

## Big Country Conference

On February 1981 I went to work for Jacky Yarborough. On a cold day. We were working east of town. Jacky said; him and Ronnie D. were talking about the Dubbock Conference in July 1980. Ronnie want to know why Abilene didn't have one. They wanting Jacky to start on. He ask me if we could start one. I agreed him.

We got through with the fence about 10:00 AM. and went to the Club for a cup of Coffee.

Barney B., Joe M., Paul P., Burl R., and Bill W. were there. We ask them if we could start a conference here in Abilene. They said it will be ok.

The next Monday night meeting we ask them if they would like to have a Conference here. They like the Ideal. The next Monday Night

meeting we had the first Conference meeting.

We elect a board of 20 in addition they were.

Jacky Yarborough Pre.  
Mitch Betogles V.P.  
Robert Knout Chairman  
Jackie Jakulewicz L.  
Joe M. Hale raffle  
Bill Webb greeter  
Betty Meyer Good  
Steward Cooper coffee  
Becky Bennett Set up

Pat Huber Speaker  
Burl Proach treasurer  
Bobbie Broyles Registration  
Thomas Durwin Clean up  
Glenda Secretaries

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On July 1988, Ronnie I., Jacky G. Pat H. Dale I. was coming <sup>back</sup> from the Lubbock Conference. Ronnie ask Jacky how come that Abilene didn't have a Conference. They ask Jacky to start on. Jacky ask me about it. We let go untill February 1989. I went work Jacky on a cold day. He ask me again, and told him ~~we~~ could. About 10.00 A.M. we went to the Club for a cup of Coffee.

Barney B., Joe M.H., Paul P., Beryl R. and Bill W. was there. We ask them if we could start a Conference here in Abilene. They seem to think we could have one. The next Monday we ask the Group about it. They like the ideal of having a Conference.

We sat up a Conference meeting for the next Monday Night meeting.

We elected a board committee that night. and call it The Big Country Conference. To be held on September, on Labor Day week. Everybody and every group in the Big Country Area be invell with it. As it got on the road all of us done our part. ~~Where~~ We went all over Texas, New Mexico, Okla. share about our conference. People came from all over the country. We raise money from eating meeting, raffle sell, ~~charge~~ sell, and Kaffe sell.

We pick September 4, 5, 6 on Labor Day Week end.  
The Conference was on the way. Everybody began  
~~the~~ help. Most of us went all over Texas, New Mexico,  
Ohio to meetings and Conference.

Pat Harbor began to get the speaker and Chairperson  
they were.

Father Helary

Elsa C.

Virginia H.

Johnny H.

Chuck C.

Joe Mc

Jim W.

Bobbie B.

Jackie J.

Jacky Y.

Barney B.

Wright Oak