

MINUTES OF THE THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OKLAHOMA
HISTORICAL SOCIETY HELD IN THE
OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL BUILDING
OCTOBER 28, 1954.

With General Wm. S. Key presiding, the following members were present: Judge George L. Bowman, Dr. B. B. Chapman, Judge Redmond S. Cole, Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour, Mr. Thomas J. Harrison, Judge Robert A. Hefner, Mr. R. M. Mountcastle, Mr. H. Milt Phillips, Colonel George H. Shirk, Judge Baxter Taylor, together with Miss Muriel H. Wright, Secretary. Mr. Henry B. Bass, Mrs. Ethel P. Buell, Judge Thomas A. Edwards, Dr. E. E. Dale and Judge Edgar S. Vaught were excused for good and sufficient reasons.

A special guest at this meeting, Dr. O. B. Jacobson, retired, Art Department of the Graduate School, the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, gave a short talk recommending the repair of the Indian Murals on the fourth floor corridor of the Museum in the Historical Building. His suggestions for the repair work were approved and the Secretary was advised to call in an artist and report to the Building Improvement Committee the cost of repair.

The President then called upon Mrs. Jessie R. Moore, Treasurer, for her report for the period July 29—October 28, 1954, which was received with much commendation and approval. Judge Bowman moved that the Report be approved, motion was seconded by Mr. Harrison and carried unanimously.

Since the last Board Meeting, 38 Life Membership and 104 Annual Membership applications have been received, as follows:

LIFE MEMBERS

Mr. Merritt C. Mason	Alva, Oklahoma
Mr. William Heward Suthers	Arnett, Oklahoma
Mr. Orie Alva Barto	Buffalo, Oklahoma
Miss Marion Severance	Durant, Oklahoma
Mr. B. L. Jennings	Healdton, Oklahoma
Mr. Lon Kile	Hugo, Oklahoma
Mr. George Wallace	Jay, Oklahoma
Mr. Howard N. Kenyon	Kaw, Oklahoma
Mr. Exall English	Lawton, Oklahoma
Hon. Victor Wickersham	Mangum, Oklahoma
Mrs. L. A. Edwards	Marlow, Oklahoma
Mr. Elmer Hale, Jr.	McAlester, Oklahoma
Mr. H. O. Crider	Mountain View, Oklahoma
Mr. Gene Aldrich	Norman, Oklahoma
Mr. V. C. Bratton	"
Mr. O. E. Carter, Jr.	"
Mr. William Henry Brown	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Dr. Arthur W. Buswell	"
Mr. John Martin Carroll	"
Rt. Rev. Gustave Depreitere	"
Mr. J. I. Gibson	"
Mrs. Hazel K. Jennings	"

Mr. Thomas Doyle Martin	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Mr. Joe S. Scott	"
Mr. Charles M. Suttle	"
Mr. Curtis E. Turney	"
Mr. Paul L. Washington	"
Mr. W. D. Hart	Pauls Valley, Oklahoma
Mr. Guy L. Berry, Jr.	Sapulpa, Oklahoma
Mrs. C. H. Hixson	Shawnee, Oklahoma
Mrs. C. I. Hannis	Tulsa, Oklahoma
Mr. Hugh R. Humphreys	"
Mr. Frank K. Janson	"
Mr. Nathan R. Patterson	"
Mr. Eric M. White, Jr.	"
Mr. Charles A. Ball	Arvada, Colorado
Mr. Roy Guffey	Dallas, Texas
Mr. Paul M. Niebell	Washington, D. C.

ANNUAL MEMBERS

Mr. B. W. Hammert	Anadarko, Oklahoma
Mr. W. Vernon Price	Arnett, Oklahoma
Mr. C. A. McCall	Atoka, Oklahoma
Mr. G. W. Cafky	Beaver, Oklahoma
Mrs. Eleanor Tracy	"
Mr. J. P. "Kit" Carson	Blair, Oklahoma
Mr. John C. Johnson	Boise City, Oklahoma
Mr. Clyde Carley	Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
Mr. T. E. Bennett	Broken Bow, Oklahoma
Mr. Joe W. Meadows	Caddo, Oklahoma
Mr. G. A. Mason	"
Mr. Hinman Stuart	Chelsea, Oklahoma
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Mrs. Anna Davis	Dewey, Oklahoma
Mr. Bryan W. Nolen	Edmond, Oklahoma
Mrs. Wm. Vaughn	El Reno, Oklahoma
Mr. C. S. Borin	Erick, Oklahoma
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Mr. Benjamin A. Troutman	Henryetta, Oklahoma
Mrs. Harry D. Crews	Hugo, Oklahoma
Mr. Clark L. Thompson	Hunter, Oklahoma
Mr. Louis J. Maynard	Kenton, Oklahoma
Dr. and Mrs. O. L. Parsons	Lawton, Oklahoma
Hon. Raymond Gary	Madill, Oklahoma
Mr. John H. Snider	Maud, Oklahoma
Miss Mildred S. Pezzetti	McAlester, Oklahoma
Mrs. Turner Bagg	Muskogee, Oklahoma
Mr. Roland S. Bailey	"
Mrs. Elizabeth Hale	"
Mrs. O. R. Hisel	"
Mrs. Carl Mott	Nash, Oklahoma
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Mr. Neil R. Johnson	"
Mr. Ross Raymond	Nowata, Oklahoma
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Mr. Obie E. Durham	Okeene, Oklahoma
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Mr. Leonard H. Bailey	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Mr. Roy R. Blackwood	"
Mr. John F. Booth, Jr.	"
Mrs. Charles E. Brace	"
Mr. B. H. Carey	"
Mr. Banks Worth Clark	"
Mr. Arnold R. Curtis	"
Mr. John W. Delaney	"
Rev. and Mrs. Fred Dennis	"
Mr. Theron D. Elder	"
Mr. Charles Futor	"
Mr. E. G. Green	"
Dr. Charles William Hoshall	"
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Mr. Robb W. Moore	"
Mr. G. R. Pulley	"
Mrs. Vermelle U. Robberson	"
Miss Esther A. Robinson	"
Mr. James L. Snell	"
Mrs. Rosa C. Tomberlin	"
Mr. Fay F. Wade	"
Mr. Vincent Watts	"
Mr. W. R. Withington	"
Mr. N. D. Woods	"
Mr. James K. Wright	"
Mrs. Maude E. Long	Perry, Oklahoma
Mr. Emmett V. Rosser, Jr.	"
Mr. Ralph M. Chambers	Picher, Oklahoma
Mr. C. L. Armstrong	Ponca City, Oklahoma
Mr. William R. Brown	"
Mr. Greeley E. Veal	"
Miss Garner Moore	Poteau, Oklahoma
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Mr. Fred Bunch	Rocky, Oklahoma
Mr. Jennings B. Newman	Sapulpa, Oklahoma
Mr. Paul Wilson	Stroud, Oklahoma
Mr. J. T. Adams	Temple, Oklahoma
Miss Viola Trout Malone	Terral, Oklahoma
Mr. V. M. Thompson	Thomas, Oklahoma
Mr. Leslie Ray Barto	Tulsa, Oklahoma
Mr. C. Faye Bennett	"
Mr. Caswell L. Carter	"
Mr. W. Alva Fry	"
Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Joslin	"
Dr. Roscoe Walker	"
Mr. Fay Allen Whiteside	"
Mr. J. V. Bowling	Vian, Oklahoma
Mrs. Mary E. Lamon	Wagoner, Oklahoma
Mr. A. E. Robertson	"
Mr. Edward A. Summers	"
Mr. Gorman Kelly	Wardville, Oklahoma
Mr. Lloyd D. McNeal, Jr.	Watonga, Oklahoma
Mr. E. S. Beard	Covelo, California
Mr. and Mrs. Jess Sutton	Brighton, Colorado
Colonel John W. Primrose	Park View, New Mexico
Mr. John Williams Skinner	Denison, Texas
Mr. German Justice Hollandsworth	Longview, Texas
Rev. James E. Mack	Mathis, Texas
Miss Margaret Wheeler	Sherman, Texas
Mrs. Thelma Heatwold	Staunton, Virginia

Also the following gifts have been given:

LIBRARY:

506 volumes, bound, of the *New York Times*, dating from January 1926 to January 1947; Copy, bound volume, *Trench and Camp*, 1918-1919, special edition of the Oklahoman printed for the service men at Fort Sill during World War I. Donor: Mr. Louis D. Abney, Jr.

Memorandum—County No. 1, District Court Vol. 1, First District Territory of Oklahoma. Donor: Mr. Fred L. Wenner.

Oklahoma Session Laws, 1921-1933. Donor: Colonel George H. Shirk.

The Carl Williams Papers, containing 10 large volumes of manuscripts, photographs and other items covering the period 1912-1932.

The Mabel Bassett Collection, containing more than ten thousand items of historical value.

The L. V. Orton Papers representing fifty years of public service, 1822 items in the collection.

Nine volumes of legal documents; Laws of the Cherokee Nation, 1892; Constitution and Laws of the Cherokee Nation, 1875; Laws of the Cherokee Nation, passed during the years 1839-1867; Laws of the Cherokee Nation enacted during regular and special sessions of the National Council in 1881; 2 volumes of the Laws of the Cherokee Nation in the Cherokee language; Constitution of the Cherokee Nation 1808-1824-1839 and 1849, published in the Cherokee language in 1850. Donor: Mrs. Harry Rasle.

Four volumes of legal documents of the Five Civilized Tribes. Donor: Mr. Eck E. Brook.

The Speed Collection. Donors: Mr. and Mrs. Horace Speed, covering early pioneer history.

Valuable historical material, containing 47 items of manuscripts, letters, pictures. Donor: Mrs. Garfield Buell.

Reprint of the William A. Smith painting of Will Rogers, the original being a part of the Gilcrease Foundation. Donor: Mr. Allen Rock.

Pocket Map of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama showing census of these three states as of 1830. Donor: Mr. H. S. Judy.

Memorial Resolutions by Ardmore Rotary Club memorializing Dr. Walter Hardy. Donor: Ardmore Rotary Club.

Letter dated April 14, 1889 written to Mr. Wm. H. Prince, Manchester, England, father of the Donor: Mr. J. Allen Prince.

Correspondence, maps, etc, relative to building of the Canton Dam. Donor: Mr. Thomas J. Cook.

Report submitted by M. Robinson of Utah, providing for Commemoration of Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Battle of Ackia, Miss., and the establishment of the Ackia Battleground National Monument; The White Bead Church History and Early Methodism in Chickasaw Nation by Alvin Powell. Donor: Mrs. Jessie E. Moore.

W. R. McGeorge Papers, Stillwater, Oklahoma. Collection of early banking and business connections in both Indian Territory and Oklahoma Territory, Stillwater, Claremore and Vinita. Donor: Mrs. W. R. McGeorge.

MUSEUM:

United States Flag with 48 stars. Donor: Mrs. Mae Lewis.

Chair and footstool made of horns. Donor: Mr. W. H. Dancy.

Bronze bust of Mr. Lew Wentz. Donor: Mrs. Dorothy Wentz Sparks.

Microscope, over 100 years old, used by father of Dr. Lea Riley;
Donor: Mr. Lea Riley.

Pictures received:

Photograph of W. H. Dancy, presented by his son, W. H. Dancy, Jr.

Group photograph of the William Garrison Family. Donor: Mrs. Fred Garrison.

Two photographs of Dr. Divonis Worten. Donor: Dr. Worten.

Folder of pictures and clippings about the Douglas Johnston family.
Donor: Juanita Johnston Smith.

Judge Taylor moved that the applications be accepted and applicants admitted to membership, and letters of thanks be sent to the donors of the gifts. Motion was seconded by Mr. T. J. Harrison and carried unanimously.

Colonel George Shirk moved and the motion was seconded by Mr. H. Milt Phillips, that Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour be especially thanked for her contribution of the *New York Tribune*, of December 4, 1872, containing the editorial on the death of Horace Greeley, and the *New York Tribune* of September 21, 1881 with notice of the death of President Garfield. Special attention was called to the bust of Lew Wentz, in bronze, sculpted by Miss Frances Rich, Hollywood, California and presented to the Historical Society by Mrs. Dorothy Wentz Sparks, niece of Mr. Wentz. Also, a vote of appreciation was given the Treasurer, Mrs. Jessie Moore for her contribution of the history of "Early Methodism" in the Chickasaw Nation.

At this time, President Key read the following letter from Mr. John S. Dickey, President of Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire:

October 8, 1954

"Dear Mr. Key:

"The article, "Dartmouth Alumni in the Indian Territory" by Kathleen Garrett published in the Summer, 1954 issue of *The Chronicles of Oklahoma* has recently been brought to my attention and several copies have been sent to the College.

"Dartmouth's historical contribution to the education of Indians from far corners of the land, and indeed many other aspects in the adventurous and tenacious forging of the College's character throughout her early years, are sometimes forgotten by her living alumni and are often unknown to others.

"It is particularly gratifying, therefore, to learn that the Oklahoma Historical Society has deemed these memorabilia worthy of recording in its annals.

Sincerely,

/s/ John S. Dickey"

President Key then called attention to the United States Savings Bonds in the amount of \$1200.00 maturing on November 1, 1954, and suggested reinvestment in bonds of like amount bearing interest at the rate of 2.76%. Judge Bowman moved that the funds be reinvested, seconded by Mr. Mountcastle, and carried unanimously.

The installation of asphalt tile in the Union and Confederate Rooms on recommendation of the Improvement Committee, in place of the badly worn rugs, was brought before the Board. This met with unanimous approval, and the Chairman was authorized to proceed with this installation. Other matters of improvement for the Auditorium and other departments of the Society were referred to the Improvement Committee for study and report.

Mr. Miller stated that he thought one fluorescent light should be installed over the desk of the receptionist in the Executive Offices. Motion to this effect was made by Judge Hefner and seconded by Judge Bowman. Motion carried unanimously.

The purchase of display cases for the Library was then presented and after full discussion, this matter was also referred to the Improvement Committee for study and recommendation. The matter of a new piano for the Auditorium was also referred to the Committee for recommendation after a study of the need.

President Key then presented the question of air-conditioning the fourth floor Museum on which a bid has been submitted amounting to \$10,000.00. Mr. H. Milt Phillips discussed this need and moved the matter be deferred to a future meeting of the Board when funds are available. Judge Hefner seconded this motion which carried unanimously. President Key suggested the matter of new lights in the offices be turned to the Committee for study and further recommendation.

Colonel Shirk took the floor and moved that the Board note with regret the passing on June 18, 1954 at Washington, D. C., of John Henry Cowles, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Kentucky and Past Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Inspectors General Knights Commanders of the House of the Temple of Solomon of the Thirty-third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, and that a permanent record be made by including a brief review of Commander Cowles' life in Notes and Documents in *The Chronicles*. The motion was seconded by Judge Hefner and was passed unanimously.

In the Minutes of a previous meeting, the matter of paying Mr. Nealy Tilly, the Building Guide, for the use of his car in taking mail and errands for the office, was approved by the Board with no specific amount allowed. Judge Bowman moved that the Secretary be instructed to pay Mr. Tilly an amount not to exceed \$20.00 per month for this service; motion was seconded by Judge Taylor and carried unanimously.

President Key then presented the matter of electing a Director to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. T. T. Montgomery of Durant, Oklahoma. After discussion by Mr. Harrison, Judge Cole, Judge Taylor, Mrs. Korn, Mr. Phillips, Judge Bowman, Colonel Shirk, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Mountcastle and Dr. Harbour, Judge Hefner moved as follows: When an interim vacancy occurs on the Board, the attention of the Board be called to this at the next meeting after the vacancy occurs, and nominations to fill the interim vacancy be received at that meeting or any time thereafter until a period of thirty days before the next meeting; and it will be the duty of the Secretary to send to members of the Board, the names of those who have been nominated and this information should be marked "Confidential." The motion was seconded by Dr. Harbour and carried unanimously.

Mr. R. G. Miller who is arranging for the 1955 Tour along the old Washington Irving Trail as closely as possible, then spoke at length as to the need for contacts with business men and organizations in those towns and cities to be visited and asked for a Committee to assist in this work and in making a visit to the route of this proposed Tour in the early Spring or as soon after January 1, 1955 as feasible. The following members were appointed on this Tour Committee, with Mr. Miller as Chairman: Colonel George Shirk, Mr. H. Milt Phillips, Mr. R. M. Mountcastle, Mr. T. J. Harrison and Dr. B. B. Chapman.

Mr. Miller then brought out the request that Miss Muriel H. Wright be sent to New York in January for the purpose of meeting with the Westchester Historical Society at White Plains, N. Y., in connection with the Tour. There was discussion at length on the worth of such a trip. A motion was made by Judge Taylor that Miss Wright be sent as a representative of the Oklahoma Historical Society to the Westchester Historical Society to present the historical value of this trip to them and to this State, the expense to be paid by the Society. Motion was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried, with objections from three members of the Board. Further action on this matter was deferred until the January meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

WM. S. KEY, President

MURIEL H. WRIGHT, Secretary