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Sesquicentennial Committee Texas-Germany 1986

In the Sesquicentennial year of 1986, some spectacular events will occur throughout the state which have a German flair. At the height of the celebration on March 2, Texas Independence Day, 300 German guests will be flying into Texas. 150 of these visitors will be wearing the outfits which they wear every weekend in Germany—their cowboy gear or perhaps their Indian clothing. These German western fans will be honored

guests for several weeks in Texas as they take part in the Sesquicentennial Wagon Train from Poteet to San Antonio, participate in the ceremony at the Alamo, where two Germans were among the heroes who fell in 1836, meet the Governor in Austin, shoot it out with a black powder club in central Texas, and chow down on chili and barbecue at various receptions. Not just Dallas and San Antonio will host these Texas enthusiasts, Lubbock also will receive them on March 11-12 with a reception planned by the Lubbock Sesquicentennial Committee, and they will be given special tours of the Ranching Heritage Center before they depart for a morning on a ranch and a visit to Canyon and Amarillo.

The coordination for such events is the work of the Texas-Germany 1986 Sesquicentennial Committee, chaired by Professor Meredith McClain at Texas Tech University. Other members of this committee include the German Consul General, Mr. Vogel, director of the Goethe Institute, Dr. Probst, director of the German-American Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Dransfeld, and another member from Lubbock, Mr. Jan Friederich of Furrs, Inc.

Projects which have been discussed by the Committee include: Sesquicentennial Announcement Tour of Germany by the Texas Tech German Dancers, a Texas-Germany wine exchange program, the official visit of former German POWs to Mexia, Texas, the twinning of Texas and German cities, travel packets for Germans to the Big Bend National Park, and an exhibit of Western Art to be sent to Germany from the Ranching Heritage Association in Lubbock and the Cowboy Artists of America Museum in Kerrville.

For more information on the Texas-Germany 1986 Sesquicentennial programs or to suggest some project you would like to undertake, please contact Professor McClain.



"Es waren Deutsche auch dabei!"
1836-1986

her departure, she met with students and faculty members of the department one last time and presented several of her newly written poems—work produced in Lubbock.

Elisabeth Alexander departed on Sunday, February 3, with her suitcases filled with the modest but cherished acquisitions made in Lubbock. The books which weighted her suitcases on her trip to the U.S. had been sold or given away. Elisabeth Alexander clearly loved her visit to the United States and to Lubbock in particular.