

STATE CONVENTION
PAN AMERICAN ROUND TABLES OF TEXAS
DRISKILL HOTEL, AUSTIN
April 14 - 15, 1955

MORNING SESSION

The 27th Convention of The Pan American Round Tables of Texas met in regular session Thursday, April 14, 1955, at 9:00 A.M., in the Maximilian Room of the Driskill Hotel, with Miss Opal Leonard, Director of the Host Table presiding. The Invocation was given by Miss Lillian Wester, stressing the theme of the convention, "Good Will and Friendship Cannot be Bought, Education and Understanding Should Be Sought." This was followed by assembly singing of "The Eyes of Texas," led by Mrs. Homer Garrison. Attention was called to the mirrors of the room, with insets of cameos, relics of Carlotta and Maximilian Days. Miss Leonard presented Mayer C. A. McAden who brought words of welcome from the Capital City. Mrs. A. B. Pumphrey, State Director, responded in gracious, appropriate words, extending her thanks to the Host Table. Mrs. Pumphrey then presented Mrs. Albert Davis, Convention Chairman, who in turn introduced members of her Committee. Recognition of dignitaries, Mrs. L. C. Waltrip, Alliance Director, Mrs. D'Arcy Cashin, National Director, Mrs. W. N. Hooper, Past State Director, Officers, and Committee Chairmen followed. The directors from fourteen Tables were present and introduced. An invitation was read by the Secretary from the New Mexico State Convention convening May 18-19 in Albuquerque. And one from the Round Tables of Dallas to a reception on April 18, honoring Ambassador Jose Mora of Uruguay, now president of the Council of OAS. Mrs. Butler of Houston announced that Ambassador Mora would be the guest of the Houston Table on April 17.

Minutes of the Beaumont Convention were called for, and Mrs. Rabb, El Paso, moved that they be dispensed with having already been approved and copies distributed to Tables.

The Chair instructed the Secretary to read the following Recommendations Motion: "Accept Convention program as printed and the following convention rules be adopted:

- 1st. When obtaining the floor a member shall announce her name and her Round Table.
- 2nd. The Director may require that a motion be in writing, signed by mover and presented to the recording secretary.
- 3rd. Recommendations may be considered only when presented by the revisions committee.
- 4th. All visitors are welcome at the general meeting and are asked to register."

Mrs. Bradley moved, seconded by Mrs. Magill, that the recommendations be accepted. Motion carried.

The following committees were announced by the Chair:

TELLER	-	Mrs. E. M. Jones, Bryan; Mrs. Ben Ball, Dallas; Mrs. W. A. Hewatt, Eagle Pass; Mrs. T. J. Coffey, McAllen.
BULLETIN BOARD AWARD	-	Mrs. Jack Daly, Ft. Worth; Mrs. R. B. Dunbar, Ft. Worth; Mrs. Earl Butler, Houston; Mrs. Samuel Jagoda, Ft. Worth.
RESOLUTIONS	-	Mrs. Genevieve Cox, Laredo; Mrs. Regina Rabb, El Paso; Mrs. Mynatt Coker, Ft. Worth.
NOMINATING COMMITTEE	-	Mrs. W. N. Hooper, Houston; Mrs. R. E. Thomason, El Paso; Mrs. C. F. Arrowood, Austin; Mrs. G. H. Michalk, Ft. Worth; Mrs. Frank Slater, Dallas.
INTER-CHANGE LIBRARY	-	Mrs. P. L. Montemayor, Eagle Pass; Mrs. L. M. Everett, Dallas; Mrs. F. W. De Stepano, Brownsville.
GRISWOLD SCHOLARSHIP FUND	-	Mrs. Claud Nobles, San Antonio; Mrs. Connie McElroy, Beaumont; Mrs. D'Arcy Cashin, Houston; Mrs. C. E. Bradley, Dallas.
PUBLICATIONS	-	Mrs. Mynatt Coker, Ft. Worth; Mrs. Pauline Prescott, Ft. Worth.

Miss Sadie Hatfield of Bryan moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox, Laredo, that reports be accepted at end of session. Motion carried.

Report of Officers:

1st. Associate Director, Mrs. Cunningham, Beaumont -- report read and supplemented by Mrs. McElroy. The high light of the report was the announcement of the organization of a Table at Orange awaiting approval and charter.

2nd. Associate Director, Mrs. Regina Rabb, El Paso, reported much ground work; San Angelo organized and holding regular meetings with more members needed outside College group.

3rd. Associate Director, Mrs. Nelson, San Antonio, reported several unsuccessful attempts to organize much needed Table in Corpus Christi.

4th. Associate Director, Mrs. Evans, Conroe -- a letter was read by secretary in explanation of her absence and resignation.

Altogether three new Round Tables have been given charters; Brazoria, Eagle Pass, and Bryan. Two organized and awaiting charter -- San Angelo and Orange.

Mrs. Nelson moved, seconded by Mrs. Sorell, that a message of encouragement be sent to the embryo Tables at Orange and San Angelo. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Mrs. Mowlam, seconded by Mrs. Florence Scott, that greetings be sent to the Table at Reynosa. Carried.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Jagoda, Ft. Worth, reported 264 official letters had been written to Board members, Table directors, including 35 to directors in New Mexico and Mexico.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. Clack, Dallas, reported in her possession minutes from 1937 - 1953 which had been bound.

Mrs. Magill, Treasurer, gave a detailed report, with certified accountant audit, showing a balance as of April 13, of \$1,388.81. Report was filed. Mrs. Magill was given a rising vote of thanks for her excellent performance of duty.

Custodian, Mrs. Perry Olcott, Houston, displayed a scrap book of materials collected pertaining to her office and called attention to booklets on various subjects available.

Historian, Mrs. Mowlam, Corsicana, stated her "report" was displayed on the Bulletin Board. It was a very extensive scrapbook of the activities of all Round Tables.

Parliamentarian, Mrs. Hill, Laredo, reported she had sent out copies of proposed revisions to constitution which would be acted upon during convention.

Past Director, Mrs. Hooper, Houston, spoke briefly of opportunities in the future open to PART which should be a challenge to our best leadership. She spoke with praise of the accomplishments of Mrs. Pumphrey, State Director.

State Director, Mrs. Pumphrey, Ft. Worth, announced that her report would go out with the minutes. She mentioned she had traveled some 13,000 miles during her term of office.

After a short recess, business was resumed with Mrs. Sorell reading a communication from Mrs. Kysar, Liaison Secretary of OAS, commending the work of the Round Tables. Mrs. Pumphrey, also, announced receipt of such a communication from this office.

Mrs. Claud Nobles, San Antonio, Chairman, gave a detailed report from 1950 to the present date of the Florence Griswold Memorial Scholarship Fund showing a balance of \$1,975.72, including Table contributions, memorials, and dividends. The report was placed on file.

Convention adjourned 11:30 A.M.

PAN AMERICAN DAY LUNCHEON

It was the pleasure of the delegates and visitors to participate in a Pan American Day Luncheon in the Crystal Ballroom of the Driskill Hotel, with Mrs. Albert Davis, Austin, presiding. The invocation was pronounced by Hon. John E. Hickman, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas. After an

introduction of honor guests, Mr. W. E. Allen, Program Chairman of the PART Convention, presented Dr. Fred M. Bullard, Professor of Geology, University of Texas, who gave a most informative talk, illustrated with slides and movies, on Volcanoes of Central America. Continuing Pan American Day celebrations, the group was conducted on a tour of the Latin American Collection of the Garcia Library of the University, with Mrs. Carlos Castaneda as hostess. This was followed by an address by Dr. Clarence H. Haring, Professor Emeritis, Latin American History, Harvard University.

EVENING SESSION

April 14

After a buffet dinner served in the Colonial Room of the Driskill, the convention resumed its business session at 8:30 P.M.

The following committee was appointed by the Director to audit the books of the Florence Griswold Scholarship Fund: Mrs. W. P. McComb, Conroe; Mrs. Leah Jarrett, Dallas; Mrs. Olyve Gray, Ft. Worth.

Reports of Chairmen of Committee:

Mrs. Mynatt Coker, Publications, reporting informally, expressed her pleasure in editing the Panamericana-Texana. She stated a letter of commendation had been received from the Pan American Union with the request that they be placed on its mailing list. She reported copies had been sent to Mexico City and Monterrey. She urged news and reports be sent in from more Tables.

Mrs. P. L. Montemayor, Eagle Pass, Interchange Library, requested magazines and children's books to be sent to Latin America. She stated that free transportation had been secured across the border.

Mrs. W. W. Ely, Brownsville, reported the Directory which was compiled under her direction was for use in Table Extension work and that copies were available for distribution.

Mrs. B. C. Judkins, Denton, Extension, reported 31 Colleges contacted and letters written to 174 individuals in 49 towns, seeking possible sources for organization of Tables.

Mrs. C. E. Bradley, Dallas, Special Committee, Highways of Americas, reported eight letters written to Mayors of cities having North and South Freeways asking that they be designated "Highways of the Americas." Replies from Houston, Ft. Worth, El Paso, and Laredo indicated the request was under advisement.

Next on the agenda was Table Reports with the following reporting:

ALAMO-SAN JUAN	Mrs. Benedict
AUSTIN	Miss Opal Leonard
BEAUMONT	Mrs. Connie Mc Elroy
BRAZORIA	Letter
BRYAN	Mrs. J. M. Jones
EAGLE PASS	Mrs. W. A. Hewatt
BROWNSVILLE I.	Mrs. F. W. Stefano
BROWNSVILLE II.	Read by Secretary
CONROE	Mrs. W. P. McComb
CORSICANA	Mrs. Holloway
LAREDO	Mrs. Frank Hill
RIO GRANDE CITY	Mrs. Florence Scott
SAN ANTONIO	Mrs. Frank Sorell
MC ALLEN	Mrs. T. J. Coffey, Jr.
DALLAS 1.	Mrs. Ben Ball
DALLAS 2.	Mrs. D. H. Cardwell
DALLAS 3.	Report read by Secretary
DENTON	Mrs. B. C. Judkins
EL PASO	Mrs. C. Francis Jordan
HOUSTON	Mrs. Earl Butler
SAN BENITO	Report read
FT. WORTH	Mrs. G. A. Michalk

Mrs. Nelson, San Antonio, made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Hill, Laredo, that the reports be accepted. Motion carried.

A letter was translated by Mrs. Nobles from Sra. Garza Zamora of Reynosa, Tamp. Mexico, expressing regret that she could not be present at the convention.

Adjourned 11:00 P.M.

After adjournment, the Brownsville delegates showed colorful and interesting slides of costumes and events taken during Charro Days in Brownsville.

MORNING SESSION - MAXIMILIAN ROOM April 15 - 9:00 A.M.

Mrs. Pumphrey, presiding, read as an opening thought for the day, "The Ten Commandments of Good Will." She then presented Mrs. L. G. Waltrip, Dallas, Director General, who brought a word from the Alliance. Mrs. Waltrip reported four new Tables had been organized and that the Alliance Conference would be held in Porto Alegre, Brazil, on 9 - 12 of November, 1955. A tour of South America was reported as being planned for those wishing to attend.

Mrs. D'Arcy Cashin, National Director, next brought greetings -- emphasizing the urgent need of a National Charter for protection. HR. 344 (Bill of National Charter) is at present in judiciary Committee #4. She urged that letters be written to the Hon. James B. Frazier, House Office Building, Washington, D. C., Chairman of Committee 4, requesting this bill be brought out of the Committee. A rising vote of thanks was given Mrs. Cashin for her work on this item.

Mrs. Hill, Laredo, Mrs. Jagoda, Ft. Worth, and Mrs. Nobles, San Antonio, were named as a committee to clear and prepare any recommendations submitted.

Mrs. McComb, Chairman of Audit Committee, reported the books of the Florence Griswold Scholarship Fund to be in order.

Mrs. Florence Scott, Rio Grande City, gave a brief, comprehensive report on a project in which she had conducted research -- that of Latin American students attending universities of the United States. She reported foreign students pay in State supported institutions from \$50.00 to \$250.00 more tuition. In church supported schools, no difference. Four hundred and forty-four students from Latin America are enrolled with all countries represented except Dominican Republic and Haiti. Scholarships are offered from 195 institutions, 16 Foundations, and 77 private Grants. There are 344 students from the United States studying in Latin America.

Mrs. Henry Taylor, Austin, Chairman of Credentials, made the following final report:

State Officers	10
Standing Committee Chairman.....	11
Voting Delegates	32
Members	<u>86</u>
Total	139
Accredited voting members	48

The Chair appointed the following committee to read and approve the minutes of the convention: Mrs. C. Francis Jordan, El Paso; Mrs. Albert Davis, Austin; Mrs. W. P. McComb, Conroe.

Mrs. Cox, Laredo, Resolutions Chairman, announced that resolutions would be sent to the Convention Chairman, Mrs. Albert Davis, and to the Austin Pan American Round Table for the hospitality extended. Resolutions of appreciation to the Good Neighbor Commission of Texas for their successful endeavors in furthering goodwill for the past six years.

The Chair called upon the Convention to rise in silent tribute to members who had passed away.

Mrs. Hill, Laredo, Parliamentarian, read the following proposed amendments to the State Constitution and By-Laws:

Art. I - Sec. 5: "The Treasurer shall receive all monies paid by the Pan American Round Tables of Texas, and shall disburse such funds upon the authority of the State Board."

Mrs. Magill moved, seconded by Mrs. Mowlam, that this amendrent be accepted. Motion carried.

Art. II - Sec. 4: "No new Round Table shall be organized in a community in which a Round Table already exists without consent of existing Table."

Mrs. McElroy, Beaumont, moved its acceptance, seconded by Mrs. Miller, Austin. Motion lost.

Adjourned 12:00 M.

A Mexican Luncheon at El Toro was presided over by Mrs. Samuel Jagoda, Ft. Worth. Mrs. Pumphrey addressed the group with an inspirational message.

AFTERNOON SESSION 2:30 P.M.

Business of revising constitution resumed.

Art. IV - Sec. 1: "Only delegates from Tables having paid their State dues to date may qualify as voting delegates."

Mrs. De Stefano, Brownsville, moved, seconded by Mrs. Mowlam, Corsicana, its acceptance. Carried.

Art. IV - Sec. 4: "That the Director of the Pan American Round Tables of Texas, be elected at annual Board Meeting held in the interim year between State conventions and that there be present at said meeting an authorized delegate from every Table."

Mrs. Magill moved, seconded by Mrs. Michalk, Ft. Worth, its acceptance. After lengthy discussion, motion lost.

Art. IV - Sec. 4: "That the Corresponding Secretary be elected from the same town as that of the Director."

Mrs. Hooper, Houston, moved, seconded by Mrs. Cardwell, Dallas, its acceptance. Carried.

The following Standing Rules, to be attached to Constitution, for guidance of new officers, were proposed:

1. The State Treasurer shall send statements in September to each Texas Table, giving information as to dues, donations, etc."

Mrs. Hill moved its adoption. Seconded and carried.

2. That a State Credential card be provided for identification purposes.

Mrs. Trotter moved its acceptance. Seconded and carried.

3. Rotate the Chairmanship of the Griswold Scholarship Fund among the Tables and print Memorial cards for acknowledgment of contributions.

Mrs. Nobles, San Antonio, moved its adoption, seconded by Mrs. Hooper. Carried.

A rising vote of thanks was given Mrs. Nobles for her years of service as custodian of this Fund.

4. That the publication, Panamericana-Texana be continued.

Mrs. Hill so moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox. Motion carried.

5. Recommendations for Extension work submitted.

Mrs. Nelson moved its adoption. Seconded and carried.

6. The Corresponding Secretary shall send in June to each Table a request for a list of current or incoming officers and copy of Year Book.

Mrs. Jagoda moved its adoption, seconded by Mrs. Bertucci. Carried.

Mrs. W. N. Hooper, Houston, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of officers for 1955-56:

Director	Mrs. Albert Davis, Austin
First Associate Director	Mrs. J. K. Wells, Brownsville
Second Associate Director.	Mrs. Regina Rabb, El Paso
Third Associate Director	Mrs. J. C. Nelson, San Antonio
Fourth Associate Director	Mrs. Samuel Jagoda, Ft. Worth
Corresponding Secretary.	Mrs. Joe W. Neal, Austin
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Genevieve Cox, Laredo
Treasurer	Mrs. B. C. Judkins, Denton
Custodian	Mrs. W. J. Knight, Houston
Historian	Mrs. W. P. McComb, Conroe
Parliamentarian	Mrs. C. E. Bradley, Dallas

No nominations were offered from the floor. Mrs. Nobles, San Antonio, moved, seconded by Mrs. De Stefano, Brownsville, that the slate of officers be accepted as presented. Motion carried unanimously. The Chair, thereupon, authorized the Secretary to cast the vote of the assembly for the entire slate.

Mrs. Cox, Chairman of Resolutions, asked permission to send out resolutions by mail - copies of each to be spread upon the minutes. Mrs. Hill moved, seconded by Mrs. Camp, that this request be granted. Carried.

The selection of a Host Table for the 1957 Convention was next in order. Mrs. R. E. Tomason, El Paso, extended a very cordial invitation from the El Paso Table. The San Antonio Table, through Mrs. Screll, invited the Convention to meet with them in celebration of their 40th anniversary. After a ballot vote, Mrs. Jones, Chairman of Teller Committee, announced that the next meeting place would be in San Antonio.

In the closing moments of the convention, Mrs. L. G. Waltrip paid tribute to the retiring Director, Mrs. Pumphrey, for a very successful administration and convention, and presented to her as a token of appreciation and affection from The Pan American Round Tables of Texas an official pin.

Convention adjourned 4:00 P.M.

5:00 P.M.

Dressed in gay, colorful costumes of our 21 sister republics, the delegates were transported by boat up Lake Austin to Greenshores for an Aqua Fiesta and Supper.

As a fitting climax of a most successful convention, the new officers were installed and a parade of costumes conducted under the stars by Mrs. W. W. Ely of Brownsville.

Geraldine Clack, Recording Secretary
(Mrs. Clyde C. Clack)

Read and approved by: Mrs. C. Francis Jordan
Mrs. Albert Davis
Mrs. W. P. McComb