



Grand Prairie State Bank 1950



Prairie Trails Parade 1950

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.

		West Main Street				
		Just to the north of Farmers' Market, you'll see Lennox House*		To the NE is the Masonic Building* and First Methodist Church site*		
NW 2 nd Street	1950	1	2	3	4	Center Street
		Main Street And Highway 80 <small>[On this site was May Jewelry and Austin Shoes among other stores]</small>	Site of <i>Sargent's Cash Grocery (est.1940)</i>	Site of <i>Millar's Drug Store*</i> <small>(est. 1928)</small>	Site of <i>Grand Prairie Hardware Store</i> <small>(building built in 1879)</small>	
	Present	Leora's Upholstery	Main Street Antiques	Main Street Restaurant	Treasures of Texas	
--Main Street--						



		East Main Street				
		Just to the south is the First Presbyterian Church* and the Copeland Home*.		To the NE is First Baptist Church* with Founder's Plaza in front.		
Center St.	1950	5	6	7	8	NE 2 nd Street
		Site of <i>Grand Prairie State Bank (est. 1930)</i>next door was <i>First National Bank (est. 1940s)</i>	Site of <i>Texas Theater (est. 1928)</i>	Site of <i>Uptown Theater (est. 1950)</i>	Site of <i>Long Furniture (est. 1948)</i> and <i>Thompson Shoe Repair</i>	
	Present	Smile's Dental	Lifetime Video	Uptown Theater	Prairie Main Office Building	
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