

SACHSE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Sachse Historical Society (SHS) Board of Directors has determined the publication of a bi-annual newsletter will be its top priority for 1997 and beyond. We are excited about the projects we are doing this year and want to use this newsletter as one of the pipelines for keeping the community's heritage alive. I greatly appreciate the commitment of the Board to undertake this endeavor. I especially appreciate James Cron & Pat McMillan for their leadership in pulling the newsletter material together, organizing it and getting it in the mail. It's fun to work with folks who get the job done.

Changes are happening every day. With the passage of time we will look back on many of these changes and see them as historical events. It is important to research the past & make a written record of it. However, it's equally important to make an accurate and detailed record of the events that are happening every day. These records may not be historical documents now but they will become the historical material in the future that many people will read and say, "so that's what it was like back then."

1997 is going to be an interesting year for the City of Sachse and the SHS. We will see a lot of changes in our community as several new subdivisions are developed. SH 78 is widened from the County Line to the North city limits line, the city hall & administrative offices are moved to the Gateway Plaza building, landscaping and decorative lighting is installed along SH 78 and construction on the new 36 acre park is begun.

These activities create a challenge for the SHS as we attempt to document and photograph these changing scenes in Sachse as it happens. We invite you to join us if you are interested in writing or photographing the record. It will be an interesting year to be involved.

---ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 16TH---

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

The SHS has commissioned the 50"x70" woven coverlet for sale to raise funds for our treasury. The coverlet depicts Sachse history and sells for \$39.95. If you have not purchased one to help the Society, please go by City Hall & look at them. Hopefully you will buy one and tell your friends and relatives about them.

ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

If you have an item for the newsletter, contact Editor James Cron at 495-0648. The next issue will be this Sept. Articles can also be given any SHS board member.

ANNUAL MEETING SACHSE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DATE: MARCH 16, 1997
TIME: 2:00 PM
PLACE: SACHSE CITY HALL
5560 HWY 78

AGENDA:
BUSINESS MEETING
BYLAW AMENDMENTS
AWARDS FOR ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS
PRESENTATION OF BOOK TO THE LIBRARY
ELECTION OF OFFICERS
GUEST SPEAKER

Mrs. Winifred Stokes, our guest speaker, will talk about Sachse-Garland area history & the process of obtaining a historical marker through the Texas Historical Commission. She graduated from Tex. Tech. College at Lubbock (1940) with a major in science, zoology & chemistry. Mrs. Stokes became interested in history while serving as a docent for 7 years at Old City Park. The Dallas County Historical Commission was instrumental in obtaining the School Book Depository Bldg. for Dallas County during her 3 years on the Commission. She assisted in getting the historical marker for the Sachse Cemetery & taught science in Garlands schools for 15 years. Married 57 years, she & husband Gerald have 4 children and 4 grandchildren.

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

The Board of Directors will present a proposal to change the Sachse Historical Society's Bylaws at the March 16th Annual Meeting.

PROPOSAL #1....Change the date of the annual meeting FROM the 3rd week in January TO the 3rd week in March.

PROPOSAL #2....Would allow persons who have been members LESS than 1 year to be elected to the Board but would require officers of the Society to have been members for NOT LESS than one year.

Note: SHS Bylaws require notification of all members of any proposed bylaw changes prior to the annual meeting. This notice will be mailed around the first week of March.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE 1997-1998 OFFICERS

The Nominations Committee, Naomi Reed - Chairperson & Pat McMillan and James Cron- members, submitted the following names for the slate of officers.

PRESIDENT - LLOYD HENDERSON
VICE-PRESIDENT- DEVON REED
SECT./TREASURER- JOE STONE

During the Annual Meeting, nominations may be made from the floor.

SACHSE HISTORICAL SOCIETY - THE ORGANIZATION

Organized in April 1989. Purpose---To collect artifacts & memorabilia related to the history of Sachse and to keep the community heritage alive and available to future generations.

The SHS is a tax exempt incorporated organization governed by bylaws. Membership is open to all with an interest in the purpose of the organization. Small annual dues are required.

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**SACHSE HISTORICAL SOCIETY-
THE ORGANIZATION**

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Annual meetings are held, but members can attend the monthly Board of Directors meetings. Officers & Board members are elected at the annual meeting.

All meetings are held at the Sachse City Hall, unless otherwise notified.

Many members live in Sachse and some are related to its founder William Sachse. Several members live outside the city.

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

January 1, 1996 Balance.....\$1,147.53
Income.....\$6,129.28
Expenses.....\$4,505.10
January 1, 1997 Balance.....\$2,172.39

**SACHSE AND THE WORLD...A LOOK AT
THE PAST (1845 - 1997)**

What was life in Sachse like in 1845, or in the early 1900's? My family, the McMillan's, were setting up house in Murphy, Texas about the same time that William Sachse was getting the community of Sachse settled. I have often wondered what those distant ancestors saw as they went about their daily routines.

This column will be for those bits of information passed down through the years. Perhaps you know something about the town, buildings, dress styles, customs, roads or other stories that have been passed down in your family about life in Sachse. If you have information about early Sachse, please send it to me and I will see that it is printed in this column with your name as the submitter.

Send to:

PAT McMILLAN
PO BOX 2135
WYLIE TEXAS 75098
or call (after 7pm)
972-495-0648

Examples.....

From 1850

1st class stamp cost \$.05, an overseas ticket cost \$55.00, songs of the year were "Camptown Races", Angelina Baker" and "Cheer Boys Cheer". President Zachary Taylor died of cholera morbus, the garden hose and the gas mask were invented and a best selling book was "The Scarlet Letter". A bushel of corn sold for \$.58 and a bushel of wheat for \$1.08.

From 1890

The song "Oh Promise Me" was introduced. Idaho became the 41st state.

GERMAN TEXAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

The Dallas area group of the German Texan Heritage Society which is coordinated by Mr. Eberhard Herrmann, who is a member of the Sachse Historical Society, meets once a month.

For meeting information, please call:
(972) 699-5683

The German Texan Historical Society is a State wide organization headquartered in Austin. Presentations at the meetings held every 3rd Thursday of the month are concerned with history and genealogy of German Texans and German Americans with special emphasis on the North Central Texas area.

NOTE: This year there will be a very special event in the German Texas history of Dallas. On the first weekend in May the DALLAS FROHSINN SINGING SOCIETY will be celebrating its 120th anniversary.

For more information, please call:
Mr. or Mrs. Gerry Bluhm
(214) 350-9376

**DALLAS COUNTY HISTORICAL
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Sachse Historical Society member Eberhard Herrmann was appointed by the SHS Board of Directors to represent the SHS on this Council.

PLEASE REMEMBER

*THE ANNUAL
MEETING TO BE
HELD MARCH 16TH*

*SEE DETAILS IN THE
MIDDLE OF THE
FRONT PAGE*

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR THE SHS
(DISCUSSED BY THE BOARD)**

- Collection of photographs of past mayors.
- History of the construction of Library/Police Building.
- Water tower construction project.
- Texas Historical Marker for Pleasant Valley Cemetery.
- Photo reproduction.
- History of the Sachse Library.
- Seminar on Genealogy.
- Essay contest - broader than Middle School level.

**SACHSE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ESSAY
CONTEST**

Our Society, in conjunction with Ms. Kimberly Boyd, Texas History Teacher at Hudson Middle School in Sachse, will conduct an essay contest. Her students will, with guidance from Ms. Boyd, select subject matter dealing with the life and times during the earlier years. Each paper will be limited to 600 to 800 words. The deadline is February 28th.

The contest judges will be Sachse Mayor Larry Holden, SHS members Mary Allene Jones and Pat McMillan and Ms. Kimberly Boyd. There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner.

The winners will read their papers at the Sachse Historical Society Annual Meeting.

**NEW SACHSE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEMBERS WELCOME**

ANYONE
INTERESTED
IN
JOINING
THE
SACHSE
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY
MAY
CALL
JOE STONE
SECRETARY/TREASURER
AT
(972) 495-1231

FROM THE EDITOR

The Board of Directors of the Sachse Historical Society hope the membership enjoys the newsletter. We decided to start with a two page issue, twice a year. Each February and September all members will be mailed their edition.

If additional pages are needed, they will be added. It is possible the issues could be printed three or four times during the year, depending on subject matter available and interest of the membership.

Pardon any errors, mis-spelling and grammar goofs. I've been an editor of association newsletters before and know I'm fully capable of running amuck and making one look like it was composed and typed by a chimp.

I will do my best to put out a first class publication.

....ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 16TH.....