



Grand Prairie State Bank 1950



Prairie Trails Parade 1950

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### 1950 Fun Facts

- 1950 population 14,594.
- E. Carlyle Smith Sr. was mayor.
- The Uptown Theater opened in 1950.
- Grand Prairie State Bank built and opened its new building at the corner of Center and Main.
- The City Commission voted to hire a City Meat Inspector at \$1 per year plus 35 cents per head of cattle and other animals inspected.
- The City Commission voted to install curbs at the intersections of streets in downtown.
- City Commission voted to annex Burbank Gardens.
- The City Commission asked the City Attorney to notify residents that the sewer is available and residents be required to connect.
- Tax rate for 1950 scheduled to be \$1.44 on \$100 assessed value.



Fire Department 1950



1950  
Walking Tour of  
Historic Downtown  
Grand Prairie



Main Street 1950

Grand Prairie's main street in 1950

Walk to each historic site as indicated by the map. Each current store front has more information and historic photos.

Just to the north of Farmers' Market, you'll see Lennox House*																West Main Street																To the NE is the Masonic Building* and First Methodist Church site*																																		
NW 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street	1950	<div>1</div> <div>Main Street And Highway 80 <small>[On this site was May Jewelry and Austin Shoes among other stores]</small></div>																<div>2</div> <div>Site of <i>Sargent's Cash Grocery (est.1940)</i></div>																<div>3</div> <div>Site of <i>Millar's Drug Store*</i> (est. 1928)</div>																<div>4</div> <div>Site of <i>Grand Prairie Hardware Store</i> (building built in 1879)</div>																Center Street
	Present	Leora's Upholstery																Main Street Antiques																Main Street Restaurant																Treasures of Texas																
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Just to the south is the First Presbyterian Church* and the Copeland Home*.														East Main Street														To the NE is First Baptist Church* with Founder's Plaza in front.													
Center St.	1950	5 Site of <i>Grand Prairie State Bank (est. 1930) ....next door was First National Bank (est. 1940s)</i>				6 Site of <i>Texas Theater (est. 1928)</i>				7 Site of <i>Uptown Theater (est. 1950)</i>				8 Site of <i>Long Furniture(est. 1948) and Thompson Shoe Repair</i>				NE 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street																							
	Present	Smile's Dental				Lifetime Video				Uptown Theater				Prairie Main Office Building																											
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