

Report of the Director
1955-1957
Mrs. Albert R. Davis

When the famous English actor Sir Henry Irving was asked to explain the secret of his remarkable success he replied, "It's the cast."
Like Sir Henry Irving, I feel that I am merely reflecting the glory of the cast for without the co-operation of the officers and members of the Pan American Round Tables very little could have been accomplished.

Our aims have been high.
We look back and view the progress of our organization. Results have not and never will equal our hopes and ambitions, but that is as it should be for
"A man's reach should exceed his grasp."

There comes a time in the life of an organization when it is well to take a long and critical look at our internal workings, with the specific thought in mind of locating weak points that need to be strengthened.

First, we took a long and interested look at our Griswold Fund. We discovered that we had been working to bring it to the \$5000 mark for over fourteen years; that we had contributed up to that time an average of fifteen cents per member per year; that the contributions per table were definitely unbalanced. Therefore, an all out effort has been made to bring this fund to the \$5000 mark. By consent of the Board, all tables were asked to contribute an amount equal to one dollar per member for two years. The decision, was, of course, left to each table.

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As you will hear from our Griswold Fund Chairman, ALL tables have contributed and MOST have contributed the one dollar per member. To supplement these contributions memorials have been sent to the fund by individuals. Memorial cards have been printed and are now available for use. If the Griswold Fund is to be continued there is no question that a policy should be inaugurated regarding it. The policy should contain a definite system of support as well as a practical system of disbursement.

EXPANSION is an important feature of our work. We must grow or we shall die. We report one table organized in Corpus Christi and three more almost ready for organization; Harlingen, Waco and Grand Prairie. Through the efforts of our Brownsville Table I a table has been organized in Matamoros. Contacts have been made in the following cities: Midland, Lubbock, Odessa, New Braunfels, Stephenville, Kerrville, Orange and Port Arthur. Wichita Falls, Kingsville, Edinburg. Many letters were written and brochures and copies of Pan Americana Texana were included. We are hopeful that the work which has been done on extension will bring several more tables into our circle during the next term.

Pan Americana Texana, our State publication, has brought us much information and inspiration. Our organization has come to the point where a State publication is a necessity. An addressograph system has been set up. Each member of a Pan American Round Table receives a copy of each issue of Pan Americana Texana. Copies are sent to our Alliance Director, our National Director, Pan American Union, U.S. Information Agency, U.S. State Department, Texas Good Neighbor Commission, and the International Good Neighbor Council.

Our Interchange Library Committee

has done constructive and far reaching work during these two years.

First,

an arrangement was made with the U.S. Information Agency to take over the shipment of our magazines to South and Central America and Mexico.

This is a step forward

for the shipping of the magazine has always been a problem. Hundreds of magazines have been shipped under this arrangement.

A request has been made by our Interchange Library Committee to the Texas Bookmen's Association for used text books to be sent to Mexico and Central America.

The Revisions Committee, by request of the State Board, brings a number of changes for your consideration.

This committee has worked long and faithfully to develop a constitution and by-laws that will better serve our organization.

Our Financial Structure needs to be completely re-organized.

We are operating now under the same financial structure which we had

when our organization was much smaller and

our work much more limited.

We have made every effort to co-operate with other organizations, whose aims are identical with our own. Among them,

The Organization of American States

through the Pan American Union,

the International Good Neighbor Council

through their education committee,

the Texas Good Neighbor Commission,

the Pan American Institute of Geography and History,

the United States Information Agency,

the United States State Department, Department of Latin American Affairs,

the Inter-American Commission of Women,

the State Fair of Texas,

our own Alliance Organization,

the Inter-American Committee on Columbus Day.

For the first time the people of the United States, in 1965, made the observance of Columbus Day

an occasion

for saluting our friends

in

the other twenty American Republics.

Our Education Committee

has made every effort

to co-ordinate all educational projects.

It has recommended

that

that
all members
study the operation
and work of our organization.
An effort has been made to draw the tables closer to
the work of the State organization.
This has been accomplished.
Their splendid co-operation has been heartening.

The progress of our organization has been noted in
all tables.
This is due to the fine type of women who have given
so devotedly of themselves.
Our organization is made up of women who stand high
in their communities,
whose characters
approach the ideals we have set for ourselves to follow.
It has been a source of real joy to have had the
opportunity of meeting our members over the State.
In every phase of our Pan American Round Table work
I have seen a sincere effort on the part of our
tables to co-operate.
Many of our tables support scholarship funds of their own.
Spanish classes are sponsored.
Many foreign students have been entertained in the homes
of members.
Recreations centers,
loan funds,
citizenship classes,
poster contests,
essay contests,
and many other community projects
are supported by our tables.
Many distinguished foreign visitors have been honored
and entertained.
Some of our tables have joint meetings at least once
a year.
Pan American Day is observed by all tables with special
programs.

Our Pan American Round Tables are
growing. Approximately two hundred new members have
been added to our rolls.

We now have a permanent home for our
Archives, thanks to our hostess table. They are in the
Simon Bolivar Library in La Villita in San Antonio.
The records have been filed according to years and
put in heavy envelopes.
The Archives need to be examined critically. A committee,
composed of members well grounded in the work of our
Pan American Round Tables, should be given permission
to go over the archives and eliminate the useless things
collected there.

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During the process of working over the back records, the lost, past minutes were found; 1931 to 1936 inclusive. They are now in the files.

A card file and filing system have been set up in the Director's office.

An attempt has been made to set up an inter-change program Bureau. It is our hope that this may prove to be a valuable source of speakers and program material.

An Application has been sent, together with requested information, to the Internal Revenue Department for exemption on income taxes for contributions to the Griswold Fund and other expenditures for the Pan American Round Tables.

The marker at the International Bridge in Laredo, placed there by the Pan American Round Tables of Texas, was washed out during the flood and damaged. The Trustees of the Laredo Bridge System voted to defray the cost of repairing and replacing the marker. The cost was \$237.68.

Our Alliance Convention is to be held in El Paso in the spring of 1958.

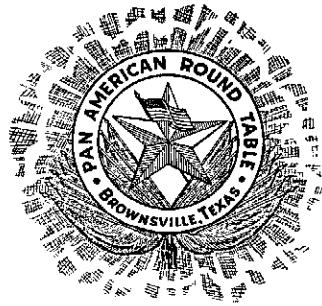
Your Director
has visited all tables in Texas,
attended a meeting of the International Good Neighbor Council in Torreon, Mexico;
served on the education committee of this organization;
attended the Alliance convention in Porto Alegre, Brazil, in November 1955.
She has served as chairman of two Alliance Committees.
Attended one meeting of the International Community Council;
presided at all Board meetings;
contributed to each issue of Pan Americana Texana;
answered ALL letters that came across the Director's desk.

During two years of earnest and happy work, it would perhaps be unusual if there were not a note of sadness. Those times came to us when two of our past State Directors passed to life eternal;
~~Mrs. Walter Helte~~
and
~~Mrs. W. B. (Dick) Hooper.~~

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The officers and members
of our Pan American Round Tables
are deeply conscious of the importance of this great work
in furthering our aim of Hemispheric solidarity.
We have faith
that
by our continued efforts
the day will come
when our motto,
"One for all- All for one."
will be put into daily practice.

Mrs. Albert R. Davis



REPORT OF FIRST ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR - MRS. J. K. WELLS
EXTENSION IN SOUTH TEXAS BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

1955

Visited San Benito Table at their regular meeting. Talked on Extension work. Visited Rio Grande City Table at their regular meeting - talked on Extension. Wrote three letters to Harlingen contacts concerning organizing table there. Wrote two letters to Kingsville contacts - same purpose.

Correspondence with Mrs. McElroy of Beaumont in reorganizing Tables in Port Arthur and Orange. Gave her a list of suggested contacts. Sent brochures of Charro Days depicting costumes.

1956

Attended meeting of State Board in Austin.

Two visits made to Harlingen to meet with group wishing to organize. This is still in process of development.

Corpus Christi Table organized by Mrs. Nelson of San Antonio.

ONE FOR ALL; ALL FOR ONE



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EXTENSION IN SOUTH TEXAS BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

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1957

Met with Harlingen group again. Table in Matamoros organized
by Brownsville Table # 1.

Installation of Officers by Mrs. Wells on March 6.

Answered all correspondence.

Anne S. Wells (Mrs. J.K.)

Brownsville, Texas

May 1st, 1956.

Report of Extension Work,
Mrs. J. K. Wells, First Associate Director
Pan American Round Tables of Texas.

As a guest at Pan American Round Tables in San Benito and Rio Grande City, I gave short talks on organizing new Tables in Harlingen and Beeville, Texas. Contacts were made with members in above mentioned Tables who have close contacts in both Harlingen and Beeville.

Letters were written to Mrs. Pritchard, and Mrs. Sternberg and to Mrs. Dulaney in Harlingen. No response from last two. Mrs. Pritchard is working in Real Estate and has no time.

In Kingsville contacts were made with several A & I Faculty members and Club women through Mrs. R. G. Wells, Response-
"Over-organized".

Several letters to Mrs. Connie McElroy of Beaumont Table in re-organizing Port Arthur and Orange, Texas.

A list of suggested contacts in both places was sent. She wrote March 10th, that prospects are good in Port Arthur, Texas.

The Corpus Christi Table was organized by Mrs. Nelson of San Antonio with Mrs. Wm. Dowd as Director.

I had previously discussed this Table with Mrs. Ben F. Vaughan Jr. of Corpus Christi and was happy to know that she is a charter member of that Table.

Charro Days brochures were sent to Beaumont Table showing pictures of costumes which were requested.

Signed 
(Mrs. J.K.) Anne S. Wells.

Brownsville, Texas.

"ONE FOR ALL
ALL FOR ONE"



ORGANIZED FEB. 1922

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REPORT OF THE THIRD ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

On December 10th, 1955, The Thrid Associate Director, was a special guest at the organization luncheon of the Corpus Christi Round Table which she had assisted in setting up in that City.

Several letters to various ladies in New Braunfels regarding organizing^{of} Table in that city were written, and two trips have been made in that behalf. With the assistance of Mrs. B. J. Cater of the San Antonio Pan American Round Table, guests have been entertained in this city from New Braunfels with the idea in mind of bringing about a complete understanding of Pan American work in the minds of these ladies.

Contacts have been made in other cities: Kerrville, to be exact.

It was, also, the good fortune of your associate director, to find a Mrs. Joseph Steinberg of Philadelphia, who is a member of the Pan American Association associated with the University of Pennsylvania, would be interested in the forming of a Pan American Round Table in her eity. This information has been turned over to Mrs. D'Arcy Cashin, National Director of PART.



Madeline C. Nelson
Third Associate Director

REPORT OF FOURTH ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Mrs. Samuel Jagoda

In September, 1955, a list of eligible members in Waco was made up from suggestions by Pan American Round Table Members of other cities.

Letters were written to these ladies at that time with some response.

In March, 1956, your Director, Mrs. Davis, met with the group in Waco and the ground work was planned and a sponsor was obtained, and organization work began. With so much activity within the next few months, they postponed organization until Fall. Mrs. Norman Abrams, who had agreed to organize the Table, found that she was going to move to Dallas.

Since January of this year I have made four official visits to Waco. I have interviewed ladies who are very interested. Mrs. A. B. Pumphrey made one trip with me in February, 1957. The first of March I again visited Waco, and with a complete list of some thirty ladies had an interview with a young woman who I am sure will help us to finally organize this Table.

Your Director's daughter, Mrs. N. V. S. Mumford, Jr., in Grand Prairie, has made many contacts in that city, and by this Fall I am sure a Table will be organized there. I had a most interesting visit with her in March.

I have written 58 official letters and enclosed our brochure, and have given the brochure to many Waco ladies, with whom I have visited during these two years.

Mrs. Samuel Jagoda

Annual Report of the
PANAMERICANA TEXANA, 1955-56

Dr. Eleanor D. Pace

The policies of the Panamericana Texana were discussed by Mrs. Davis and me soon after I agreed to take charge of having it published. Mrs. Davis, as the new Director General for Texas was especially anxious that we should have a paper that was interesting and worth reading. She also wanted the paper to go to every member of the Pan American Round Tables of Texas. We decided that there should be as features (1) the Director's letter, (2) a list of recent readable and informative publications about Latin America to be named "Your Pan American Bookshelf", (3) two articles by contributors about some South or Central American country and its customs or culture, and (4) a column to contain news of what the Round Tables were doing that was of interest to the other Tables. We call this "Round Table Chatter."

The question of how to get the paper into the hands of every member gave us some concern. We finally decided that to have all members' names set up in an addressograph would in two years be cheaper than having the names typed every time and would leave something for our successors to begin on. The addressograph costs 7 cts. for each name, but the price made to us was about 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ cts. We pay \$12.45 a page for each of the six pages printed.

The cost of running the addressograph, packaging according to cities and counties is usually about \$9.00. In the first paper we ran two photographs, and there were three in the third. These are \$4.00 each.

The co-operation of all who have been asked to write something for the Panamericana Texana has been inspiring and simply perfect. Not only the contributors but also our Director and the other members of the staff, Mrs. Fred Bullard and Mrs. H. T. Manuel have labored valiantly to make the Pan-Americana Texana what we felt you would want it to be -- a paper that you would enjoy reading and be proud to claim for your own.

The original cost of the addressograph was	\$62.50
New members and two new Tables have run this up by an additional	4.20
Total for addressograph	\$ 66.70
The first paper cost	\$ 7.25
The second (December) edition	82.86
The third (March) including three cuts of photographs	95.39
Stamps \$16.50; 17.40 and 18.42	52.32
Mailing permits 1955 and 1956	30.00
	\$357.82
	\$ 426.52

Dr. Eleanor D. Pace, Chairman of Publications
for the Pan American Round Tables of Texas

RECAP OF EXPENSES

Panamericana Texana -- 5 issues	Printing	455.98
	Postage	93.86
	Mail Permits	30.00
	Addressograph Plates	<u>62.52</u>
		642.36
2 years payment to Griswold Fund @ 25.00 each year		50.00
Postage to Secretary		30.00
Stationery and supplies 24.55, 6.70, 1.80, 23.00		56.05
Director's Letter		4.50
Auditor (For Income Tax Purposes)		6.00
Constitution Revisions		22.28
Director's Expenses, 1955-1956		<u>176.74</u>
		987.93
Mimeographing Minutes of 1955 Convention, and Mailing Fees		16.85
Folders for Archives		<u>11.20</u>
		1,015.98
Refunds on La Voz, included in total disbursements:		35.00
Paid Out for La Voz, later refunded by Alliance		<u>25.00</u>
TOTAL AS SHOWN UNDER STATE EXPENSE ON		1,075.98
DISBURSEMENT SHEET		

Report of the
PANAMERICANA TEXANA, 1955-1957

Plans and policies for the Panamericana Texana were discussed by the new Director General and no soon after I agreed to take charge of the journal. Mrs. Davis was especially anxious that a copy should be in the hands of every member of a Texas Round Table and that the paper should be interesting and worth reading -- a paper that we could be proud of. We decided that the chief features should be (1) the Director's letter, (2) a list of interesting and informative books about The Americas -- especially Latin America -- to be called "The Pan American Bookshelf" and to include a short review of some our standing book whenever possible, (3) A column containing news of the Round Tables throughout the State, and one or two articles by contributors about the customs of culture of some South or Central American nation.

The question of mailing the journal to all the members gave us some concern. After careful figuring it was decided that it would be cheaper in two years time to set up an addressograph than to have the addresses separately typed, even though the outlay at first was rather heavy. The cost of the addressograph was about 6¢ etc for each name to make the plates. The cost of running it, packaging and mailing according to counties is \$4.00 for the former and \$5 for packaging

The costs of the paper are \$ 12.45 a page for six pages; photographs, if the printer makes the plate as he has done every time \$4.00 for each.

The co-operation of those who have been asked to write something for the Panamericana has been stimulating and simply perfect. No one has refused even a last minute assignment.

Our Director General, Mrs. Davis and the members of the Panamericana staff, Mrs. Fred Bullard, Mrs. H. T. Manuel, and Mrs. J. L. Mehan have loyally contributed their time and talents in the effort to make our small

publication. I should also like to express my appreciation to the Austin Public Library for the annotated book lists they have sent me and to the Latin-American Collection's librarian for helpful suggestions.

EXPENSES

Addressograph	\$ 62.50	
Additional names		
Total for the addressograph		\$
<u>Panamericana, Sept, 1955</u>	\$ 97.25	
2 mailing permits	20.00	
stamps postage	<u>16.50</u>	133.75
<u>Panamericana, Dec. 1955</u>	95.39	
stamps postage	<u>17.40</u>	112.79
<u>Panamericana, March, 1956</u>	95.39	
stamps (including a new Table)	<u>18.42</u>	113.81
<u>Panamericana, Sept, 1956</u>	84.30	
stamps postage	18.50	102.80
19		
<u>Panamericana, Dec, 1956</u>	91.98	
postage	<u>18.50</u>	110.48
Panamericana, March, 1957	93.00 (Estimate)	
postage	18.50	
1957 mailing permit	10.00	



Dr. Eleanor D. Pace
 Chairman of Publications
 Pan American Round Tables of Texas

PAN-AMERICAN ROUND TABLE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

Greetings,

The Education Committee is almost too new to have a report, but with the excellent help of Mrs. Scott, the other member of the Committee, it has sent out a questionnaire hoping to find out what the Tables are doing in regard to the use of The Inter-American Study Kit, the three scholarship funds--The Alliance, the Griswold, and the local--and the number of Spanish classes being conducted. These questionnaires were sent to all twenty-three Tables. We received 13 of them filled out, and we want to thank those who complied with our request.

The results are as follows:

- No. 1. Number using Inter-American Study Kit 5
No. 2. Number of subscribers to "Americas" 38
No. 3. Number co-operating with International Good Neighbor Commission 4
No. 4. Tables sponsoring a scholarship 7
No. 5. Number of Tables contributing to Alliance Scholarship 3
No. 6. Number of Tables having active classes studying Spanish 6

The Education Committee would like to emphasize with all the strength possible that all Tables use every means to become informed about the aims, goals, and the workings of the Organization. It urges the use of the Study Kit and above all the reading of the Pan-Americana.

Respectfully submitted,

THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Alma Thomas
Alma Thomas, Chairman

Report of Education Committee 1957

The Pan American Round Tables
in Convention assembled:

Greetings:

Mrs. Davis, our State Director of Pan American Round Tables has created a new committee known as the Education committee, and has asked me to serve as chairman with Mrs. Florence J. Scott as the other member.

The committee prepared and sent out to all twenty three tables a questionnaire hoping to find out what the tables are doing in regard to the use of the Inter-American Study Kit; the three scholarship funds-the Alliance, the Griswold and the local- and the number of Spanish classes being conducted. The results are as follows:

Number using Inter-American Study Kit-----	7
Number of Subscribers to "Americas"-----	48
Number co-operating with International Good Neighbor Council-----	8
Number of Tables sponsoring scholarships----	10
Number of Tables having active classes in Spanish-----	7

We wish to thank those tables who responded to our request.

From this questionnaire the committee discovered that there is some confusion about our scholarship funds. The Alliance is international, between the Pan American countries and the United States; the Griswold Fund is a Texas State project; and the local scholarships are those supported by the individual tables. All of these are worthy projects and should be supported. There is no better way of creating an interest in other countries than through scholarships. However, we should not pay into these funds and then forget about the recipients. They need friends to show them the ways, to them, of the new countries. Many of our good intentions may be lost through this neglect.

From the questionnaires returned it was noticed, also, that there is some confusion about our Good Neighbor Commissions. There are two of these- The International Good Neighbor Commission and the Texas Good Neighbor Commission. In the International Good Neighbor Commission membership is gained by paying dues of \$8.00 per year. In the Texas Good Neighbor Commission one must be appointed to the commission by the Governor of Texas.

We may be asked to help with the programs of both, and if we are, I hope we will show a willingness to do so.

Regarding the law of teaching Spanish in our Elementary Schools: there is a belief that there is a law in Texas requiring Spanish to be taught on that level, whereas the law is only permissive. The most we can do under the circumstances is to persuade our local school boards to supply a teacher for the Elementary grades as they do for High Schools.

We should make every effort to break down this language handicap between us and our neighbors to the south of us. I think they are making much faster progress along this line than we are.

I am almost pleading with the local tables to obtain one of the Inter-American Study Kits and to use it religiously. Until we are well informed on our organization, its aims and goals we cannot be very interested in our Pan-American neighbors.

Respectfully submitted,

Alma Thomas
Alma Thomas, Chairman

RESUME OF REPORTS
PAN AMERICAN ROUND TABLES OF TEXAS
1955-1956 1956-1957

The report of the Twenty-one Tables in hand shows that they have definitely grasped the full meaning of the Pan American Round Table movement, and are continuing their practice of awarding scholarships to Latin American students, who are studying in our Country.

All have reported that they have contributed to the Griswold Scholarship Fund. Many are promoting the study of Spanish in their Tables.

AUSTIN TABLE: In 1956 its Constitution was completely revised. Because the University of Texas is located in Austin this Table is encouraging the study and understanding of the many facets of Latin-American relations and is giving financial and volunteer assistance to our local Pan American center and to foreign students. This Table has the Chas. Wilson Hackett Loan Fund available for temporary and small loans to Latin American students at the University. It was voted to discontinue the local scholarship fund in order to concentrate their efforts toward raising money for the Griswold State Scholarship Fund. They have offered three \$100.00, Chas. Wilson Hackett Memorial awards, which are presented on Pan American Day to students of outstanding merit in Latin-American field. A Recreation center is sponsored for Latin-American students for learning handicrafts and study of English. This Table makes a large contribution in effort and money to this center. They have had notable speakers.

ALAMO-SAN JUAN TABLE: Sent a Fundamental Educational Gift package to Costa Rica through the Pan American Union. Books in Spanish language were presented to Harlingen State Tuberculosis Hospital, as well as money gifts at Christmas time to buy gifts for the patients. They have Study Kits from Pan American Union and a complete clipping service.

BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION TABLE: Is making a study of Latin Countries by programs and films of various countries. Sara Wiseman gave a full report of the Alliance convention at Porto Alegre, Brazil, which she attended. Members were guests of Conroe Table. Being a college town, they have many opportunities to extend courtesies and hospitality to Latin-American visitors and students.

BROWNSVILLE TABLE 1: The practice of answering roll call with quotations of current events concerning the Pan American Country the member represents, keeps ever present the objective of the Tables. Columbus Day is celebrated each year with a tea which includes Consuls and their wives as invited guests. The very popular Merienda and authentic Costume Review is given each year during the Brownsville Charro Days Fiesta as two nation celebration-this is great attraction to the tourists and an opportunity to give a basic outline of Pan American Round Table to the women from the north who are visiting there. They sponsor an essay contest for Pan American Student Forum, cash prizes are awarded for best essay and read at April 14 celebration. Three Fundamental Educational Gift packages were sent to Panama, Peru and Cuba and books on American Literature, history, economics and biographies were sent to the Library of the University of Venezuela. Costumes have been loaned to Tables in Mexico and Texas.

BROWNSVILLE TABLE 11: Award prizes to high school students who make best posters as Pan American Day project. Columbus Day is also celebrated.

BEAUMONT TABLE: A Newsletter is published monthly. Prizes awarded for best student in proficiency Spanish language at Lamar State College. One member promotes and teaches the Spanish language free to adults. They have acquired a large number of magazines awaiting shipment to Latin Country.

CONROE TABLE: This Table gave a tea for Spanish students at Navarro College in April. Report on Alliance Convention in Porto Alegre was given. Programs of slides on South American Panarama was given by Mrs. Claude Westerfeld of Dallas. The Christmas Money Tree for the needy Latin-American families in Corsicana was presented.

CORPUS CHRISTI TABLE: The Table was organized in 1955. Study Kits were ordered. The Table won an award for their exhibit at the Corpus Christi Flower Show. They took part in the Annual Buccaneer Days Celebration. Awards were offered for the best essay in the sixth grade on "Our Pan American Neighbors." Magazines were collected to ship to Latin-American countries. A window display is being arranged in a large department store to celebrate Pan American Day.

DALLAS TABLE I: Interesting programs are enjoyed at each meeting with outstanding speakers and musical programs. Representatives of countries gave a panel program about their respective countries. Scholarships have emphasis in their projects. Four Latin-Americans have received scholarships from High School attainments. \$200.00 was given to the Griswold Fund. Table has a Latin-American book shelf at Southern Methodist University, with a Table expense of from \$25.00 to \$50.00 each year. Twenty-nine prints and other articles have been placed in a permanent collection at the Museum of Fine Arts at Fair Park. The Table sponsors teaching of Spanish to members. Sent 75 pounds of magazines to South American Countries. An Annual tea is planned to raise funds for the Griswold Scholarship Fund. 130 persons from Pan American countries have been entertained by the Table.

DALLAS TABLE II: Beautiful teas and luncheon, buffet suppers in the homes and private clubs have been held. To gain Funds for scholarship project a booth is maintained at the annual Festival of Arts. The Table co-operates with Good Neighbor Commission and other organizations in extending hospitality to visiting dignitaries from Latin-America. An outstanding guest is presented at each luncheon meeting. A monthly news bulletin is published. Spanish study groups are sponsored. The Table has a circulating library of books and records.

DALLAS TABLE III: Table has 34 members. Columbus Day is celebrated. Classes in Spanish for members is being sponsored. \$32.00 was contributed to the Griswold Scholarship Fund. They raised money to purchase books in Spanish for Public Library. Intertained Latin-American visitors, Consuls and wives. Has many worthwhile programs during the year.

EAGLE PASS TABLE: This Table presented a program for the Laredo Table. Sponsors Pan American essay contests in the local schools. Pan American Day is observed by invitation to neighboring Table, Piedras Negras, Mexico to join in celebration, at which time winners of essay contests are presented. Senior Class of students from Mexico attending local schools are entertained each year at Christmas Commencement. Six cases of milk were sent to Tampico Flood Relief. When Womans' Choral Club from Guatamala was presented in Piedras Negras, Mexico and Eagle Pass by Rotary Clubs were given a beautiful tea. Have met all requests of the Alliance in contributions.

EL PASO TABLE: Pan American Day was observed by the placing of a wreath on the resting place of Benito Juarez in ciudad Juarez in the name of the Pan American Round Table. These programs are valuable in promoting friendship. Mexican Tables have entertained us with two lovely meriendas. Have been invited to attend meetings in nearby New Mexico. This Table takes part in the annual Sun Carnival celebration in El Paso and feels that it is an integral part of the community. Through the

El Paso (con)-

invitation of El Paso Table the World Alliance will be our guest in 1958. The new Consul General of Mexico was honored together with his wife. Six members attended the World Alliance Convention in Porto Allegre, Brazil and brought back reports of the Convention.

FORT WORTH TABLE: This Table has Spanish language committee taught by Latin-American members of the Table. Scholarships are granted to assist a student from Panama. September 16th is celebrated in cooperation with local Good Neighbor Commission. Visiting teachers from Mexico were entertained. Celebrated Pan American Week by giving costume party to audience of 500 at Women's Club. A monthly news letter is published. Maintains a full scrapbook with clippings sent to State Historian. Plans for Pan American week include radio and television programs and speakers furnished for different organizations.

HOUSTON TABLE: This Table together with Rice Institute entertained the President of Guatemala, Castello Armas and his wife and presented them with citations of their achievement. Reception was given in honor of Latin American Consular Corps. During annual Stock Show, assistance in shopping and sightseeing was extended to visiting Latin-American ladies, as well as a luncheon in their honor. Students from Latin-American countries are invited into the homes to get better insight of our way of life. The Table has contributed books on Pan American Countries to the library. These shelves are marked with an attractive sign and collection of Flags. A news "Tablegram" is published. An annual December reception honoring Pan American Consuls is held. Members in costume will celebrate Pan American Week with a coffee special guests will be invited- will hold special exhibit for Pan American Book Shelf project. Spanish classes are sponsored.

LAREDO TABLE: This Table is 35 years old and the membership embraces three countries in Texas and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. To better know sister Table they had programs given by both Eagle Pass and Brownsville Tables. Christmas programs were authentic portrayals of Christmas in costume. A Pan American Student Forum who gives elaborate program each year was sponsored in celebration of Pan American Day. They joined Mexico in observance of Cinco de Mayo and honored families of officials of both Laredos. Have student scholarship Fund and have paid tuition of five students in past two years. Joined the Bar Association in entertaining the Inter-American University Mission of Brazil.

MCALLEN TABLE: Sponsors scholarship for worthy Latin-American students attending Pan American College at Edinburg. They gave a tea in San Jaun honoring members of Tables at Alamo-San Jaun and Reynosa, Mexico. They have conversational Spanish group. Have Foreign Relations Committee which greets all visitors from Pan American countries. Subscribe to "Americas" for public library. Pan American Day is celebrated with suitable programs. This year plans are being made to celebrate Pan American Day with all Valley, Rio Grande City and Reynosa Tables as guests.

RIO GRANDE CITY TABLE: This Table draws its membership throughout Starr County. The Table feels fortunate in having been visited last year by our State Director Mrs. A. R. Davis, World Alliance Director- Mrs. W. E. Hendrix, and Mrs. W. W. Ely who is the Alliance Treasurer and who helped organize this Table. A complete project of the Table is the collection of a set of hand made Pan American Flags. This Table supports a memorial Scholarship Fund.

SAN ANTONIO TABLE: In cooperation with the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, they greet and entertain any Western Hemisphere guests who visit the city, which is enjoyed by them. Each Columbus Day, they have "Dia de la Raza" parties for the young members from the Western Hemisphere countries who are guests in the City, Scholarships to high school students are awarded. An invitation to State Officers of

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Pan American Round Tables, to use a steel cabinet for Archives was placed in Bolivar Library to store valuable papers. A tea exhibiting art of the Americas will be given at McNay Art Institute. 200 books and \$55.00 in cash was sent to the American High School in Durango, Mexico. A generous check as well as clothing was sent to flood relief of Tampico, Mexico. Contribution to local Mexican boys for their rummage sale was made. Funds to be used for their summer camp. Each year they entertain Texas Good Neighbor Commission teachers.

SAN BENITO TABLE: This Table has 36 members, 18 of whom are connected with the public schools as teachers and have excellent opportunity in instill Pan American ideals. Contribution was made to the High School Pan American Forum for the purchase of flags. The Table sponsored essay contest in High School on "Pan Americanism". Placed Spanish language books in hospital for benefit of Latin-American patients. English books were sent to children in Monterray, Mexico. Placed books on the memorial shelf in local library. They sent assistance to Laredo where orphans from Tampico flood were housed. The Table has special celebration on Pan American Day. Exchange visits with other Valley Tables.

HOUR OF MEMORY SERVICE
28TH STATE CONVENTION OF THE
PAN AMERICAN ROUND TABLES OF TEXAS
ALAMO HALL - APRIL 2nd, 1957

Our own great American humorist-historian, Washington Irving, has said, "There is a remembrance of the dead to which we turn even from the charms of the living."

It is significant that a Pan American group should have selected this place as the site of an Hour of Memory service, for it was on this very spot, in the shadow of the Alamo itself, that some 120 years ago countless patriots of two great American Nations spilled and mingled their blood, out of which conflict it seems almost to have been fore-ordained that there be created a movement dedicated to the cementing of friendly relations between the peoples of the North and those of the South of this great Hemisphere.

To open our commemorative service today we are privileged to present Mr. John Mizell, tenor, Minister of Music of Travis Park Methodist Church, in a rendition of "There is No Death." He will be accompanied by Mrs. Mizell.

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If, as the great bard has said, "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die," then truly as our soloist has so eloquently pointed out to us, there is no death. It is in this sentiment that we are gathered here today to pay tribute to the memory of our dear departed members. Since our last coming-together in April of 1955, the Pan American Round Tables of Texas have lost the following members, who, in the words of Robert Browning have gone to "the new life come in the old one's stead." As we call their names, alphabetically by Tables, we will be assisted by our little candle-lighter, Irene Stanley Slavens, daughter of one of San Antonio's valued members, Mrs. Stanley G. Slavens, and grand-daughter of one of our earliest members, Mrs. Thomas W. Slavens, who has since passed to her reward. To us, Irene, with her youth and promise, not only symbolizes, but actually is, a link between our past and our future.

Austin	Miss Priscilla Buckley
Beaumont	Mrs. J. T. Shelby and Mrs. J. Frank Keith
Brownsville I	Mrs. Anne Eisaman
Bryan	Mrs. Roy Snyder
Corsicana	Mrs. May Goldberg
Dallas I	Mrs. Norman Morrison, Mrs. Georgia L. Winn and Miss Maude Overaker
El Paso	Mrs. L. Roy Hord, Mrs. A. P. Coles, Mrs. K. D. Lynch, Mrs. Maury Kemp, Miss Mary Goodbar Morgan and Mrs. Harvey Wilcox
Fort Worth	Mrs. W. J. Danforth, Dr. Corrie Allen, Mrs. Joyce Clayton Phillips and Mrs. Giles Day
Houston	Mrs. W. N. (Dick) Hooper, Mrs. W. A. Paddock and Mrs. Guy Bryan
Laredo	Mrs. D. O. Gallagher, Jr.
Rio Grande City	Mrs. S. H. May
San Antonio	Mrs. Walter Nolte, Mrs. J. O. Loftin, Dr. J. O. Loftin and Mrs. Rosaura Martinez Garza
San Benito	Mrs. C. E. Barber

These especially do we honor today, but as we light the last candle none the less tenderly do we recall the many others who have gone before them, of happy memory.

Let this be not a sorrowful occasion. Irving Cobb calls death "but a peaceful transition, an eternal change mercifully accomplished," and Elizabeth Barrett Browning in her beautiful poem based on Verse 2 of the 127th Psalm, says "He giveth His beloved sleep." So, let us not be sad, but rather let us recall our joy in just knowing these dear ones through the years. Longfellow, in his "Footsteps of Angels" says:

"O, though oft depressed and lonely,
All our griefs are laid aside
If we but remember only
Such as these have lived and died."

Through them our individual lives have been enriched, and our organization given fuller scope and influence. From them we draw counsel when in doubt, inspiration when we sometimes faltered, caution when we would be rash, calm, clear cheerfulness through many dark hours, comradeship born of common interests that held us close.

Channing tells us "Immortality is the glorious discovery of Christianity" and Sir Thomas Browne has written "The sufficiency of Christian immortality frustrates all earthly glory." We know that Christianity is a religion that addresses itself, not to the dead past and its failures, but to the living future and its potentials. This is more clearly demonstrated in the miracle of Easter, which we will celebrate again so soon this month. Clarence W. Hall, staff editor of Reader's Digest, reminds us that whereas all religions have tombs, none except Christianity has an empty tomb, and all it signifies - no more doubt, no more despair, no more questioning - the vitality of Christian faith as living today as it was nineteen centuries ago, and alive forever more through the risen Christ.

Do we think ours is a harsh world, full of crises and foreboding of the triumph of evil? Look at the world into which Christ launched His followers, with a new and completely revolutionary creed: that Love, Brotherhood and Freedom under God can and must strive to remake the world. On this day we cannot but feel the urge to reaffirm our allegiance to this creed, so essentially a dominant feature of Pan Americanism. And what better words can we choose than those spoken by Lincoln over the soldier dead at Gettysburg: "It is for us the living to be dedicated to the unfinished work that they have thus far so nobly advanced. It is for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave a full measure of devotion."

To conclude our Hour of Memory, we will again be favored with a selection by our soloist - this time a tribute to model womanhood. And as we follow the words of Ave Maria, as spoken by the Angel of the Annunciation, let us whisper together "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women. . . Pray for us, now, and at the hour of our death."

Mrs. Claude R. Nobles
Chairman

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ALL FOR ONE"



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REPORT OF HISTORIAN FOR THE YEAR 1955-56

My term of office, as Historian of the Pan American Round Tables of Texas, started at the close of the Convention in April of 1955 at Austin. As you fellow members of the Board know, this was a most gracious affair and ended on a key note of friendship for all of the Americas.

The next events to affect the Tables of Texas were sad ones. News came of the deaths of two of our more beloved members. The first was that of Mrs. Hallie Bryan Perry, whose family has been closely interwoven with the history of our State. It was my good fortune to be a neighbor of Mrs. Perry's, when she, my husband and I lived at the Plaza Hotel in Houston from 1943 to 1947. She always reminded me of a busy, happy, little bird, flitting from one pleasant duty to another. Mrs. Nolte I did not have the pleasure of knowing but most of you did and I am sure that you thought of her always in the role of "Guardian" of the Florence Griswold Fund. Her death followed closely after that of Mrs. Bryan. I am sure the families of both these fine characters received sympathy and consolation from all who knew them.

Then came time for the meetings of the Tables to begin. I will give in alphabetical order all and whatever information I have from each Table, as follows:

Alamo- San Juan

This is the only Table that mentions in its report the use of the Inter-American Study kit. Others probably use it but this Table is the only one to mention using it. They, also, seem to put into their programs so much of a patriotic nature. They had several meetings which included the Pharr Table, also. At one of these the centerpiece of the luncheon table included leaves from the Tree of Peace that was planted by President McKinley, in the patio of the Pan American Union in Washington. They wrote to the proper authorities about a National Charter for Pan American Round Tables and received a favorable reply. They sent, through the Pan American Union, 100 of the Fundamental Education Gift packages.

Austin

From this Table comes our interesting Panamericana Texana. Our State Director and Dr. Pace are given full credit for their outstanding work on this. Forth from this Table went our own lovely and gracious and sincere State Director, Mrs. Albert Davis, bearing the glowing torch of friendship to our friends of the other Americas, last November when she attended the Alliance meeting in Porto Alegre. She has carried their message of friendship to most of the Tables in Texas. This Table has a wonderful opportunity to meet problems first hand and in their minutes are many things that have been done. One of their programs was on PROBLEMS OF LATIN AMERICANS IN OUR COMMUNITY. In connection with this they had a part in furnishing the new Recreation Bldg. They had most interesting and enlightening programs and many social events of note.

Brownsville #1

From this Table came the colorful and exciting invitation to their Costume Review and Merienda at the opening of Charro Days. I am sure that all the other Tables answered as I did, that all of us who could possibly come would be there. But none of us was granted this opportunity. I have received no other communication from this Table.

Brownsville #2

No communication

Beaumont

I received an invitation of the most complete and gracious nature from this Table to attend, with all our members, their Fiesta which was held on November 21. We had no members who were able to go but I am sure that it was a gala affair. Their genial Director sent me a resume of their year's program in advance and I saw from it that they were to have a Cooking School of Latin American Dishes given by the Gulf States Utilities Company. Don't you know that was interesting?

Brazoria

No communication

Bryan

Now this Bryan Table would be hard to outdo. It has been the good fortune of our Table (Conroe) to be associated with this Table in a meeting or two and they are really workers who take advantage of every opportunity to learn and to help. In August, each year, during the Orientation Days for boys who come to attend A&M College from outside the United States, the Bryan Table gives a welcoming party for these students with a girl for every boy to dance with and refreshments - and what more could a boy, far from home, ask for? Their Miss Sara Wiseman attended the Alliance Convention. On December 13th they entertained the students at A&M and Allen Academy with a Pinata and during South of the Border Week in April they entertained for the students and asked the Conroe Table over as guests. This was unusual and sparkling entertainment and we met students and their families from all over the world. One of their last social affairs was a banquet given in honor of Mrs. Hendrix, our Alliance Director. It was a sumptuous and colorful affair as Mrs. Hendrix was attired in a costume native to the state of Chiapa. The Conroe Table had a gracious invitation to attend this affair.

Conroe

This Table has in its current Year Book stamps from all the Pan American Countries. These stamps are each one a miniature work of art of each country. This Table increased their yearly contribution to the Florence Griswold Scholarship Fund to \$43.00 per year to meet the requested \$1.00 per member per year. We were to have had with us for our December meeting our State Director, Mrs. Albert Davis, to tell us of the Alliance meeting in Porto Alãgro. Mrs. Davis came to Conroe but preceding her arrival there had occurred two tragic deaths - one in each of two of our beloved members' families and, because we are human, we could not go on with the meeting. Mrs. Davis and Miss Rogers, who accompanied her to Conroe, were so sympathetic and understanding that they won a place in our hearts forever. We furnish a scholarship of \$250 per year to a worthy student attending Sam Houston College in Huntsville and each year at a spring meeting this student and other Latin American students are brought down to meet us, under the supervision of Mr. Jesse Burluson, a professor in the College. This is always a real treat in entertainment. In March of this year the Conroe Table had as guests and program, members of the Bryan Table and their guests from over the world. They furnished a most scintillating and thought provoking program and this we plan to repeat each year. We, in turn, have attended affairs as their guests.

Corsicana

This Table was fortunate in having Dr. Bullard from the University of Texas to give his lecture on volcanoes of Latin America. This was highly entertaining and colorful. On their previous meeting they were entertained by a minute and glowing account of the Alliance meeting in Porto Alegre and the preceding and succeeding tour of South America and Central America. This account was given by two of their members who made the trip, Misses Sullenberger and Miller. All the programs of this Table are well thought out and highly entertaining and educational.

Dallas #1

No communication

Dallas #2

This Table gives each year a scholarship to a student studying nursing. This year it was given to Elisa Bouche from Panama. Not only does this ambitious Table give the scholarship but they keep up with the material needs of this student and see that she has ample allowance for incidental expenses and furnishes her with a suitable wardrobe. Think what this means to a student in a foreign land and who does not have the means to meet the unexpected needs! One of their former students was Blanca of Honduras and on their return trip from Porto Alegre the members were ~~and still looking~~ ~~for Blanca~~ ~~and found her nursing among her countrymen but~~ ~~"not keeping up with her English", as they so aptly expressed it.~~ I would say that they are truly following up their work, as all of us must wish that we could. This Table also furnished clothing for the victims of the Tampico flood. And in their programs and meetings they took full advantage of their opportunities in their educational surroundings.

Dallas #3

No communication.

Denton

All ^{the} account I have of this Table was of a wonderful Pan American Day program which they had in the year 1955. This was sent to me by another Table.

Eagle Pass

This Table contributed in a very material way to the Tampico flood sufferers. They donated cases of milk from their Welfare fund. They also wrote to Washington about the National charter for the Round Tables. This Table gave a Tea for the Guatemalan singers on November 29th. What a wonderful time that must have been for all present. Eagle Pass has the national anthem of whatever country is the program of the day and there is always a movie or arts and crafts of that country shown. At one meeting an English speaker and a Spanish speaker furnished the program. I noticed also that there is always an invocation at the opening of each of their meetings. How intelligent it is to call for Divine guidance in all we do. I wish that space and acquaintance would enable me to give more details of all the Tables' works. #####

El Paso

The honor of being the city where the next Alliance meeting will be held, goes to the El Paso Table. I am confident that they will be able and gracious hostesses for our State. At this Table both Spanish and English are used, because of their numerous Latin American members and guests. They sent \$200 in cash to the Tampico flood victims and do much other work among the needy Mexicans. It has been ##### the interesting duty of one of their members to compile a condensed history of the El Paso Round Table. Husbands are invited to the Social hour which follows each meeting. Each of their meetings seems to be a social triumph and that is good fellowship and shows that their work is taken seriously. They have had the members of the Las Cruces, New Mexico Table as their ## guests and also the members of the Reynosa, Mexico Table, thus having both Interstate and International meetings.

Houston

This is another neighbor Table to the Conroe Table and we have been invited to attend several of their meetings and social affairs. At one of their fall meetings they had a Travelogue of several Pan American countries and as each country was introduced into the theme a young girl dressed in a costume native to that country entered to music of the country. They were fortunate to have as noted and timely guests President and Mrs. Armas of Guatemala. In their gracious and hospitable manner they entertained royally for the Armas. They have as usual guests at their meetings the various Consuls and their wives from many of the Pam American countries. During the Fat Stock Show this Table kept open a booth for the comfort and entertainment of the many Latin Americans who regularly attend this show. They contributed a section of Pan American books to the new branch of the Houston Library that recently opened on Willowick Road. With the faculties of both Rice Institute and the University of Houston and their interesting membership to draw on they have most entertaining and unusual programs.

Fort Worth.

This is the home of our entertaining and newsy Panameri-graph. This Table has regular Spanish classes for Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced pupils. What an opportunity for those who hunger to learn the language. I think that this is especially noteworthy because of the fact that Fort Worth is not near the border and feels no special need for spoken Spanish. They give a scholarship to a student at Texas College for Women at Denton and this year their recipient is Miss Cecelia Espinoza of Panama. This Table entertained the visiting student teachers from ESCUELA NORMAL SUPERIOR in México. They furnished the program for the Etta Newby Tea this Spring and part of the entertainment was furnished by Mrs. Ely of Brownsville who brought 20 costumes of different Latin American countries for their members to wear and exhibit, as well as some lovely and costly jewelry from those countries.

McAllen

This Table had a tea on September 19th and invited as guests the members of the Reynosa and San Juan-Alamo Tables. Thus they, too, had an International affair. This Table has a Scholarship to send a student to the Pan American College.

Orange

No communication.

San Benito

In the first luncheon of the year this Table placed all interest on the little country of Haiti. The place cards were tiny Haitian dolls carrying bananas. I wish I could have had more from this Table.

Laredo

This Table in February had the wonderful experience of entertaining as their guest and speaker our own State Director, Mrs. Davis, who told of the trip our Alliance members and other members made to the meeting in Porto Alegre. At their March meeting their guests were the members of the Eagle Pass Table. It is their usual custom to entertain the sons and daughters of their members and I think this is such a warm and unusual custom that could be used to advantage by the other Tables. The decorations were brilliant and unusual. Christmas customs in Brazil, Colombia and Peru were carried out in the minutest detail with authentic costumes, music and dancing.

Pharr

No communication.

Rio Grande City

This Table, through their own initiative, are the possessors of an enviable collection of large, platform size flags of all the Pan American countries. I think this is wonderful to have accomplished. They have a scholarship fund in memory of a former member of their Table, Nell Kain Guerra, which goes to a worthy Starr county senior for educational purposes. An imposing guest list is theirs each year for Pam American Day. They have a standing International Relations Committee which is appointed to further the Good Will Policy during the year and plan for the coming Pan American Day program.

at their
Dec. meeting

San Antonio

I received ~~#####~~ from this Table some interesting pictures taken at some of their meetings and an account of their presentation of the Posada de Navidad, a traditional Mexican Christmas Pageant. Students of Latin America who attend school in San Antonio led the chorus and members of the Table followed in the procession. Traditional refreshments were served to the guests, who included families of the members. The children had a pinata and a merienda. Through the account of the organization of the Corpus Christi Table I gleaned from the talk made by Mrs. Nelson, that the San Antonio Table has a Scholarship for a student from Honduras; that they entertain for notable guests and do wonderful work among the soldiers from Latin American countries who are brought to Brooks General Hospital for rehabilitation; that they join in relief work when our neighboring country of Mexico is hit by disasters.

Corpus Christi

While this is our youngest Table it is not least in our thoughts. It was organized in December of 1955 under the supervision of Mrs. James Cecil Nelson of San Antonio, our 3rd Associate Director. Their first meeting was the organization luncheon, a lovely affair at the Corpus Christi Country Club. Since it is so young, I have not had any communication from them as to their activities and am looking forward to hearing from them.

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At the beginning of my term of office I wrote to each Table of Texas and asked them to furnish me with an account of each meeting. This several of the Tables have been faithful in doing, others occasionally and others not at all. Because of the lack of response on the part of some of the Tables it has been impossible for me to give any account of their activities. This I regret for it has afforded me the greatest pleasure to compile ~~#####~~ even this inadequate report. I think of the pleasure I have missed by not having full reports from all the member Tables. Reading of these activities has made me want to visit each Table and meet the ones about whom I have been reading.

In a separate letter to Mrs. Davis I have explained that I am ill and unable to attend the Board meeting and that I have gotten this report together under great difficulty. I have been Director of the Conroe Table for the past two years and I have not been able to attend to that and keep up my duties as State Historian in the manner which I would like to. On May 8th my duties as Director in Conroe will end and I promise to carry out my duties as State Historian to the very best of my ability. I hope that all who hear the reading of this report will return to their Tables and urge them to write me of every worthwhile, ~~###~~ notable and unusual activity. Only by having such information can I compile a real HISTORY of the Pan American Round Tables of Texas.

This report I submit to you with apologies for the mistakes of poor typing and the necessary brevity of the report but with happiness mixed with humility at having a part in such a vast undertaking of friendship. My very best wishes to each member of each Table and my prayers that we may so order the affairs of our nations that we may be able to continue along the way we have

come.

Most sincerely - Ylvia M. McComb (Mrs. J. P.)

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT -- May 7, 1956

Report of Treasurer, Mrs. W. W. Ely, after audit, April 15, 1955

Audit Balance March 11, 1955	1,476.01
April 15 -- Southwest Printing Co. check	<u>87.20</u>
Reported at convention, Austin, April 1955.....	1,388.81

Money Received: Brazoria	15.00
El Paso	<u>15.00</u>
	1,418.81

Checks written:

Denton Print Shop	7.30
Pin for Director	15.00
Secretary's Book	5.50
Director's Telephone exp.	15.00
Convention expense	20.00
Southwest Printing Co.	100.00
Express	<u>4.41</u>
	167.21

Balance to New Treasurer.....\$1,251.60

Deposited First State Bank, Denton, Texas, July 12, 1955

Deposit, as shown above 1,251.60

" as itemized -- State dues collected 300.00

Alliance dues " 210.00

Travel Fund " 86.00

La Voz " 25.00

Griswold Fund " 831.55

Cash to be accounted for..... 2,704.15

Disbursements:

1955	July 12	Stamps	10.00	
		Stationery	24.55	
	Aug. 3	Supplies	6.70	
		Mimeograph Expense	16.85	(Convention Minutes)
	Aug. 10	Folders for Archives	11.20	
	Sept. 24	State Director's Letter	4.50	
		Legal Stationery	1.80	
	Sept. 29	Panamericana Texana	97.25	
		" Postage	16.56	
		Mail Permits	20.00	
	Oct. 14	Addressograph Plates	62.52	
1956	Jan. 13	Panamericana Texana	87.06	
		" Postage&Plates	21.92	
	Feb. 23	Mrs. Ely--Alliance dues	<u>180.00</u>	<u>560.91</u>

Cash in Bank as of May 5, 1956.....\$2,143.24

Due Alliance Treasurer -- dues 30.00 Due Griswold Chairman 831.55
Travel 86.00

116.00 Balance, State, 1,170.69

Due La Voz 25.00

RECAP OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS -- July 12, 1955 to March 19, 1957, Inclusive.

Received from Mrs. J. E. Magill, Treasurer	1,251.60	
Received total State Dues	660.00	
Received total for Griswold Fund	2173.30	
Received total for Alliance Dues	430.00	
Received total for Alliance Travel	<u>427.00</u>	<u>3,690.30</u>
		4,941.90
To Mrs. C. C. Clack, Griswold Fund	2173.30	
To Mrs. W. W. Ely, Alliance Funds	857.00	
To Griswold Fund, 2 years @ 25.00	50.00	
State Expense (see itemized account)	<u>965.98</u>	<u>4,046.28</u>
Bank Balance as of March 19, 1957		895.62

Return to:

Mrs W P Mac Comb
Anchorage Ranch
Council, Seward

for the files

Important

Friend, Paul Americana Texana

At the convention in Austin, April, 1955, a resolution was passed stating that all money would be paid in to the State Treasurer -- State dues, Alliance dues, Griswold Scholarship Fund contributions, and La Voz. It is indeed a pleasure to report the splendid cooperation of the Tables.

After statements were sent out October 1, 1955, there was a prompt response from almost all of the Tables. To date, all but two of the Tables have paid their State dues. \$831.55 has been received for the Griswold Scholarship Fund. Five Tables sent in \$5.00 each for La Voz.

The State dues have been due in the fall, and the Alliance dues have been due in the spring. Mrs. W. W. Ely, Alliance Treasurer, who was unable to attend the Board Meeting, is checking with me, by letter, to determine the dates covered by the Alliance dues collected by your State Treasurer this year. It will be a great help to the treasurer if you will always enclose a slip, with your check, showing the dues covered, and the year they cover, so we may have this record for a permanent file. Some of you have indicated on your check the dates covered, but after the check is deposited, we have no record in our file showing this date. Some dues have been sent directly to the Alliance Treasurer. It was to avoid the confusion of having part of the money paid to one treasurer and part to another that the decision was made to pay it all into one fund; it can then be transferred to the Alliance Treasurer, or the Chairman of the Griswold Fund, at a specified date.

Mrs. B. C. Judkins, State Treasurer

Denton, Texas

Report of Convention - Pan American Round Tables of Texas
April 1-263, 1957, San Antonio, Texas

Write Shaver
May 31

The State Convention of Pan American Round Tables marked ^{the} its Fortieth Anniversary of the founding of its organization in San Antonio by Mrs. Florence T. Griswold. It was a memorable occasion in every respect. Outstanding was the spirit of friendliness which was enhanced by ^{the} its graciousness of the Hostess Table, San Antonio, and the presence of our charming Director General, Mrs. Hendrix of Mexico City.

I should like to report in rather broad categories and under these headings because I feel the various aspects of the Conference will fall into place more fully in this manner.

1. Meetings: The Business Meetings were lively affairs under the outstanding leadership and guidance of Mrs. Albert R. Davis of Austin, State Director. Mrs. Davis proved herself a Chairman of ^{fact}, patience and firm direction. Most particularly was this true during the hours spent on the revision of the State Constitution so that it will conform to the framework of the over-all Alliance Constitution. Mrs. Bradley, of our Table, was an excellent Parliamentarian. Never at a loss and under almost constant "fire", she met every question quickly, competently and knowingly. We are proud of Mrs. Bradley's ability and great "know-how".

The Constitution is revised, but one point will be referred to all tables for immediate action. This is, the regular payment of 25¢ per member into the permanent Griswold Fund Scholarship. It was voted now that the Fund has reached \$5,000.00 due to the untiring efforts of Mrs. Clark, Table II, and the generosity of Mrs. Cashin, Houston, ^{that} the interest only, shall be used to assist a carefully chosen candidate in her studies in this country.

Reports of Texas Tables were outstanding. It would be a treat to participate in each and everyone. The report of Dallas Table II, written by Mrs. Bertucci, was given in her absence, by Mrs. Howell, Delegate.

2. Election of Officers for 1957-1959 - Unanimously elected and installed by Mrs.

Hendrix were:

Mrs. W. P. McComb, Conroe, Director
Mrs. W. W. Hawkins, El Paso, 1st Ass^d. Director
Mrs. John F. Camp, Sr., San Antonio, 2nd Ass^d. Director
Mrs. David Halliday, Beaumont, 3rd Ass^d. Director
Mrs. A. J. Wylie, Fort Worth, 4th Ass^d. Director
Mrs. A. M. Carrow, Houston, Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Clyde Trotter, Laredo, Recording Secretary
Miss Caroline Cierna, Eagle Pass, Treasurer
Mrs. E. B. Peterson, Dallas #2, Historian
Mrs. Paul Cunningham, Brownsville, Parliamentarian.

3. Next State Convention - By unanimous vote the group accepted the enthusiastic invitation of the Brownsville Table to meet there in 1959 during Charro Days.

4. New Tables. The new administration will continue the excellent work of the outgoing Directors in establishing New Tables. Corpus Christi was the newest Table represented at the Convention and everyone thrilled to its enthusiastic report. Areas have been assigned to each of the four associate Directors and each charged with ~~organizational~~ organizational work in her area.

5. Our "Social Life" : Somehow I find it difficult to phrase so that you, yourselves, will feel the spirit of friendliness which dominated the Convention. This was fostered and nurtured by our gracious Hostess, Mrs. Wofford and Mrs. Noble, Co-Chairman and their able assistants. All gave full meaning to the word hostess. They entertained us and Convention guests royally. They assisted us at every hand and they did it all so beautifully.

6. Guests of the Convention: Playing a big part as an Ambassador of Good Will was Mrs. Hendrix. She was at all times the essence of Pan American Round Table Ideology "One for All and All for One". With her was another member of the Alliance from Mexico City and two outstanding Round Table Members from Monterrey, Mexico.

7. Luncheons and Dinners: And a word of praise for the very lovely, meaningful decorations and gifts!

Our first luncheon was "El Mercado Libre" at which the President of the Good Neighbor Council, El Senor Muguerza of Monterrey spoke. He stressed understanding as a basis of friendship and issued a sincere invitation for all to become members of the Good

Neighbor Council and to attend the coming convention in May in San Luis Potosi. It sounds like a colorful convention!

Our first evening was spent in the delightful San Antonio manner with a boat ride on the river, a mariachi band and Mexican supper at La Villita.

On Tuesday the "Friendship Luncheon" was held and we were privileged to hear his Excellency, El Senor Faceo, Ambassador from Costa Rica to the United States. Ambassador Faceo did not mince words when he emphasized the leadership position of the United States in this hemisphere. He said, in fact, our role is one of destiny and unescapable if Democracy is to survive in the Americas. We dined that night at the fabulous and yet delightfully informal home of Mrs. Sheerin. The famed group of young San Antonio square dancers entertained on the terrace with the sparkling swimming pool as back drop.

A spirit of love and renewal of the ideals of Pan American Round Tables pervaded the beautiful Memorial Service at the Alamo. One of San Antonio's leading church singers, sang "There is No Death" and Gounod's "Ave Maria". Mrs. Noble wrote and conducted the service, assisted by the granddaughter and daughter of a San Antonio member.

Concluding the Conference was the Installation Luncheon. Retiring Directors received certificates of merit, and they in turn installed their successor. This service, ably and graciously conducted by Mrs. Hendrix, was unanimously voted a permanent Installation Ceremony. Credit for it, too, goes to the San Antonio Table.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Petersen, Delegate Table II
Dallas

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