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Old School Museum: The Old School Museum is located next to Parker Hall at 111 West Houston St. in Dayton and is open Saturdays from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Dayton Historical Society: The Society meets in Parker Hall at 6 P.M. the last Monday of each month for a historical program presented by guest speakers. The program is preceded by a Society business meeting and followed by refreshments.

**Dayton History News
Old Spanish Trail
Trade Route vs. Highway**

Trade Route: The Old Spanish Trail was a 700 mile long trade route that connected northern New Mexico settlements near Santa Fe, New Mexico with those of Los Angeles, California.

Traversed first by the Spanish during the 16th century, the trail was difficult terrain that saw extensive use of pack animals; i.e., mules, horses, donkeys or ponies loaded down with goods to carry across arduous terrain of high mountains, arid deserts, and deep canyons.

It was first referred to as the "Old Spanish Trail" in an 1844 report by John Fremont (1813-1890) who was known as "The Great Pathfinder".

Fremont explored the trail with legendary American frontiersman Kit Carson (1809-1868) – whose exploits were the subject of dime store novels published between 1847 and 1859.

The Old Spanish National Historic Trail was established by Congress in 2002. It has often been referred to as the most arduous, difficult trail in the United States.

Its routes cover six states and some 2,700 miles, traversing mountains, deserts, rivers, and coastal valleys.

Highway: The Old Spanish Trail highway was an automobile road that once spanned the U.S. with almost 2,750 miles of roadway from ocean to ocean. It crossed 8 states and 67 counties along the southern border of the United States.

Work on the auto highway began in 1915 at a meeting held at the Battle House Hotel in Mobile, Alabama; and by the 1920s, the trail linked St. Augustine, Florida to San Diego, California with its center and headquarters in San Antonio, Texas.

The Old Spanish Trail highway predominantly follows U.S. Highway 90 in eastern America and U.S. Highway 80 in western America.

Today, the original OST still enters Texas in Orange where it is visible as it runs parallel to I-10. It then traverses Beaumont, Nome, Liberty, Dayton and Crosby as U.S. Hwy 90.



Old Spanish Trail – Highway 10th Anniversary Features DHS Band

In the year 1938, a 10th anniversary celebration of the completion of the Old Spanish Trail highway was held in Pensacola, Florida (July 14-16).

Prior to the event, a planning session by the National Old Spanish Trail Association was held in San Antonio, Texas during Fiesta Week.

While there, the Dayton*ⁿ High School (DHS) band participated in San Antonio's Battle of Flowers parade and in a concert held at Thomas Jefferson High School on April 21st, 1938 at which the band played the opera Carmen.

The band was also chosen to provide music in July for the OST's 10th anniversary celebration including concerts while en route and at the Pensacola, Florida events.

Under the leadership of sponsor W. T. Jamison, the students and chaperones traveled in 2 school buses and a car from Dayton to Pensacola. On the way, they made stops in Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida.

In Louisiana, they were welcomed by the mayors of St. Martinsville and New Iberia and taken on a tour of historic Bayou Teche country.

Later that day, the band dressed in their blue and white uniforms and gave a concert for the community with 1500 people in attendance.

The next morning, they stopped briefly in Houma where they were entertained by the DuPont family.

They proceeded to New Orleans where they were met at City Hall by Robert Maestri, mayor of New Orleans and were given a tour of the city by Olin Linn, vice-president of the Old Spanish Trail Association.

After spending the night in New Orleans, the contingent headed to Biloxi, Mississippi where the band played at the morning yacht races.

Next on their itinerary was St. Augustine, Florida where they were welcomed by Mayor Walter Fraser. After spending the night there, they took a brief tour of the city.

The next stop on their jaunt was Jacksonville, Florida where they were welcomed by Mayor George Blume and visited the famed Jacksonville beach after which they were treated to a fish fry. That night, the DHS band performed for listeners of radio station WJAX.

The next day, they visited Tallahassee and Walkula Springs before arriving at their final destination – Pensacola. There, the band gave a concert at the nearby Ritz Theater in Marianna, Florida and were treated to a tour of Caverns State Park.

They then performed at events including a beauty contest in which DHS band sweetheart Emma Jane Web competed for Queen of the Transcontinental Highway.

1937-1938 Dayton High School Band



BRASS

Bobby Harris, lead
Jon Charles Ford
Frank Gilliam
Priscilla Matthews
Boonie Ford
Margielee Earnest
David Ford
Doris Noland
Herbert Fincher
Arthur Ray Ford
Wayne Case
Betty Jean Clark
Kathryn Schilling
Frances Taber
Kathryn Byrd
Lucille Earle
Le Roy Janacek
Jerry Lawrence
Edith Harrington
Doris Case
Madelyn Phillips

REEDS

Allene Jamison, lead
Dale Grantham
June Noland
Elouise White
Mosie Langlois
Mary Nell Wilkinson
Josephine Pirkel
Glenda Graves
Eleander Brumagon
Eileen Jones
Helen Schaffer
Gladys Janacek
Albert Hajovsky
Patsy Brown
Wallace Mebane

PERCUSSION

Alma Jo Turner, lead
Dorothy Jamison
Erma Jane Webb
Dorothy F. Thomas
Joe Harris
John Earl Stevens

DRUM MAJORS

Ralph Rowe
Eileen Jones
Marjorie Sonnier

FLAG BEARERS

Floy Conner
Tomme Foreman
Tommy Waring

BAND DIRECTORS

Walter B. Stephenson
Frank Gilliam, Asst.