

ORGANIZATION OF TEXAS SECTION

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IT HAS LONG BEEN THE DESIRE OF MR. ERIC HAQUINIUS TO ORGANIZE A PHOTOGRAMMETRIC SOCIETY IN TEXAS, WHERE HE HAS BEEN DIRECTLY IN TOUCH WITH PHOTOGRAMMETRY. WITH THE FOUNDING OF THE BRAZOS RIVER CONSERVATION AND RECLAMATION DISTRICT, OF WHICH MR. HAQUINIUS IS CHIEF OF SURVEYS, AND WHICH DISTRICT USES AERIAL PHOTOGRAMMETRY EXCLUSIVELY IN ITS MAPPING, THE TIME SEEMED RIPE TO ACT, AND ON NOVEMBER 12, 1936, A MEETING WAS HELD IN THE KYLE HOTEL, TEMPLE, TEXAS, HEADQUARTERS FOR THE BRAZOS RIVER DISTRICT. THIS MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY TWENTY PERSONS DIRECTLY INTERESTED IN PHOTOGRAMMETRY AND AERIAL MAPPING. AN ELECTION PLACED THE FOLLOWING GROUP OF MEN AS OFFICERS IN THE TEXAS SECTION OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PHOTOGRAMMETRY:

PRESIDENT, ERIC HAQUINIUS
VICE-PRESIDENT, G. C. MORRIS
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BOARD OF DIRECTORSTHREE YEAR TERM:

1. HENRY DUNLAVY
2. L. M. BAUGH
3. S. M. PITTS

TWO YEAR TERM:

1. ROBERT COLTHARP
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3. WALTER HUMPHREY

ONE YEAR TERM:

1. W. J. LLOYD
2. DON BULLOCK
3. R. E. CLIBURN

THE PRESIDENT, ERIC HAQUINIUS, APPOINTED VARIOUS MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES IN ORDER TO EXECUTE THE PURPOSES OF THE SOCIETY AND AT THE SAME TIME KEEP IT INFORMED OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS ARISING OUTSIDE THE AREA COVERED BY IT.

THE COMMITTEES WERE APPOINTED ON PROGRAMS; MEMBERSHIP; GEODETIC CONTROL AND PROJECTIONS; PROPOSED NATIONAL AND STATE MAPPING PLANS; TECHNICAL SOCIETIES RELATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS.

FORTY MEMBERS ATTENDED OUR SECOND CALLED MEETING, DECEMBER 12, 1936, AND IT WAS ENCOURAGING TO NOTE THAT OUR MEMBERSHIP HAD DOUBLED AND THAT A MUCH KEENER INTEREST HAD DEVELOPED IN PHOTOGRAMMETRY.

OUR LATEST REPORTS SHOW THAT WE NOW HAVE SEVENTY-THREE MEMBERS AND WITH THE ASSURANCE OF DOUBLING THIS NUMBER IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE, THE TEXAS SECTION SHOULD DEVELOP INTO ONE OF THE MAJOR SUB-CHAPTERS OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY.

AND NOW, IF YOU HAVE BEEN KIND ENOUGH TO FOLLOW THE ROUTINE REPORT OF THIS MEMBER OF THE A. S. P., WE WILL ATTEMPT TO GIVE SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE JUST WHY TEXAS HAS AN ORGANIZATION OF THIS NATURE.

TO MOST OUTSIDERS THE GENERAL OPINION OF THE LONE STAR STATE IS THAT IT IS WILD AND WOOLY AND UNDEVELOPED IN ITS SCIENTIFIC POSSIBILITIES. THAT OPINION WAS PROBABLY TRUE TWENTY YEARS AGO BUT TODAY TEXAS CAN QUALIFY IN ANY STATE'S LEAGUE WHEN IT COMES TO APPLYING MODERN AND SCIENTIFIC WAYS OF DOING THINGS - USUALLY WHEN YOU DO SOMETHING DOWN HERE YOU HAVE TO DO IT ON A MUCH LARGER AND LONGER SCALE THAN IN OTHER PORTIONS OF THE COUNTRY, AND THE USE OF AERIAL MAPPING HAS SHORTENED THIS SCALE CONSIDERABLY AND MOST ALL PHASES OF SURVEYING ARE BEING APPLIED HERE WITH GREAT SUCCESS. THE MAJOR OIL COMPANIES ALL USE AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS IN THEIR GEOLOGICAL, GEOPHYSICAL, PIPE LINE AND LAND DEPARTMENTS TO A DECIDED ADVANTAGE. ALL SOIL CONSERVATION WORK IS BEING DONE HERE WITH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS.

THE BRAZOS RIVER CONSERVATION AND RECLAMATION DISTRICT EMBRACES 44,400 SQUARE MILES IN ITS WATERSHED AND IS PARTIALLY MAPPED NOW BY USING THE MULTIPLEX ENTIRELY FOR ALL TOPOGRAPHIC, LAND-OWNERSHIP AND CULTURAL SURVEYING. THE USE OF THE MULTIPLEX PROJECTOR IN OUR MAPPING PROGRAM IN THE BRAZOS RIVER CONSERVATION AND RECLAMATION DISTRICT HAS BEEN FOUND SO SUCCESSFUL AND ECONOMICAL THAT UNDOUBTEDLY ALL FUTURE MAPPING WITHIN THE STATE WILL BE DONE BY THIS METHOD OR SIMILAR ONES REPRESENTING FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN MAPPING EFFICIENCY AND ACCURACY.