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OLD SCHOOL MUSEUM & LOG CABIN

111 West Houston Street - Dayton

Open Saturdays 10 am – 2 pm

The Old School Museum & Log Cabin are located at 111 West Houston St. across from post office

Dayton Historical Society members serve as hosts for visitors.

For more history/information, visit:

- Website: daytontxhistory.com
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DaytonTxHistory>



Dayton Historical Society Meetings
6 P.M. on last Monday of month
at Parker Hall (behind Old School Museum)
Guest speaker program is preceded by a short
business meeting and followed by refreshments.
Public is welcome!

To Rent Parker Hall

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Dayton History News

Snapshot in Time – The Dayton News

This edition of the Dayton History News quotes excerpts from a local newspaper called *The Dayton News* dated Thursday, May 19, 1955 (i.e., 68 years ago). The paper was sold for 5 cents per issue or \$2.50 per year. The Editor was B. A. Tipton.

Although June has become the norm for many high schools to hold their graduations, the month of May was typical many years ago – as is the case for this quoted newspaper story about the **Dayton High School graduation of 1955.**

Rev. Linton to Speak Sunday to 49 Graduating Students

Commencement exercises will be held Monday evening, May 23rd at 8:00 P.M. in the Dayton high school auditorium with J. Drue McGinty Jr. making the main address. Monday evening's program will be the Processional performed by the Dayton High School Band directed by Jimmy Schmidt;

- Invocation – Sandra Stoesser
- Salutatory Address – Barbara Reidland
- Class Song – Wilda Meacham
- Valedictory Address – Wilma Goodrum
- Address – J. Drue McGinty, Jr.
- Presentation of Awards – Bob Tribble, Principal, Dayton High School
- Presentation of Diplomas – J. Drue McGinty Sr., President, School Board
- School Song – Senior Class
- Benediction – Rev. Don Harwell, Pastor, First Methodist Church, Dayton
- Recessional – by Dayton High School band directed by Jimmy Schmidt

The boys outnumber the girls in this year's graduating class with 25 boys vs. 24 girls. The boys include Clarence **Bilnoski**, Mark **Broussard**, Philip **Brady**, Don **Brown**, Billy **Butcher**, Ronald **Fielder**, Ralph **Graves**, John **Green**, Frank **Hitt**, C. E. **Hobbs**, Edward **Hutchins**, John **Jackson**, Gerald **Jennings**; Grady **LeBlanc**, Roger **LeBlanc**, Roy **Neat**, Charlie **Orsak**, Jeff **Powell**, Foy **Royder**, Stevie **Sipes**, Glenn **Spraker**, Carl **Thompson**, Roy **Trager**, Buster **Treude** and Rogene **West**.

The 24 girls are Johnnie **Abercrombie**, Dora Mae **Anderson**, Glynda **Barrow**, Catherine **Geran**, Elizabeth **Crockett**, Rose Lee **Dlouhy**, Barbara **Ford**, Evelyne **Eaton**, Wilma **Goodrum**, Lorene **Hardy**, Mary Haynes **Morse**, Rose **Kapalski**. Also, Myrna **Kennedy**, Ethel **McCoy**, Wilda **Meacham**, Dorothy **Morris**, Florence **Neuman**, Barbara **Reidland**, Ann **Romine**, Georgia **Smesny**, Sandra **Stoesser**, Madeline Weidel **Thomas**. Darlene **Tiner**. Joyce Hoover **Woods**.

Highway Paving Is Let by State Tuesday

The Texas Highway Department Tuesday announced that low bid on paving 33.5 miles on U.S. Highway 90 and State 321 in Liberty County was \$252,475, submitted by Austin Worth Construction Co., of Fort Worth.

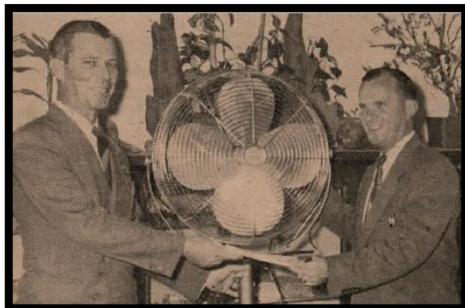
The work will include paving from the west city limits of Dayton to the Harris County line; from one mile west of Raywood to the Trinity River, and from Lucas Bayou to Cleveland.

This is part of the low bids totaling \$5,710,003 for work on bridges, state highways and farm roads in Texas.

Dayton Schools Receive Fans for School Rooms

Lloyd Mills, immediate past-president of the Dayton P.T.A., presents C. W. Spence, incoming president with the Bill of Sale for 47 fans installed during the month of March in the high school, junior high and elementary school rooms.

The fans were purchased with funds raised during the Queen's race for the Rice Queen Festival held at high school auditorium in April.



Lakata Club Donates Fence for Swim Pool

Dr. Reginald Wilson, secretary of the Dayton Lions Club, announced Tuesday that members of the Lakata Club of Dayton have donated the new cyclone type fence to be placed around the swimming pool. The fence will cost approximately \$400 (equivalent of \$4,505 in year 2023).

Other donations have been two diving boards by T. O. Johnson; pipe connections by the Texaco Company to be used in the water filtering plant; and Dale Grantham sent his large truck to Austin Tuesday morning to pick up the 2700 pounds of marble dust to be used on the inside of the pool instead of paint. The marble dust will make a permanent finish.

Randolph Patton is making the lifeguard stand, Boyd Reed is making benches to be used in the bathhouse, and Pop Jansen is using his water pump to drain the water out that is now in the pool.

Members of the Lions Club wishes to thank everyone donating time, equipment and money for construction of the pool.

Dr. Wilson stated that a night crew, starting at 7:30 each evening is now working on the pool, in addition to the day crew that is helping put the finishing touches to the pool. Dr. Wilson said that anyone wishing to help may do so by coming to the pool in the city park.

A splash pool for small children is an additional project by the club, members announced. Anyone wishing to make cash donations to the pool fund may do so.

Campus Capers By Wilda Meacham

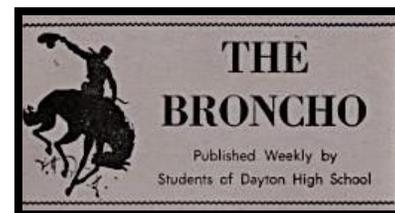
The old (Dayton High School) campus this week is back at last to its normal state of hustle and bustle and expected confusion since the returning of the band from their trip to Enid, Oklahoma. We are glad to have them back, of course, but all that peace was sure nice.

Several incidents have occurred in this last week, as usually happens when some love starved scholar brings a pet to school to lavish his affection upon. Such as Mervin Collins with his charming little grass snake. The girls didn't share the same love for "Little Merve" as his owner and could be heard protesting all in the halls, between classes.

It is fun for everyone when Roy Trager and Mr. Owens clash (verbally). The discussion usually ends with Mr. Owens being called a Communist and Roy standing in the Corner. Some life, "Uh" Roy.

Western Week has left a strange effect on some of the boys. Ronald Fielder, for instance, has some sort of a disguise on his face resembling a (beard)? And I guess it is alright as long as his girl doesn't object.

In case you haven't noticed, a new machine has been added to the collection out in front of the building. It is Foy D's "41" Mercury Coupe. Nice looking vehicle.



Dayton Firefighters Win Trophy Here

Members of the Dayton Volunteer Fire Department played hosts to about 15 towns of the Gulf Coast Firemen's Association last Saturday, and then kept the Pumper Race trophy by winning the pumper races.

Members of the winning team are Wilburn Brock, Wayne Janson, Bobby Jamison, C. H. Dixon, Don Grantham, and Lester Ray Wisegerber.

The trophy will become the permanent possession of any team winning three times in succession, M. G. Bell, Assistant Fire Chief said this week.

W. M. Moreau is Fire Chief of the Dayton Volunteer Fire Department. The trophy is on display at the Dayton State Bank.

Mr. Bell said that an estimated 500 people attended the convention and chicken dinner here Saturday.

Dayton City Hall historical marker

"City fathers decided in 1935 a building was needed to house city hall, a fire station and although not mentioned in council minutes, law enforcement personnel.

On June 26, 1935, Aldermen authorized the City to borrow \$800 to purchase a lot for the building, "said loan to be paid out of any funds that may be available."

The construction of City Hall on the corner of Cook and Church Streets took place between June and August 1937."