MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY HELD
IN THE CITY OF TULSA, OKLAHOMA CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE BUILDING, MAY THE 6th, 1954

In 1952, 1953 and 1954, the President of the Oklahoma Historical Society has called a meeting of the Board of Directors at some point on an Annual Historical Tour. General W. S. Key, President of the Society called for a meeting of the Board to be held in the city of Tulsa, May the 6th, 1954 as the Annual Tour was passing through that city. This session of the Board of Directors was in lieu of the regular quarterly meeting of April 22.

President Key presiding, with the following directors present: Judge Redmond S. Cole, Mr. Henry B. Bass, Dr. Berlin B. Chapman, Col. George H. Shirk, Mrs. Jessie R. Moore, Mr. George L. Bowman, Judge Edgar S. Vaught, Mr. H. Milt Phillips, Mr. R. G. Miller and Dr. Charles Evans, Secretary. Mrs. Anna B. Korn, Mr. S. E. Lee, Dr. E. E. Dale, Justice N. B. Johnson, Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour, Mrs. Garfield Buell, Mr. W. J. Peterson, Dr. John W. Raley, Mr. Thomas A. Edwards, Mr. Thomas J. Harrison, Judge Robert A. Hefner, Mr. R. M. Mountcastle, Mr. John F. Easley and Judge Baxter Taylor were excused for good and sufficient reason.

The first question taken up was the desecration of the R. M. Jones Cemetery property near Hugo, Oklahoma. After discussion it was agreed that notice should be served upon all parties guilty of damage to this property and all legal steps should be taken to protect this property of the Society from further damage or mismanagement. President Key with the sanction of the Board requested Col. George Shirk to carry out the expressed desires of the Board in this matter.

Mr. H. Milt Phillips presented the immediate need of the Newspaper Room for binding of newspapers that were being injured and which were obstructing the essential use of them by students and he made a motion that $500.00 be allowed out of the Special Fund for binding. This motion was seconded by Col. Shirk and carried unanimously.

Mr. Phillips, Chairman of the Committee on the investigation on the needs of the Newspaper Room also presented the immediate need of steel shelving that was essential to proper work in this Department. It was the consensus of the Committee that the shelving should be purchased and installed at once. Judge Edgar S. Vaught made a motion the needed steel shelving should be bought as soon as possible and the Committee appointed to investigate this matter be empowered to act immediately. This motion was seconded by Dr. B. B. Chapman and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Jessie R. Moore, Treasurer, gave her report revealing that there was an unexpended balance that would take care of every expense of the Society for the year ending July 1, 1954. She stated that the First National Bank, which is the depository of the Special Fund of the Society, has not given to the Treasurer all receipts, etc., relative to the investment of $1,000.00 by the Board of Directors in purchasing a "K" Bond on or about February 1, 1954. She insisted that this should be done by the Bank in order that her books, as Treasurer, would be accurate and complete.
She reported that Dr. Evans, the Secretary, had urged the Bank to do this. The Secretary at this time stated that he would send in to her the receipts he had received from the bank and secure from the bank duplicates of the records of this transaction for the office of the Chief Clerk.

In connection with the financial report of the Treasurer, Col. George Shirk pointed out that in the last ninety days 50 Life Memberships and 113 Annual Memberships, a total of 183 new members had been secured largely through the efforts of the Secretary, Dr. Evans, and that there had been some $1,516.00 added to the Special Fund growing out of this new membership. He stated that the remarkable growth in the membership of the Society through the years had been largely due to the plans and zeal of Secretary Evans and, therefore, he made the following motion: That the Board of Directors of the Society go on record in offering sincere tribute to the Secretary for his constant and successful effort through the years of his service to the Society in the acquisition of the large and constant expansion of the Society's membership. This was seconded by Mr. R. G. Miller and passed unanimously.

Mr. Miller brought up the importance of filling the vacancy left on the Board of Directors by the death of Dr. T. T. Montgomery. After a discussion, it was decided no action would be taken at this session of the Board to fill the vacancy and that further investigation should be carried out.

Upon the motion of Judge Redmond S. Cole, the list of new members presented by the Secretary and also the following gifts made to this Society should be accepted. This motion was seconded by Mr. George L. Bowman and carried unanimously.

President Key called attention to the picture or bust of Admiral J. J. Clark, a distinguished citizen of Oklahoma and served in the Navy of World War II which had been presented to the Society and a motion was made by Dr. B. B. Chapman which was seconded by Mr. Henry B. Bass that this gift be accepted with profound tribute to Admiral Clark.

Mrs. Jessie R. Moore called attention to the destruction and abuse in certain localities of the Historical Markers set up by the Society. She earnestly appealed to the Board and the Society to do something about it. Col. George Shirk pointed out that from the very first the Secretary with the assistance of Miss Wright together with other members of the Board had kept up a constant crusade relative to the appreciation and protection of these markers. Scarcely had a month gone by that he had not received a copy of letters which the Secretary had sent in to the State Highway Commission and the officers of all counties where markers had been placed, begging that county and local pride should make these officers guardians of these markers. The Secretary presented a list of markers set up from 1951 to 1954, inclusive, purchase of certain localities or by some individual. Miss Muriel H. Wright of this Committee made this report at the request of Dr. Evans.

May 5, 1954,
Re: Recent Oklahoma Historical Markers
(Present Cost of Markers $125.00 each)

For Dr. Charles Evans, Secretary
Markers ordered by local subscription:

1) 1951—Vici Chamber of Commerce, Vici (Dewey Co.)
   "Dodge City Trail" (or Western Cattle Trail) through Western
   Oklahoma, Texas to Dodge City, Kansas.
Location of Marker: About 3 1/2 miles west of Vici on U. S. Highway #60 where old trail crosses same.

(2) 1951—Mr. H. B. Bass, Enid
"Cherokee Strip" boundary line (south) of 1893 land opening.
Location of Marker: No. of Hennessey, on U. S. Highway #81, near Garfield-Kingfisher Co. line.

(3) 1952—The 89'ers, Oklahoma City, two markers, north and south boundaries of Lands opened in 1889.
"Run of '89, South Boundary"
Location of Marker: In Parkway at Y, east end of bridge over Canadian R., at Lexington, U. S. Highway #77.
"Run of '89, North Boundary"
Location of Marker: On Logan-Noble Co. line, about 1 mile north of Orlando, on U. S. Highway #77.

"Southwestern State College"
Location of Marker: ½ mile east of Weatherford city limits, on U. S. Highway #66.

(5) 1953—Sayre Chamber of Commerce, Sayre, Beckham County.
"Old Greer County"
Location of Marker: Roadside Park, 1 mile South of Sayre, on U. S. Highway #66.

(6) 1954—The Ketchum Commercial Club, Ketchum, Craig County. (Now in preparation)
"Old Military Trail"
Location of Marker: West of Ketchum, Craig Co., about 2 miles, on State Highway #85.

LIFE MEMBERS: Mr. John L. Allen, Okmulgee; Mr. J. Leighton Avery, Tulsa; Sister M. Bonaventure, Tulsa; Mr. N. R. Graham, Tulsa; Mr. Everett Stebbins Johnson, Jr., Tulsa; Mrs. Kiroil R. Holm, Tulsa; Mr. Maurice Sanditen, Tulsa; Dr. Walter B. Sanger, Tulsa; Mr. Ivan D. Brown, Bixby; Mr. Robert Parks Bogenschutz, Oklahoma City; Mr. Leslie H. Butts, Oklahoma City; Mr. John F. Eberle, Oklahoma City; Mr. Robert A. Hefner, Jr., Oklahoma City; Mr. William J. Hefner, Oklahoma City; Mr. Pat Orr Johnson, Oklahoma City; Mr. Baird H. Markham, Oklahoma City; Mr. Joseph M. McCuen, Oklahoma City; Miss Eston C. Rogers, Oklahoma City; Dr. Harry H. Sorrelis, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Harry Stallings, Oklahoma City; Dr. J. Chester Swanson, Oklahoma City; Mr. C. E. Castle, Wagoner; Mr. Leon Daube, Ardmore; Mr. L. A. Edwards, Marlow; Mr. Paul Endacott, Bartlesville; Mr. Stanley Learned, Bartlesville; Mr. Harry Lloyd Fitzpatrick, Norman; Dr. Alfred B. Sears, Norman; Mr. E. L. Garnett, Altus; Mr. Glenn M. Gillespie, Cushing; Dr. Noel Kaho, Claremore; Dr. Frank C. Lattimore, Kingfisher; Mr. Norman Shutler, Kingfisher; Mr. J. D. V. McWilliams, Colony; Mr. Ben Musick, Kingfisher; Very Rev. Msgr. S. A. Leven, Enid; Mrs. Zella Moorman Perkins; Mr. Dave Morgan, Blackwell; Mrs. O. C. Newman, Shattuck; Mrs. Lella A. Nighswonger, Woodward; Justice Cecil Talmage O'Neal, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Clarence Robinson, Shawnee; Lucille C. Roehrl, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Lena E. Seiman, Woodward; Mr. William V. Sanders, Boise City; Mr. John S. Seikel, McLoud; Mr. Lawrence E. Tryon, Guymon; Mr. Felix Carter Duvall, Ponca City; Brig. Gen. Bert E. Johnson, San Francisco; Comm. Dwight L. Johnson, USN, Newport, R. I.

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Gifts Received:

A check for $100.00 from Mr. J. D. V. McWilliams, Colony, Oklahoma together with books, pamphlets, letters, etc.
Choctaw Spelling Book, donor, Sadie Maude Thompson.
German Helmet, World War II, Donor, Cloris Hazelton.
Coin, 1904 nickel, donor, Buddy Underwood
Books, cuts, ledgers, etc., donor, Ben R. Cook, Jr.
Books, documents etc., donor, Mrs. Elizabeth Collier
Gavel, donor, Mrs. Minnie H. Roberts
Campaign and souvenir buttons, 164, donor, W. H. Dancy
Articles of very old clothing, scrap books etc., donor, Florence Joslyn
Coin, half penny, donor, George C. Eret
Flag with 39 stars, donor, Mrs. W. J. Zollinger
Crocheted articles, darning ball, crochet hook, donor, Mrs. Carrie Wade
Toy bank, very old clothes etc., donor, Mrs. Vera Stovell
Typewriter, patented 1891, donor, Mrs. G. C. Gnilick
German Flag, badges, belt etc. World War II, donor, Mrs. L. Kolmer
Flag with 46 stars, autographed, donor, Mrs. Carolyn Foreman
Flint ax head, donor, B. L. Fisher
Coin, quarter, 1821, donor, Mrs. Mary L. Fisher
Four coin silver tablespoons and five teaspoons, part of the wedding silver of Phillip Franklin Field and Lucy McFarland Barnett of Virginia, who were married in 1838, maternal grandparents of donor, Mrs. James B. Biggerstaff.

PICTURES RECEIVED:

Photo of Mrs. Lucy Dixon, donor, Mrs. Carrie D. Wade
Photos of Indians and Pioneers, donor, Mrs. Florence Joslyn
Photo of Celene Reed and others, donor, Mrs. Grace K. Rose
Copy of a Miller picture, donor, Clyde H. Porter
Jack Spaniard's tomb, donor, L. D. Rhodes
Tintype of an old hotel, donor, Mrs. C. B. Moore
Large framed photograph of S. H. Radesbaugh, donor, Mrs. Mary Cross
Photo of Homesteaders in the Cherokee Strip, purchased from Mrs. C. H. Clark

In conclusion the following resolution was presented in tribute and honor to Dr. T. T. Montgomery a distinguished Director of the Oklahoma Historical Society, whose death took place in the city of Durant, March 19, 1954.

RESOLUTION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPRESSES PROFOUND SORROW UPON HIS PASSING AND REALIZES THAT HIS LABORS FOR THIS SOCIETY WILL LAST THROUGH THE YEARS. THIS RESOLUTION SEALED AND SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, this 6th day of May, 1954.

W. S. Key, President

ATTEST: Charles Evans, Secretary

There being no further business a motion was made by Mr. Henry B. Bass and seconded by Dr. Berlin B. Chapman that the meeting of the Board of Directors be adjourned. This passed unanimously.

W. S. Key, President

Charles Evans, Secretary