

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS INCLUDING THE PROGRAM OF
THE RECEPTION OF THE TOMPKINS
COLLECTION AND PRESENTATION
OF THE BUST OF GENERAL
PATRICK J. HURLEY.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society met in the Historical Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, January 25, 1951, with General W. S. Key, President, presiding.

The Secretary called the roll which showed the following Board members present: General W. S. Key, Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour, Mrs. Jessie R. Moore, Judge Redmond S. Cole, Judge Baxter Taylor, Hon. George L. Bowman, Mrs. J. Garfield Buell, Dr. E. E. Dale, Mr. H. L. Muldrow, Mr. Thomas J. Harrison, Judge Robert A. Hefner, Judge N. B. Johnson, Mrs. Anna B. Korn, Dr. I. N. McCash, Mr. H. Milt Phillips, Col. George H. Shirk, Hon. Thomas A. Edwards and Judge Edgar S. Vaught.

The President said that he wished to call attention to the January report just issued by the Secretary. General Key stated that the report was of great interest and he felt that each director should read its contents.

The President reported that a letter had been received from Mr. N. G. Henthorne, stating that essential business kept him from attendance and Mr. Thomas G. Cook also sent a letter and telegram saying that it would be impossible for him to come. General Key said that Mr. R. M. Mountcastle arrived in Oklahoma City but sudden illness prevented him from attending the quarterly meeting. Mr. George L. Bowman made the motion that the absentee members who had notified the Secretary, be excused as having good and sufficient reasons for their absence. Dr. I. N. McCash seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

General Key stated that there were two very important matters of significance in connection with the quarterly meeting. One being that of the reception of the Tompkins Collection, and the other, the presentation of the bronze bust of General Patrick J. Hurley, but that before these two outstanding and historical features took place, it was necessary for the Directors to transact some few matters of business.

The President read a letter from Major General A. W. Vanaman, USAF, stating that the Industrial College of the Armed Forces wished to express their appreciation for the assistance given by the Historical Society in offering the facilities and the auditorium for their Field Economic Course, held from November 23rd to the 7th of December. General Key stated that he had read the letter in order that the Directors might know that the Society had offered the auditorium and the facilities for the benefit of the national government and to offer aid in the interests of this valuable and notable mobilization school.

General Key called attention to the expiration of the terms of five members of the Board of Directors. Those members being, Judge Thomas A. Edwards, Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour, Mr. Milt Phillips, Col. George H. Shirk and Mrs. Jessie R. Moore.

Judge Redmond S. Cole said that it was his understanding that the directors must either be re-elected, or nominations be made by petition, and since no nominations had been made, he wished to now move that the five directors whose terms had expired be re-elected for the customary period of five years. Mrs. Anna B. Korn seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

Judge Baxter Taylor arose to say that at this juncture he deemed it not inappropriate to enter a motion that the portraits of each man who became Governor of the State of Oklahoma, adorn the walls of the Society. He said he therefore felt that an invitation should be extended to Ex-Governor Roy J. Turner to have his portrait placed in the Historical Building. Dr. I. N. McCash said that the present Governor, The Honorable Johnston Murray, should also be extended the invitation as well as Ex-Governor Turner. The motion made was seconded by Mrs. Jessie R. Moore and was passed unanimously.

The President recognized Mrs. Anna B. Korn at which time she said that she wished to bring before the Board of Directors the names of Mrs. Annette B. Child and Mr. H. C. Jones. She said she believed the portraits of these two eminent and remarkable Oklahomans should have their portraits requested by the Board to be hung in the galleries of the Historical Society. Mrs. Korn said that Mrs. Child was a leader for many years of the DAR and the Federated Clubs of Oklahoma and America, but was best known for her many philanthropic achievements. Mrs. Korn reminded the directors that Mr. Jones was a native of Carnegie, Oklahoma, and for more than fifteen years had held the high position of Collector of Internal Revenue in Oklahoma. She further stated that he had done much for the State in the way of achievements and progress in the advancement of Oklahoma.

Judge Redmond S. Cole arose to ask if his understanding was correct in believing that before an invitation was extended to a citizen requesting his portrait, it must first be approved by the Portrait Committee of the Board of Directors. The President addressed the Secretary for clarification on this point. Dr. Evans stated that according to a resolution made in October 1948, it was necessary to have the full action of the Board of Directors before a portrait could be requested.

President Key stated that since the time of the business meeting was limited, he deemed it advisable to name a committee composed of Mrs. Anna B. Korn, Judge Baxter Taylor and Judge Redmond S. Cole to meet and submit to the Directors at their next meeting their recommendation for admission of the portraits of Mrs. Child and Mr. Jones, and to defer the matter until that time.

The President reported that a letter had been received from Dr. Grant Foreman enclosing a photostatic copy of a letter written by Thomas Jefferson. This letter relates to a text delivered personally by Thomas Jefferson to the delegation of Cherokees in 1808. General Key stated that Dr. Foreman felt that this letter should be reproduced in a forthcoming issue of *The Chronicles* with some background material which could be prepared by Dr. Foreman.

Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour made a motion that the Secretary draft a letter to be sent to Dr. Foreman assuring him of the profound appreciation the Board of Directors feel for his gift of the Jefferson Letter and the hope that he will prepare an article for *The Chronicles of Oklahoma* as background material for the letter. This motion was seconded by Col. George H. Shirk and passed unanimously.

The President asked the Secretary to report on the membership status of the Society. Dr. Evans stated that the membership campaign, recently begun, had raised the Life Membership enrollment to approximately thirty-five, and more Life Memberships had been secured in the past thirty days than in any other period of the Society's history, and that towns and cities over the entire state were now represented in the Society's membership.

The Secretary presented the following applicants for membership: LIFE: Cyrus S. Avery, Tulsa; Mrs. D. C. Bass, Enid; James Leroy Bender, Enid; Mrs. Walter V. Bowman, Woodward; Mrs. Earl A. Brown, Jr., Houston, Texas; Mrs. Esther O. Chaney, Tulsa; Hal Cooper, Fort Supply; Miss Louise Cramer, Shattuck; Col. John P. Crehan, Oklahoma City; David Donoghue, Ft. Worth; Mrs. Shirley M. Duckwall, Oklahoma City; John F. Easley, Ardmore; George Everett Failing, Enid; Lucy M. Garber, Enid; Florence E. Glass, Tulsa; Mrs. Estelle Hoffman, Oklahoma City; Roy Hoffman, Jr., Oklahoma City; Edgar Peter Hoffman, Oklahoma City; Arvard Hudson, Coalgate; John Miller Kane, Bartlesville; Richard Kane, Bartlesville; John Frank Martin, Oklahoma City; John D. Mayo, Tulsa; T. Floyd Mefford, Enid; Vice-Admiral Albert G. Noble, Washington D. C.; Kathleen Jane Parker, Philadelphia; Lucyl Shirk, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Marshall T. Steves, Corpus Christi, Texas; William Kent Suthers, Arnett; Charles A. Tilghman, Oklahoma City; Charles C. Tilghman, Oklahoma City; Charles H. Tompkins, El Reno; Miss Priscilla W. Utterback, Durant; W. J. Walton, San Antonio, Texas; David M. Warren, Jr., Panhandle, Texas; Mrs. India Hines Weems, Oklahoma City; Dr. Divonis Worton, Pawhuska; Grace Cook Worton, Pawhuska; Martin I. Zofness, Bartlesville; Kathleen Jane Parker, Philadelphia, Pa.

ANNUAL: A. J. Black, Jr., Tulsa; William Dixon Brewer, Muskogee; Jeff Lee Davis, Rush Springs; Mrs. Maxine Gatlin, Webbers Falls; D. F. Gautt, Long Beach, California; Mrs. Ralph B. Gilbert, Seattle, Washington; Florence Bell Harwood, Tulsa; Eva L. Howard, Oklahoma City; Otis W. Joslyn, Jr., Oklahoma City; Mrs. A. J. Cavanaugh, Oklahoma City; Margaret M. Kelly, Tulsa; J. Berry King, Oklahoma City; Robert C. McCay, New York City; Tully Morrison, Mountain View; Hugh Murfee, Ft. Smith, Arkansas; Mrs. H. C. Nicholson, Perry; Mrs. Alva J. Niles, Tulsa; Tom R. Phillips, Holdenville; George H. Rose, Tulsa; Joe A. Smith, Wood River, Illinois; Earnestine B. Spears, Norman; W. F. Stahl, Tulsa; Mrs. Inez Stauber, Crawford; Mildred Milam Viles, Claremore; W. A. Willbrand, Norman.

Judge Thomas A. Edwards moved that they each be elected and admitted as members of the Society in the class as indicated in the list. Judge Robert A. Hefner seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

President Key at this time requested Miss Muriel H. Wright, Associate Editor of *The Chronicles of Oklahoma* to report on the exact status of the historical markers being carried on and nearing completion. Miss Wright reported that the last fifty markers had been completed and shipped to the State Highway Department, and this department is now in the process of the erection and placement of these last fifty markers.

Dr. Evans added the further information that a letter had been sent to the Sewah Studios stating that the historical marker program was closing on or about January 1st, 1951, and the following report was received from the Sewah Studios, Marietta, Ohio: "All plates are now cast and should be on their way to you by the week of January 8th. We hope this late shipment will not be an inconvenience to you or the State Highway Department and we await further word from you on the 1951 Marker order." The Secretary pointed out that a complete summary for the Marker program could be found on Page 3 of the January 1951, "Report to the Board."

Mrs. Jessie R. Moore made her report as Treasurer of the Oklahoma Historical Society. She reported that there was a splendid balance on hand and that the finances of the Society were never in better condition. She stated that the payment of \$22.50 for the \$6,000.00 bond for the Treasurer must be made. Mr. George L. Bowman moved that this amount be paid to the Ansel Earpe and Company of Oklahoma City. Judge Robert A. Hefner seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

President Key stated that it was necessary to provide \$100.00 for the Petty Cash Fund of this Society. Mrs. J. Garfield Buell moved that this amount be approved for the Petty Cash Fund of the Society. Dr. I. N. McCash seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. George L. Bowman made a motion that the expenses for all the ceremonies of the Tompkins and Hurley programs be paid for out of the Private Funds of the Society. This was seconded by Dr. Harbour and passed unanimously.

The Secretary reported that the following gifts and books had been received: Physician's saddle bags used in the Indian Territory by Dr. L. J. George, presented by Foy L. George; fossils found on Kochita Creek, presented by Dan W. Harrell; pinking iron and toy sewing machine, presented by Mrs. Edna Muldrow, Weatherford, Oklahoma; badge, official souvenir of Gov. Haskell's inauguration, writing pen used by Pete Hanraty when he was State Mine Inspector, presented by his daughters; gas rationing stamps used during World War II, presented by Charley L. Lloyd, Wilburton, Oklahoma; gold medal, music award, property of Miss Carlotta Archer, presented by Mrs. Vera Jones Chauncey, Stillwater, Oklahoma; gold panner made of horn, snuff box made in the shape of a watch, presented by Hugh McQuilken, Oklahoma City; Winchester made in 1867, presented by Walter K. Jarrell, Chickasha; corn husker made of a tusk, pair of glasses, fiddle hand seeder, presented by Mrs. H. P. Wormstaff, Hinton, Oklahoma; two pair of beaded leather gloves, presented by Thomas G. Young, Baltimore, Maryland; a manikin for the French bridal costume, presented by Halliburton's Store, Oklahoma City; large iron, salt kettles from the Robert M. Jones farm.

Photograph of artifacts, presented by Mrs. Glen Wise, Clinton, Oklahoma; photograph and poem of Will Rogers by David Randolph Milsten; colored print of Chief Fred Lookout, presented by William F. Finney; Will Roger's Consistory Class picture, presented by Charles E. Creager, Muskogee, Oklahoma; photograph of Miss Carlotta Archer, presented by Mrs. Vera Jones Chauncey; photograph of Col. James Logan, made from a negative presented by Sadler H. Burrow, Ozark, Arkansas; photograph of Judge Edgar S. Vaught; photograph of Dr. I. N. McCash; photograph of Judge Thomas A. Edwards; large framed photograph of Carl Sweazy, presented by Richard Goetz; framed plaque, presented by the Colonial Dames of America; photograph of Minnie Q. Rose, presented by Mrs. Beulah Blake.

Mrs. Anna B. Korn moved that the gifts be accepted with thanks and appreciation of the entire Board of Directors. Mr. H. L. Muldrow seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. George L. Bowman that the business session of the meeting adjourn. This was seconded by Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour and carried.

W. S. Key,
President

CHARLES EVANS,
Secretary