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## Garland High School The Early Days

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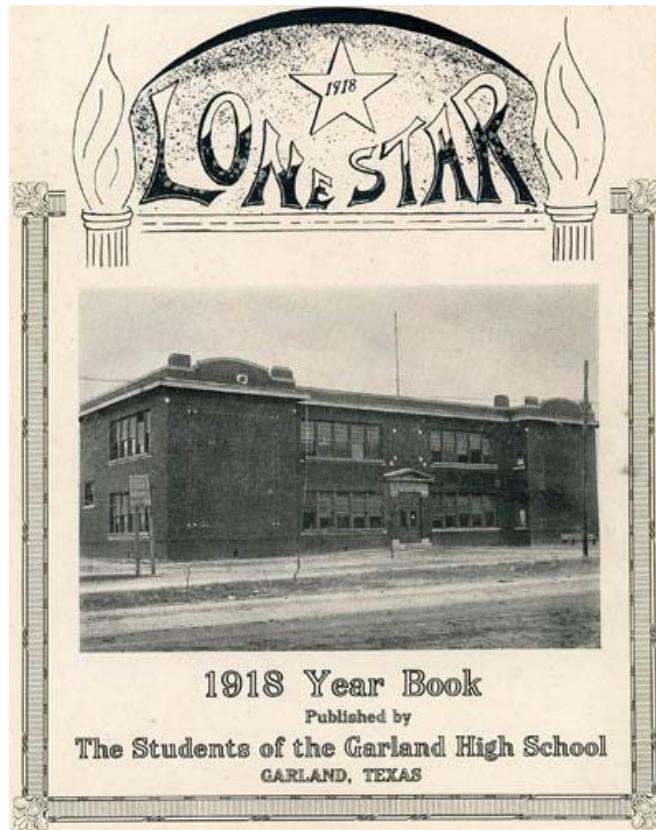
On January 7, 1901, a handful of Garland's citizens—less than one-third of those eligible to vote—approved a proposition to incorporate the town for school purposes. Forty-nine voters were in favor of the proposition while five voted against it and GISD was created. And in 1918, students of Garland High School published the first volume of *The Lone Star*, the school yearbook. *On Track* is indebted to Wylene Barnes Taft for the loan of her late mother's, Effie Groves Barnes, copies of the 1918, 1919 and 1920 yearbooks for this glimpse of school life in Garland ninety years ago [100 years ago now].

There were just 15 seniors in the graduating class of 1918—seven girls and eight boys. William Wright Bennett served as principal and English instructor; Mrs. Charles Lucien Ward taught Latin and Mathematics; and Miss Margaret Newman taught German and History. Miss Nora Ramsey taught Music. The school year started on September 24<sup>th</sup> and classes began the next day.

The football team, hampered largely by a general lack of experience, won four games and lost three, scoring a total for the year of 116 points to their opponents' 71. Girls' and boys' basketball teams were organized as well as a baseball team.

Garland businesses supported the yearbook by buying ads and a listing of these businesses reveals the commercial atmosphere of the town at the time:

- Peavy & Peavy and Hudson-Davis Co. (clothing stores)



- Car dealers A.V. Morrison (selling the Oakland "Sensible Six" and the Dort, "the car General Pershing used in the Mexican Expedition and recommended so highly"), White & Ward (selling the Nash Six, Dodge Bros. Motor Cars and Chevrolet Automobiles), Clyde Shugart (Oldsmobiles), and C. M. Brown (Ford sales and service).
- Walton Dry Goods Company ("The New Cash Store in Your Town")
- The Citizens National Bank and the State National Bank
- Farmers Lumber Co., Garland Lumber Co.
- Garland Hardware Co.
- Anderson & Roach (Feed and Grain, Coal)
- Peter Handley (druggist) and S. R. Weir ("The Careful Druggist")
- A.J. Beaver & Co. ("The Best of Everything in Groceries")
- Claude Joyce (jeweler), Sam Davis (jeweler and optician)
- Powell-Allen Co. (shoes)
- The H. W. Jones Store (furniture)
- The City Barber Shop and J.T. Brannon's Barber Shop
- Pig and Whistle Confectionary (boasting "Instant Service") and Souter's Café
- George A. Alexander (insurance and bonds, farm and building loans, rentals)
- G. W. Crossman (insurance, farm loans, real estate, conveyances, notary public)
- *The Garland News*
- Garland Telephone Exchange
- Dr. J. H. Ogle (physician and surgeon)
- T. J. Swim (attorney)
- Miss Nora Ramsey (piano teacher)



High School Library and Superintendent's Office



Physics and Chemistry Laboratory

In the 1919 and 1920 yearbooks, many of the same businesses continued to demonstrate their support by buying ads and several other firms were added, including:

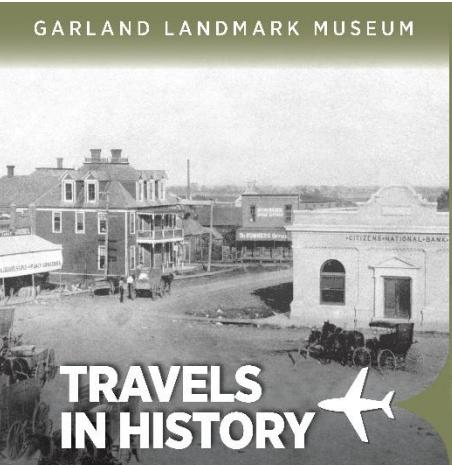
- The First National Bank
- John E. Quarles (lumber, and in 1920 modern aeroplane bungalows)
- Erwin & Handley ("The New Grocery")
- Jim C. Thompson Cash Grocery

- J. M. Jones (meat market)
- J. E. Merrill (staple and fancy groceries)
- Thompson's Variety Store
- Anderton & Lax (tinners and plumbers)
- Johnson & Ogle Electric Co. ("32 and 110 volt appliances in stock")
- E. P. Squibb (coal)
- J. H. Hicks (shoe and harness repair)
- Zacha's Drug Store ("The Rexall Store")
- The Lyric Theatre ("The Home of Good Pictures")
- R. D. Murphree (agent for Southwestern Life Insurance Company)

The 1919 Senior class was composed of seven boys and nine girls. The faculty was increased: Miss Viola Coldwell taught Science and Mathematics. Mrs. Ward became principal and Thomas S. Bonner became the new Superintendent and English instructor. In 1919, GHS entered the Dallas County Interscholastic Meet and won two silver cups at the competition held at Dallas' Trinity Play Park. One cup was for athletic feats and the other for literary attainments (i.e., debate). The football season was cut short by one month due to the influenza epidemic. A box supper to raise funds for the yearbook and a moonlight picnic for seniors at the reservoir chaperoned by Miss Margaret Newman who "acted as guardian of the night" were just two of the social events GHS students enjoyed.

In 1920, school opened on September 15. Fifteen seniors were in the graduating class (three boys, twelve girls). A new Science and Mathematics teacher, Mr. Frank Agnew, and a new Latin and Mathematics teacher, Mrs. J. A. Alexander, joined the faculty. Miss Coldwell and Mrs. Ward resigned during the year. A new principal, a Mr. Russell, replaced Mrs. Ward briefly but resigned after less than a month. Miss Newman took over as principal. Football, basketball (boys' and girls' teams) and track were featured sports and tennis was played at the Dallas County Track Meet; Garland players won both the singles' and doubles' matches. Senior girls organized the "S.S.S." Club and held social events throughout the year. The High School Circus, "Syncopated World of Jazzdom," featured the crowning of the Circus Queen and a student talent show in the high school auditorium.

--Written by Mary Dingle – Photos from the 1918 GHS yearbook



**TRAVELS  
IN HISTORY**

**Landmark's Lecture Series**  
Downtown Garland's Square of Change  
Part X

**4 p.m. Saturday, April 25**  
**Central Library, 625 Austin St.**

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## Landmark Museum's Texas Tamales exhibit was a huge success!



The Texas Tamales: Wrapped in Tradition exhibit showcased the history and traditions of tamales in Texas, specifically in Garland. It featured a traveling exhibit from The Mexican American Museum of Texas, titled "Tamalada," with an additional exhibit focused on Garland's long history of tamales.

Numerous artifacts, including the original recipe of John Carpenter, a gentleman who sold tamales from a cart in downtown Garland in the 1960s, were on display. Some of his ledger sheets indicating his expenses vs. profit were also on display, along with one of the large cooking pots.

"This exhibit wouldn't have been possible without the community members who guided

our research with their family memories, sat for interviews and loaned items for display," Heritage Crossing Coordinator Emily Chavez said. "We also want to thank the owners and team of [Tamaleria and Taqueria Nuevo Leon](#) for their support and participation despite their busy schedule during the tamale season."



Doris Quintanilla, owner of the restaurant, even led interactive classes at the Central Library on the labor of love that goes into making tamales.

Approximately 1,500 visitors enjoyed this exhibit hosted by The Landmark Museum in partnership with the Mexican American Museum of Texas.



## What's going on in 1891 when Garland becomes a city?

In 1887, the Embree post office is renamed Garland, and on April 18, 1891, Garland becomes official when it receives its corporate charter. The first Mayor is M. Davis Williams.

Great things are happening in other parts of the U.S. while Garland is enjoying its new status as a city. Iconic companies are being established, Carnegie Hall is built, and prestigious universities are welcoming students. Things are moving along quite nicely all over the country.

- **1889-1893** – Benjamin Harrison (R-IN) is the United States President, and Levi Morton (R-NY) is the Vice President.
- **Jan. 20, 1891** – Jim Hogg is the first native Texan to be the Texas governor. James Stephen Hogg was a lawyer and statesman and the 20th governor. Hogg is often remembered for naming his daughter Ima, but the story that she had a sister named Ura was false.
- **April 1, 1891** - The Wrigley Company is founded in Chicago by William Wrigley, Jr. The company produces iconic brands including Juicy Fruit, Spearmint and Doublemint.
- **May 5, 1891** – The prestigious Carnegie Hall, first called the Music Hall, celebrates its grand opening and first public performance, with Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky as guest conductor.
- **June 9, 1891** – Cole Porter is born. This talented composer's most successful musical, *Kiss Me, Kate* won the first Tony for Best Musical. His long list of hit songs includes many standards including *I've Got You Under My Skin* and *I Get a Kick Out of You*. He also composed the score for *Rosalie* (1937), which featured *In the Still of the Night*.
- **Aug. 5, 1891** – The first American Express traveler's cheque is cashed. J. C. Fargo went to Europe where, even as president of American Express, he found it difficult to obtain cash in smaller cities. Fargo asked an AmEx employee to find a solution, and the American Express Traveler's Cheque was born.
- **Sept. 23, 1891** – Amos G. Troop establishes California Institute of Technology. CalTech, in Pasadena, is responsible for numerous modern scientific advancements.
- **Oct. 1, 1891** – California's Stanford University opens its doors to students. Stanford was founded in 1885 by railroad magnate Leland Stanford (eighth governor of California) and his wife, Jane, in memory of their only child.

*Calendars on sale now!*

**\$10**

To purchase, visit:

**Landmark Museum - 393 North Sixth St.**

**or**

**Roach Feed & Seed - 409 Main St.**

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## **Share Your History**

If you're a Landmark Society Member or friend—and you must be if you are reading this—you have history in your head that we would like to share with other members. We encourage you to write your memories of Garland's history and send them, along with supporting pictures, letters or newspaper articles, to us.

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