



MRS. HAZEL RICHARDSON, LIBRARIAN SPEAKS AT MARKER DEDICATION
She Related Girlhood Memories of Hood's Brigade Association Meetings

Historians Enjoy Bright Day

By HARRY YOUNG
Eagle Staff Writer

Friday's fine weather wasn't letted by members of the Brazos County Historical Survey Committee who busily traversed the county, dedicating markers at three historical sites.

The markers are located by the Brazos River at the Bryan Cemetery, and at the old Carnegie Public Library.

The Brazos River marker, located two-tenths of a mile east of Jones Bridge on FM 60, was dedicated at 1:30 p.m. in a speech by John T. Duncan, emer professor of history at Texas A&M University and was accepted for the county by W. Vance, county judge.

Duncan spoke of the influence the Brazos had on Texas history and of its possible role in the future.

Duncan pointed out that the Brazos, the state's largest river,

and its tributaries cross every part of Texas.

He spoke of first Texas colony at Velasco on the banks of the river and Sam Houston's army which camped by the river before heading for San Jacinto.

"But the river is changing," he said, "it ran much redder than now." He said this is because the river, "for the past 20 years, has become the object of mass flood control...it was a terrible river for floods."

"There are two reservoirs on the river...four on its tributaries and there will be others," he said. He added that industrialization is taking place at its south end, "where Stephen F. Austin and his colony first put their plows to the soil."

Duncan ended his address on an optimistic note. "Who knows," he said, "industry and recreational facilities might make it much prettier along the Brazos."

Librarian Hazel Richardson read a poem entitled "Brazos de Dios," by Mabel Clare Thomas, and Judge Vance accepted the marker on behalf of the county.

The marker was paid for by the state and installed by the Highway Department.

A plaque was unveiled at the Bryan City Cemetery commemorating over 100 years since its opening.

The Rev. Morris House offered the invocation and A. B. Syptak delivered the dedication speech.

The cemetery was established on June 13, 1868 and many Civil War veterans are buried there.

Several members of the cemetery board present were asked to make comments. They were Mrs. Dona Carnes, board secretary for 50 years, Dr. James L. Boone, Lucy Harrison, vice-president of the board and A. S. McSwain. Lee Shaw,

chairman of the board was not present.

Mary Ann Parker, city commissioner accepted the marker for the mayor, who did not attend.

Paul Crawford, chairman of the library board, introduced Mrs. Richardson, who delivered the dedication speech for the Carnegie Public Library marker.

Mrs. Richardson spoke mainly of the reunions of the Hood Texas Brigade Association which met at the library building from 1919 to 1933. She spoke of her recollection of these men as a young girl. She said when they first began meeting they held champagne parties, but as the years passed these became ice cream parties.

Immediately after the dedications a coffee was held at the new Bryan Public Library.