities, rest rooms, nature study, hiking. Six miles west of Fort Davis; Texas 118, Park Road 3. Admission.

Fort Davis National Historic Site — Ordered established in 1854 by Jefferson Davis, then U.S. Secretary of War, as a watering stop and protected stronghold for gold seekers, settlers, traders and troops on the way west. The original contingent of troops had to fight fiercely hostile Indians on their way to the site, and while they were building the first structures.

DAVIS MOUNTAINS STATE PARK, FORT DAVIS



FORT DAVIS NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

During the Civil War, Confederate troops occupied the buildings a few months, and then abandoned them. Indians vented their anger on the vacant fort, and little was left when Federal troops returned in 1867. However, substantial rock and adobe buildings were soon constructed, and Fort Davis became the hub of warfare with the Indians.

After years of bloody conflict the Indians of the area were subdued, and there was no further need for troops by 1891. The post was deactivated and slowly fell into silent ruin. In 1961 it was declared a National Historic Site, and a restoration program was undertaken by the National Park Service. Fort Davis is described by the National Park Service as the most extensive and impressive existing example of Southwestern frontier forts.

A museum located in reconstructed barracks is open daily during daylight hours. Features include frontier military mementoes, dioramas, and films on historic aspects of the Southwest.

In addition, another element is often the most vivid experience for Fort Davis visitors. It is a sound re-creation of a military retreat parade from the previous century. It includes the sounds of a mounted review, and music from the military manuals of 1874. Echoing over the empty parade ground, the ceremony is a haunting experience in vivid history.

Neill Museum — Antique toys made in Texas, dolls, bottles and furniture. In historic Truehart House seven blocks west of county courthouse. June through Sept. daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission.

Scenic Drive — Utilizing several highways that describe a loop through the impressive Davis Mountains, the route is an easy way to absorb great quantities of scenery. Some 74 miles in total length (from and back to Fort Davis), the scenic drive passes Davis Mountains State Park, skirts Mount Locke upon whose summit stands McDonald Observatory, continues past beautiful Madera Canyon Roadside Park, over Nunn Hill, the Rockpile Roadside Park, Skillmans Grove and Merrill Roadside Park. Take along a camera and plenty of color film! The loop is comprised of Texas 17, Texas 118 and Texas 166.

University of Texas McDonald Observatory at Mt. Locke — Built 1932 following bequest from William J. McDonald, amateur astronomer. Located on 6,791-foot peak of Mount Locke. Site selected because of clear air, high ratio of cloudless nights, distance from concentrations of artificial lights, and the dust- and radiation-filtering growths of shrubs and timber. Original instrument was 82-inch reflector. In 1968 a new 107-inch reflector, third largest in nation, was installed in larger dome.

Tours of McDonald Observatory are scheduled on weekdays at 9 and 11 a.m., 1, 3 and 4:30 p.m. Weekend tours available at 1, 2, 3 and 4:30 p.m. (Tour schedule subject to change. To verify call HA 6-3303, Fort Davis.) The only time visitors may look through telescope is the last Wed. of each month, and arrangements must be made by writing in advance. Located 16 miles northwest via Texas 118, Spur 78. Spectacular view from the site.

Harvard University's School of Astronomy operates a radio telescope facility in the area, but is open only to technical experts who make advance arrangements.

EL CAMINO DEL RIO (F.M. 170), SCENIC DRIVE ALONG THE RIO GRANDE

LAJITAS *Grid K-4* *Pop. 6* *Alt. 2,200*

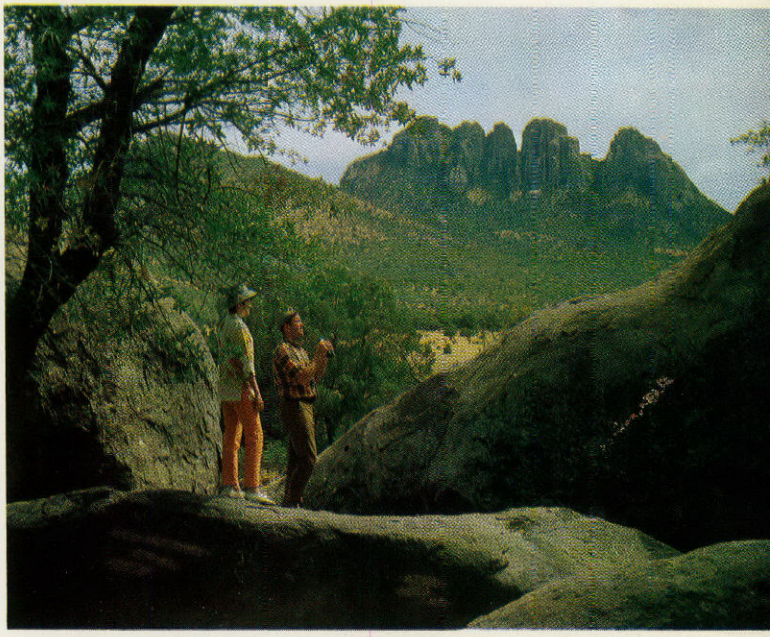
General — (La-HEE-tahs) First became centralized village in 1915 when U.S. Army troops were stationed to protect Big Bend area from the elusive flamboyant Mexican bandit, Francisco (Pancho) Villa. Name is a Spanish word meaning flagstones, from the Boquillas flagstone formation of that area. Area residents predominantly Mexican-American, who farm irrigated plots along the Rio Grande.

Big Bend National Park — Immediately east of Lajitas. (See BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK this section.)

Scenic Drive — El Camino del Rio, Spanish for "The River Road," popular name for F.M. 170 which stretches from Lajitas northwest to Presidio and beyond. It is an excellent paved route and is one of the most spectacular drives in the nation, plunging over mountains and canyons along the sun-drenched Rio Grande.

LAKES

Balmorhea, Lake — Impoundment on Sandia Creek covering 573 acres. Boating and fishing are permitted on lake which provides water for irrigating thousands of surrounding acres. Three miles southeast of Balmorhea. I-4



SAWTOOTH MOUNTAIN NEAR FORT DAVIS

MOUNTAINS AND DESERT PROVIDE LANDSCAPES OF PRIMITIVE BEAUTY

DEVIL'S HEAD CACTUS

Red Bluff Reservoir — Water conservation irrigation project on Pecos River, just south of Texas-New Mexico line. The 11,700-acre impoundment provides a variety of water sports in this arid region, excellent fishing for native catfish and white bass and is the site of an unusual fisheries experiment. Waters contain a significant amount of salt, and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has stocked Red Bluff with several species of fish from the Gulf of Mexico. Recovered saltwater species such as redfish, flounder and speckled trout have shown remarkable growth characteristics — the largest weighing more than 20 pounds. However reproduction of those saltwater species has not yet been confirmed. Five miles north of Orla, 43 miles north of Pecos. G-4

MARATHON *Grid J-5* *Pop. 800* *Alt. 4,043*

General — Indian artifacts still found in area indicate inhabitation for centuries prior to arrival of white man. Fort Pena established here 1879 to guard frontier against Indian uprisings; town developed 1882 with arrival of Texas and New Orleans Railroad. Name suggested by sea captain who saw the area reminded him of Marathon, Greece. Today a tourist crossroads headquarters for ranching activities and shipping point for fluorspar ore.

Big Bend National Park — Approximately 80 miles south of Marathon via U.S. 385. (See BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK this section.)

Black Gap Wildlife Management Area — 100,000 acres devoted to study and development of management practices for protection of native wildlife. Visitors welcome, though formal guided tours not available. Among many birds and animals, visitors may see bobcat, mule deer, pronghorn antelope, cougar, mourning dove, white-winged dove, quail, fox and coyote. No hunting permitted, though excellent fishing available along a 20-mile stretch of Rio Grande. Approximately 55 miles south of Marathon via U.S. 385 and R.M. 2627.

Great Marathon Basin — Widely known geologic area noted for extensive surface outcroppings of varied rocks and minerals, popular with professional geologists and amateur rockhounds. Inquire locally for directions to many interesting spots.

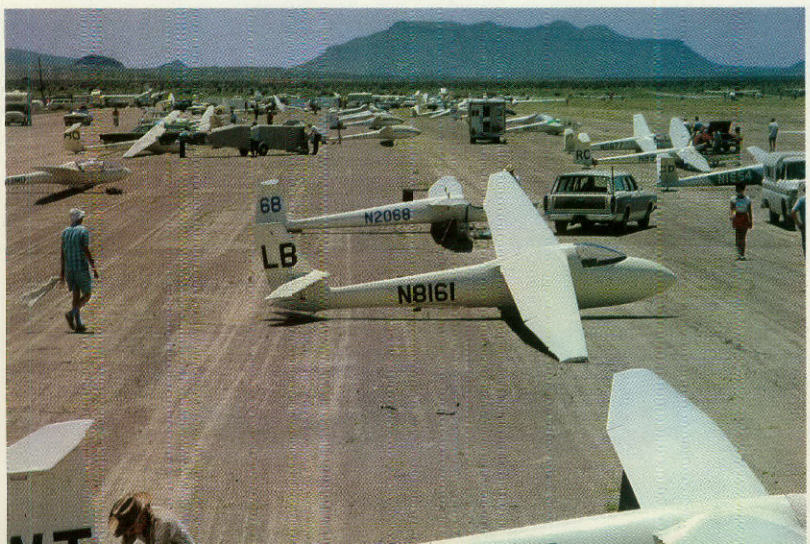
MARFA *Grid J-4* *Pop. 2,611* *Alt. 4,688*

General — Established 1881 as water stop on Texas and New Orleans Railroad, now a trading point for many large ranches in the surrounding mountains. Superb climate makes Marfa a popular tourist center. Several large religious encampments are held each year. Soaring is a popular sport, and sailplanes may often be seen winging gracefully over the high mesas and mile-high peaks. In season, hunters are attracted by plentiful mule deer and pronghorn antelope.

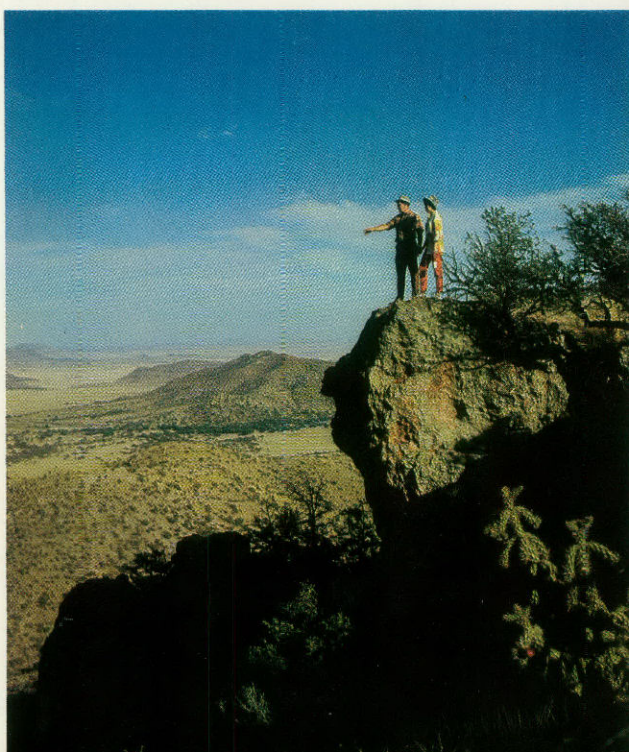
Major Events — Old-Timers' Team Roping event highlights traditional cowboy skills. Old timers and rodeo ex-champions from many states gather in Marfa for the annual spring event.

The annual Marfa Soaring Camp attracts sailplane competitors from throughout the world. Two national championships and a world championship soaring contest have been staged here in recent years. Scheduled during a week of late June or early July.

NATIONAL SOARING MEET AT MARFA



HIKING TRAILS OFFER SCENIC VISTAS



Big Bend National Park — Approximately 156 miles southeast of Marfa via U.S. 67 and F.M. 170. (See BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK this section.)

Highest Golf Course in Texas — Municipal nine-hole course nearly a mile high. Visitors and locals enjoy golfing in the clear, dry mountain air; several tournaments scheduled annually.

ORLA *Grid G-4* *Pop. 183* *Alt. 2,885*

General — Small community grew around a section house on Pecos River Railroad in 1890s. Name is Spanish, meaning border or fringe, applied to location near the Pecos River.

Lake — Red Bluff Reservoir. See LAKES this section.

PECOS *Grid H-5* *Pop. 12,492* *Alt. 2,580*

General — Established 1881 as stop on Texas and Pacific Railroad, Pecos gained early fame as hangout for rowdy cowboys and fast-draw lawmen. One of the nation's earliest rodeos was staged here in 1883. It was an informal contest to settle arguments between cowboys of such early ranches as the Hashknife, the NA and the Lazy Y — about who was the best at roping and riding. Today a hub of travel both east-west and north-south; center of commerce for irrigated farming, industry, ranching, and oil production. Nearby hunting for mule deer, javelina and upland game birds. Rock collectors seek agate, jasper, desert amethyst and Indian artifacts. Visit the Pecos Chamber of Commerce for details.

Major Events — Sleek show animals featured two days in Jan., Reeves-Loving Counties Livestock Show.

Golden Girl of the Old West Pageant, June, immediately before Pecos' famed rodeo.

Pecos Rodeo, four days around July 4th; lengthy heritage and renowned reputation. Rodeo cowboys from throughout the nation gather to compete for top prizes.

Pecos Fall Fair Festival, prize agricultural specimens from irrigated acres in Reeves County. Four days in Oct.

Lake — Red Bluff Reservoir. See LAKES this section.

Pecos Cantaloupes — Grown in sun-drenched fields irrigated from vast underground sources of water, this luscious melon is the delight of gourmets throughout the United States. Produced from a rare natural combination of alkali soil, western sunlight and altitude, Pecos cantaloupes enjoy comparable status with lobsters from Maine, wines from France and cheeses from Switzerland. Harvested from late July through September, these Pecos delicacies are much in demand and are distributed nationally.

West-of-the-Pecos Museum — Occupies an historic old hotel and saloon (once the area's finest). See restored ornate fixtures, accurate displays of life in the late 1800s, and site where two outlaws were gunned down by quick-draw bartender, Barney Riggs. Provides information on other Pecos tourist attractions. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Sun. 1 - 4 p.m. June - Sept.; Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. 1 - 4 p.m. Oct. - May. Admission.

PINE SPRINGS *Grid G-3* *Pop. 20* *Alt. 5,634*

General — The tiny community on U.S. 62/180 was the location of a station on the famous stagecoach run, the Butterfield Overland Mail Route. The station was established in 1858; tumbled stone ruins and a granite historical marker are all that remain today.

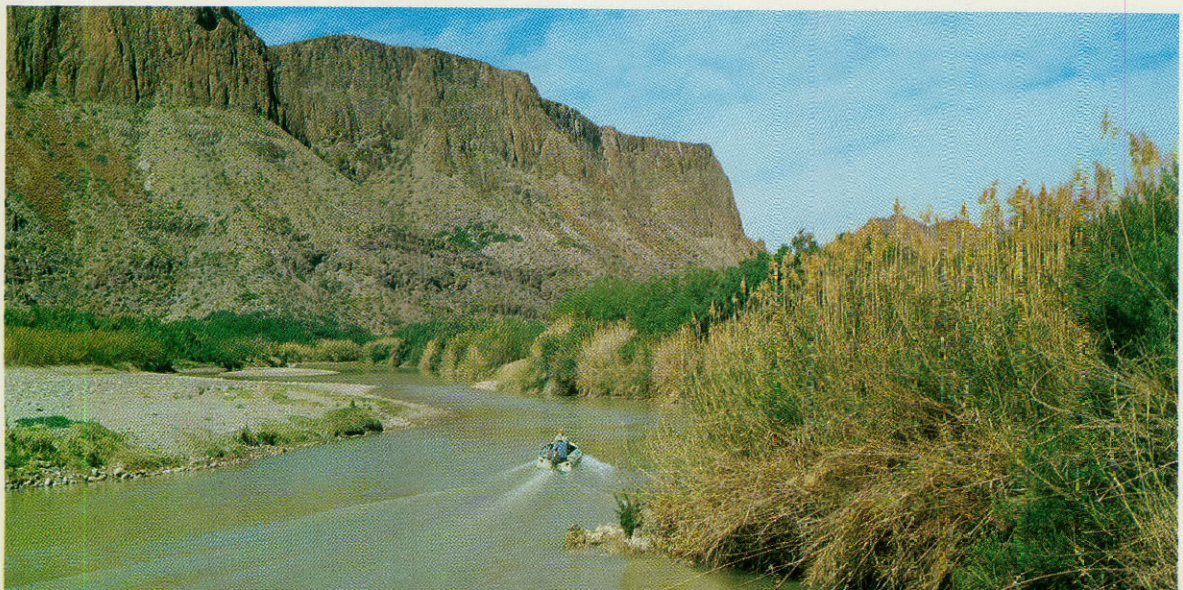
U.S. 62/180 REST AREA, EL CAPITAN MOUNTAIN

Guadalupe Peak and El Capitan — El Capitan at 8,078 feet seems to dominate Guadalupe Peak, Texas' highest at 8,751 feet, which stands behind it when viewed from a rest area on U.S. 62/180 six miles south of Pine Springs. Part of the Guadalupe Mountains, the spectacular peaks are among the most popular photo subjects in Texas.

PRESIDIO *Grid K-3* *Pop. 1,050* *Alt. 2,594*

General — Isolated village on the Rio Grande which grew from an early Spanish settlement once protected by a presidio (fort). Today the Mexican town south of the river is Ojinaga. The Texas town north of the river is Presidio. Surrounding terrain is arid, rugged, and often spectacular (see Scenic Drive below.) NOTE: Tourist facilities in Presidio are quite limited.

El Ferrocarril Chihuahua al Pacifico — (The Chihuahua to the Pacific Railroad) — A dream for more than 60 years, the new railroad slices across Mexico from Ojinaga (across the Rio Grande from Presidio) south to Chihuahua City, then southwest to Los Mochis on the Gulf of California. While the destination is beautiful and pleasant, it is the ride which is spectacular. The route climbs and twists through the soaring Sierra Madres, utilizing 73 tunnels and 27 bridges over its 572-mile distance. The train skirts the shoulders of towering peaks, while below are green tropical valleys and waterfalls. Brief photo stops are made along the way, such as at Barrancas del Cobre (Copper Canyon), said to be as spectacular as the Grand Canyon. The trip requires about 24 hours one-way. Passengers may choose either vintage, comfortable Pullman coaches on standard trains, or modern Italian Fiat coaches, each unit propelled by its own diesel electric power. (See MEXICO at end of book.)



BOATING ON THE RIO GRANDE, MEXICO AT LEFT

Fort Leaton State Park — Established as a Spanish mission in 1683, Fort Leaton became a pioneer trading post around 1846. The ruins, with the original building now more than 280 years old, are located about four miles east of Presidio off F.M. 170. Easily accessible to tourists, the site is being restored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Scenic Drive — El Camino del Rio, Spanish for "The River Road," popular name for F.M. 170 which stretches from Lajitas near Big Bend National Park, northwest through Presidio into the Chinati Mountains. It is a modern highway that follows the twisting bed of the Rio Grande, one of the most spectacular drives in the nation, plunging over mountains and through canyons in a land of primitive grandeur.

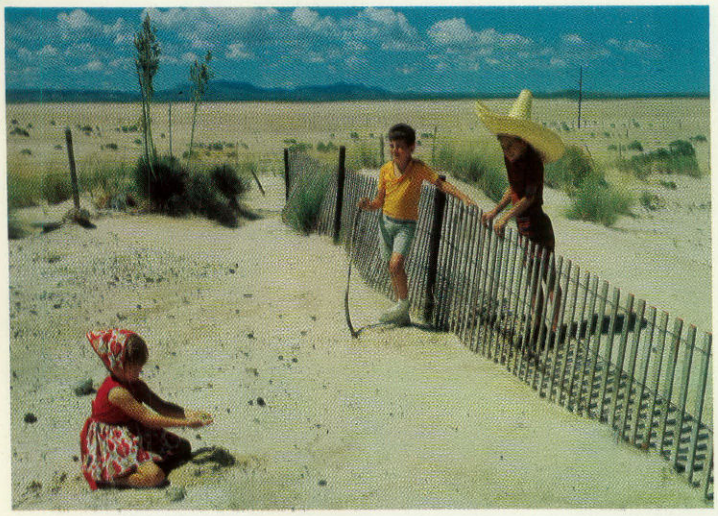
SALT FLAT *Grid G-3* *Pop. 35* *Alt. 3,715*

General — Small community grew up near extensive surface salt deposits left by intermittent lakes near foot of Guadalupe Mountains. Area was cause of a bloody dispute known as the Salt War in the 1860s and 70s. Before the dispute reached a confused, tragic end, it had involved both Mexican and U.S. citizens, political parties, judges and legislators, mob action, army troops and Texas Rangers. Murder, assassination and revenge killings took place on both sides. Some of the gray-white salt deposits may be seen today from U.S. 62/180.

SHAFTER *Grid J-3* *Pop. 31* *Alt. 4,000*

General — Established as silver mining town, early 1880s. Mines produced silver for many years, reaching peak of 1,000,000 troy ounces annually in late 1920s. Mining activities slowly dwindled thereafter, and no production has been reported by U.S. Bureau of Mines since 1952. Scenic ruins.

SALT FLATS BELOW THE GUADALUPE MOUNTAINS



GHOST MINING TOWN OF SHAFTER

ADOBE REPLICA, FRONTIER FORT QUITMAN, SIERRA BLANCA

SIERRA BLANCA *Grid H-2* *Pop. 900* *Alt. 4,512*

General — Established as railroad town 1881, named for Sierra Blanca Peak (6,950 feet) northwest of town. Seat of Hudspeth County. Both central and mountain time are used. Federal offices and railroad use central time — city, county and schools use mountain time, zone in which the town is actually located.

Dogie Wright Collection — Fascinating display of photos, firearms, relics of frontier lawmen and desperados, collected by E. A. "Dogie" Wright, son of a Texas Ranger, and former ranger and sheriff himself. Tax Assessor-Collector's office, Sierra Blanca Courthouse, only adobe courthouse in Texas. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Fort Quitman Replica — Authentic adobe replica of frontier Fort Quitman recalls primitive conditions of Old West military service. Weapons and artifacts span period from prehistoric Indians to 20th Century. West 18 miles on I.H. 10 at F.M. 34. Admission.

Scenic Drive — F.M. 1111 north 43 miles to intersection with primary east-west route of U.S. 62/180. Generally flat ranching areas edged by mountains on the horizon. Profuse stands of giant yuccas growing 15 to 20 feet high. These desert "forests" are most spectacular in March and April when each stalk is topped by huge cluster of white blossoms.

GIANT YUCCAS THRIVE AS DESERT "FORESTS"

STUDY BUTTE *Grid K-4* *Pop. 115* *Alt. 2,500*

General — The wild, harsh area of the Big Bend region was for centuries only the retreat of bandits, smugglers and fierce Apache and Comanche warriors. Civilization came slowly, was admitted grudgingly, and at the first opportunity was swept away as an intruder in this primitive land. Rich deposits of mercury were discovered here about 1900, and the mining town of Study Butte came into being around the Big Bend Cinnabar Mine, managed by Will Study. But fame and progress, elusive as the quicksilver itself, faded as the mines became less and less profitable. The mine closed in the early 1940s. A later attempt to reestablish production failed. Today a few families live among the old stone and adobe structures. Visitors pause to absorb silent impressions of a colorful past, and occasional rockhounds search the tailing heaps for fragments of cinnabar, agate or other colorful rocks. Located on Texas 118 at western edge of Big Bend National Park.

Scenic Drive — F.M. 170 or El Camino del Rio, Spanish for "The River Road." (See LAJITAS this section.)

TERLINGUA *Grid K-4* *Pop. 2* *Alt. 2,720*

General — In the late 1800s the area around Terlingua was inhabited by a few scattered Mexican herders, living in a precarious relationship with Apache and Comanche Indians who regularly moved through the wild country. Mercury was discovered in 1890, and soon a thriving city of almost 2,000 was devoting its energies to extracting the rich red ore from beneath the barren hills. Millions of dollars worth of quicksilver were marketed before the boom tapered off, and today the stillness of Terlingua is broken only by the footsteps of curious visitors. The hundreds of wooden shacks are gone entirely; the scores of rock and adobe buildings stand roofless, walls crumbling. The ghost town is located near the western edge of Big Bend National Park, off F.M. 170.

Major Event — Annual World's Chili Cook-off in early Nov. decides the champion chili cooker. Up to 5,000 contestants, hecklers and spectators converge on downtown Terlingua for the unpredictable event. Dirt airstrip hosts planes from throughout the nation, and since there are no accommodations in Terlingua, campers and makeshift facilites are much in evidence. Texas is represented by winner of earlier state chili cook-off; other contestants include individuals and representatives from worldwide chapters of Chili Appreciation Society International. Event is controlled by CASI and members of Terlingua "city council," composed of columnists, writers and humorists — all nonresidents. Every contest sees heated debate, charges of fraud and skulduggery, and occasional masked "outlaws" stealing or switching ballot boxes.

Old Waldron Mine — Visitors may tour inactive cinnabar mine, and rockhounds are welcome to search tailing heaps. Camping permitted. Admission for tours. West three miles on F.M. 170; north on local road.

Scenic Drive — F.M. 170 or El Camino del Rio, Spanish for "The River Road." (See LAJITAS this section.)

VAN HORN *Grid I-3* *Pop. 2,216* *Alt. 4,010*

General — Grew at junction of historic Bankhead Highway and Old Spanish Trail in mid-1800s. Still a primary road junction of I.H. 10 (U.S. 80), U.S. 90 and Texas 54. Located in a broad basin devoted to irrigated farming, surrounded by Van Horn, Sierra Diablo and Apache Mountains. Mining includes talc, sulfur and marble, plus undeveloped indications of copper, uranium and feldspar. A popular stop for east-west or north-south travelers; caters to longer-staying vacationers with sunny climate, camping areas in the nearby foothills and mountains, interesting rock and mineral deposits, hunting for white-tailed deer, mule deer, prong-horn antelope and upland game birds.

Major Event — Frontier Day Celebration, three days in June. Events include a junior rodeo, parade, barbecue and dance.

YSLETA

(See EL PASO this section.)

campground guide

In every season the camping's great in Texas! Sites listed below are administered by local, state and federal agencies. Not included are commercial camps whose listings are usually available in commercial guides. Camps are listed under nearby city name; driving directions are provided to each.

Directions are by standard compass abbreviations: **N** (north), **NE** (northeast), **E** (east), **SE** (southeast), **S** (south), **SW** (southwest), **W** (west), **NW** (northwest). Highways are indicated by standard abbreviations: **IH** = Interstate Highways, shown on maps as (35). **US** = U.S. Highways, shown on maps as (80). **Tex** = Texas State Highways, shown on maps as (21). **FM** or **RM** = Texas Farm or Ranch Roads (all are excellent paved routes), shown on maps as (770).

Drinking water is at all sites except where specifically noted.

BALMORHEA/Toyahvale — **Balmorhea State Park**

From Balmorhea: US 290 SW 4 mi to Toyahvale and Park Rd 30. Trailer sites, open shelters, cabins, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers, dump sta. Entrance $.50, daily shelters $1, trailer $1.75, cabins $5-8, max 14 days May 1 - Sept 15. Swim, picnic, playground. (Swim pool fed by San Solomon Springs.) (Balmorhea St Pk, Box 15, Toyahvale 79786)

BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK — **Lower Basin in Chisos Mountains**

From BBNP headquarters: Park rd SW 10 mi. Tent & trailer sites, fl toilets, dump sta. Daily $1, max 14 days June 1 - Sept 10; 30 days Sept 11 - May 31. Groc, service sta. Picnic, saddle horses, nature trail, hiking trails. Lodge & cabin accommodations available. (Supt, Big Bend Nat'l Pk 79834)

BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK — **Rio Grande Village**

From BBNP headquarters: Park rd SE 20 mi. On Rio Grande. Tent & trailer sites, fl toilets, dump sta. Daily $1, max 14 days Jan 1 - Apr 30; 30 days May 1 - Dec 31. Groc, service sta. Fish, boat, picnic, hiking. (Supt, Big Bend Nat'l Pk 79834)

FORT DAVIS — **Davis Mountains State Park**

Tex 17 N 1.4 mi; Tex 118 W 2.8 mi; Park Rd 3 SW 4 mi. Tent & trailer sites, guest lodge, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers, dump sta. Entrance $1, daily tent $1, trailer $1.75, lodge $8-20, max 14 days May 1 - Sept. 15. Restaurant, camp store. Heated swim pool, picnic, interpretive center, scenic overlook. (Davis Mountains St Pk, Box 786, Fort Davis 79734)

ORLA (see Pecos)

PECOS/Orla — **Red Bluff Camp Area**

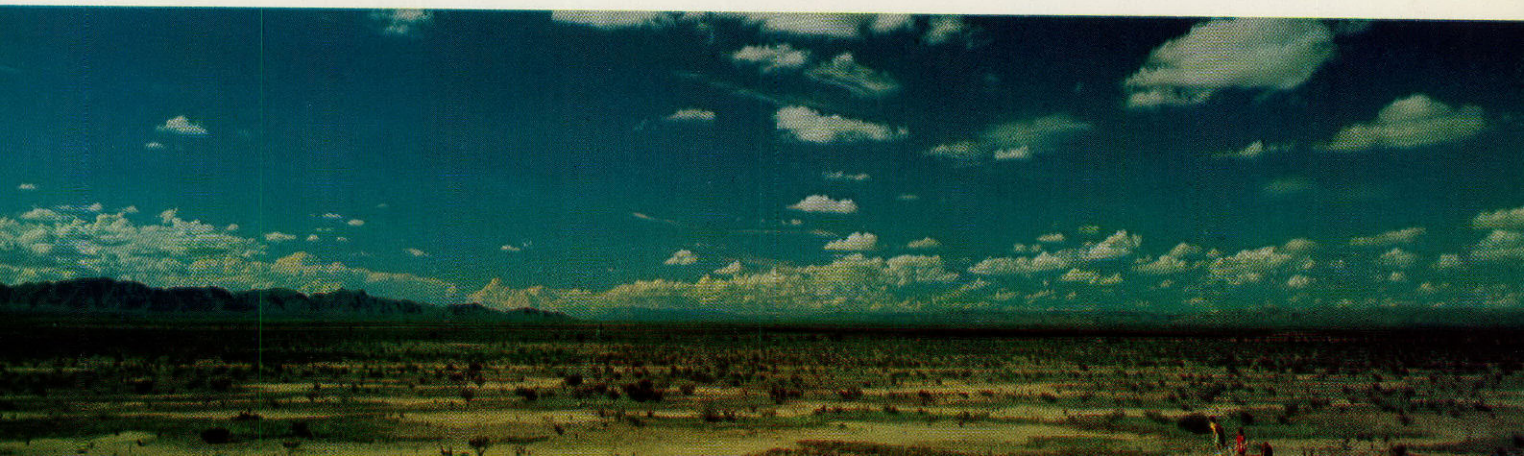
From Pecos: US 285 NW 41.3 mi; local rd N 2.2 mi to dam. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Daily $1. Swim, fish, boat & rentals, picnic. (Red Bluff Water Power Control Dist, 111 W 2nd St, Pecos 79772)

PECOS/Orla — **Red Bluff Camp Area**

From Pecos: US 285 NW 48 mi; local rd E 2 mi. On Red Bluff Lake. Tent & trailer sites, pit toilets. Daily $1. Swim, fish, boat & rentals, picnic. (Red Bluff Water Power Control Dist, 111 W 2nd St, Pecos 79772)

TOYAHVALE (see Balmorhea)

A 60-MILE VIEW FROM U.S. 80 NEAR VAN HORN TO EL CAPITAN MOUNTAIN, CENTER LEFT



border tropics

This is the southern slice of Texas, Latin latitudes accented by sighs of surf, rustling palms and liquid notes of Spanish guitars. Bougainvilleas flame and orange blossoms scent the air in this land that Jack Frost forgot.

These Border Tropics are edged on one hand by uncrowded miles of beach along the Gulf of Mexico . . . on the other by a lazy international boundary called the Rio Grande.

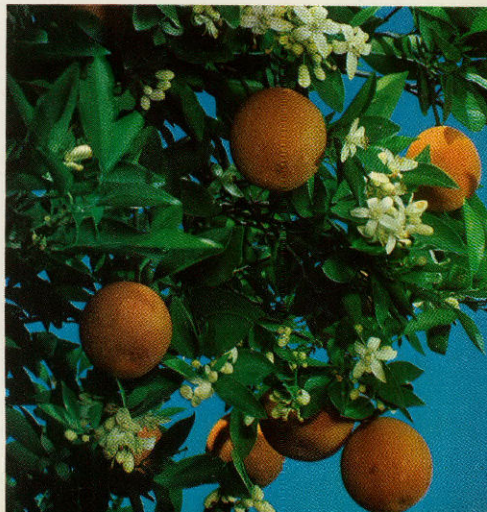
Inland, brushy ranch lands stretch to infinity, recalling cattle empires that shaped the destiny of the Old West. Along the coast shrimp fleets ply their colorful trade, and fair weather sailors command hosts of gleaming pleasure craft.

Although Jack Frost forgot the Border Tropics, Canadian ducks and geese haven't. Nor have sun-and-fun seekers who know that here fiestas are livelier, marlin strike harder, deer grow bigger, and vacations pass quicker each year.

COSTUMED FOR CHARRO DAYS, BROWNSVILLE

CORPUS CHRISTI

CAMPING ON PADRE ISLAND



DECORATIVE HANDMADE GLASS, ALAMO

WHERE TO GO, WHAT TO SEE

ALAMO — *Grid P-12* — *Pop. 4,187* — *Alt. 99*

General — In irrigated area of southern Hidalgo County; incorporated 1924 and named for Alamo Land and Sugar Co. Center for winter vegetables and citrus fruits; part of famed Lower Rio Grande Valley winter resort and retirement area, also serves as one of Valley's gateways to Mexico. (Via U.S. 281; McAllen-Hidalgo-Reynosa International Bridge.)

Live Steam Museum (The Engine Room) — Unique and educational exhibit of all types of steam engines and pumps — all in running order — that generated power in late 1800s to turn of the century. Engines range from 9,000 pounds to Japanese miniature that can be held in hand. Open daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Each Sun. from Nov. - Apr. is "live steam day." About two miles north of U.S. 83 on F.M. 907.

Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge — About 2,000 acres set aside in 1943 to preserve species of South Texas region found nowhere else in U.S. Jungle-like growth is typical of Valley before it was converted to farmland; two of 435 species of plants here occur nowhere else in Texas. No overnight camping or fires. Gates open daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 7.5 miles south. Entrance is .4 miles east of intersection of U.S. 281 and F.M. 907. Admission.

ALICE — *Grid N-12* — *Pop. 19,582* — *Alt. 205*

General — Founded as depot for San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway in 1888; once called Kleberg, presently named after daughter of one of founders of famed King Ranch. Alice is dividing point between noted brush country and coastal plains, also dividing point between the border region and rest of Texas. Town burned to the ground in 1911. Oil was discovered in 1930s, town became hub of area petroleum business while maintaining livestock and farming industries. The present Knolle Jersey Farms has world's largest Jersey herd, located at Sand a 23 miles northeast.

Major Events — Alice Youth Rodeo in June, sanctioned by T.Y.R.A.; four-day rodeo attracts high school students in bronc riding, barrel racing and other typical arena events.

Jim Wells County Fair four days in Oct.: prize livestock exhibits, parades, queen contest. South Texas Santa Gertrudis and South Texas Beefmaster sales are stock shows during or near county fair dates.

ARANSAS PASS — *Grid M-13* — *Pop. 5,594* — *Alt. 20*

General — Named for pass between Mustang and St. Joseph Islands; on mainland but connected to Mustang Island and Port Aransas by causeway and ferry. Shrimping, commercial and sport fishing are the top area industries.

Major Event — Shrimporee, usually in July, salutes the shrimp industry with a giant shrimp boil luncheon, beauty contests, rodeo, fishing derby and the colorful blessing of the shrimp fleet.

Fishing — Area is mecca for fishermen, long advertised as the place "where they bite every day." Countless bait and tackle shops supply all angling needs, including rental equipment. From shore wharves, piers and jetties fishermen may expect to catch redfish, speckled and sand trout, sheepshead, flounder, croakers, skipjack and drum. Group boats provide bay and deep-sea fishing for half or full days; charter cruisers are available for offshore sport. Species caught from group or charter boats may include tarpon, sailfish, marlin, kingfish, mackerel, ling, pompano, bonito, red snapper, warsaw and others.

border tropics

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Aqua Dulce	N-12	Hargill	P-12	Pharr	P-12
Alamo	P-12	Harlingen	P-12	Port Aransas	M-13
Alfred	M-12	Hebbronville	N-11	Port Isabel	P-13
Alice	N-12	Hidalgo	P-11	Portland	M-13
Aransas Pass	M-13	**I**		Port Mansfield	O-13
B		Ingleside	M-13	Premont	N-12
Banquete	M-12	**K**		Progreso	P-12
Benavides	N-11	Kingsville	N-12	**R**	
Ben Bolt	N-12	**L**		Rachal	O-12
Bishop	N-12	La Feria	P-12	Ramirez	N-11
Boca Chica	P-13	La Gloria	O-11	Randado	O-11
Brownsville	P-13	La Joya	P-11	Raymondville	O-12
Bruni	N-11	La Paloma	P-12	Realitos	N-11
Bustamante	O-10	Laredo	N-10	Ricardo	N-12
C		La Reforma	O-11	Rio Grande City	P-11
Chapman Ranch	N-13	Lasara	P-12	Rio Hondo	P-12
Combes	P-12	La Villa	P-12	Rios	N-11
Concepcion	N-11	Linn-San Manuel	O-12	Riviera	N-12
Corpus Christi	M-13	Lopeno	O-10	Robstown	M-12/N-12
D		Los Ebanos	P-11	Roma-Los Saenz	P-10
Donna	P-12	Los Fresnos	P-13	**S**	
Driscoll	N-12	Lyford	P-12	San Benito	P-12
E		**M**		San Carlos	P-12
Edcouch	P-12	McAllen	P-12	Sandia	M-12
Edinburg	P-12	McCook	P-11	San Diego	N-11
Edroy	M-12	Mathis	M-12	San Isidro	O-11
Elsa	P-12	Mercedes	P-12	San Juan	P-12
El Suaz	P-11	Mirando City	N-10	San Perlita	O-12
Encino	O-12	Mission	P-11	Santa Elena	O-11
Escobas	O-10	Monte Alto	P-12	Santa Maria	P-12
F		**O**		Santa Rosa	P-12
Falcon	O-10	Odem	M-12	San Ygnacio	O-10
Falfurrias	N-12	Olton	N-10	Sarita	N-12
Freer	M-11	Olmito	P-13	Sebastian	P-12
G		Orange Grove	M-12	Sinton	M-12
Gregory	M-13			Sullivan City	P-11
Grulla	P-11			**T**	
Guerra	O-11			Taft	M-13
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				Weslaco	P-12
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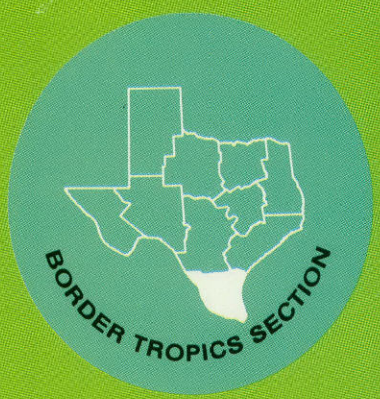
				Zapata	O-10

For a complete state driving map, refer to the Official Highway Travel Map available free from the Texas Highway Department.

legend

- (35) Interstate Highway
- (90) U. S. Highway
- (P40) Park Road
- (72) State Highway
- (674) Farm or Ranch Road
- (306) Loop or Spur
- •Rest Area
- ▪Comfort Station
- ★Tourist Bureau
- 820 Altitude

The Tropical Trail leads to uncrowded strands of surf-washed sand, and visits a colorful land of international fiestas. Route marked in light yellow on Border Tropics map. (also see Travel Trails section, page 180)



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MODERN ACCOMMODATIONS

BROWNSVILLE *Grid P-13* *Pop. 51,080* *Alt. 57*

General — Texas' southernmost city, international seaport, airport and railroad interchange point on the Mexican border. Area dates from colonial days of Imperial Spain, covering periods of exploration, wars, revolutions, and colorful, though infamous, banditry.

City began in 1846 when Gen. Zachary Taylor established Fort Brown to maintain U.S. claim to Rio Grande as international boundary line won 10 years earlier by Texans battle for independence. Several existing buildings of Fort Brown are now part of Texas Southmost College (see below).

Today the Lower Rio Grande Valley's largest city; more than 20 major industries include electronics, food processing and petrochemicals. Vacationers are attracted by subtropical climate, proximity to Mexico, and access to South Padre Island.

Major Events — Charro Days, spectacular pre-Lenten, four-day costume fiesta beginning Thursday preceding Ash Wednesday; held for nearly third of a century, combines charm and culture of this two-nation area. Swirling glittering skirts of China Poblanas (national costume of Mexico) contrast with dashing mustachioed Mexican riders or "charros." Fiesta attracts some 350,000 visitors.

Cotton Carnival spans three days in Sept. Visitors are often surprised at major cotton production in Border Tropics.

Brazos Island State Park — Undeveloped beach on the Gulf of Mexico. Although no facilities, activities permitted include camping, surfing, fishing, swimming, picnicking, and nature study. About 22 miles east of Brownsville via Texas 4.

Fort Brown/Texas Southmost College — Established 1846, Fort Brown housed troops during Mexican War, defended border, changed hands during Civil War, and is noted for work of William Crawford Gorgas in fight against yellow fever. It was in Post Hospital, one of five remaining buildings of original Fort Brown compound, that Gorgas, later surgeon general of U.S. Army, first studied yellow fever. Today hospital is administration building of Texas Southmost College. Other buildings in original compound are Medical Laboratory, Military Police Headquarters and Post Guardhouse, Morgue and Post Headquarters. Texas Southmost College is municipal, coed facility; enrolls about 1,200 students. At terminus of Elizabeth St.

Gladys Porter Zoo — Elaborate new zoological park without bars or cages. Rare exotic animals displayed in natural settings on a multitude of small islands; closeup views through one-way glass in a series of "caves" adjacent to animal dens. Zoo divided into four "worlds": Africa, Asia, Australia/Indonesia, and South America. Open daily, Ringgold and Sixth Sts. Admission.

Matamoros, Mexico — Just across Rio Grande from Brownsville caters to hosts of U.S. visitors with night clubs, restaurants, cocktail rooms and gift shops. Bargains in pottery and wealth of handcraft in Mexican market area. Access via Gateway Bridge (toll) at terminus of E. 14th St. or via B&M Railroad Bridge (toll). (See MEXICO: Entrance and Exit Regulations, at end of book.)

Palmito Hill Battlefield — Last land engagement of Civil War fought near Brownsville at Palmito Ranch. Confederates under command of Col. John S. Ford, not having heard of Lee's surrender at Appomattox a month earlier, completely routed and captured Federal force in running encounter on May 12-13, 1865. After battle Confecerates learned from their prisoners of South's capitulation. Victors then became formal captives of their former prisoners. An historical marker is 12 miles east on Texas 4.

Palo Alto Battlefield — North of Brownsville near intersection of F.M. 1847/F.M. 511 is site where an artillery duel opened Mexican War May 8, 1846. Cannon under command of Gen. Zachary Taylor proved superior to that of Mexican Gen. Mariano Arista. An historical marker gives details.

Port of Brownsville — Only seaport in U.S. within railroad switching distance of two nations; on ship channel connecting with Laguna Madre and Gulf of Mexico. Fleet of shrimp boats berths at port which hosts 63 domestic and foreign ship lines, handles over 5,000 vessels annually. About five miles east off F.M. 1729.

South Padre Island — Southern tip of storied Padre Island lies across Laguna Madre about 25 miles east of Brownsville, island sweeps in golden arc to Corpus Christi, more than 110 miles north; is accessible via causeway from Port Isabel (which see). Hotels, motels, marinas and seaside leisure homes on South

Padre, plus county parks offering trailer stands and opportunities for beach camping. Bright shells are plentiful on beach, fishing available from piers, jetties or surf.

Stillman House Museum — Residence built about 1850; home of Charles Stillman, founder of Brownsville. Contains his possessions, mementos of early Brownsville, furnishings, heirlooms, books, coins and pictures. Open Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - noon; 2 - 5 p.m. Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. 1305 E. Washington. Admission.

CORPUS CHRISTI *Grid M-13* *Pop. 201,581* *Alt. 35*

General — City is major deepwater port and one of Texas' most popular seacoast playground cities. Built on two levels — newer section on 40-foot bluff, older area along bay near sea level. Historical records date from 1519 when bay was discovered and named by Alonzo Alvarez de Pineda, Spanish explorer. City began as frontier trading post founded 1839 by adventurer-empresario-colonizer, Col. Henry Lawrence Kinney; obscure settlement until about 1845 when began accelerated growth. In Corpus Christi today, climate, geography and local attitudes happily conspire to produce playground atmosphere year-round. Industries include huge chemical and petroleum complexes. Jet planes flash over bay from U.S. Naval Air Station (see below); clean, modern port is crowded with ships from every nation, yet prevailing atmosphere is relaxation and informal fun.

Major Events — New Year's Day Swim has been a Corpus Christi feature for years, and a publicity boost for the "sparkling city by the sea."

Another Jan. event of interest is four-day Boat Show.

Motorcycle Show spans three days in Feb.

Gem and Mineral Show, three days in Mar., attracts many exhibitors and spectators; also Coin Show (three days in Mar.) and Antique Show (three days late Feb. or early Mar.)

An excellent flower display is Rose Show, two days in Mar.

Lola Forester Flower Show, two days in Apr., features more than 4,000 floral designs.

South Texas Traditional Art Show is held in Apr.

Buccaneer Days Celebration is outstanding attraction of the year; 11-day citywide festival includes pageantry, coronation ball, night parade, fireworks, statewide music festival, and sporting events. Held late Apr. or early May, Buccaneer Days recalls legendary early days of Corpus Christi.

Cinco de Mayo Celebration observes the anniversary of defeat of French troops in Mexico. May 5 annually.

Corpus Christi Museum Pet Fair in May is but one of several shows featuring dog breeds.

Navy Relief Festival in June is one of largest at any Navy installation. Two-day event features aerial shows and static displays.

All-Texas Jazz Festival in July features top jazz talent from over Southwest and Mexico.

Golf events are year-round but two significant tourneys are in Oct. State Senior Golf Tourney (six days) and Emerald Beach Pro-Am (three days).

Diez y Seis Celebration in mid-Sept. is observance of Mexican Independence Day.

Corpus Christi Car Show in Nov., three days.

Centennial Art Museum — Houses significant permanent collection; displays frequently changed works of local and visiting artists. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. 902 Park St.

Centennial House — Built in 1849 of the then-popular "shellcrete" construction, historic house has been restored, furnished and opened to public. Open Wed. and Sun. 3 - 5 p.m. 411 N. Broadway. Admission.

Corpus Christi Marina — Two "T" heads and "L" head thrust from bay front at heart of downtown; thousands of pleasure craft moor at neat, modern docks and slips. Probably most-photographed area of city. Excursion boats ply bay from docks; fishing boats based here too (see below).

Corpus Christi Museum — Treasure house of natural history and Gulf Coast shells, artifacts, pictures, documents, weapons and memorabilia highlighting varied and colorful past. Open Tues. - Fri. 2 - 5 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. - noon, 1 - 5 p.m.; Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. 1919 N. Water St.

Del Mar College — Coed junior college established 1935; enrolls more than 4,100 students.

Fishing — Free fishing from numerous municipal piers, jetties, miles of beach and seawall. Bait and tackle shops (tackle may be rented by the day) are numerous. Arrangements and reservations for party boat fishing may be made at Corpus Christi Marina.

Among species fishermen may expect to take, depending upon season and proverbial luck of moment, are (in the bay) sheepshead, sand and speckled trout, redfish, flounder, catfish, whiting, drum, pompano and Spanish mackerel. Deep-sea fishermen cruising Gulf waters may take tarpon, sailfish, wahoo, king mackerel, bonito and many others, plus red snapper and ewfish over offshore reefs.

SUN, SAND AND SURF ALONG CORPUS CHRISTI BEACHES

Lake — Corpus Christi. See LAKES this section.

Lake Corpus Christi State Park — About 35 miles northwest of Corpus Christi. (See MATHIS this section.)

Old Texas Museum — Called largest private collection of Old West and yesteryear in state, museum has thousands of items displayed in large eight-room building. Open weekdays, 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 1.30 - 6 p.m. 819 Ayers St. Admission.

Padre Island National Seashore — Longest in the U.S., 110-mile-long Padre Island offers one of last entirely natural seashores in nation. Each end of long, narrow sand island is developing rapidly with parks and palm-fringed resorts. In between, nature reigns untouched and unspoiled. National Park Service pavilion at north end offers 1,200-car parking lot, recreation building with snack bar, beach rentals, showers and first aid station. Swimming beaches and primitive beach camping. Padre dunes, some 50 feet high, shift regularly—at times uncovering wrecks of ancient ships, at times hiding all beneath a smooth layer of golden sand. Beachcombers may find rare shells, glass floats from Portugal or Orient, arrowheads of vanished Indians, and perhaps a clue to pirate treasure. An 80-mile stretch along Padre's middle is the National Seashore. City is connected with north end of Padre Island by John F. Kennedy Causeway. Office of Superintendent of Padre Island National Seashore is at 10235 S. Padre Island Dr.; mailing address P.O. Box 8560, Corpus Christi 78412.

Parks, City — Ten major city parks offer variety of outdoor attractions and facilities, including picnicking, playgrounds, swimming, tennis, softball and other sports.

Parks, County — Nueces County Parks offer exceptional recreational facilities. John J. Sablature Park, near Banquete on Texas 44, has picnic, barbecue and camping facilities, and small zoo with animals of South Texas. Packery Channel Park, on Padre Island near junction of Park Road 53 and Park Road 22, is excellent day use park with good fishing. Padre Island Park, on Gulf side from Park Road 22, has bath house, white sand swimming beaches, overnight camping facilities and fishing pier. Port Aransas Park, at northeast end of Mustang Island on Gulf side, has similar facilities.

U.S. Naval Air Station — On peninsula at southeastern edge of city, naval air activities are shared with Army Aeronautical Depot Maintenance Center. Free tour at 1 p.m. of both facilities weekdays in summer; Tues. and Thur. fall and winter.

University of Corpus Christi — Founded 1947, coed facility operated by Southern Baptist Convention, enrolling approximately 675 students.

DONNA *Grid P-12* *Pop. 7,101* *Alt. 88*

General — Named for daughter of promoter of townsite and town's first postmaster. By 1920 magic of irrigation changed featureless, brushy terrain into lush, highly productive agricultural region featuring cotton and citrus crops. Economy still relies on cotton, vegetable and citrus production, with added benefits from wholesale marketing.

Major Event — South Texas Lamb and Sheep Exposition in Jan. or Feb. Four-day event is jointly sponsored by Donna Chamber of Commerce and 4-H Club.

EDINBURG *Grid P-12* *Pop. 16,748* *Alt. 91*

General — First named Chapin for promoter of townsite; renamed Edinburg in 1911. Hidalgo County seat and western gateway to Lower Rio Grande Valley is center of irrigated citrus culture, and major shipping point. Industries include food processing, furniture and fixtures, foundry products, fertilizers, petroleum and dairy products.

Major Events — All-Valley Tourist Days covers three days in Feb. with events and activities that express typical Lower Rio Grande Valley appreciation.

Pan American Days is five-day observance around Apr. 14, celebrated by 22 republics as symbol of "sovereignty and voluntary union of a continental community." Students of Pan American College stage flag ceremony of member countries; participate in model Organization of American States, meeting with students and faculties from U.S. and Mexico universities and colleges. La Noche de Feria is gala event featuring strolling mariachis, Mexican food and dancing. Miss Panamericana is crowned at formal coronation ball.

Fiesta Hidalgo runs eight days in Oct. Colorful fiesta events keyed to observance.

Pan American Bronco Days in Nov. combines Thanksgiving, homecoming and frontier themes with feasting, dancing and parades. Western wear is the uniform for five-day event.

Hidalgo County Historical Museum — Interprets colorful history of the Latin-accented area; includes pioneer farm and home items, clothing, early documents and photos. Housed in restored county jail. Open Wed., Sat. & Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. Admission.

Lake El Sal del Rey — See LAKES this section.

Pan American College — Four-year state- and county-supported institution with enrollment exceeding 4,500. Coed, strong programs in science, engineering and liberal arts. 100-acre campus is west of U.S. 281 on Harriman Blvd.

FALFURRIAS *Grid N-12* *Pop. 6,147* *Alt. 109*

General — Established 1883, Falfurrias is Spanish for 'Heart's Delight," the name of a local wild flower. Seat of ranch-oriented Brooks County, nationally noted for excellence in cattle breeding and meat production. Beefmaster breed of cattle originated in county.

Also known for Falfurrias Sweet Cream Butter. Original creamery established in 1909 by Edward C. Lasater who built ranch empire of 400,000 acres, and led introduction of purebred dairy and beef herds to replace native Texas stock. Lasater Jersey herds won more breeder and exhibitor awards than any other in the nation. Premium quality has always been the foremost consideration at the creamery plant, still operated by same family. Superb butter has always commanded premium price, and is available in markets throughout most of Texas.

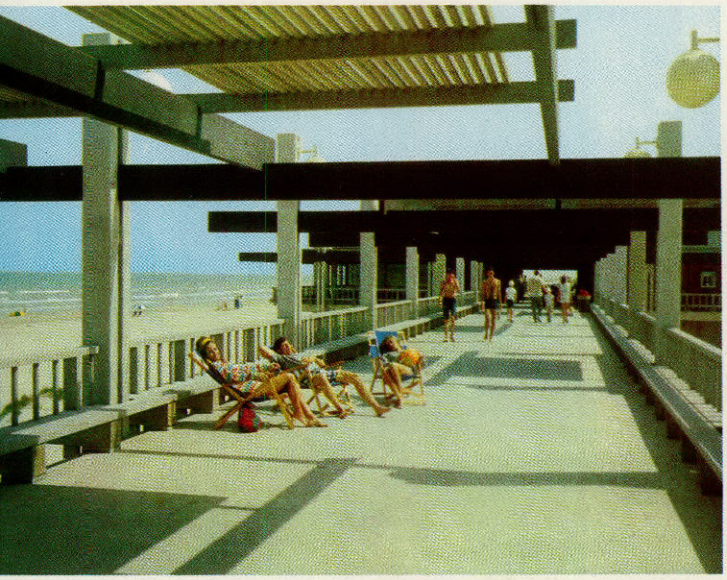
Major Events — Heart's Delight Tennis Tourney, three days in Feb., attracts ever-increasing number of competitors.

Watermelon Festival on a May weekend is tribute to agricultural economy in general, succulent melons in particular.

Fourth of July Rodeo beings arena action to Independence Day Celebration.

Halloween Carnival originated to prevent vandalism; now a gala affair for entire city.

BEACH PAVILION, PADRE ISLAND NATIONAL SEASHORE



CONFEDERATE AIR FORCE FLYING MUSEUM, HARLINGEN

Texas Ranger Museum — Pictures, weapons and other mementos of early Texas Rangers of area on display, as well as artifacts of pioneer days in Brooks County. Museum adjacent to chamber of commerce. Open during business hours.

HARLINGEN *Grid P-12* *Pop. 34,005* *Alt. 36*

General — Named for city in Netherlands, incorporated in 1905. From beginning, a transportation hub and distribution center for rich Lower Rio Grande Valley. In subtropical tip of Texas, visitors lured by balmy temperatures throughout most of year, landscapes edged by palm trees and flaming bougainvillea, nearness of enchanting Old Mexico, and proximity of surf-washed Gulf beaches. There is almost always a harvest in progress — peas, carrots, lettuce, spinach or cabbage; in winter, bounty of oranges and prized Texas Ruby Red grapefruit, in summer, tons of cotton. In June Harlingen sponsors the National First Bale of Cotton Contest, opening cotton season throughout U.S.

Major Event — Life Begins at 40 Golf Tournament, from beginning in early 1950s has been successful Lower Rio Grande Valley event each Feb. Open only to golfers more than 40 years old; match play tournament features entertaining sidelights. Mainly husband-and-wife teams tee off under tropical skies on beautiful 18-hole course. When contestants not on course, they enjoy parties, style shows and side trips to notable resorts such as Padre Island.

Casa del Sol — "House of the Sun" is modern civic center and setting for many Harlingen events. From mid-November until April also city's tourist center and primary meeting place for winter visitors. N. Third and Madison Sts.

Confederate Air Force Flying Museum — Dedicated to preservation in flying condition of obsolete military aircraft. Organization maintains impressive array of World War II planes of U.S., Britain, Germany and Japan. Flying demonstrations staged occasionally with biggest event usually on weekend early in Nov. On display are combat stalwarts such as P-40 Warhawk, P-38 Lightning, P-47 Thunderbolt, P-51 Mustang, P-63 King Cobra, F4F Wildcat, F6F Hellcat, F8F Bearcat, F4U Corsair, British Supermarine Spitfires and German Messerschmitts. Other flyable planes include B-17 Flying Fortress, B-26 Invader, B-25 Mitchell, A-20 Havoc, De-Haviland Mosquito, and trainers. At Harlingen Industrial Air Park. Admission.

Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge — 44,580-acre refuge at southern end of Central Flyway was established in 1946, named for largest lake in refuge. Thousands of ducks and geese may be observed Oct. - Dec., other species common year-round. Three-day camping allowed in designated areas; saltwater fishing and boating permitted on Intracoastal Canal. Walk-in and drive-in routes provided for visitors. Refuge Field Headquarters has maps and additional information. About 25 miles east, accessible by local road east from intersection F.M. 106/F.M. 1847.

Lower Rio Grande Valley Museum — Historical and scientific items, rock and shell collections, and map of Valley with pinpoint lighting. Open Wed. and Sun. 3 - 5 p.m. At Harlingen Industrial Air Park.

Marine Military Academy — Accredited private institution, first college preparatory school in nation to maintain atmosphere, customs and traditions of U.S. Marine Corps. Dedicated as "a living memorial to the Corps and to Marines who fought and died in its service." On F.M. 507 north, adjacent to Harlingen Industrial Air Park.

Parks — Several spacious city parks provide recreational facilities both for visitors and residents. Hill Park preserves old plantation headquarters of Lon C. Hill, founder of Harlingen and pioneer Valley developer. Pendleton Park offers tennis courts, sports fields, playground, grills and picnic tables; an 18-hole Harlingen Municipal Golf Course is off U.S. 77/83 at southwest edge of city.

Port of Harlingen — Barge facility on Arroyo Colorado primarily handling incoming cargos of oil, gasoline, fertilizers, sand and gravel. Most petroleum products for Valley-wide service stations received in this port. Fishing excellent on Arroyo Colorado from port to Gulf. Off F.M. 106 about five miles east.

Texas State Technical Institute — Rio Grande Campus branch of Institute headquartered at Waco. Two-year program of applied sciences and vocations. Harlingen Industrial Air Park.

HEBBRONVILLE *Grid N-11* *Pop. 4,210* *Alt. 550*

General — Established by W. R. Hebbron as stop on Texas-Mexican Railroad in 1881. Originally in Duval County; in 1913, made seat of new Jim Hogg County. In early years, Hebbronville was credited with shipping more cattle annually than any other point in U.S. Today, it is a banking and shipping center.

KINGSVILLE *Grid N-12* *Pop. 27,809* *Alt. 66*

General — Established on Fourth of July in 1904 with arrival of

first train over St. Louis, Brownsville, and Mexico Railroad; became Kleberg County seat in 1913. Kingsville is home of Texas A&I University as well as U.S. Naval Auxiliary Air Station.

Major Events — April is month for Kingsville events from rodeos to fairs. All three days long; events are Kleberg County Fair, Big K Rodeo, Kleberg County Junior Livestock Show, Texas A&I Aggie Roundup Week (usually N.I.R.A. Rodeo.)

John E. Conner Museum — Displays include Indian, early Spanish and Texas pioneer relics, guns, swords and fossils. Open Mon. - Fri. 1 - 4 p.m. On campus of Texas A&I University, Santa Gertrudis and Armstrong Sts.

King Ranch — Largest ranch in continental U.S., famous King Ranch established in 1853 when Capt. Richard King purchased 75,000 acres which had been Spanish land grant called Santa Gertrudis. Holdings today comprise some 823,000 acres spreading over Nueces, Kenedy, Kleberg and Willacy Counties. Robert J. Kleberg, attorney and legal counsel for early ranch, married Captain King's youngest daughter; King-Kleberg descendants still control gigantic enterprise. Originally based upon Texas Longhorns, ranch led in introducing purebred cattle such as Hereford, Shorthorn and Brahman. Now famous Santa Gertrudis breed, first strain of cattle originated in Western Hemisphere, was developed on King Ranch. Ranch continues work in animal husbandry, agricultural research and wildlife conservation. Stables of Thoroughbreds and prized quarter horses have won honors throughout nation. Because of size and complexity of operations casual visitors are not accepted, but ranch makes available for public a 12-mile loop route which leads past headquarters, stables, other points of interest. Entrance to loop drive is immediately west of Kingsville off Texas 141.

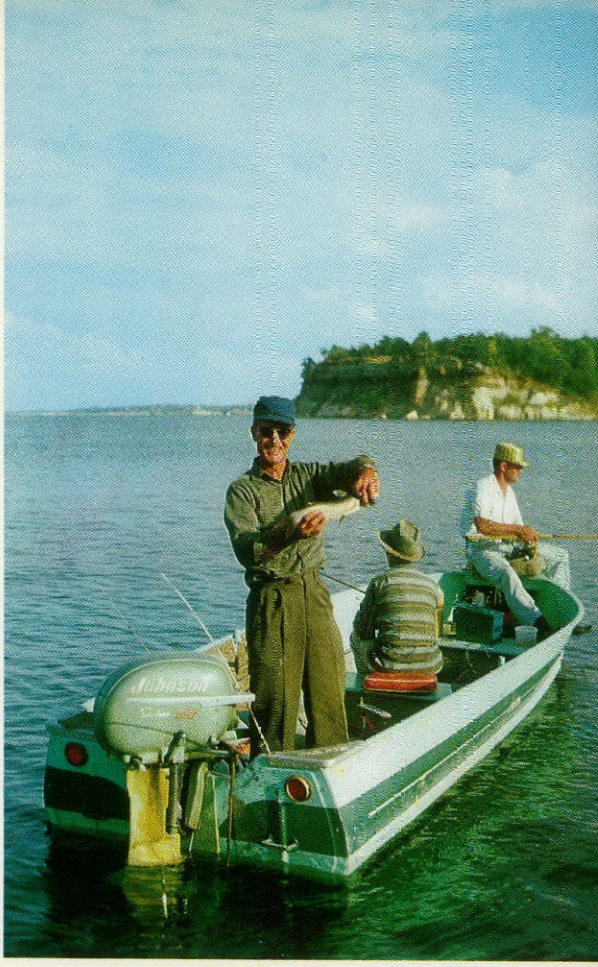
Parks — City parks include swimming pools, tennis courts and playgrounds. Dick Kleberg Park, in grove of trees beside a lazy creek, features many picnic tables, grills, full-sized displays of Navy jet fighter and firetruck sure to delight youngsters. On Loop 428 near south edge of city. Kleberg County Park, Riviera Beach and Loyola Beach are all saltwater recreation areas on upper reaches of Baffin Bay southeast of Kingsville. Baffin Bay opens into Laguna Madre along Gulf Coast. Small fishing camps, bait-tackle shops, plus public pier and free boat ramp are at county park. From U.S. 77 south, access to parks is via F.M. 628 and F.M. 771.

Texas A&I University — Organized 1913 as state teachers college, now offers broad curriculum of liberal arts, industrial arts, commerce, education, agriculture and military science. Coed, enrollment exceeds 6,000. In northwest Kingsville off Texas 141.

LAKES

Casa Blanca, Lake — 1,656-acre lake built as recreational facility also supplies water for excellent Casa Blanca Public Golf Course. Lake, 10 minutes from downtown and adjacent to Laredo AFB, offers boating, complete bait-tackle shop, boat rentals, skiing and good fishing; picnic grounds with swimming area nearby. N-10

LAKE CORPUS CHRISTI STATE PARK, MATHIS



INTERNATIONAL FALCON RESERVOIR

Corpus Christi, Lake — 22,050-acre reservoir on Nueces River; popular South Texas water sports and recreational area also provides Corpus Christi municipal water supply. Swimming, boating, sailing and skiing. Large areas of submerged brush in upper reaches of 27-mile long lake provide prime fish habitat. All fishing good; noted especially for excellent catfishing — channels, flatheads and blues. Fishing camps and marinas accessible at several spots around shore, plus fine facilities at Lake Corpus Christi State Park (see MATHIS this section). A few miles west of Mathis, also accessible from Corpus Christi and Alice. N-12

El Sal del Rey, Lake — Name translates as "The King's Salt;" intermittent salt lake that was personal property of King of Spain during Spanish colonial period. Water accumulates in shallow depression during wet seasons, evaporates to leave deposits of crystallized rock salt. For two centuries salt was mined here; very important to Confederacy during Civil War. Salt lake is some 20 miles west of Raymondville (O-12) off Texas 186. Local inquiry will provide directions to site via county roads.

Falcon Reservoir — Owned jointly by U.S. and Mexico; 78,340-acre impoundment on Rio Grande built for conservation power, irrigation, flood control and recreation. Dam is almost five miles long, averages 100 feet high. Lake has numerous private and public facilities, including the excellent Falcon State Park (see ROMA or ZAPATA this section). Famed for excellent fishing, especially black bass and huge catfish. About 14 miles northwest of Roma, also accessible from nearby towns of Falcon, Lopeno and Zapata. O-10

LAREDO *Grid N-10* *Pop. 65,491* *Alt. 438*

General — Rich in south-of-the-border flavor, the major international crossing along U.S.-Mexican border. Established 1755 when Spanish government allotted 15 leagues of land for settlement; became county seat when Webb County organized in 1848. City tops state in number of flags served under: seven! Today Laredo derives economy from such diversified sources as apparel and hats, feeds and fertilizers, petroleum, brick and tile, smelting imported ores — and visitors from both sides of Rio Grande.

Major Events — Washington Birthday Celebration honors George Washington as first western hemisphere leader to free a New World country from the dominion of European rule; four-day fiesta celebrated on both sides of the border includes parades, bullfights, fireworks, dances and impressive coronation ceremony. Festivities of the more than 70-year-old celebration strengthen friendly ties between Texas and Mexico.

WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION, LAREDO

Quarter Horse and Thoroughbred Futurities and Derby are held at L.I.F.E. Downs on several weekends, usually in Feb. and Apr.

Laredo International Fair & Exposition, six days in Mar., attracts nearly 20,000. L.I.F.E. chartered in 1963 to better agricultural, horticultural, homemaking, commercial and industrial pursuits by sponsoring exhibitions, fairs, rodeos, stock shows and horse races.

Border Olympics in Mar. draws more than 25,000 spectators and hundreds of competitors during three-day event. Track and field stars come from high schools, junior colleges, colleges and universities over nation for Border Olympics.

Laredo Flower and Art Show in Apr., two days.

Bullfights held each Sun. in Nuevo Laredo, May - Sept.

Texas Youth Rodeo Association Rodeo Finals in Aug. has youthful riders and ropers during four-day rodeo.

Cactus Gardens — One of most extensive cactus nurseries in U.S. also features rocks, minerals, shells, fossils and Indian artifacts. 3201 San Bernardo Ave.

ARCHITECTURE AND CUSTOMS REFLECT PROXIMITY TO MEXICO

Fort McIntosh — Established by Army in 1848 immediately following Mexican War; border fort in continuous use until May 31, 1946. Originally one of series of forts guarding population against Indian attacks and as base for border patrol. Laredo Junior College now on grounds, but some of old buildings remain as impressive relics of early military fortifications. Foot of Washington St. on banks of Rio Grande.

Lake — Casa Blanca. See LAKES this section.

Laredo Air Force Base — U.S. Air Force jet pilot training facility in northeast Laredo.

Laredo Civic Center — New $1,200,000 facility for recreational, cultural, civic activities as well as conventions; auditorium seats 1,979. Banquet and exhibition hall, meeting rooms and Olympic-sized swimming pool. West of I.H. 35 near downtown.

Laredo Junior College — Coed junior college founded in 1946, enrolling more than 1,300 students.

Nuevo Laredo — Founded 1775, "New Laredo" across border is bustling city of 95,000. Fine hotels, motels and restaurants cater to large flow of visitors throughout year. Shoppers find profusion of gift shops specializing in jewelry and precious metal works, and traditional market place bargains in woven goods, pottery, other handicrafts. Night clubs feature headliner entertainment and traditional Mexican music and dancing. (See MEXICO: Entrance and Exit Regulations at end of book.)

SHOPPING A POTTERY MARKET IN NUEVO LAREDO

Republic of the Rio Grande Building — Seven flags have flown over quaint, one-story building. Whitewashed plaster covers walls of rock and adobe which measure more than two feet thick. Now a museum, building served as capitol of unsuccessful Republic of the Rio Grande; displays guns, saddles, household goods of frontier homes with emphasis on period of Rio Grande Republic, 1839-41. Open Wed. 9 - noon; Sat. 9 - noon, 2 - 5 p.m.; Sun. 10.30 a.m. - 2 p.m. 100 Zaragoza St. Contributions.

San Agustin Church — Originally built in 1767, church is on San Agustin Plaza in heart of old Spanish section. Oldest church in Laredo.

Tourist Bureau — The Texas Highway Department maintains nine Tourist Bureaus at key points of entry to the state, plus a Tourist Information Center in the State Capitol and the Judge Roy Bean Visitor Center at Langtry. All bureaus are operated daily throughout the year, staffed by uniformed, trained travel counselors. Services free to all visitors include information, maps, literature on every part of the state, and expert assistance in charting routes. On I.H. 35 north of Laredo.

McALLEN Grid P-12 Pop. 36,761 Alt. 122

General — In Texas' lush Lower Rio Grande Valley, noted for subtropical climate, access to Old Mexico and tourist facilities catering to thousands of summer and winter visitors. Increasing numbers of midwesterners and Canadians spend entire winter here, strolling in slacks and sport shirt amid blossoming citrus groves in Dec. Two tourist clubs cater to visitors with planned daily activities, such as dances, tours, and bridge, domino and shuffleboard tournaments. Economy based on visitor industry, citrus, vegetables, oil, gas, international trade with Mexico, and extensive convention facilities.

Major Events — Many events are keyed to interests of large tourist population. In Jan. and Feb. "state" parties held on several weekends honor groups from various states.

In mid-Feb. rockhounds gather for International Border Gem Fiesta where more than $1 million in rare stones and jewels are on display. Competition under standards of American Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

In Mar. International Spring Fiesta with crowning of Duchess of Palms; International Pro-Am Golf Tournament, other events.

International Oilmen's Golf Tourney, in June. In late Oct. or early Nov. fly-in golfers have a tourney.

July 4th celebration is two-day affair with parade, barbecue, beauty pageant.

Reynosa, Mexico — Charming Mexican city of 78,000 eight miles south of McAllen. Several fine restaurants long famed for elaborate wild game dinners; Sun. afternoon bullfights. Gift shops cater to U.S. visitors, with wealth of handicraft items in traditional Mexican market in mid-town. Access via Texas 336 to McAllen-Hidalgo-Reynosa International Bridge. (See MEXICO: Entrance and Exit Regulations, at end of book.)

Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge — About 16 miles southeast. (See ALAMO this section.)

MATHIS Grid M-12 Pop. 5,043 Alt. 161

General — Established in 1885, town is commercial center for agricultural area featuring livestock and cotton, also producing large quantities of grain sorghum, flax and varied truck crops. San Patricio County has extensive oil production, many petrochemical plants. Mathis is major gateway to Lake Corpus Christi and state park on its shores (see below).

Lake — Corpus Christi. See LAKES this section.

Lake Corpus Christi State Park — On southeastern shore of large lake, the 14,187-acre state park offers wide variety of land and water recreation. Facilities include trailer camps with electricity, water sports, swimming, fishing, boat rentals, groceries and snack bar, rest rooms and showers, campsites, picnicking and screened shelters. Park Road 25 off Texas 359 about six miles south of Mathis. Admission.

MERCEDES Grid P-12 Pop. 9,116 Alt. 61

General — Town lies in part of Llano Grande Spanish grant settled by Mexican ranchers in late 1770s. Named for Mercedes Diaz, wife of Porforio Diaz, Mexican president. Mercedes is in heart of rich cotton, citrus and winter garden area of Lower Rio Grande Valley. Anglo-American settlement began about 1904 through efforts of group of St. Louis financiers, who had built what was then largest privately owned irrigation system in world; remains Valley's largest irrigation district.

Major Event — For more than 30 years Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show and Rodeo has been feature attraction in Mar. Show presents exhibits of prize farm animals, agricultural products and entertainment events in addition to rodeo and horse shows.

MISSION Grid P-11 Pop. 12,065 Alt. 134

General — Established in 1824 by Oblate Fathers on site three miles south of present town; priests said to have planted orange grove that was one of first experiments with citrus culture in Lower Rio Grande Valley. Mission advertises itself as "Home of the Grapefruit," the particular grapefruit being the famed Texas Ruby Red. Commercial center for western citrus-truck crop area with more than 30 industrial plants.

Major Events — Texas Citrus Fiesta is annual salute each Jan. to Texas Ruby Red Grapefruit. Highlight of week-long event is style show in which all garments are made of Valley products. Queen Citriana and King Citrus reign over festivities. Golfers participate in Golden Grapefruit Golf Tournament.

Nowhere in Texas does Christmas season blossom more colorfully than at annual Poinsettia Show in Mission. Only all-poinsettia show in U.S. has been held for more than 25 years, employing

PORT ARANSAS HARBOR

LA LOMITA CHAPEL MISSION

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POINSETTIA GARDENS, MISSION

CITRUS GROVES FLANK PALM-LINED HIGHWAYS

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permanent theme of "Tropical Christmas." In even-numbered years banks of Mission are settings for profuse floral displays; in odd-numbered years settings are in public buildings and private homes. Show coincides with annual meeting of American Poinsettia Society, whose national headquarters are in Mission.

Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park — 600-acre area set aside to preserve native flora and fauna of Lower Rio Grande Valley. On banks of Rio Grande, park offers camping, picnicking, rest rooms and showers, group shelter, fishing, birdwatching and nature study. Some 200 species of birds have been sighted including such rare specimens as Audubon's oriole, hooded oriole, zone-tailed hawk and red-eyed cowbird. Old Military Road of U.S. Army from Fort Ringgold to Brownsville passed close to park entrance; evidence of thoroughfare still visible. About six miles southwest via U.S. 83, F.M. 2062 and Pk. Rd. 43. Admission.

La Lomita Chapel — Hidden away in Texas mesquite, La Lomita Chapel was one of several later missions established in the state. Tiny (12 by 25 feet) chapel, still in use as place of worship, was built by Oblate Fathers in 1849. Town of Mission was named for this facility. Few miles south off F.M. 1016.

PHARR *Grid P-12* *Pop. 15,269* *Alt. 107*

General — Established in 1909, named after Henry N. Pharr, sugar planter from Louisiana. Center for winter vegetables, citrus, cotton and natural gas — city owns natural gas well within its limits. Access to Mexico (11 miles) via U.S. 281 and McAllen-Hidalgo-Reynosa International Bridge. (See REYNOSA, MEXICO, under McALLEN.)

Major Event — All-Valley Winter Vegetable Show, early Dec., teaches 4-H and FFA students how to grow, exhibit and judge vegetables. Around 1,200 students participate for thousands of dollars in prizes.

Old Clock Museum — About 450 antique clocks dating back to 1690 are on display, including many unusual and beautiful specimens. Open daily. 929 E. Preston St.

Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge — About 12 miles southeast. (See ALAMO this section.)

PORT ARANSAS *Grid M-13* *Pop. 1,091* *Alt. 20*

General — Located on Mustang Island, reached by causeway and year-round free Texas Highway Department 24-hour ferry service from mainland; one of the most popular tourist destinations on the Gulf Coast. English settler built a ranch house on the site in 1855; later developed as fishing village. Summer visitors swell population by many thousands. Hotels, motels, resorts, bait and tackle shops, superb beaches, shrimp boat and shipping port, U.S. Coast Guard Station. Historic Tarpon Inn, built 1886, has withstood numerous storms and hurricanes, and hosted such famous persons as Franklin D. Roosevelt and Aimee Semple McPherson. Venerable lighthouse on nearly Harbor Island is more than 100 years old.

Major Event — Deep-Sea Round-Up, three days in July. Fishermen from throughout the nation compete for awards and prizes in many classifications of prized game fish.

Fishing — Long advertised as the place "where they bite every day," every season offers an impressive list of species to test the angler's skill. Free fishing is available from the beach, the south jetty and the Horace Caldwell Pier, where catches may include redfish, speckled and sand trout, sheepshead, flounder, croakers, skipjack and drum. Group boats provide bay and deep-sea fishing for half and full days; charter cruisers are available for offshore sport. Offshore species may include tarpon, sailfish, marlin, kingfish, mackerel, ling, pompano, bonito, red snapper, warsaw and others. For those with their own boats there are docking facilities and several free launching ramps.

University of Texas Marine Science Institute — Laboratory and research facility. Displays include Gulf marine life, plants, and fascinating introduction to oceanography. Along ship channel between Mustang and Harbor Islands.

PORT ISABEL *Grid P-13* *Pop. 2,978* *Alt. 15*

General — Resort and fishing town, gateway to South Padre Island (see below). Area first settled by Mexican ranchers as early as 1770. Port was base of supplies for Gen. Zachary Taylor's army garrisoned in Brownsville (which see, this section) during the Mexican War. In 1849 and 1850 port saw flow of gold seekers from the East, landing here to begin trek to California. Hotels, motels and fishing facilities (see below).

Fishing — In Port Isabel-Padre Island area fishing is available from beach, piers and jetties where catches may include redfish, speckled and sand trout, sheepshead, flounder, croakers, skip-

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jack and drum. Group boats provide bay and deep-sea fishing for half and full days; charter cruisers are available for offshore sport. Offshore species may include tarpon, sailfish, marlin, kingfish, mackerel, ling, pompano, bonito, red snapper warsaw and others. Many marinas provide fuel, bait, tackle, launching ramps and boat rentals. Small boats with guides available for bay fishing.

Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge — About 17 miles northwest. (See HARLINGEN this section.)

Port Isabel Lighthouse State Historic Site — Built 1853, remained in use until 1905. Always a popular subject with photographers, and visitors may climb spiral staircase to the top, overlooking the flat coastal plain, with a fine view across Laguna Madre to South Padre Island. Off Texas 100 downtown. Admission

South Padre Island — Southern tip of stories Padre Island lies just across Laguna Madre, the body of water separating the island from the mainland. Access via free causeway on Park Road 100. The long, narrow sand island sweeps in a golden arc north more than 110 miles to Corpus Christi. Visitors find hotels, hostels, motels, marinas and seaside leisure homes, plus county parks offering trailer stands and opportunities for beach camping. Restaurants specialize in delicious seafood harvested fresh daily from the Gulf of Mexico. Miles of beautiful, gently sloping beaches are perfect for swimming and surf fishing. Beachcombers will find bright shells, perhaps glass floats from Portugal or the Orient, driftwood, and occasionally the flint points of Karankawa Indians who once roamed the area.

PORT MANSFIELD *Grid D-13* *Pop. 731* *Alt. 11*

General — Until 1948 little-used highway from Raymondville to point on Laguna Madre called Redfish Bay was traveled by occasional fishermen going to deserted beaches. No community marked roads end at water's edge. People of Willacy County, employing own financing, set about creating port; built wharves, docks and turning basin; laid out townsite, and called it Port Mansfield. Ship channel completed 1962, slicing across shallow Laguna Madre, through Padre Island into deep waters of Gulf of Mexico. Today colorful shrimp fleet plies Gulf from home docks at Port Mansfield; industries moving in, and former "occasional" fisherman has lots of company — sports editors rate Port Mansfield one of 10 best fishing spots in nation. U.S. Weather Bureau and U.S. Coast Guard Stations.

Major Event — Texas Championship Redfish Fishing Tournament, each July 4th, is joint effort of Port Mansfield, Raymondville and Willacy County. Eligible species not limited to redfish — include drum, flounder, sea trout and other game fish. Prizes donated by area merchants, champion receives handsome plaque. Another highlight of fishing festival is bathing beauty contest. Anglers from many states and Mexico compete.

Boating and Fishing — Launching ramps, marine supplies, docking facilities and both wet and dry storage available. Fishing from piers in Laguna Madre for small daily charge; fishing from popular Gulf of Mexico piers, which includes round-trip boat ride across Laguna Madre to Gulf side of Padre Island, also available. Deep-sea charter boats available for fishing in Gulf, bay or Laguna Madre. Depending upon season, fishing location and proverbial luck, catches may include redfish, speckled and sand trout, sheepshead, flounder, croakers, skipjack, drum, tarpon, sailfish, marlin, kingfish, mackerel, ling, pompano, bonito, red snapper, warsaw and others.

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, PLAYGROUND IN THE SUN

PORT ISABEL LIGHTHOUSE STATE HISTORIC SITE

SHRIMPERS PLY THE GULF FROM BORDER TROPICS PORTS

RAYMONDVILLE *Grid O-12* *Pop. 7,988* *Alt. 40*

General — Willacy County seat is commercial center for irrigated fruit and vegetable area; processing and shipping point for cotton, citrus and vegetables, especially onions and potatoes. Favorable summers and winters allow 300-day growing season. Recreation includes municipal swimming pool, golf course, city park, shuffleboard courts and saltwater fishing in Laguna Madre and Gulf of Mexico at Port Mansfield. There is planned tourist program Oct. - Mar.

Major Events — Willacy County 4H/FFA Livestock Show in Jan. for three days is in Lyford, four miles south of Raymondville.

All-Valley Tourist Bridge and Domino Tourney in Feb. attracts winter tourists from throughout Valley to the Historical and Community Center.

Willacy County Art League's Sidewalk Art Show is Mar. event.

Texas Championship Redfish Fishing Tournament on July 4th is held with Port Mansfield (which see).

"Welcome Home Celebration" in Nov. honors newly arriving winter visitors.

Lake — El Sal del Rey. See LAKES this section.

RIO GRANDE CITY *Grid P-11* *Pop. 6,950* *Alt. 238*

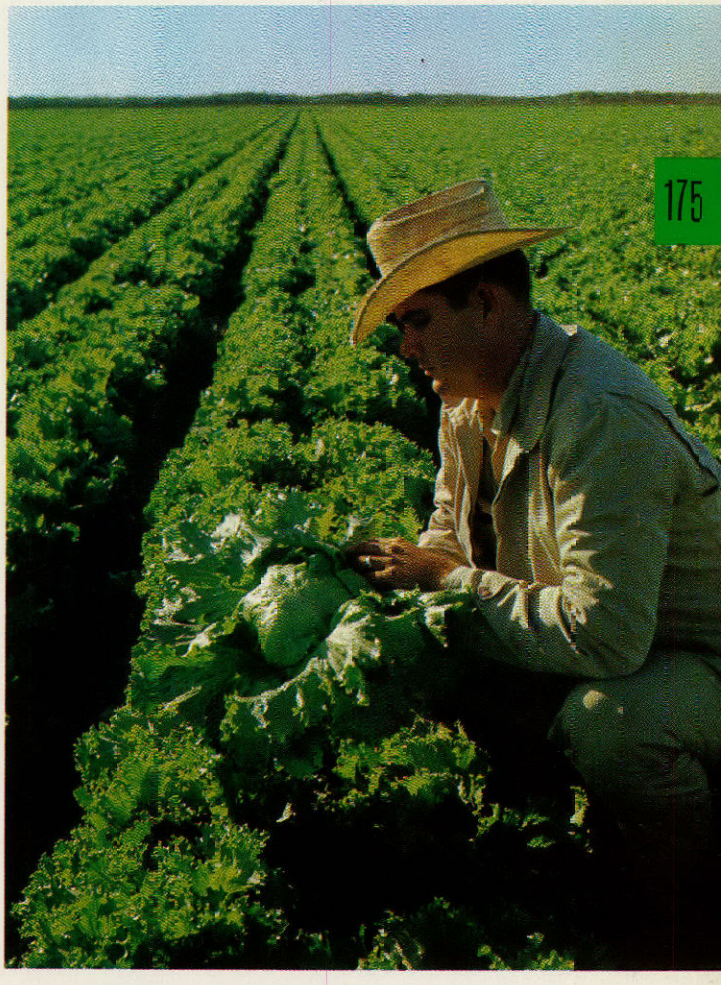
General — Port of entry with international bridge between U.S. and Mexico; seat of Starr County. Area included in Jose de Escandon's Colony of 1753; when Gen. Zachary Taylor established Fort Ringgold (see below) in 1848, it added population and permanence.

Fort Ringgold — One of Texas' best preserved old military posts; named for Major Ringgold, first army officer killed in Battle of Palo Alto (see BROWNSVILLE this section) which opened Mexican War. Fort Ringgold was established after U.S.-Mexican War for protection against Indians, and to assure integrity of Rio Grande as national boundary. Post declared surplus and deactivated in 1944. Among distinguished landmarks are Lee House, once occupied by Col. Robert E. Lee when he commanded Department of Texas before the Civil War, and old Fort Ringgold hospital. Portions of fort are now part of Rio Grande City school system. Off U.S. 83 at east limits.

Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto — Replica of venerable shrine in Lourdes, France; contains statues of Our Lady of Lourdes and famed peasant girl whose visions led to establishment of the original shrine. Motion picture viewers will remember the story told in the film *The Song of Bernadette.* Located near the Starr County courthouse.

ROMA *Grid P-10* *Pop. 1,988* *Alt. 200*

General — Built in 1768, part of Jose de Escandon's Colony, around mission established 16 years earlier. On banks of Rio Grande, town was important riverboat shipping point until coming of railroads and highways. (Rio Grande is no longer navigable.) Homes, stores and ancient mission resemble town lifted bodily from interior of Mexico. Producers of film *Viva Zapata* chose Roma for outdoor scenes.



TRUCK CROPS GROW YEAR-ROUND

Falcon State Recreation Park — 572.3 acres on shores of Falcon Reservoir offers cabins, boat docks, camping, picnicking, fishing, swimming, trailer sites with electricity, rest rooms with showers, groceries, snack bar, and 3,500-foot air strip. About 14 miles northwest via U.S. 83, F.M. 2098, Park Road 46; also accessible from Zapata. Admission.

Lake — Falcon Reservoir. See LAKES this section.

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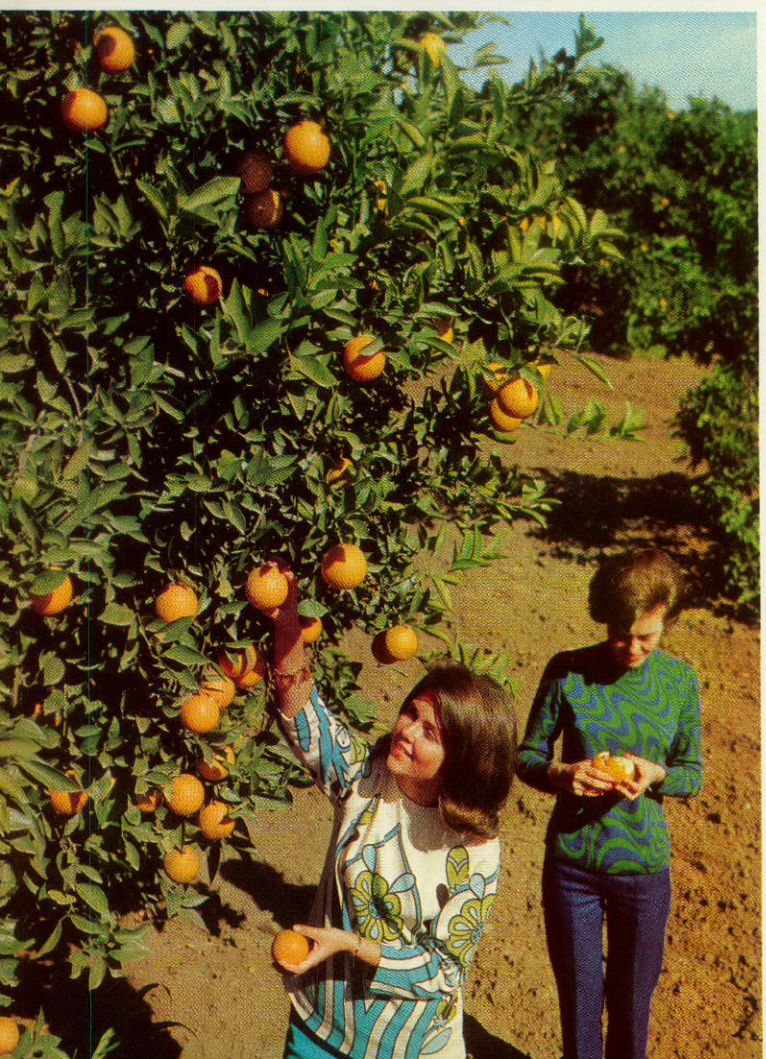


ORANGES AND GRAPEFRUIT RIPEN DURING MIDWINTER IN THE SUNNY BORDER TROPICS

SAN BENITO *Grid P-12* *Pop. 14,909* *Alt. 33*

General — Settled by ranchers of Jose de Escandon's Colony around 1770, community developed very slowly until introduction of irrigation. Known today as the "Resaca City," noted for gracious residential areas edging beautiful resacas which loop and wind through town. A resaca is a former course of Rio Grande. With shiftings of river channel, placid lakes remained.

Major Event — Tourist Festival and Shuffleboard Tourney in Jan. draw winter visitors for three-day event.

Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge — Some 24 miles northeast of San Benito. (See HARLINGEN this section.)

SAN DIEGO *Grid N-11* *Pop. 4,398* *Alt. 312*

General — San Diego, near junction of San Diego and Rosita Creeks, was founded about 1858 some seven miles from present location. Now Duval County seat and principal commercial center for farm and ranch products. Oil also contributes to economy.

SAN JUAN *Grid P-12* *Pop. 4,927* *Alt. 102*

General — Located in irrigated valley of the Rio Grande on Missouri Pacific Railroad; organized in 1909, name derived from Spanish name given town organizer John Closner. One of South's largest plants for manufacture of concrete irrigation pipe located here. Colorful banks of scarlet bougainvillaea edge the highway. Each Dec., San Juan invites visitors to "pick a grapefruit" free.

Major Event — Sport Shirt Festival in Feb. Visitors from throughout Valley, tourists from northern states and Canada converge each Washington's Birthday for carefree festival. Prizes awarded winter visitors both for important and humorous reasons. Picnic lunch, shuffleboard contest and other competitions.

Shrine of Our Lady of San Juan of the Valley — Completed 1954, Catholic church fulfills promise of priest made to Our Lady of San Juan de Los Lagos in Jalisco, Mexico. Costing in excess of $1 million, elaborate church features bells and windows imported from France; marble from Mexico; handcrafted altar from Spain; Spanish murals; gold leaf adornment. North of downtown on Business U.S. 83.

SARITA *Grid N-12* *Pop. 196* *Alt. 34*

General — Community is the county seat and only town in Kenedy County, an area devoted entirely to immense ranches. Named for Sarita Kenedy, granddaughter of Mifflin Kenedy who was associated with Richard King, founder of the King Ranch (see KINGSVILLE this section). Kenedy was among first Texas ranchers to fence land; financed 700 miles of San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad. The community remains a headquarters and supply center for the ranching area.

SINTON *Grid M-12* *Pop. 5,085* *Alt. 48*

General — San Patricio County seat established in 1885 as station on San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad. Greatest population surge came in 1909 when several large ranches divided into smaller farms; resulting diversity of agriculture still apparent. There is small downtown park with picnic area and zoo; 300-acre Rob and Bessie Welder Park with playground, golf, tennis, swimming pool and small lake; west of U.S. 181 north.

Major Events — San Patricio County Agricultural and Homemakers Show, usually in Jan.

Youth Rodeo, third weekend in Apr., attracts about 300 contestants.

Old Fiddlers' Contest, Sat. before Halloween.

Welder Wildlife Refuge — Largest privately endowed wildlife refuge in world; provisions for sanctuary made in rancher Rob Welder's will. Acreage and large administration-museum building occupy portion of Welder Ranch established from Spanish land grant more than 150 years ago. Tours on Thurs. 3 p.m. Group and special tours may be requested from Sinton Chamber of Commerce, 512/364-2307. Refuge north of city off U.S. 77.

TROPICAL SCENERY ALONG U.S. 83

WESLACO *Grid P-12* *Pop. 14,562* *Alt. 70*

General — Name from initials of W. E. Stewart Land Company which promoted the townsite in the irrigated Rio Grande Valley in 1917. Located in heart of immense citrus, vegetable and cotton producing area. Food processing industries include the world's largest grapefruit juice canning plant.

Major Events — All-Valley Shuffleboard Tournament, two days beginning first Tues. in Feb.; Trailer Park Shuffleboard Tournament, three days starting third Tues. in Feb. Contestants in eliminations and championship games include both Valley residents and winter visitors.

World's Smallest Museum — So small that exhibits must be viewed through windows from outside building. Built prior to city's founding, the small structure served many purposes before becoming a museum. Exhibits, changed periodically, range from pioneer doctor's office to Pancho Villa's quarters. 535 S. Missouri.

ZAPATA *Grid O-10* *Pop. 2,261* *Alt. 311*

General — Earliest civilized settlement in present Zapata County was Hacienda Dolores — founded by Jose Vasquez Borrego in 1750. (Ruins designated a state historical site.) Zapata named in honor of Antonio Zapata, hardy pioneer and fierce Indian fighter. When historic town of Zapata on banks of Rio Grande was flooded by Falcon Reservoir, new Zapata was built. Zapata County seat is headquarters for large ranching area and Falcon Reservoir visitors.

Falcon State Recreation Park—572.6 acres on shores of Falcon Reservoir. Facilities include cabins, boat docks, camping, picnicking, fishing, swimming, trailer sites with electricity, rest rooms with showers, groceries and snack bar, and 3,500-foot air strip. About 28 miles south via U.S. 83, F.M. 2098, Park Road 46. Admission.

Lake — Falcon Reservoir. See LAKES this section.

campground guide

In every season the camping's great in Texas! Sites listed below are administered by local, state and federal agencies. Not included are commercial camps whose listings are usually available in commercial guides. Camps are listed under nearby city name; driving directions are provided to each.

Directions are by standard compass abbreviations: **N** (north), **NE** (northeast), **E** (east), **SE** (southeast), **S** (south), **SW** (southwest), **W** (west), **NW** (northwest). Highways are indicated by standard abbreviations: **IH** = Interstate Highways, shown on maps as (35). **US** = U.S. Highways, shown on maps as (80). **Tex** = Texas State Highways, shown on maps as (21). **FM** or **RM** = Texas Farm or Ranch Roads (all are excellent paved routes), shown on maps as (730).

Drinking water is at all sites except where specifically noted.

ALICE — **Anderson Park**

Within city: 2002 N Texas Blvd. Tent sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, area lighting. Free. Picnic. (Pks & Rec Dept, 107 N Wright, Alice 78322)

ALICE/Orange Grove — **Lipantitlan State Historic Site**

From Alice: Tex 359 NE 17 mi to Orange Grove; FM 624 E 4.2 mi; FM 70 NE 2.9 mi; local rd SE .8 mi; local rd NE 1.5 mi. Near Nueces River. Tent & trailer camping permitted, primitive. No drinking water. Free. Picnic. (Texas Pks & Wildlife Dept, Reagan Bldg, Austin 78701)

BROWNSVILLE — **Brazos Island State Park**

Tex 48 E 1.4 mi; Tex 4 E 22 mi. On Gulf of Mexico. Tent & trailer camping permitted. Undeveloped; no drinking water. Free. Swim, fish, picnic, surfing. (Texas Pks & Wildlife Dept, Reagan Bldg, Austin 78701)

CORPUS CHRISTI — **Padre Island National Seashore**

JFK Causeway, Park Rd 22 SW 9.4 mi. On Gulf of Mexico. Tent & trailer camping permitted, primitive. Picnic tables, grills, showers, chem toilets, beach equipment rentals. Free. Swim, fish, picnic, surf, beachcombing. (Supt, Padre Island Nat'l Seashore, Box 8560, Corpus Christi 78412)

CORPUS CHRISTI — **Padre Island Park**

JFK Causeway, Park Rd 22 SW 3 mi. On Gulf of Mexico. Tent & trailer camping, fl toilets, showers, dump sta. Daily $1, 3-day permit renewable. Fishing pier, snack bar, curio shop. Swim, fish, bait, tackle rental, picnic, surf & board rental. (County Pks & Rec Dept, 10901 S Padre Island Dr, Corpus Christi 78418)

CORPUS CHRISTI — **Port Aransas Park**

From Corpus Christi: JFK Causeway, Park Rd 53 NE 18.3 mi; local rd SE .7 mi. On Gulf of Mexico. Tent & trailer sites, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers, dump sta. Daily $2-3. Fishing pier, snack bar, curio shop. Swim, fish, bait, tackle rental, boat, picnic, surf & board rental. (County Pks & Rec Dept, 10901 S Padre Island Dr, Corpus Christi 78418)

FALCON HEIGHTS **(see Rio Grande City)**

KINGSVILLE — **Dick Kleberg Park**

Loop 428 at S city limits. Tent & trailer sites, fl toilets, area lighting. Free. Swim, fish, picnic, playground. (County Rec Bd, Box 1458, Kingsville 78363)

KINGSVILLE — **Kleberg County Park on Baffin Bay**

Loop 428 S 5 mi; US 77 S 10.2 mi; FM 771 E 6.5 mi; FM 1546 N 1.2 mi; FM 628 E&N 2 mi; local rd E .3 mi. On Laguna Madre. Tent & trailer sites, fl toilets, dump sta. Free. Lighted bay front & pier, groc. Swim, fish, picnic, playground. (County Precinct 3, Box 906, Riviera 78379)

MATHIS — **Lake Corpus Christi State Park**

FM 1068 SW 3.5 mi; Park Rd 25 NW. On Lake Corpus Christi. Tent & trailer sites, screened shelters, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers. Entrance $1, daily tent or trailer $1-1.50, shelters $3.50, max 14 days May 1 - Sept 15; 28 days Sept 16 - Apr 30. Boat ramp, fishing piers. Swim, fish, boat, picnic. (Lake Corpus Christi St Pk, Box 1167, Mathis 78368)

MISSION — **Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park**

Loop 374 W 2.9 mi; FM 2062 S 2.6 mi; Park Rd 43 S. On Rio Grande. Tent & trailer sites, fl toilets, showers. Entrance $1, daily tent or trailer $1, max 14 days May 1 - Sept 15; 28 days Sept 16 - Apr 30. Fish, picnic, bird watching. (Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley St Pk, Box 988, Mission 78572)

ORANGE GROVE **(see Alice)**

PORT ARANSAS **(see Corpus Christi)**

PORT ISABEL — **Andy Bowie Park**

Tex 100 E (Queen Isabella Causeway); Park Rd 100 N 5 mi. On Gulf of Mexico. Undeveloped. Daily tent $1.50. Swim, fish, picnic. (County Pk System, Box 666, Port Isabel 78578)

PORT ISABEL — **Isla Blanca Park**

Tex 100 E (Queen Isabella Causeway); Park Rd 100 N 3 mi. On Gulf of Mexico. Tent & trailer sites, cabins, screened shelters, elec outlets, fl toilets, dump sta, area lighting. Daily tent $1.50, trailer $2.50, cabin $8, shelter $4.50; max 15 days. Groc, laundry. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic. (County Pk System, Box 666, Port Isabel 78578)

RIO GRANDE CITY/Falcon Heights — **Falcon State Park**

From Rio Grande City: US 83 NW 24 mi; FM 2098 N 2.7 mi to Falcon Heights; FM 2098 N .5 mi; Park Rd 46 N. On Falcon Reservoir. Tent & trailer sites, rental trailers, screened shelters, elec outlets, fl toilets, showers, dump sta. Entrance $1, daily tent $1, trailer $1.75, rental trailers $6, shelters $3.50, max 14 days May 1 - Sept 15. Boat ramp, airstrip, groc. Swim, fish, bait, boat & rentals, picnic, nature study. (Falcon St Pk, Box 48, Falcon Heights 78545)

SAN BENITO — **Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge**

To Refuge Headquarters; Tex 345 N 8.2 mi; FM 106 E 6.5 mi; local rd E 7.2 mi; local rd N 2.6 mi. (Camping areas at east and west sides of refuge along Harlingen Ship Channel.) Tent & trailer camping permitted, pit toilets. No drinking water. Free, max 3 days. Fish, boat, picnic. (Refuge Mgr, Box 739, San Benito 78586)

ZAPATA **(see Rio Grande City)**

texas: a quick look

HISTORIC ERAS OF TEXAS

Texas Under Spain: 1519-1685; 1719-1821

Imperial Spain, first of six nations claiming Texas, flew her banner here for more than three centuries. Familiar early figures were legendary Conquistadores, in shiny armour and plumed helmets, and solitary missionaries who worked among the Indians, building a chain of mission-schools throughout the land.

Texas Under France: 1685-1690

France claimed the new territory in 1685 when explorer-nobleman Robert Cavelier, Sieur de la Salle landed here. La Salle's colony, Fort St. Louis on Matagorda Bay, was short-lived. He was murdered, and his colony had dwindled to a handful of survivors when found by the Spanish four years later.

Texas Under Mexico: 1821-1836

For more than a decade, Mexico's tricolor witnessed the intermingling of cultures — on one side, newcomers from the United States; on the other, spirited adventurers from Old Spain. The historic rift in 1836 freed Texas politically, but Latin influences remained prevalent in both thought and speech.

Texas as a Republic: 1836-1845

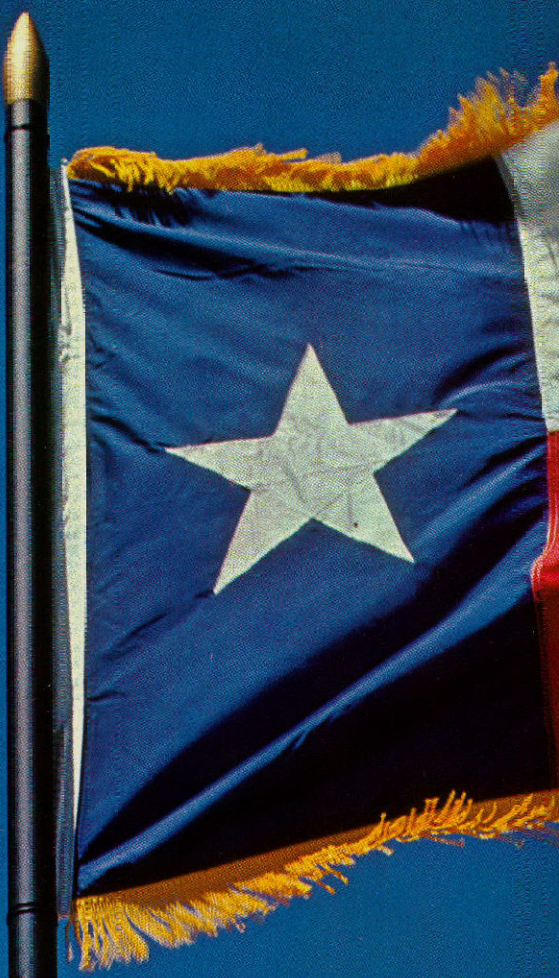
The unique flavor of many a Texas yarn even today took root during nearly a decade of Texas independence. While the Lone Star heralded the new Republic of Texas, tough cowboys, fast stagecoaches and faster guns branded a colorful and indelible imprint on this legendary land.

Texas in the Confederacy: 1861-1865

When clouds of national dissension erupted into Civil War, the Stars and Bars were raised to signal Texas' lot with the Confederacy. As in other Southern states, war brought devastation and economic collapse. But at its end, returning Texans found one thing of immense promise: Longhorns!

Texas in the United States: 1845-1861; 1865

Shrugging aside defeat and bitter reconstruction, Texas marshalled its forces for the climb to greatness. First, the fabled Longhorn — providing beef for a growing nation. Then black gold from deep underground, and a bounty of agriculture from rich topsoil. Today Texas looks up — to outer space.



Name: Texas, from Indian word meaning "friends." **Motto:** Friendship. **Sobriquet:** Lone Star State.

Capitol: Dedicated in 1888, the traditional pink granite structure is the nation's largest statehouse. Austin.

State Flower: The Bluebonnet. Many varieties of this native lupine blanket hillsides and valleys each spring.

Forests: Mainly in East Texas, over 26 million acres of forest and woodland, including four National Forests.

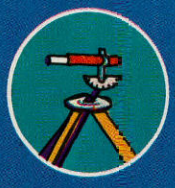
Seashore: 624 miles of coastline along the Gulf of Mexico. Major islands include Padre Island National Seashore.

Parks: Nearly 70 state parks and two national parks offer scenic, historic and recreational opportunities.

Hunting & Fishing: Native and exotic wildlife, waterfowl and upland game birds. Licenses required.

Climate: Year 'round sunshine, with mild winters. Annual average temperature in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, 73.

State Tree: The Pecan, officially adopted in 1919.



Area: 276,000 square miles, which is approximately 1/13th or 7½ per cent of total U.S. land area.

Petroleum: More than one-third of nation's oil production. Texas natural gas serves three-fourths of the U.S.

State Bird: The Mockingbird, officially recognized by the Legislature in 1927.

Cities: 27 cities over 50,000 population of which 10 exceed 100,000 population.

Inland Water: A total of 6,300 square miles of lakes and streams . . . surpassed only by Alaska.

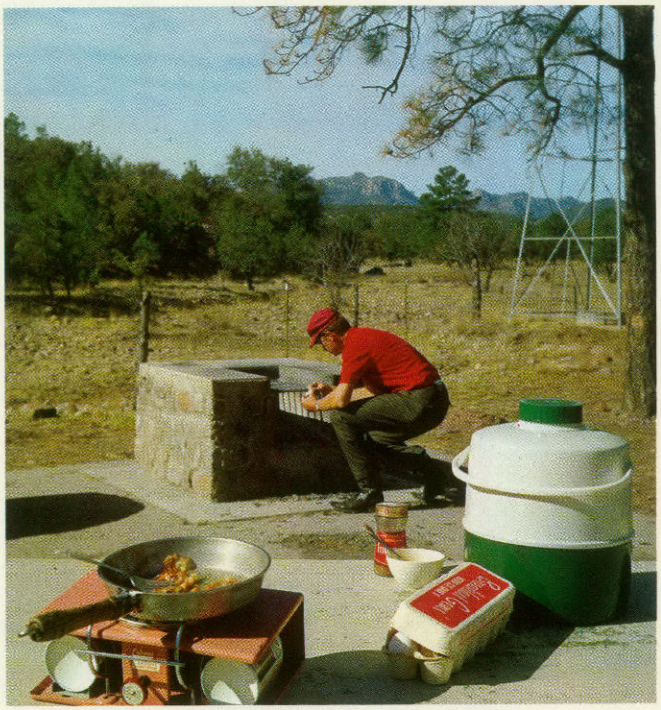
State Song: "Texas, Our Texas," officially adopted by an act of the Forty-first Legislature in 1929.

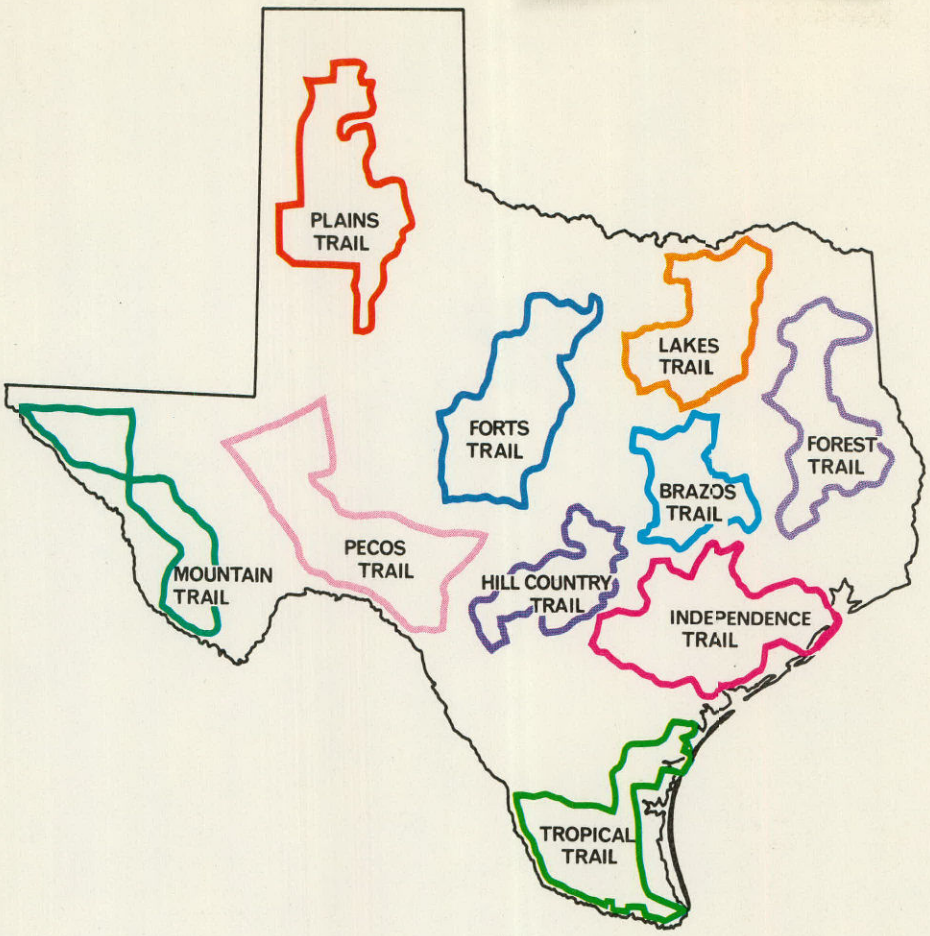
Mountains: Rugged, lofty ranges rise dramatically in far West Texas. More than 90 peaks above a mile high.

State Highways of Texas traverse nearly 70,000 miles . . . more than the total highway mileage of Russia.

travel trails

The 10 adventure-packed regions described in this book each contain a well-marked travel trail to guide you effortlessly to major points of scenic, historic and recreational interest. These modern "trails" are fine, hard-surfaced byways off the beaten paths of fast-moving freeways and Interstate routes. Each is a "great circle" loop of from 500 to 780 miles which can be entered or left at any point along the way. You can spend a fascinating week on any trail, select a portion for a weekend jaunt, or drive segments of one or more on a cross-state trip. Special signs mark the routes, and detailed folders are available for each trail without charge from the Texas Highway Department. Write for those you'd like to visit most, or ask for all 10 and drive as many as you can . . . when you can.

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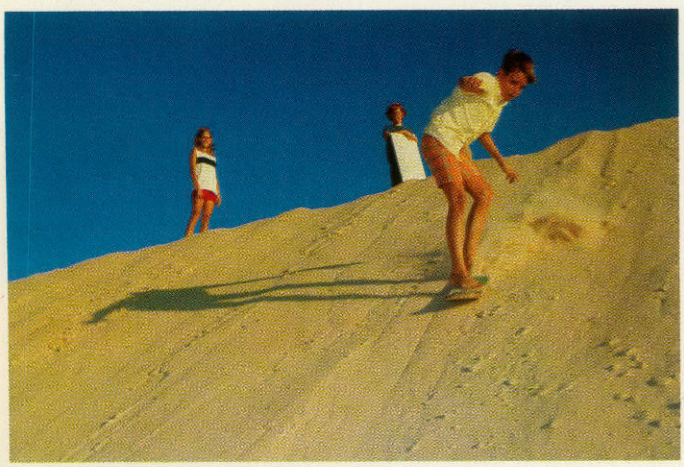
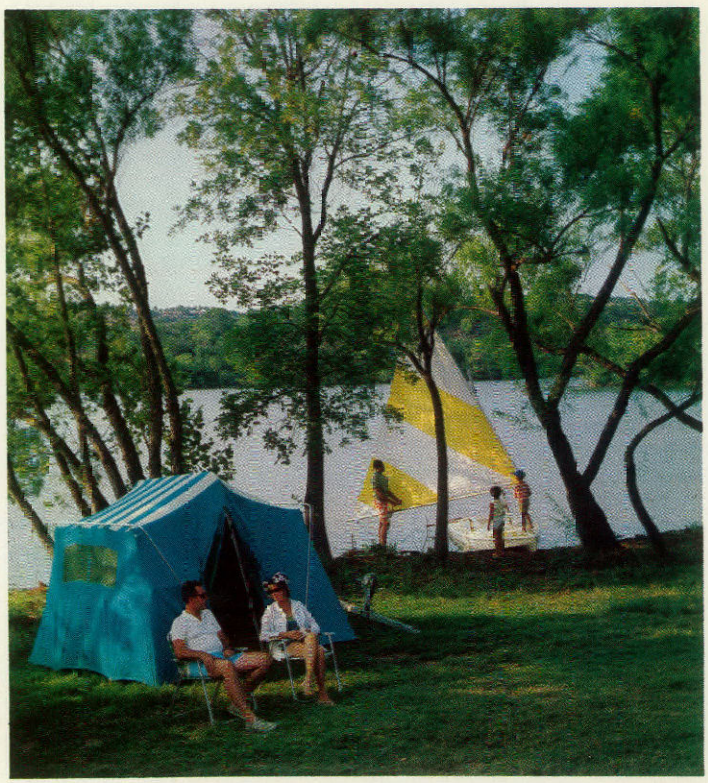
state parks

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department maintains nearly 70 state parks as scenic attractions, recreational areas and historic sites. State parks shown in the accompanying chart are also described under the city listing. No hunting of any kind is permitted in state parks, although fishing is permitted, and boats, fishing licenses and supplies are normally available. The state park system preserves much of Texas' historical heritage such as San Jacinto Battleground, frontier military forts, 18th Century Spanish missions. Preserved also are unique areas of natural phenomena such as the vast dunes of Monahans Sandhills State Park, and the rugged beauty of Palo Duro Canyon.





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LONGHORN CAVERN	BURNET	Daily Cavern Tours					■	■		■		Texas Longhorn Herd				■		
MONAHANS SANDHILLS	MONAHANS	■				■	■	■		■						■	Y	
PALMETTO	LULING	■				■	■	■		■		●	Nature Trail				Y	
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GOV. HOGG SHRINE	QUITMAN			P			■			■					■			■
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JIM HOGG	RUSK						■			■								■
LYNDON B. JOHNSON	STONEWALL	TEXAS LONGHORN HERD & WILDLIFE EXHIBIT					■			■		●	■		■		A	■
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STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	SAN FELIPE	■	■	S	■		■	■		■	■		■				G	■
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†ALAMO	SAN ANTONIO						■								■			■
EISENHOWER BIRTHPLACE	DENISON						■								■			■
FANNIN BATTLEGROUND	FANNIN						■			■								
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SAN JOSE MISSION	SAN ANTONIO						■								■			■

† FACILITIES NOT OPERATED BY TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT
● PERMITTED BUT NO FACILITIES PROVIDED
■ FACILITIES OR SERVICES PROVIDED FOR ACTIVITY

X—OPEN SHELTERS
S—SCREENED GROUP HALL
H—GROUP HALL
C—GROUP CAMP
G—GOLF
A—AUDITORIUM
M—MINIATURE GOLF
P—GROUP PICNIC SHELTER
D—SCENIC DRIVE
T—TRAILER RENTALS
R—RENTAL HORSES
B—BOATS FOR RENT
Y—TRAILER SEWAGE DUMP
Z—AIRSTRIP
★—FACILITIES BEING DEVELOPED

New parks in preliminary development stage are not listed here.

national forests

The four national forests in 11 East Texas counties total 658,023 acres. Recreational areas have varying facilities as shown in chart below; access to areas follows chart. Designated fee areas require daily or annual permit. Except for two small game management areas, all forestlands are open to public. Visitors may see wildlife, exotic flora, and controlled timbering operations.

NATIONAL FOREST RECREATIONAL AREAS	Designated Fee Area	Picnicking	Camping	Swimming	Boating	Shelters	Concessionaires	Camp Trailer Parking (No Hookups)	Sanitary Facilities	Hiking Trails	Drinking Water	Scenic Area
ANGELINA NATIONAL FOREST												
Boykin Springs	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	
Letney	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Townsend	x	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	x	
Harvey Creek	x	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	x	
Caney Creek	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Sandy Creek	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Bouton Lake		x	x		x			x	x		x	
DAVY CROCKETT NATIONAL FOREST												
Ratcliff Lake	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Pine Springs		x							x			
Neches Bluff		x							x			
Kickapoo		x							x	x	x	
SABINE NATIONAL FOREST												
Boles Field		x	x			x		x	x	x	x	
Red Hills Lake	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Willow Oak	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	
Patroon Creek		x	x						x			
SAM HOUSTON NATIONAL FOREST												
Double Lake	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Stubblefield Lake	x	x	x			x		x	x	x	x	
Walker Lake		x	x					x	x			
Big Thicket Scenic Area										x		x

ANGELINA NATIONAL FOREST — Smallest with 154,389 acres in Angelina, Jasper, Nacogdoches and San Augustine Counties, with these recreational areas:

Boykin Springs — About 14 miles southeast of Zavalla via Texas 63 Forest Service Road (FSR) 313.

Letney — On Sam Rayburn Reservoir about 25 miles southeast of Zavalla via Texas 63, F.M. 255, FSR 335.

Townsend — On Sam Rayburn Reservoir about five miles northwest of Broaddus via Texas 147, F.M. 1277, F.M. 2923.

Harvey Creek — On Sam Rayburn Reservoir about nine miles east and south of Broaddus via F.M. 83, F.M. 2390.

Caney Creek — On Sam Rayburn Reservoir about 14 miles southeast of Zavalla via Texas 63, F.M. 2743.

Sandy Creek — On Sam Rayburn Reservoir about 21 miles southeast of Zavalla via Texas 63, FSR 333.

Bouton Lake — About 15 miles southeast of Zavalla via Texas 63, FSR 303.

DAVY CROCKETT NATIONAL FOREST — 161,556 acres in Houston and Trinity Counties, containing these recreational areas:

Ratcliff Lake — Between Kennard and Ratcliff, FSR 520 loops area.

Pine Springs — Southwest of Weches via Texas 21 to FSR 524, signs indicate area.

Neches Bluff — On Neches River about seven miles southwest of Alto via Texas 21, FSR 511.

Kickapoo — About three miles southeast of Groveton via U.S. 287.

SABINE NATIONAL FOREST — Largest with 183,843 acres in Jasper, Sabine, San Augustine and Shelby Counties with these recreational areas:

Boles Field — About seven miles east of Shelbyville via F.M. 417, F.M. 2694.

Red Hills Lake — About three miles north of Milam via Texas 87.

Willow Oak — On Toledo Bend Reservoir about 14 miles southeast of Hemphill via Texas 87, FSR 117.

Patroon Creek — About 10 miles north of Milam via Texas 87, FSR 330-A.

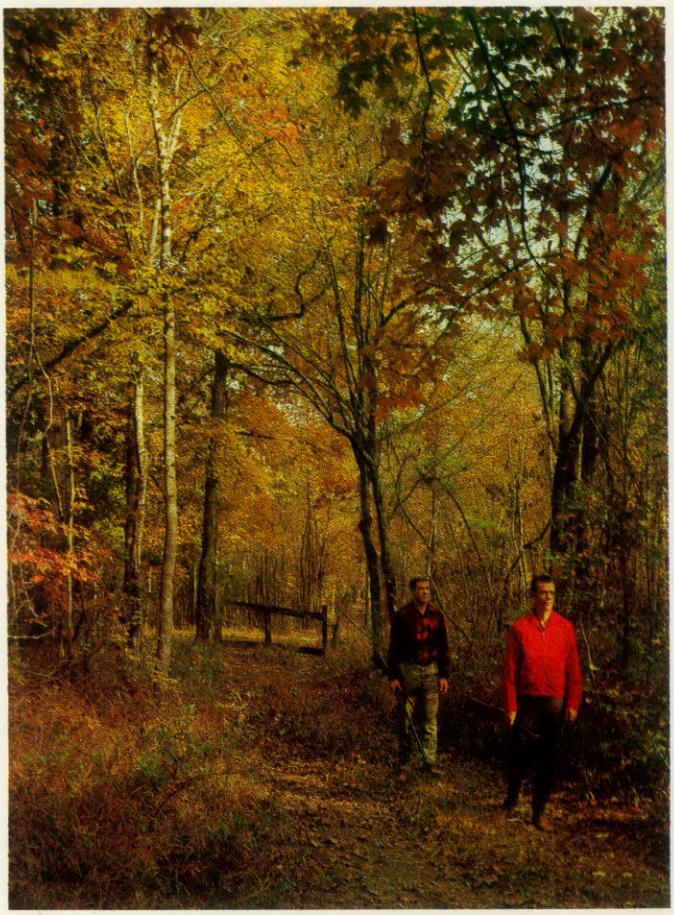
SAM HOUSTON NATIONAL FOREST — 158,235 acres in Montgomery, San Jacinto and Walker Counties with these recreational areas:

Double Lake — About four miles south of Coldspring via Texas 150, F.M. 2025.

Stubblefield Lake — On West Fork San Jacinto River about 12 miles north and west of New Waverly via F.M. 1374, FSR 208.

Walker Lake — About seven miles northeast of New Waverly via F.M. 1375.

Big Thicket Scenic Area — About eight miles south of Coldspring via Texas 150, FSR 217.



state forests

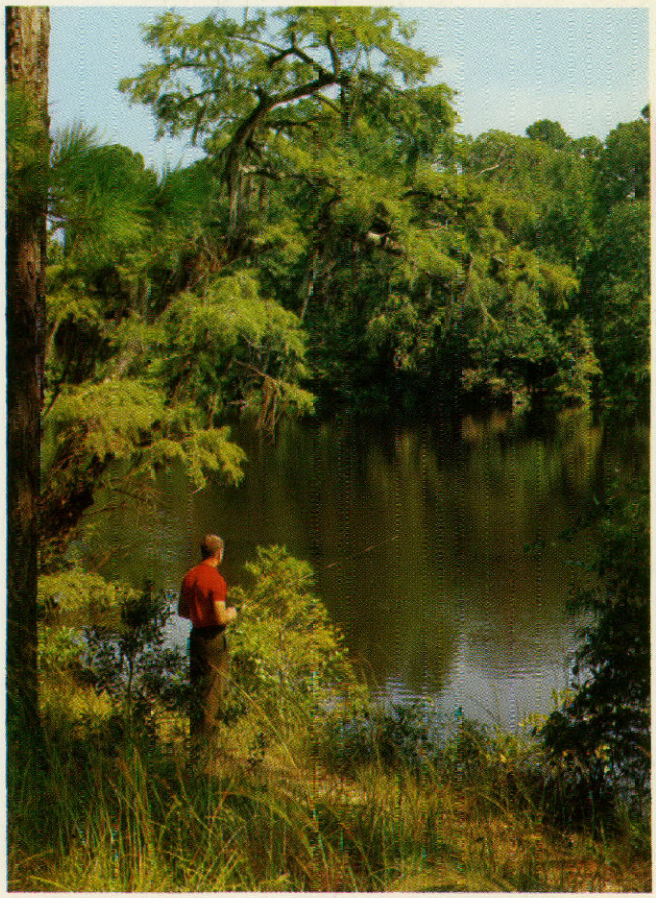
Texas' four state forests, managed by the Texas Forest Service which is part of Texas A&M University, display results of modern forestry techniques. State Forests are wildlife refuges and hunting is prohibited. Fishing is permitted in designated areas. Information concerning forestry demonstrations available from district foresters and Forest Service headquarters. Fire lookout towers may be visited when personnel are on duty.

Fairchild State Forest — Named for state Senator I. D. Fairchild of Lufkin; 2,896 acres in six tracts — largest 13 miles west of Rusk along U.S. 84. Originally owned by state prison system, most of area was first logged over in 1909-10. Small recreation area with fishing, swimming, picnicking in main tract one-quarter mile south of U.S. 84.

Jones State Forest — Purchased in 1926 and named for founder of Texas Forestry Assn., W. Goodrich Jones; 1,725-acre area five miles south of Conroe was first logged in 1892; 1923 fire burned over entire area. Nature trail of interpretive forestry in northwest corner of forest, and small pond near headquarters offers fishing, swimming, picnicking.

Kirby State Forest — Donated in 1929 by John Henry Kirby, pioneer lumberman; 600-acre area 14 miles south of Woodville off U.S. 287 has weather station, nature trail, picnicking.

Siecke State Forest — 1,722-acre forest is named for E. O. Siecke, State Forester 1918-1942. Main tract five miles southeast of Kirbyville via U.S. 96 and F.M. 82; 100-acre adjunct a mile west. Fishing permitted in small pond near headquarters and in Trout Creek swimming in deep hole on Trout Creek; shelters and fireplaces along stream open year-round. Area plant and wildlife found along marked nature trail



hunting and fishing

Hunting and fishing in Texas rank with the best in the nation. The variety of fish and game is great, and in many areas abundant.

Fishermen may try some 6,000 square miles of inland freshwater — hundreds of creeks, rivers and lakes — plus scores of tidal bays and 624 miles of shoreline along the Gulf of Mexico.

Primary freshwater game fish are black bass (largemouth), smallmouth or Kentucky bass, crappie, bluegills (bream), various other sunfish, white or sand bass, and catfish including channel, blue and flathead (yellow). Found in some areas are chain pickerel, northern pike, walleye, striped bass and rainbow trout.

Along the Gulf Coast some 250 different species await lure or bait. Among the most popular are speckled trout, king and Spanish mackerel, wahoo, bonito, tuna, sailfish, marlin, pompano, flounder, grouper, jewfish, red snapper, sheepshead, redfish and drum. Many can be taken from beach, jetty or pier.

The feature Texas game animal is the white-tailed deer, found almost statewide, but most densely in the Hill Country where they live in greater numbers than anywhere else in the nation. Mule deer and pronghorn antelope are found in West Texas. Other game animals include javelinas, wild boars and squirrels.

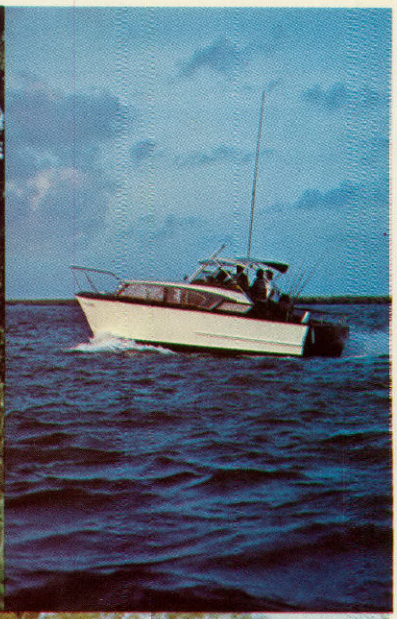
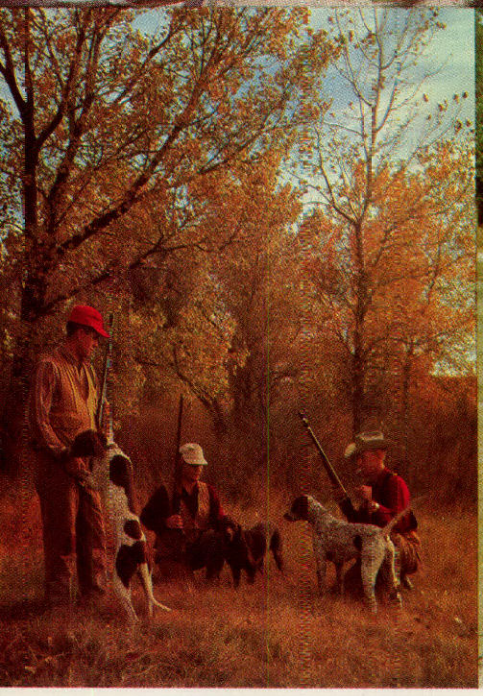
Game birds include a great variety of migratory waterfowl which winter in Texas, plus wild turkey, several types of quail, mourning and white-winged doves, pheasants, prairie chickens, sandhill cranes and chachalacas.

Of unusual interest are several ranches where exotic game animals are stocked for year-round hunting. Among popular species are Indian blackbuck antelope, wild Corsican rams, African aoudad sheep, axis and sika deer.

Hunting in Texas can be very rewarding, though requiring some special arrangements for the nonresident. Texas has no large areas of public lands freely accessible for hunting. Almost all lands are privately owned, requiring authority from the landowner before entering or hunting.

The situation has given rise to the hunting lease system: fees paid landowners for permission to hunt. For convenience of visitors, some leases may be had on a daily basis. No central list of leases is available from the state; inquiries should be made locally.

Hunting arrangements can be made by contacting individual

ranchers and landowners, or through Guides, Outfitters & Resorts, 3444 Northhaven Road, Dallas 75229. A good reference book containing hunting locations, types of game, landowner names and addresses, and hunting fees, is *Hunters' Guide to Texas* (Pemberton Press), available by mail for $3.95 (plus 40c for tax handling and postage) from P.O. Box 12013, Austin 78711.

REGULATIONS

The following is only a general summary of Texas hunting and fishing regulations. All persons intending to hunt or fish should obtain the free pamphlets, *Texas Hunting Guide,* and *Texas Fishing Guide,* available from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept., John H. Reagan Bldg., Austin 78701. Licenses are sold at most sporting goods and tackle stores, at all county courthouses, and from game management officers.

Fishing: In general, every person fishing in Texas waters must have a license. License cost is $2.15 for resicents and nonresidents alike, and is good for fishing both in salt and freshwater. License expires August 31, regardless of purchase date.

Some exceptions are: no license is required of a person fishing with a throw line or fishing pole with no winding device, when fishing in the county of his residence. No license is required for fishermen under 17 or over 65 years of age, or if fishing on private waters.

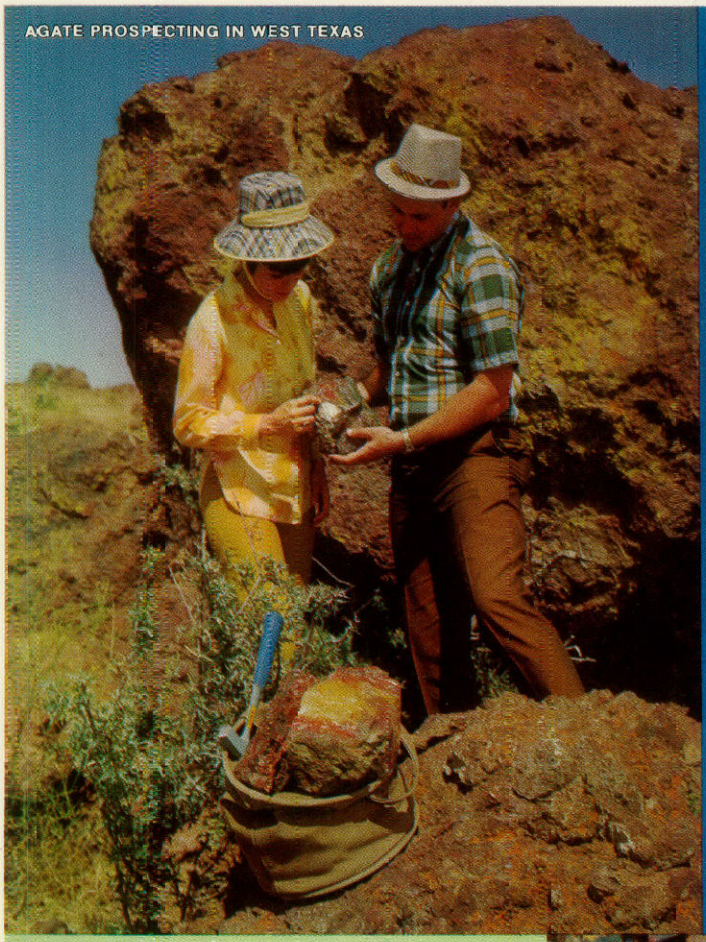
Size, bag and possession limits of fish, as well as county-by-county exceptions, are listed in the *Texas Fishing Guide.*

Hunting: All nonresicents, regardless of age, must be licensed to hunt in Texas. A nonresident's five-day license to hunt migratory game birds is $5. The nonresident hunting license, good for all game, is $25. A resort hunting license, for use on a licensed shooting resort only, is $3.25.

A resident hunting license is $3.25 and is required of every Texan who hunts outside the county of his residence, or who hunts deer or turkey. Exempt licenses, which cost 25 cents, can be issued to residents under 17 or over 65 years of age, or to persons hunting only on the land on which they reside.

Seasonal dates, bag limits, and special provisions of the game laws are found in the *Texas Hunting Guide.*

Hunting and Fishing in Mexico: See MEXICO, page 197.

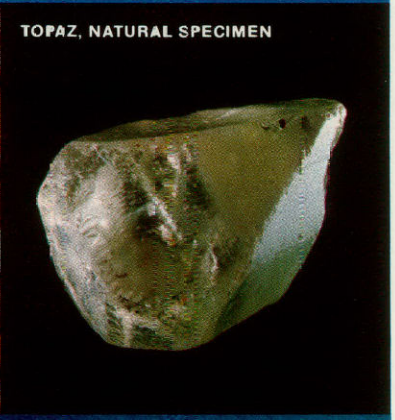


AGATE PROSPECTING IN WEST TEXAS

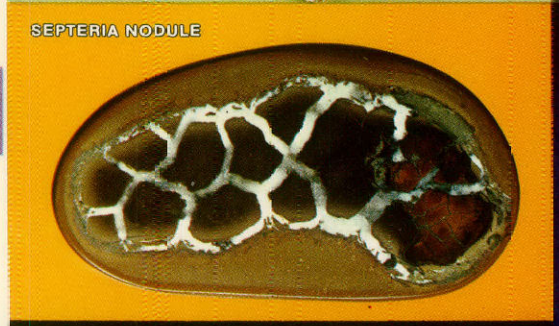
TOPAZ, TEXAS STATE GEM

PETRIFIED PALM WOOD, TEXAS STATE STONE

AGATE



TOPAZ, NATURAL SPECIMEN



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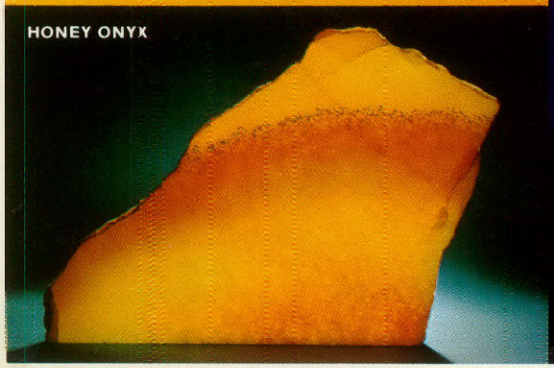

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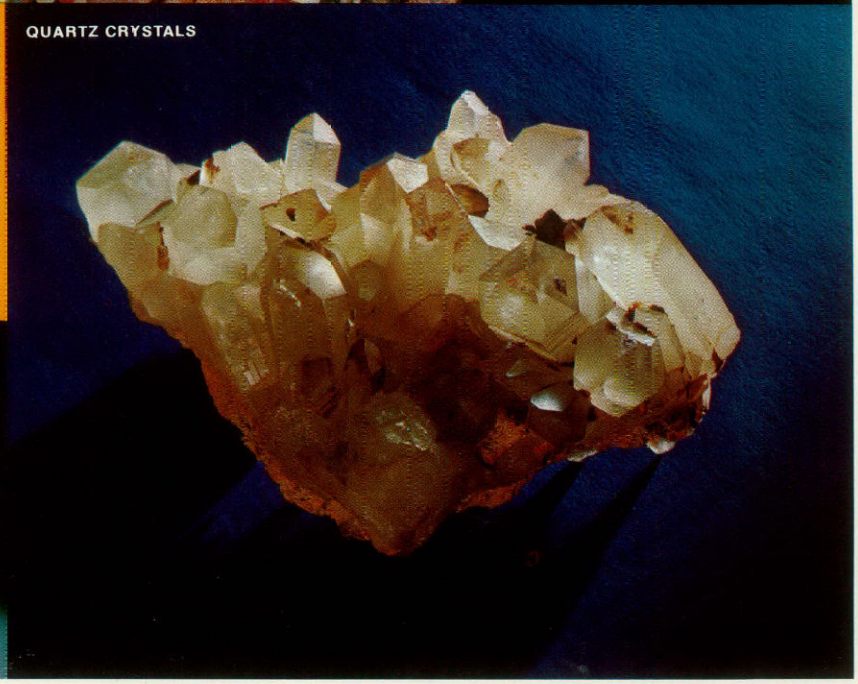


QUARTZ CRYSTALS

rocks and minerals

With its diversity of geography, Texas is a bonanza for amateur rock and mineral collectors. Terrain ranges from sea level to mountains, with outcroppings in a multitude of types and ages from Quaternary to Precambrian. Localities in every part provide exciting specimens.

Among the most popular mineral regions are the Trans-Pecos of West Texas, and the famous Llano uplift of Central Texas. The Trans-Pecos (west of the Pecos River) includes vast volcanic igneous deposits, primitive deserts, stark mountains, and ghost mining towns. The Llano uplift is a region of ancient intrusive igneous and metamorphic rocks, now lifted to the surface with a glittering array of mineral specimens. It is roughly bounded by Brady, San Saba, Burnet, Johnson City, Fredericksburg and Mason.

Local inquiry is the best method to obtain information about specific collecting areas. Visit rock shops, and ask about local gem and mineral societies. Remember that the landowner's permission is always required before entering private property, and that collecting is not permitted in national or state parks.

Listed below are just a few of the interesting specimens found in Texas, and some areas where they appear. An excellent amateur's guide "Texas Rocks and Minerals," Guidebook 6, is available by mail from the University of Texas for $1.30. Orders (and remittance) should be addressed to the Bureau of Economic Geology, University of Texas, University Station Box X, Austin 78712.

Agate — Banded, black, moss, plume, pom pom, thistle, zebra and other superb varieties. Very abundant in areas around Alpine, Marfa, Sierra Blanca; Hovey Flats west of Fort Stockton; along much of the Rio Grande, especially around Laredo and Falcon Reservoir.

Alibates Flint — Beautiful variable-colored flint in shades of red, rose, white, cream, blue and gray. Located only in one area of Texas, once traded and prized by Indians throughout the North American continent. Mined by prehistoric cultures and later Indians for 12,000 years. Found near Lake Meredith north of Amarillo. Ancient quarry sites are within Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument, under development and not yet open to the public. Other flint outcroppings on local lands and highway cuts in the area.

Asbestos — Silky gray-green specimens found in small veins among Precambrian metamorphic rocks south of Llano.

Amethyst — Prized purple or violet gemstones commonly in six-sided prisms found at Amethyst Hill northeast of Fredericksburg; also in the Sierra Blanca and Quitman Mountains near Sierra Blanca, and around Alpine.

Calcite — Widespread in Texas, including popular dog-tooth spar of the Big Bend region. Crystals often of optical quality.

Celestite — Clear to blue crystals found in Mount Bonnell area of Austin, also around Lampasas, and Georgetown. Also found in geodes.

Cinnabar — Red, heavy, soft mercury ore (mercuric sulfide), found around ghost mining towns of Study Butte and Terlingua immediately west of Big Bend National Park.

Feldspar — Found in a great range of colors — white, cream, yellow, brown, red, blue, green and gray — among intrusive igneous rocks at the surface in the Llano uplift region, also in the Van Horn Mountains near Van Horn. Crystals more than 12 inches long are occasionally found.

Garnet — Two types, almandite (deep or brownish red), and grossularite (pale green), most often found in Texas. Several crystal forms in regions near Llano and Burnet, northeast of Mason and northeast of Fredericksburg. Also in the Quitman Mountains southwest of Sierra Blanca, and in the Franklin Mountains north of El Paso.

Geodes and Nodules — Specimens from the size of walnuts to basketballs, lined or filled with beautiful crystals including amethyst, calcite, celestite, jasper, opal, onyx or quartz. Found in many localities including areas around Alpine and Marfa in West Texas, and around Austin, Georgetown, Lampasas, Roby, Robert Lee and Sweetwater in the central portion of the state.

Granite — Huge domes at the surface in the Llano uplift region; much red and pink granite prized for monuments and building material. (See FREDERICKSBURG, MARBLE FALLS and LAKE LYNDON B. JOHNSON, Ranch & Hill Country section.) Also found in the Big Bend region.

Graphite — Found in extremely old Precambrian rocks of the Llano uplift; some fine quality specimens. One of the country's most important graphite mines is located northwest of Burnet, but mine area is not ordinarily open to amateur collectors.

Gypsum — Mined in several places in Texas. Rock gypsum found in layers in Palo Duro Canyon southeast of Amarillo, also in many places along the edge of the Cap Rock (High Plains). Selenite gypsum rosettes near Sweetwater; gypsum crystals at Gyp Hill southeast of Falfurrias.

Jasper — Very attractive red, brown and yellow varieties, frequently banded. Found in stream gravel at several localities on and near the Rio Grande throughout its length.

Llanite — Beautiful mineral found only in Texas, Llano uplift area, a form of granite of gem quality. Mixture of crystals of sky-blue quartz and pink feldspar. Prized for cabochons.

Marble — Large outcroppings of many different colors and varieties in the Llano uplift region of Central Texas. Also found near Van Horn and Big Bend National Park.

Onyx — Honey (rich yellowish gold) and banded varieties, valued for cutting, carving and spheres. Often found in abundance at localities in the Pecos region around Ozona, Pecos and Sanderson.

Opal — Almost every color of common opal in many localities from the Panhandle to the Gulf coastal plain and the Trans-Pecos. Superb precious opal in the Alpine region, milky white with fiery orange, red, blue and green interior colors.

Petrified Wood — Abundant in many localities; certain types eagerly sought by collectors. Agatized, carbonized, silicified and opalized. Petrified palm wood is the official state stone; takes a lustrous polish with beautiful dot pattern (called "straws"). Found in broad areas of East Texas, South Texas and the Trans-Pecos.

Tektites — One of the mysteries of geology, uncertain whether of earth origin or from outer space. Some specimens show heat pits and molten surface flow of a body that has moved through the atmosphere at extreme speed. Small marble-sized black glass, rare and highly prized. Found in stream gravel, weathering from highway cuts, and exposed by rains on soil surfaces; in a broad band roughly from Trinity to Gonzales, also including areas around Hallettsville, La Grange, Giddings, Caldwell, Bryan and Navasota.

Quartz — Abundant in many forms; found in the Llano uplift region and throughout much of the Trans-Pecos. Rock crystal prized for jewelry, milky quartz often found in large masses, delicate rose quartz in masses. Smoky quartz frequently in six-sided prisms, especially beautiful specimens from Lake Buchanan area.

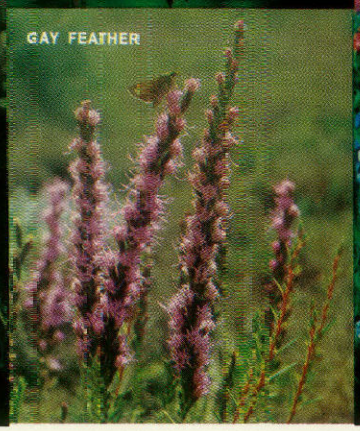
Topaz — The official Texas gem, eagerly sought by collectors. From colorless to the prized blue variety. Found in several localities in the Llano uplift region; the most famous area for gemstone specimens is west to northwest of Mason.

Tourmaline — Dark colored varieties, black and brown. Occurs both as masses and crystals. Often found in masses of milky quartz in the Llano uplift region, especially at Town Mountain north of Llano. Also in the Carrizo, Eagle, Van Horn and Wylie Mountains of West Texas.

PITAYA CACTUS

INDIAN PAINTBRUSH

BLUEBONNETS AND YUCCA


GAY FEATHER

SWAMP IRIS

PASSION FLOWER

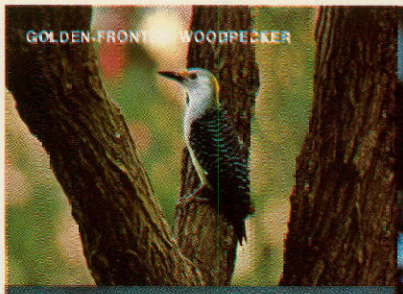
flowers of texas

In East Texas' humic marshlands, carnivorous pitcher plants trap unwary insects. Far across the state, rare, red Mexican silenes seek the seclusion of cool canyons. On sun-swept Padre Island beach morning glories race across lonely dunes. Such is the story of Texas' 5,000 wild flower species — products of the state's diverse environment. More gregarious types such as bluebonnets, buttercups and Indian paintbrushes roam statewide, draping festive serapes over highway shoulders each spring.

While spring is the most spectacular season, other times offer their own specialties. The sun-drenched western desert can blithely ignore the calendar. In almost any month "spring" follows each rare, welcome rain. Thirst quenched — yucca, ocotillo and cacti erupt in a brief frenzy of blooms.

Throughout the year in the Border Tropics towering palms parade down bougainvillea-draped boulevards. In winter citrus orchards are heady with the scent of orange blossoms, and giant poinsettias decorate homes to the eaves for the holiday season.

For a colorful guide to some of the state's most popular wild flowers, write the Texas Highway Department for a free *Flowers of Texas* folder.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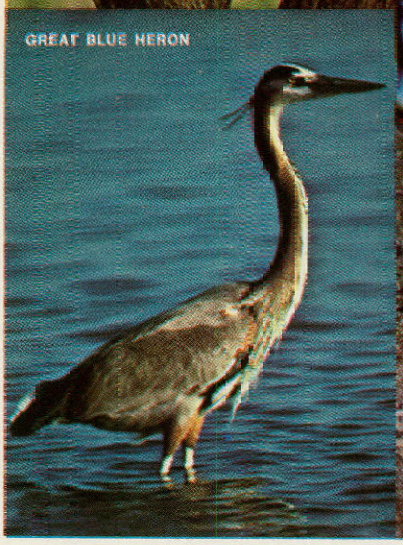
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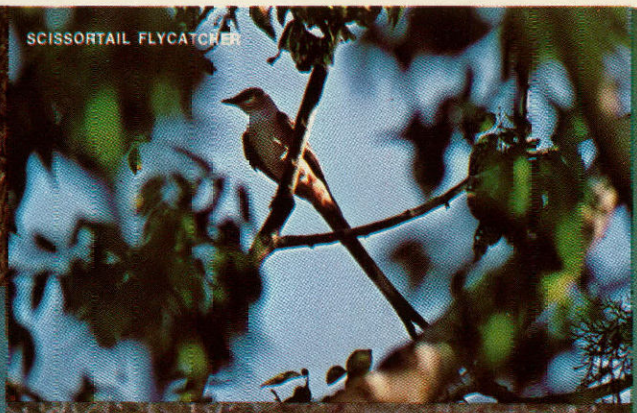
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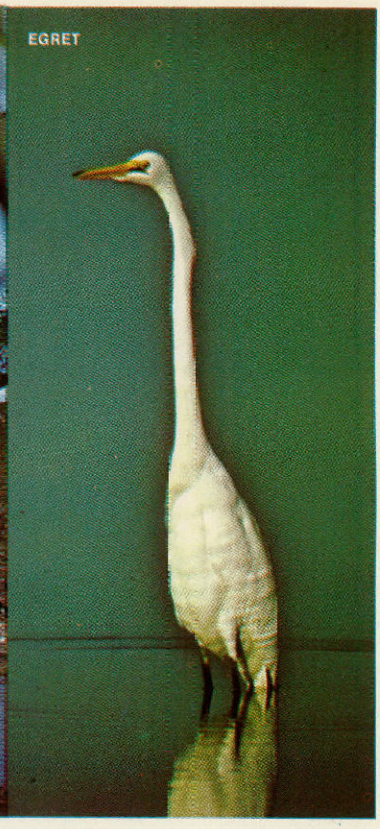
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birds of texas

With three-fourths of all known American birds represented in Texas, anywhere in the state, any time of the year, there are birds for the watching.

No other state offers the birding variety (or challenge) that Texas does. Varied vegetation, altitudes from sea level to over 8,000 feet, rainfall from less than 10 inches annually to more than 55 inches, and a strategic position on the North American continent, combine to provide a diversity of birdlife unapproached by any other state. In addition, Texas' large resident bird population is augmented by hosts of migrating species.

Refuges offer exceptional viewing of both rare specimens and large concentrations of familiar species. (See WILDLIFE REFUGES, Index.)

The 624-mile Texas coastline teems with shorebirds — gulls, pelicans, egrets and roseate spoonbills, plus the world's few remaining whooping cranes which winter at the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge.

The Border Tropics area hosts tropical birds; Inca and white-winged doves, and is the only place in the nation where such species as white-fronted doves, chachalacas, and green jays may be observed. Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge is an ideal spot to add those visitors from south-of-the-border to a "life list."

The Texas High Plains are home to horned larks, kites and prairie chickens. Lakes attract mallard, baldpate and pintail migrants. Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge is a haven for thousands of wintering sandhill cranes.

In the Towering West of Texas are rare Colima warblers and eagles, canyon wrens, desert-dwelling flycatchers and tiny verdins.

The Hill Country hosts large flocks of wild turkeys, almost countless resident and migrant species, and the nesting place of rare golden-cheeked warblers. More open terrain is habitat of fleet-footed roadrunners.

The Woodland Lakes region is the Texas home of several eastern species including the wood thrush, Acadian flycatcher and Kentucky warbler. A few swallow-tailed kites may live here, and perhaps, the once-thought-to-be-extinct ivory billed woodpeckers.

Birding in Texas can be a rewarding experience!

ROADRUNNER

special events

Texans love parades and rodeos. They love fairs, festivals and fiestas. They welcome every opportunity to join with old and new friends for a good time. So the Texas calendar is always loaded with events.

Throughout this book major annual events are listed with each

JANUARY

The year begins with the end of a rousing salute to the Texas climate, the Southwestern Sun Carnival in El Paso. From Dec. 20 to Jan. 1 El Paso swings with beauty contests and balls, swim, golf, tennis and polo meets, sports car races, rodeo events and the annual Sun Bowl football game. Jan. 1 winds it up with the glittering Sun Carnival Parade.

There's also the traditional Cotton Bowl football classic in Dallas.

Elsewhere in the state Texans are looking forward to another season of outdoor fun at a series of sport, vacation and boat shows. Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth and Houston all stage such events.

Down in South Texas the season is already underway. There's a New Year's Day Swim at Corpus Christi, and the Texas Citrus Fiesta gets underway at Mission.

FEBRUARY

February is Mardi Gras time in Texas — by a variety of names. It's Mardi Gras on the Gulf Coast at Freeport and Lake Jackson. In Brownsville it's Charro Days, an international fiesta that swirls in four days of fun on both sides of the border.

George Washington's Birthday has been celebrated for three-quarters of a century in Laredo and Nuevo Laredo. The twin cities honor the first New World leader to throw off European dominion. Bands, military units and floats from Texas and Mexico mingle in a week of good neighbor fun.

At McAllen in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, winter visitors from northern climes are greeted with special state picnics saluting Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Canada and others.

San Antonio stages its stock show and rodeo at mid-month, and the historic Salt Grass Trail Ride opens the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo during the closing week.

MAY

Pirates invade Corpus Christi, setting off a reign of fun during the last days of April and the first days of May. The Buccaneer Days frolic features pretty pirate maids in fetching costumes, parades, balls, beach activities and a music festival.

Rodeos are going full blast all over the state. Usually presented for two or more days near the weekend, rodeos are scheduled at Carthage, Giddings, Jasper, Linden, Marble Falls, Marfa, Mineral Wells, Wolfe City and elsewhere. Burnet stages an all-girl rodeo, and Mesquite begins a Friday and Saturday night rodeo schedule that continues into September.

Toward the end of the month Athens hosts its annual Old Fiddlers' Contest and Reunion, while both Six Flags Over Texas and Astroworld begin their daily summer schedules.

JUNE

Rodeos continue, and in the same vein Texans enjoy showing prize livestock. Horse shows, mostly quarter horses but also Arabians, appaloosas and other breeds, are slated at cities including Athens, Bastrop, Bellaire, Dallas, Decatur, Denison, Fort Worth, Georgetown, Hillsboro, Kermit and Madisonville. Annual cattle shows are featured at Madisonville and Waco.

On two successive weekends the colorful Fort Griffin Fandangle is presented by Albany townspeople in an outdoor amphitheatre. Some performers are grandchildren of original cast.

Festivals at Luling and Stockdale honor watermelons, while Stonewall crowns a peach queen.

The nation's largest wool market, San Angelo, annually hosts the Miss Wool of America Pageant during the last week of June.

Also during the last week, "TEXAS!", the spectacular outdoor musical drama in Palo Duro Canyon near Amarillo, begins its season with nightly (except Sunday) shows that continue through August.

SEPTEMBER

Colorful hand-stitched quilts, homemade jellies and preserves, family-recipe pastries, and proud youngsters with immaculately combed and curried show animals — these are the nostalgic features of area and county fairs during September at towns including Abilene, Amarillo, Boerne, Clarksville, Coleman, Colorado City, Dumas, Greenville, Karnes City, La Grange, Lockney, Lubbock, New Braunfels, Rosenberg, Seguin, Stratford, Texarkana, Trinity and Tyler.

There's an annual Tourist Day (with free watermelons) at Shamrock, a fishing festival at Port Lavaca, and the annual Southwestern Regional Fly-In of sport and experimental aircraft at Georgetown.

Celebrating Diez y Seis, Mexican Independence Day (Sept.16), are several cities including Corpus Christi, Houston, Port Arthur and San Antonio.

OCTOBER

Many more county and regional fairs are on the October slate, plus the biggest of them all, the State Fair of Texas which runs for 16 days in Dallas.

Playing to packed stands each Sunday in October, the Texas Prison Rodeo at Huntsville features convict performers in all traditional rodeo thrills and spills.

The skirl of bagpipes echoes at Austin during the annual Gathering of Scottish Clans and Highland Games.

The lusty Wurstfest (sausage festival) spans 10 days at the last of October and first of November in New Braunfels. Rich in German heritage, the town and visitors join in a carnival of fun and feasting accented by plenty of polka music and gemuetlichkeit (good fellowship).

city. In addition, a complete semiannual calendar of events is published by the Texas Highway Department.

Whatever the season or place, visitors can be sure of a warm welcome at Texas events, because to Texans, fun is best when it's shared.

MARCH

March introduces the lavish floral season in Texas. Beautiful white blossoms of dogwood spangle the Piney Woods, and scenic routes through the flowering countryside are charted at Palestine and Woodville. Azaleas begin their spectacle of blossom as spring temperatures spread northward. Beaumont, Dallas, Houston and Tyler schedule azalea tours.

For contrast, March is also a popular month for the intriguing sport of catching rattlesnakes. Rattlesnake roundups draw participants and spectators to Brownwood, Coleman, Jacksboro and Sweetwater. Outfitted with high boots and special capturing equipment, snake hunters "bring 'em back alive" by the thousands.

APRIL

In April spring reaches its riotous climax of color. Dogwoods still blossom; carpets of bluebonnets appear along with Indian paintbrush, scarlet clover, wine cups and hundreds of other vivid varieties. Wild flower trails see caravans of viewers around such prime areas as Austin and the Highland Lakes region, Brenham, Ennis and Yoakum.

The most dramatic moments of Texas history are celebrated during the third week. On Apr. 21, 1836, Texas won its independence from Mexico on the battleground at San Jacinto near Houston. Statewide ceremonies mark the occasion, with the feature event at the San Jacinto Battleground including a review of the Texas Navy — scores of yachts and pleasure craft.

Fiesta San Antonio is a Latin-accented carnival spanning nine days around Apr. 21. There's the famous Battle of Flowers Parade, a night water parade on the beautiful San Antonio River through midtown, and a night street parade called the Fiesta Flambeau. Festivities center around La Villita, a re-created Mexican village of a century ago, in the heart of San Antonio.

JULY

A rash of rodeos, including performances at Austin, Belton, Bonham, Brownwood, Burnet, Carthage, Cuero, Denison, Denver City, Earth, Hillsboro, Kaufman, Ladonia, Linden, Marble Falls, Mason, Mesquite, Mineola, Pecos, Port Aransas, Ranger, Rocksprings, Snyder, Stamford, Stephenville, Sulphur Springs, Sweeny, Weatherford, Wharton, Wimberley and Yoakum.

Fourth of July celebrations encompass everything from fishing (Brazosport Fishin' Fiesta, Freeport; Deep-Sea Rodeo, Port Aransas) through golf tournaments (Alice, Jacksboro, Overton and Wolfe City) to the World Muleshoe Pitching Championship at the town of Muleshoe.

Photographers have field days when luscious lovelies parade the runways at beauty contests in Alice, Breckenridge, Hale Center, Odessa, Pittsburg, Seguin and elsewhere — topped off by the Miss Texas Pageant at Fort Worth.

AUGUST

Among August highlights is the Austin Aqua Festival, 10 days of water-oriented fun including canoe, sail and drag boat races, water ski competitions, a nighttime lighted water parade, plus special festivals dedicated to the cultural blends of Texas: Mexican, German, Czech and Western.

County fairs begin appearing at Athens, Canton, Emory, Fairfield, Fredericksburg and Mason. De Leon celebrates the diversity of its agricultural bounty during a four-day Peach and Melon Festival.

At Castroville descendants of Alsatian pioneers gather for their annual homecoming and St. Louis Day Celebration. The festival atmosphere is brightened by traditional Alsace-style costumes, dances and rich foods of European heritage.

NOVEMBER

Autumn colors reach their peak in the forestlands of East Texas, and foliage trails are charted around Winnsboro. Related events include a tour of pioneer homes, trail ride into the woods, fall flower show, and old-time country foodstuffs like smoked hams and sorghum syrup.

This month introduces the major hunting season in Texas for white-tailed deer. The towns of Bandera and Hondo welcome hunters with free barbecues on the night before hunting season opens.

At Harlingen the Confederate Air Force presents its annual flying spectacular, featuring military aircraft of World War II. Planes flown in demonstrations include combat aircraft from the U.S., Great Britain, Germany and Japan.

DECEMBER

Besides the customary decorations of streets and town squares, many localities celebrate the Yule season with special events. Christmas parades are held at Carthage, Daingerfield, Denison, Lancaster, Mineola, Mineral Wells, Muleshoe and Temple. At Seabrook-Kemah is a Christmas parade of lighted yachts, and in Houston a candlelight tour of the historic homes in Sam Houston Park.

Poinsettias, the Christmas flowers, are featured at the annual all-poinsettia show in Mission. The crimson flowers grow lavishly in the subtropical tip of Texas, where Mission is headquarters for the National Poinsettia Society.

The Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl at the Astrodome in Houston, and the Sun Bowl in El Paso, wind up collegiate football for the year. El Paso's Sun Carnival, from Dec. 20 to Jan. 1, is a fitting climax for a year-full of festival fun.

These monthly summaries are only random highlights among hundreds of Texas fun fests. See the Major Events category at each city listing, and consult local authorities for exact dates. Or write the Texas Highway Department for a comprehensive semiannual calendar of events.

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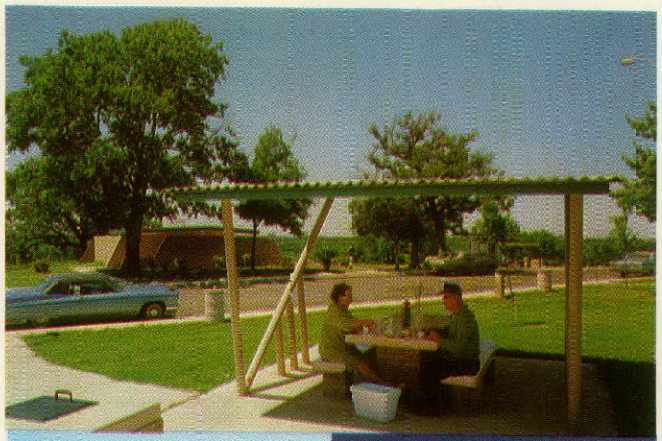
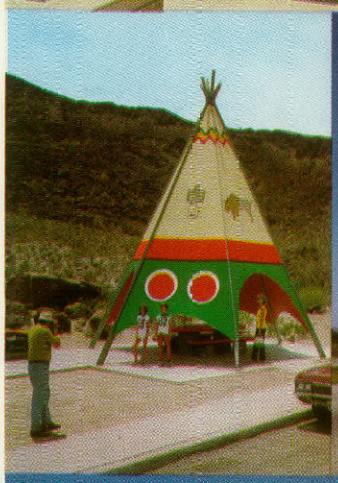
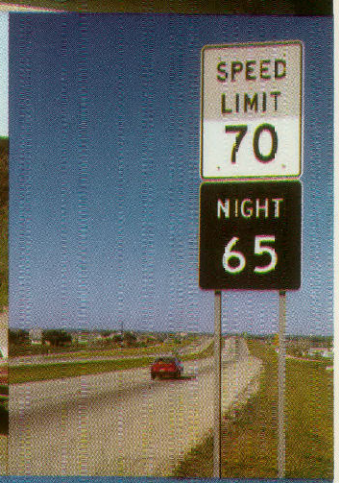






TOURIST BUREAUS

The Texas Highway Department operates 11 tourist bureaus for the convenience of the traveling public. Trained travel counselors welcome visitors, and provide a wealth of literature, information, and suggestions to make every Texas trip more pleasant.

Working with an official state travel map, counselors expertly chart routes to any area of Texas. They point out the most convenient short line directions, or leisurely scenic drives. They supply comprehensive statewide travel publications, plus detailed brochures about your destination. And they'll advise about points of interest, attractions, and recreational areas along the way.

All those travel services are free. Their business is your travel pleasure.

The bureaus are open daily year-round. Nine are at major highway entrances to Texas; one is in the State Capitol in Austin, and one is the fascinating Judge Roy Bean Visitor Center at Langtry, an attraction in itself. Visit a tourist bureau to discover some fabulous details about Texas, Land of Contrast!

Amarillo	I.H. 40 (from Oklahoma & New Mexico)
Anthony	I.H. 10 (from New Mexico)
Austin	State Capitol
Denison	U.S. 75 & 69 (from Oklahoma)
Gainesville	U.S. 77, I.H. 35 (from Oklahoma)
Langtry	U.S. 90, Loop 25
Laredo	I.H. 35 (from Mexico)
Orange	I.H. 10 (from Louisiana)
Texarkana	I.H. 30 (from Arkansas)
Waskom	I.H. 20 (from Louisiana)
Wichita Falls	U.S. 277, 281 & 287 (from Oklahoma)

ROADSIDE PARKS

Throughout the superb system of Texas highways, motorists find extra bonuses of pleasure at roadside parks. Texas pioneered the concept of miniature parks along travelways, an idea that has been adopted nationally.

Today more than a thousand Texas roadside parks, rest areas, and scenic turnouts invite motorists to pause in pleasant settings, and relax from the concentration of driving. Each of the small parks is landscaped to complement individual surroundings. They are equipped with shaded arbors, tables, benches, and cooking grills. Quite often the site has been selected for its impressive landscape views.

Along the Interstate system all rest areas will soon be equipped with drinking water, comfort station/rest rooms, and display cases with travel information. Those travel displays provide details about nearby features, plus statewide attractions.

Pause and enjoy Texas roadside parks. They will enhance the pleasure of your trip.

SPEED LIMITS

Safe speeds, maximum speeds, caution areas, stops and directions are marked along 70,000 miles of Texas highways by more than half a million signs. No passing zones are identified by a continuous yellow stripe on the driver's side of the center line. Center lines and lanes are delineated by white dash stripes. Painted or reflectorized pavement arrows often show approved directions of travel or turns. Arrows pointing *toward* the motorist or showing red reflectors indicate the driver is heading the *wrong* way on a freeway ramp or one-way street. Except where otherwise posted, maximum highway speeds are listed below.

	Autos	House Trailers*		Trucks & Trailers	Buses
DAY	70 mph	45 mph	*60 mph	60 mph	70 mph
NIGHT	65 mph	45 mph	*55 mph	55 mph	65 mph

(*Speeds for house trailers less than 4,500 pounds and 32 feet long)

TRAILERS

House/travel trailers more than 55 feet long, or 8 feet wide, require special permits to be moved over Texas highways. Permits are available at all Highway Department district offices Monday through Saturday noon, and daily at all Texas Tourist Bureaus. The permits are good for 10 days of continuous movement, and cost $5. The permit cost is payable only by cashier check or money order. Applicant must have license number, make, model, and weight of trailer, plus license and engine numbers of the towing vehicle.

climate

Like other attributes of the state, Texas climate is varied, but with one predominant characteristic — sunshine. Texas is sunland from the Gulf Coast to mile-high mountains, and in every season of the year. Native and visitor alike enjoy the vitamin D abundance — living keyed to the great outdoors — places to go, miles to cover, and things to see. What's more, air pollution doesn't stand a chance in Texas. Here you can count on fresh breezes and clear skies.

WINTER

Winter comes late to Texas, and leaves before wearing out its welcome. Only January and February can really be called winter, and depending on when and where you are, you might not recognize it. This is the season of "northers," cold fronts that sweep rapidly through the state bringing sudden drops in temperature. Then within a day or two, warming trends under sunny skies. Snow may powder the High Plains, but down in the Border Tropics they've never seen a snowflake, and it's sport shirt weather beneath evergreen citrus trees. Texas "winter sports" include golf, fishing, sailing, shuffleboard, and picnics on the beach.

SPRING

Spring in Texas is a Sigmund Romberg musical: Blossom Time. During March and April bluebonnets, Indian paintbrush and a thousand other wild flowers splash meadows with carpets of color. Temperatures are warm, bringing out shorts and bikinis that were hardly packed away from the previous sun season.

SUMMER

With a minimum of fanfare, spring blends into summer. Long, lazy days stretch from horizon to horizon. Silvery bass drift beneath lily pads, awaiting a tempting lure. Swimmers plunge into cool lake depths, and bronze themselves along uncrowded beaches beside the Gulf of Mexico.

Sure, temperatures climb on a summer afternoon. After all, this is sunland. But humidity is low, living's casual, and Texans revel in the ultimate season of the sun. Comes time to relax with a frosty glass, there's always air conditioning. In Texas, almost every place under roof is air conditioned.

FALL

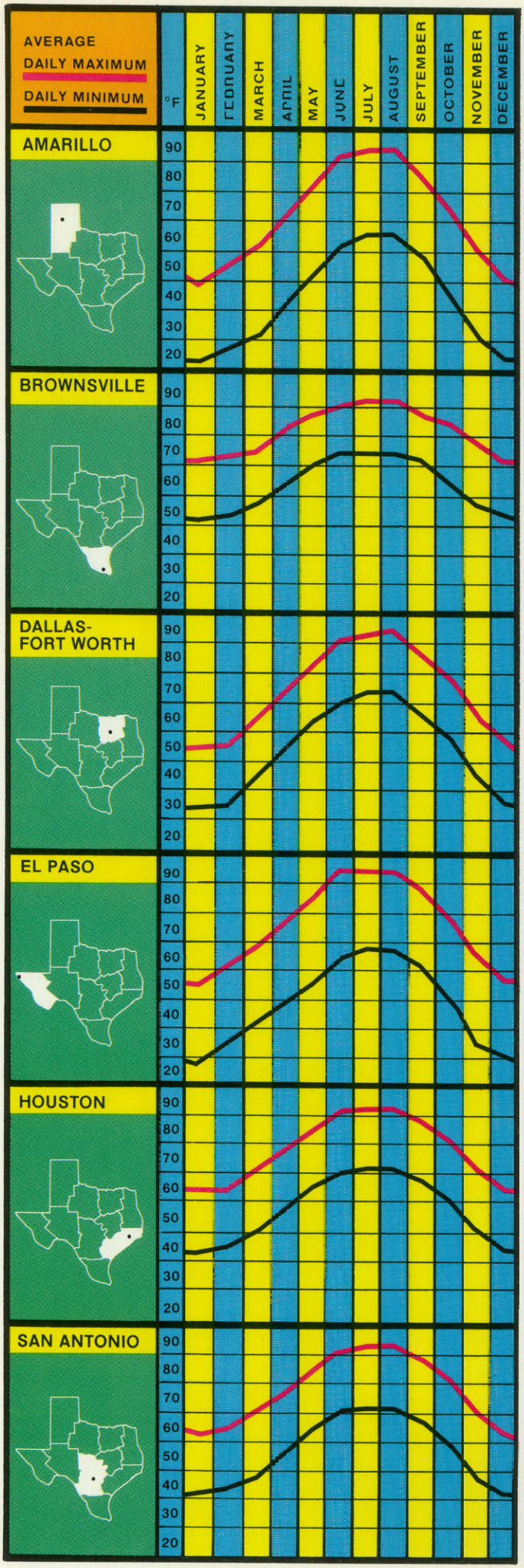
Delightful! October through December feature mild, sparkling days under the bluest skies, and cool nights accented by the notes of a Spanish guitar. This is another season of color — golden in the woodlands, and green on Astroturf gridirons. You'll want a sweater or light jacket for evenings at hillside theaters. And if a norther arrives around Christmas, so much the better for tradition.

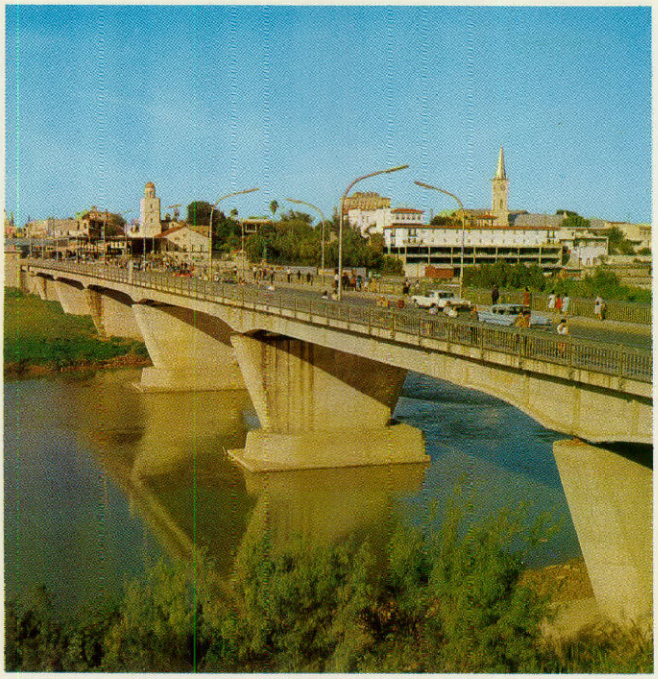
"OTHER" WEATHER

You've heard about Texas hurricanes and tornadoes. Relax. An occasional good, salty hurricane gives Gulf Coast residents something to talk about — sort of breaks the monotony of perfection. But if you'd just as soon pass up that kind of spice, there's always plenty of warning so you can travel inland. Of course if you do, you'll miss the beachcombing and fishing. Beachcombing is best after a hurricane, and fishing is absolutely fantastic.

Without question, tornadoes are fierce, but this is one category Texas can't claim the most of. In fact, on an average square-mile basis, Indiana, Massachusetts, Florida, Iowa, and that many other states average more tornadoes than Texas. Texans don't waste much time worrying about them.

Enjoy the Texas sunland. Enjoy the place where the good old summertime really is. Enjoy the freshness of spring and fall. Enjoy winter that's not a battle for survival. Enjoy the climate that's a way of leisure life.





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Entrance and Exit Regulations

The enchantment of Mexico is but a bridge away from much of Texas. Visitors find Mexican shops and markets colorful and fascinating, filled with a variety of gift, handicraft and art items at attractive prices. The people of Mexico are gracious and friendly.

Border crossing is easy and simple; there are no fees other than for auto insurance or special permits such as hunting and fishing licenses, and for U.S. Customs duties as mentioned below.

General

No visas, passports or other documents are required of U.S. citizens to visit the border cities of Mexico. A statement to the Mexican customs official (who meets your car at the border) that you intend to visit only the border city is all that is required for entrance.

On returning to Texas from Mexico, a stop at U.S. Customs is required, stating nationality and declaring any Mexican purchases.

A Mexican tourist card is required for visiting in Mexico beyond the border cities, or for stays longer than 72 hours. The free tourist cards are available from Mexican immigration authorities at the border, and also from Mexican consulates and Mexican Government Tourist Offices in the U.S. A birth certificate or other proof of U.S. citizenship, such as voter registration certificate, is required to obtain the tourist card.

Canadian citizens who visit Mexico from Texas should have a passport or birth certificate. Other foreign nationals should have a passport and appropriate visas both for entering Mexico and returning to the U.S.

Driving Into Mexico

An automobile permit is required when driving into the interior of Mexico beyond the border cities. The free auto permits may be obtained at the borcer after the tourist card has been stamped by Mexican immigration officials. Vehicle Title of Ownership is required. If the vehicle owner is not in the party, written permission from the owner must be presented. The individual to whom the car permit is issued will have his tourist card stamped to that effect, and it is mandatory that he accompany the auto upon leaving Mexico.

Auto tourists must stop at Mexico's Federal Inspection Points located on all principal highways to the interior, usually about 12 miles from the border. There the auto permit must be presented for inspection, and baggage inspection may also be required.

Mexican Auto Insurance

Most U.S. insurance companies adjust claims within the border cities of Mexico, but tourists should make certain their particular policy includes such coverage. A Texas resident can assure such coverage by having his insurance company add Endorsement 74 (free) to the policy.

For driving in Mexico anywhere outside of the border cities, purchase of Mexican automobile insurance is strongly recommended. Such short-term insurance is available from several agencies and travel services on the U.S. side of the border.

Returning to the U.S.

Each U.S. citizen may bring back articles purchased in Mexico to a total retail value of $100, duty free every 30 days, on any one re-entry. Standard federal duty fees will be assessed on the value of all articles above the standard $100 exemption.

Federal law permits only one quart of duty free alcoholic beverages to be brought back by each adult U.S. citizen each 30 days. Alcoholic beverages in excess of the one quart limitation are subject to duty and internal revenue tax. In addition, Texas law requires a state tax on all alcoholic beverages brought in from Mexico. NOTE: Texas law prohibits importation of alcoholic beverages in containers smaller than one-half pint. This is a point of frequent embarrassment for returning visitors because miniature bottles, widely available in Mexico, are often bought as souvenirs, but by law must be confiscated at the border.

Foreign-Made Articles Taken Into Mexico

Foreign-made articles such as cameras, watches, and jewelry previously acquired in the U.S. or elsewhere should be registered with U.S. Customs *before* entering Mexico. Without proof of prior possession, such articles may be dutiable when being brought back into the U.S.

Mexican Currency

Visitors to Mexican border cities will seldom need Mexican currency. U.S. dollars are readily accepted at the exchange rate of 12.50 pesos for one dollar U.S. Mexican banks, large hotels-motels and tourist service facilities provide currency exchange.

Pets

Because both Mexico and the U.S. enforce rather stringent regulations concerning animal pets, many visitors to Mexico find it more convenient to leave pets at veterinary boarding facilities in Texas border cities. For pets taken into Mexico and returned to the U.S. owners must present a certificate of rabies vaccination dated not less than one month nor more than 12 months previously.

Prohibited Imports

Upon returning to the U.S. from Mexico, certain articles are either prohibited or subject to various quarantines, limitations or special permit requirements. Those articles include all narcotics or drugs, weapons, certain trademarked articles, most fruits, vegetables, plants, animals, birds and meats.

Hunting and Fishing in Mexico

Mexican authorities must be contacted for current regulations, hunting and fishing licenses, and procedures for taking in firearms and ammunition. Game taken in Mexico may be returned to Texas with an importation permit (free) obtained in advance from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. There are no restrictions on bringing fish caught in Mexico into Texas, but such fish must be declared at the Texas port of entry.

NOTE

The above information is only a general summary of primary travel regulations between the U.S. and Mexico. For further details or significant changes that may have been effected since this printing, contact the Immigration and Customs authorities of the appropriate country.

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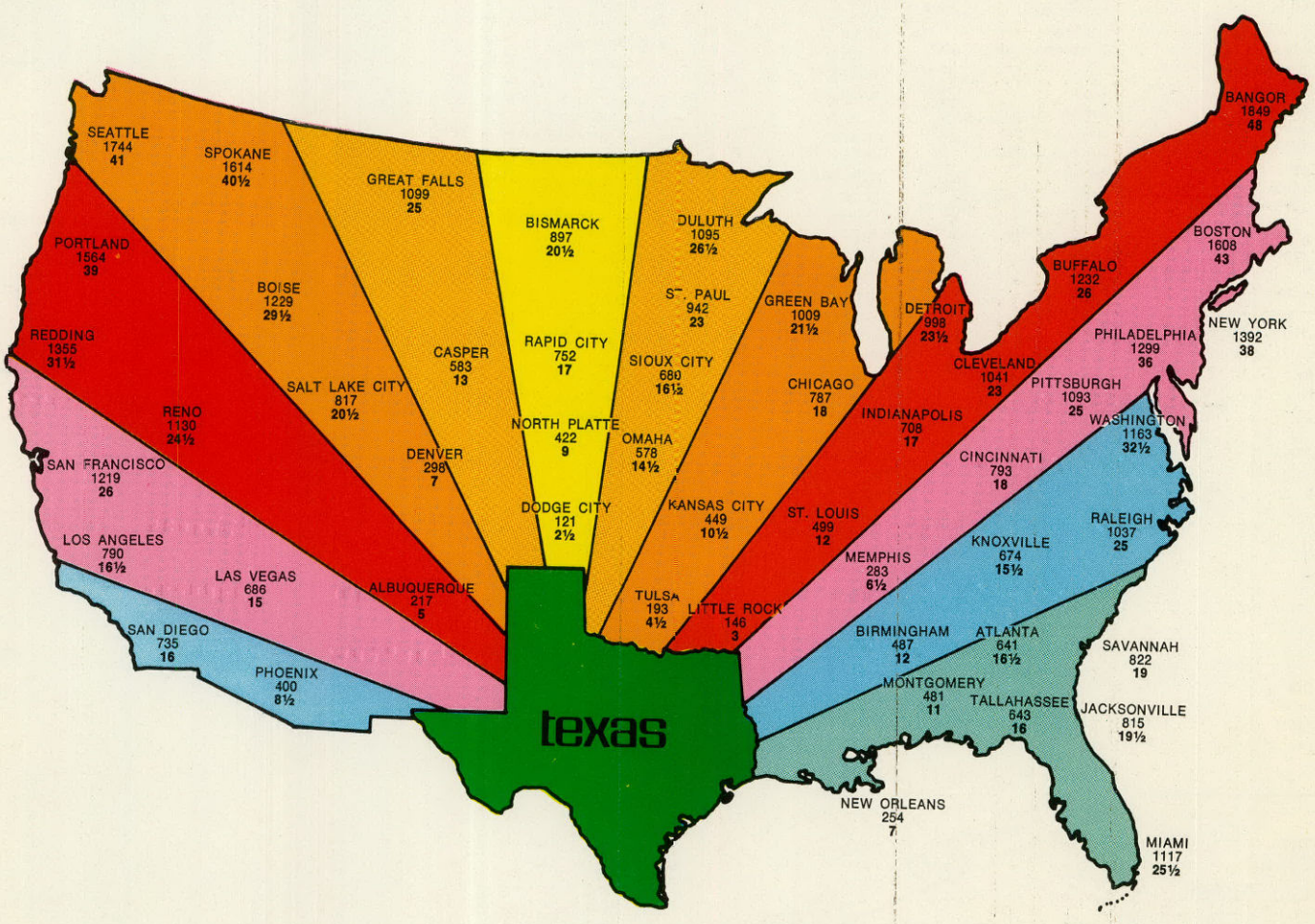

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Abilene		269	473	452	216	485	605	432	651	854	249	524	792	832	332	444	392	661	726	197	306	160	183	369	656	203	279	535	396
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Dallas	432	384	323	426	328	225	425		351	608	765	160	87	357	218	240	350	315	339	745	263	309	51						
Del Rio	651	281	610	328	225	425	56	500		381	630	627	233	399	203	144	436	181	511	125	607	419	487	365	312				
Denison	854	406	471	225	425	56	500	453	432	20	585	834	812	707	636	426	695	482		167	122	359	390	598	679	548	325	333	332
Eagle Pass	249	75	481	425	56	500	453	432	20	585	834	812	707	636	426	695	482			485	754	773	303	436	59	152	508	325	583
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Gainesville	832	511	502	222	426	328	225	425	56	500	453	432	20	585	834	812	707	636	426	247	520	595	80	284	276	145	283	153	358
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Houston	444	426	328	225	425	56	500	453	432	20	585	834	812	707	636	426	695	482		367	503	840	341	272	648	509	184	574	157
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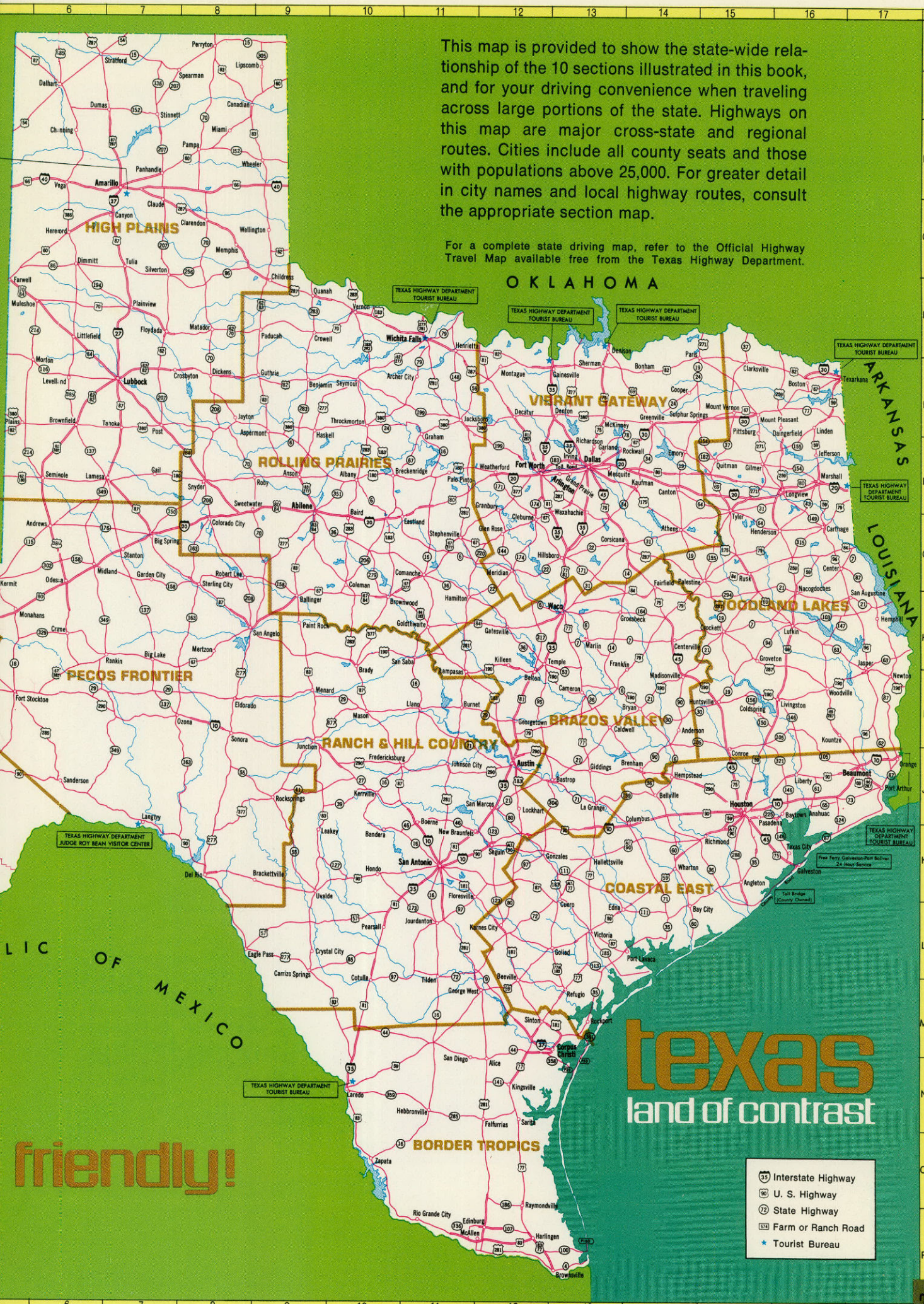
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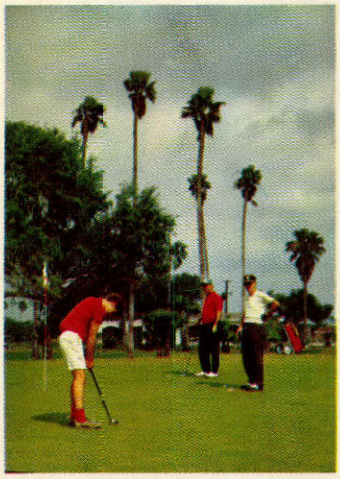

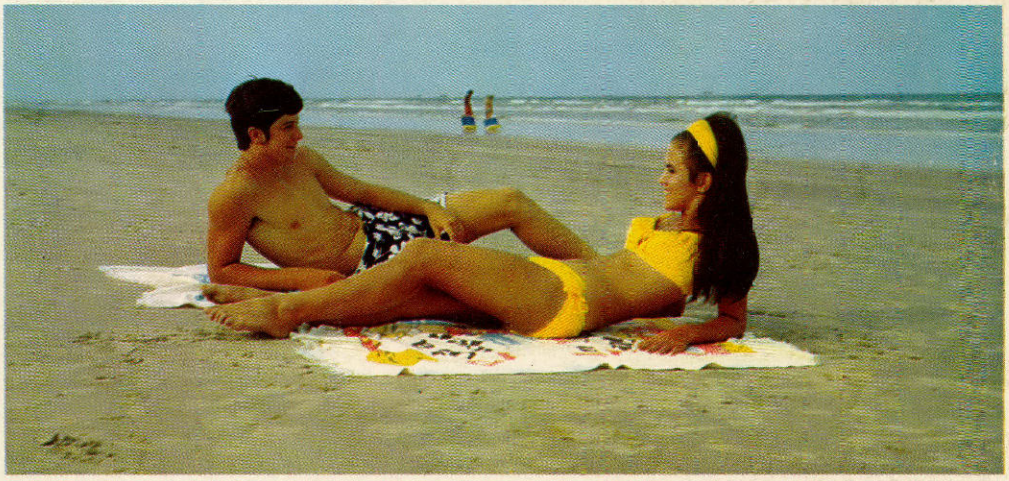

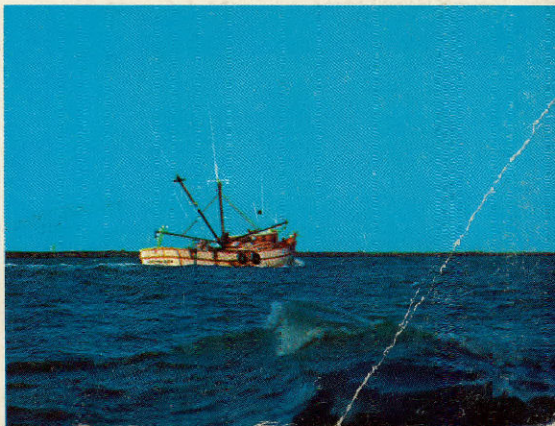

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