

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS OF THE OKLAHOMA
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OCTOBER 28, 1948

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society convened in the Historical Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, October 28, 1948, with Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour, President, presiding.

The Secretary called the roll which showed the following members present: Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour, Mrs. Jessie R. Moore, Hon. George L. Bowman, Dr. E. E. Dale, Judge R. A. Hefner, Mrs. Anna B. Korn, Dr. I. N. McCash, Hon. J. B. Milam, Hon. R. M. Mountcastle, Hon. H. L. Muldrow, Hon. Baxter Taylor, Mrs. John R. Williams, and Dr. Charles Evans, Secretary.

Mr. Zack Miller, Jr. was introduced. He requested that a pair of steer horns which had been loaned to the Historical Society several years ago be returned to him. Hon. R. M. Mountcastle made the motion that the horns be delivered to the proper person upon presentation of credentials. Hon. George L. Bowman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The Secretary presented to the Society a portrait of Mr. Jens Holmboe of Oklahoma City, the gift of the Holmboe family who were introduced to the Board. Dr. Evans pointed out in his remarks that Mr. Holmboe in former years had been given by the Board of Directors the task of building the State Historical Building.

The President reported on the action of the Executive Committee in July 1948 relative to the budget for the Historical Society for the next biennium. A motion was made by Hon. George L. Bowman that the budget report be accepted. Mrs. Anna B. Korn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Secretary reported on the need of a flag pole for the historical building. The President appointed Judge Robert A. Hefner and the Secretary as a committee to investigate the matter of securing a flag pole for the historical building.

The Secretary reported that the Society is in need of a new mimeograph machine. Hon. George L. Bowman made the motion that an electrical machine be purchased for the sum of \$500.00. Mrs. Anna B. Korn seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The Secretary introduced Mrs. John Shartel of Oklahoma City who presented to the Society a portrait of her husband, John Shartel. Judge Robert A. Hefner made the motion that the portrait of the late John Shartel be accepted with thanks. Mrs. John R. Williams seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Dr. E. E. Dale presented to the Society the following books written by him: "The Food of the Frontier", "Medical Practices on the Frontier," "Speech of the Pioneers", "Wood and Water: Twin Problems of the Prairie Plains", and "History of Oklahoma".

Mrs. Jessie R. Moore made the motion that the books presented by Dr. E. E. Dale be accepted with thanks. Judge Robert A. Hefner seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

In making the motion Mrs. Moore paid tribute to the long service and high standing of Dr. Dale among the authors and writers of the State. She expressed an earnest hope that his life be placed where he would offer to the State and Nation more of the history of Oklahoma. In this sentiment all of the Board concurred.

The President reported relative to the Robert M. Jones farm owned by the Society which is now rented by Mr. E. Nash of Hugo for the sum of \$100 per year. Hon. R. M. Mountcastle made the motion that the Secretary be authorized to contact some responsible person in Durant to make an investigation relative to this matter and suggest the proper procedure to be taken by the Society in the renting of this farm. Judge Robert A. Hefner seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Carl Sweezy was introduced by Dr. Evans who pointed out the historical significance and worth of his work. Dr. Evans asked the Board to pass upon a special picture by Mr. Sweezy. A committee composed of Dr. E. E. Dale, Mrs. Jessie R. Moore, and Dr. I. N. McCash was appointed to pass upon the picture. The committee met and the purchase was made.

Judge Baxter Taylor made his report as a member of the Art Committee. It was as follows: "As Chairman of the Art Committee and hanging pictures, the placing of the pictures and portraits in this building has presented a serious question as to the presentation by outside individuals, and the acceptance of portraits by the Committee and the Board of Directors, and for the purpose of clarifying the matter, I present to the Board of Directors the following rules and regulations to be adopted by the Board and to be the basis upon which to rest future actions of the Art Committee and the hanging of pictures:

- (1) No picture or portrait will be accepted and placed upon the walls of this Institution until accepted by the majority of said committee meeting together for such action.
- (2) The presentation of portraits to be placed in the galleries must be made upon the understanding that the portraits or pictures will not be accepted until the whole committee, or the majority, has met and passed upon it, and it will be subject to the future actions of the Board of Directors. This statement will be issued in writing to those who have presented pictures or portraits.
- (3) The hanging of portraits will be subject to the decision of the Curator of the Museum, Chairman of the Art Committee, and the Secretary.

Hon. George L. Bowman made the motion that Article 1 of said rules and regulations offered be amended to read:

The committee shall present to the Board their recommendations on all pictures or objects to be presented whether approved or disapproved, and the Board of Directors shall have final decision.

Dr. I. N. McCash seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The President appointed Hon. George L. Bowman to serve as a member of the Art Committee.

Judge Redmond S. Cole of Tulsa, Oklahoma, was introduced to the Board. He stated that one of his activities was that of collecting stamps; that he will soon present to the Historical Society a sheet and samples of the first stamp ever issued from Oklahoma, a 14 cent Indian head stamp issued at Muskogee

in 1922, a sheet and samples of the Indian Centennial stamp issued at Muskogee on October 15, 1948, and a sheet and samples of the Will Rogers stamp to be issued at Claremore on November 4, 1948. Hon. George L. Bowman made the motion that the gift of stamps from Judge Cole be accepted with thanks. Mrs. John R. Williams seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The Secretary reported on the great need of the Historical Society for a piano for the auditorium and read a letter from the Jenkins Music Company, Oklahoma City, relative to a used Everett Grand Piano, and said purchase be made out of the private funds. The President earnestly urged the purchase of a first class piano. Hon. George L. Bowman made the motion that the President, Secretary, and an outstanding musician examine the Everett piano mentioned, and if found to be in good condition as stated by the Jenkins Music Company, that said piano be purchased for the lowest sum possible. Hon. H. L. Muldrow seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mrs. John R. Williams presented to the Society for Mr. William A. Maurer, a Klowa Pictograph painted by an Indian and once the property of Mr. Neal Evans, Post Sutler at Fort Reno, on the condition that it will be framed and exhibited. Mrs. Williams made a motion that the pictograph be framed and exhibited. Mrs. Anna B. Korn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Secretary reported that Mr. C. Fritz Hoelzer of New York, an art critic and restorer of portraits, had examined the portraits in the Museum and had reported that the Miller picture and a few others should be cleaned as they are molding; some of them under the frames. He stated that the Indian picture by Miller had increased in value and that now it was worth some \$80,000 to \$100,000. He further stated that the portraits of John Ross and his wife were rated at some \$10,000. The Secretary asked the Board for the privilege of having these portraits cleaned and that Mr. Hoelzer be given the work at \$1.00 per square foot to be paid out of the private funds. Judge Robert A. Hefner made the motion that this be done. It was seconded by Mrs. Anna B. Korn and passed unanimously.

The Secretary presented the following list of applicants for membership:

LIFE: Dr. H. T. Ballentine, Muskogee; Thomas E. Berry, Stillwater; Tams Bixby, Jr., Muskogee; Charles W. Grimes, Tulsa; N. G. Henthorne, Tulsa; Wash E. Hudson, Tulsa; E. Fred Johnson, Tulsa; Donald S. Kennedy, Oklahoma City; W. L. Kistler, Jr., Tulsa; Edward C. Lawson, Tulsa; A. W. Lefebber, Muskogee; R. Otis McClintock, Tulsa; Charles W. Mandler, Muskogee; Villard Martin, Tulsa; Benjamin Mossman, Tulsa; H. H. Ogden, Muskogee; Mrs. L. F. Rooney, Muskogee; A. C. Trumbo, Muskogee; John V. Tully, Oklahoma City; Howard J. Whitehill, Tulsa.

ANNUAL: Michael Lee Arnold, Cambridge, Mass.; Mrs. Bessie Evans Atherton, Red Rock; Floyd W. Ball, Webbers Falls; Maury G. Banks, Muskogee; Oris L. Barney, Anadarko; Merrill S. Bernard, Tulsa; Mrs. R. E. Berry, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Edward O. Blake, Riverton, Kansas; John E. Boardman, Oklahoma City; John L. Boland, Caddo; Loren Boles, Broken Arrow; Mrs. Corra B. Bollinger, Tyrone; C. C. Boren, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Fair B. Boyett, Oklahoma City; Ralph B. Brainard, Claremore; Mrs. Earl A. Brown, Jr., Houston, Texas; Floyd R. Bull, Oklahoma City; Charles Colcord Callahan, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Herbert D. Canfield, Oklahoma City; John B. Cheadle, Norman; Mrs. Dianna Childers, Phoenix, Ariz.; Elmer G. Dahlgren, Oklahoma City; Gilbert W. Daney, Atoka; E. L. Dawson, Wirt; Olivia De Havilland, Beverly Hills, Calif.; D. J. Donahoe, Jr., Ponca City; Euen D. Ellis, Erick; Paul N. Frame, Ardmore; Mrs. Blanche E. Freeman, Grove; Tom Galvin, Pawhuska; Wallace W. Gates, Durant; John A. Goodall, Stilwell; Neil

Jane Guthrie, Norman; Mrs. Stella Halit, Washington, D. C.; Ellis T. Hammett, Lindsay; John P. Hammett, Bartlesville; Carl F. Hansen, Hugo; Vernie E. Harris, Elk City; Dr. G. E. Hartshorne, Tulsa; Mrs. J. H. Henderson, Corpus Christi, Texas; Mrs. Roger M. Hewitt, Austin, Texas; Dr. J. R. Hinshaw, Norman; Dr. J. Raymond Hinshaw, Oxford, England; Garland A. Hill, Shawnee; J. Wilford Hill, Cherokee; Mrs. J. M. Hobgood, Farmville, N. C.; Dr. J. Andrew Holly, Stillwater; Thomas P. Holt, Ada; P. W. Holtzendorff, Claremore; Frank Wilton Jones, Oklahoma City; M. M. Karn, Shattuck; Joseph J. Keenan, Oklahoma City; Mrs. C. L. Kezer, Stillwater; W. C. King, Norman; T. C. Knoop, Canton; Mrs. J. Randolph Krepps, Shawnee; B. A. Larson, Oklahoma City; Don. R. Libertore, Oklahoma City; D. B. Loucks, Newkirk; Tom D. McKeown, Ada; Mrs. L. J. Martin, Cushing; Clyde Matthews, El Reno; Robert W. Maupin, Oklahoma City; L. D. Melton, Oklahoma City; Grover C. Mitchell, Lubbock, Texas; Mrs. J. C. Molder, Sulphur; Edward H. Moler, Oklahoma City; O. M. Martin, Dallas, Texas; Mrs. C. W. Morrison, Bartlesville; Johnston Murray, Okla. City; Boss Ira Neff Hardesty; Rev. William Neff, Tulsa; Charles R. Nesbitt, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Grider Penick, Oklahoma City; Mrs. M. F. Pierce, Gotebo; Randall Pitman, Shawnee; Mrs. Paul Powell, Ponca City; Otis H. Presson, Seminole; Dr. W. E. Price, Jr., Oklahoma City; Theodore Pruitt, Anadarko; Dr. Paul T. Powell, Ponca City; Clyde V. Reasor, Bartlesville; Mrs. Lella Reed, Oklahoma City; James E. Reinhardt, Tulsa; Jim A. Rinehart, El Reno; Donald W. Robe, Corpus Christi, Texas; Mrs. Opal F. Robertson, Pemberton, N. J.; Paul E. Rowsey, Muskogee; George W. Selinger, Tulsa; John S. Severson, Tulsa; Mrs. M. C. Shank, Glenview, Ill.; Charles Skalnik, Tulsa; Carter Smith, Tulsa; Oscar Smith, Henryetta; Mace Spangler, Oklahoma City; R. K. Stearman, Mora, Mo.; Mike Steinel, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Marshall Steves, San Antonio, Texas; Floyd Snagee, Oklahoma City; R. B. Thomas, Muskogee; Claude V. Thompson, Ada; Harold P. Thompson, Bartlesville; Dr. Milton K. Thompson, Muskogee; Charles C. Tilghman, Oklahoma City; Priscilla Utterback, Durant; W. E. Utterback, Durant; Lydia Vacin, Washington D. C.; Mrs. A. R. Wallace, Ada; N. J. Washington, Sand Springs; Mrs.; R. J. Wheeler, Wynnewood; William P. Wilkerson, Los Angeles, Calif.; George T. Wilkinson, Hitchcock; C. B. Williams, Choctaw; Tom Z. Wright Woodward, and George E. Young, El Reno.

Mr. George L. Bowman made the motion that each be elected and received as members of the Society in the class as indicated in the list. Judge Robert A. Hefner seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Dr. Evans reported that Mrs. J. Garfield Buell, Director, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, had send in something like \$500.00 worth of Life memberships. Judge Robert A. Hefner made the motion that Mrs. Buell be thanked for securing these Life memberships. Hon. George L. Bowman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The Secretary reported the following gifts had been received:

Accordion presented by Mrs. A. W. Boyd; hand painted smoking set and shaving mug, presented by Mrs. Anna B. Korn; document memorializing Milton W. Reynolds, presented by Miss Susan Reynolds; pen used by Theodore Roosevelt when he signed the bill that admitted Oklahoma as a State, presented by Mrs. E. B. Huston; Japanese invasion money, presented by M. Sgt. James A. Novey, U. S. Army; five very old Masonic Jewels brought from England presented by Charles H. Bunting; campaign button with Judge Williams picture, used when he was running for Governor, presented by George L. Bowman; booklet; Masonic memorial to Will Rogers, containing a picture of the Scottish Rite Class of which he was a member, presented by H. L. Muldrow; Document, a letter written by P. H. Sheridan, presented by Claude

E. Hensley; Japanese walking cane, presented by E. J. McClendon; documents, letters, newspaper clippings, ledger page, presented by Mrs. James Brazell; shoe worn by work oxen, presented by Mrs. James Brazell; vest part of a uniform worn by the Indian police, presented by Peter Maytubby, Jr., eleven Chinese vases presented to the D. A. R. room by Mrs. Festus Carruthers; one assault gas mask, five flame-throwers, sixteen decontaminating apparatus, sixteen chemical cylinders, sixteen gas masks, three practise mortar shells presented by the Department of the Army; four Cherokee Hymn books, printed in Cherokee by the Dwight Mission Press, type used by the press presented by the Dwight Mission; Korean Woman's costume, presented by Mrs. Opal F. Robertson.

The following pictures have been received:

A miniature of Mrs. Leon C. Phillips, presented by Mrs. Phillips; The Birth of Our Country, presented by Judge R. L. Williams; Coal Mine in The Indian Territory, presented by Mrs. O. W. Largent; four pictures of the Tulsa Hospital, presented by Dr. Fred S. Clinton; group picture including Pat Hurley and Dr. Clinton, presented by Dr. Clinton; photograph of Milton W. Reynolds, an 89er presented by Miss Susan Reynolds; oil portrait of Mrs. Mary Ella McAtee, presented by L. T. McAtee; oil portrait of Frank Buttram, presented by the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce; oil portrait of Lester B. Gum, presented by Mrs. Gum; photograph of N. A. Gibson, presented by Mrs. Gibson; four pictures of the interior of the Historical Building, photograph of Judge Williams on his 70th birthday; photograph of Abraham Lincoln and his son Tad, presented by Claude E. Hensley; photograph of E. W. Marland, presented by John H. Cleary; two photographs of Chickasaw Council, photograph of Confederate Veterans reunion, presented by Mrs. H. N. Davis; photographs, twelve scenes of early day Oklahoma, presented by G. E. Fuller; "Germany signs unconditional surrender", presented by George Sherwood; eight photographs of Indian Territory scenes, presented by Mrs. James Brazell; photograph of Mrs. Anna M. Canton; early photograph showing Mr. McKinley, first President of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society, and Mr. Campbell; oil portrait of John W. Shartel, presented by Mrs. John W. Shartel; Rough Rider uniform coat worn by Bud Maytubby, presented by Bud Maytubby; oil portrait of James R. Holmboe, presented by James Holmboe; large framed photograph of Dr. Everett W. Lane; old fashioned saddle bags containing medicine, used by Dr. Everett Lane, presented by Dr. Lane.

Hon. George L. Bowman moved that the gifts be accepted and that a vote of thanks be sent to the donors. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Williams, and carried.

The Secretary stated that in conferring with the President earlier in the week, she asked that proper tribute of flowers be presented to Judge Thomas H. Doyle, President Emeritus, at his home on the day of the meeting of the Board. She further suggested that the Secretary write a letter for the Board and members of the staff, setting forth their profound appreciation of the long service of Judge Doyle in behalf of the Oklahoma Historical Society. The letter was written and with flowers was placed at his bedside on the morning of October 28th. The following is a copy of the letter:

"Our good friend and fellow member on the Board of Directors:

"We are placing near you today, a small token of our profound appreciation, of our respect and high esteem. We want you to know that we miss you very much from our meetings, and express our earnest hope that you may recover your health in season, and be permitted to join us in future gatherings of this Board.

"You have been one of the founders and pioneers of this Institution. Your advice at critical times has always been indispensable. You have always spoken out, and with admirable zeal have guarded all the interests of this Society. The high service that you have rendered the State has made your name as President and Director of this association, a stamp of lofty approval among all the people.

"We, the Board of Directors, the Secretary, and also the Staff Members, hope that you will find in this token we offer you here, a warm expression of our affection for you and our very best wishes.

"Signed: Board of Directors

"By: Charles Evans, Secretary"

The President stated that she believed it would be a good gesture of earnest appreciation toward all the staff members if at Christmas time a gift of \$5.00 be given to each member of the staff in the name of the Board of Directors. Mrs. Anna B. Korn made the motion that this Christmas gift to the staff members be made out of the private funds of the Society. Mrs. Jessie R. Moore seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

The President asked that an election be held to elect a successor to Judge Robert L. Williams. The Board entered into the election under the rules and regulations of the Society. After secret balloting, Judge Robert A. Hefner and Dr. E. E. Dale were appointed tellers. In due season they reported to the Board that Judge Redmond S. Cole of Tulsa had received the largest number of votes offered.

The election of Judge Cole was recorded and upon motion by Judge Baxter Taylor and Hon. H. L. Muldrow, several members of the Board were appointed to present Judge Cole to the Board and receive due tribute on his election. This was done and he made a very splendid declaration of his devotion to the Society and his profound interest in the history of Oklahoma.

It was stated by the Secretary that Judge Thomas A. Edwards of Cordell and Hon. Harry Campbell of Tulsa had sent in their regrets that they could not be present because of illness. On the motion of Mrs. Anna B. Korn and seconded by Judge Robert A. Hefner, the Board sent to each of these distinguished members their deep regret of their absence and expressed an earnest desire that their health might improve soon.

The President called to the attention of the Board the fact that the halls of this beautiful building needed some touch of color and she believed that two fine palms should be placed at the proper point on the marble stairway on the second flight of stairs.

Hon. George L. Bowman made a motion that the President and the Secretary be authorized to buy these palms. Mrs. Anna B. Korn seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Dr. Evans pointed out that some gifts of books and badges had been given to the Society by Colonel Horace Speed, Jr. of Washington D. C., an early pioneer of Oklahoma and an eminent citizen. A special vote of thanks was extended to Colonel Speed for these gifts and the Secretary was notified to extend to Colonel Speed the special tribute of the Board.

Before adjournment President Harbour said she wished to thank each member of the Board for the splendid support given her since taking the presidency. She asked for continuance and said she believed that with the earnest work of all members, the Society could be placed on the highest plane of service to the whole State and the equal of any in the Nation.

Dr. E. E. Dale made the motion that the Board adjourn subject to the call of the President. Mrs. John R. Williams seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Emma Estill-Harbour
President

Charles Evans, Secretary