

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, NOVEMBER 29, 1956

Due to the fact that the regular quarterly meeting which was to have been held in October had been cancelled, General William S. Key, President of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society, called a special meeting of the Board for 10:00 a. m., Thursday, November 29, 1956. The meeting was held in the Board of Directors' Room of the Oklahoma Historical Society Building.

The following members answered roll call: H. B. Bass, Judge George L. Bowman, Kelly Brown, Judge Redmond S. Cole, Dr. E. E. Dale, Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour, Judge Robert A. Hefner, Dr. L. Wayne Johnson, General William S. Key, R. G. Miller, R. M. Mountcastle, H. Milt Phillips, Miss Genevieve Seger, Colonel George H. Shirk, Judge Baxter Taylor and Judge Edgar S. Vaught. Excuses were received from Dr. Berlin B. Chapman, Joe W. Curtis, Exall English, Thomas J. Harrison, Judge N. B. Johnson, Mrs. Anna B. Korn, Dr. James D. Morrison and Mrs. Willis Reed. Upon motion of Judge Robert A. Hefner, seconded by Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour, the absent members were excused.

Mr. R. G. Miller moved that the reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting be dispensed with, and Mr. Milt Phillips seconded the motion which was adopted.

The Administrative Secretary, Elmer Fraker, gave a report on the financial condition of the Society. In his remarks, Mr. Fraker stated that the Society was operating well within the state fund budget and also within the special fund budget. He stated that probably more money had been taken into the special fund, during the past year, than ever before, and that it was also probable that more money had been expended from that fund than ever before.

The Administrative Secretary reported that he had conferred with the Governor and several leaders in the Legislature relative to the proposed budget of the Oklahoma Historical Society. He stated that all with whom he had talked seemed interested in having the Historical Society make as much progress as possible.

Upon the request of Judge Hefner, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, the Secretary reported on the items in the proposed budget for the coming biennium. The Secretary read the items which totaled \$156,517.00 for each of the next two years. In this amount was included requests for operating expenses, salaries, capital improvements, and highway markers. Judge George L. Bowman moved that the report of the Legislative Committee be accepted, and Dr. Harbour seconded. The motion was put and unanimously adopted.

The Secretary reported that he had attended a Legislative Committee meeting where the proposal for the creation of a Historic Sites Commission had been discussed and approved. A general discussion of this topic was had among the members of the Board, during which the unanimous opinion was voiced that all such duties were already being carried on by the Historical Society and that these duties should continue to be delegated to the Society. It was generally agreed that the objectives sought by those sponsoring a Historical Sites Commission were worthy and commendable

and there was great need for much work of that type being done in Oklahoma, but that the Oklahoma Historical Society could do the job better than any one if properly financed for such undertakings. Judge Hefner moved and Judge Edgar S. Vaught seconded a motion requesting the Secretary to provide the President of the Board with information as to the historic sites now being cared for by the Oklahoma Historical Society. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Fraker called attention to the fact that the annual dues for membership in the Oklahoma Historical Society were \$2.00 per year, which was \$1.00 less than the subscription to the *Chronicles*. He pointed out that one could buy a membership in the Society and receive the *Chronicles* at less cost than by merely being a subscriber to the *Chronicles*. He recommended that annual dues be increased to \$3.00. Mr. Miller moved that the annual dues of the Society be raised to \$3.00 effective January 1, 1957. Dr. L. Wayne Johnson seconded the motion which was put and carried.

When the matter of properly displaying the Ferdinandino Collection was brought up, Dr. Johnson moved that the Executive Committee be authorized to arrange for the purchase of an appropriate case for exhibiting the collection. The motion was seconded by Judge Vaught and adopted by the Board. President Key requested that Colonel George Shirk serve with the Executive Committee in helping select the proper display case.

It was pointed out by the Secretary that for a considerable time the repair and reconditioning of the old stagecoach had been under consideration. He stated that Mr. John D. Frizzell had offered to recondition the stagecoach for \$300.00. It was moved by Dr. Johnson and seconded by Colonel Shirk that the Society accept Mr. Frizzell's offer, and that payment be made from whatever funds are available. The motion was adopted.

Dr. Harbour called attention to the fact that Mrs. C. E. Cook had expended \$130.00 for additional expenses incurred in visiting museums while on a trip to the United Daughters of the Confederacy Convention in Los Angeles, California. Mr. Phillips moved that \$100.00 be allowed Mrs. Cook for these added expenditures. Miss Genevieve Seger observed that if Mrs. Cook had been told by the Secretary to take the trips then she should have all of her extra expenses paid. Mr. Phillips then withdrew his motion and seconded Miss Seger's motion, which was passed.

Mr. Fraker announced that the new Historical Society brochure was in the process of being prepared and should be ready for distribution within another sixty days. He stated that he believed it would be possible for the Society to get out some folders to be given free to people visiting the Historical Society Building. It was suggested by Mr. Phillips that all bulletins and brochures put out by the Historical Society during the coming year have the motif of the Semi-Centennial Anniversary of Oklahoma displayed.

Work of the Microfilm Committee was outlined by Colonel Shirk. He reported that the Society was acquiring microfilm copies of 72 tract books in the General Land Office in Washington, D. C., which is the land description record for each quarter section of land in western Oklahoma. He stated that Dr. Berlin B. Chapman, a member of the Board, who is now in Washington, D. C., doing research work, had assisted in making arrangements for the purchase of this microfilm.

General Key presented an architect's drawing of the proposed McLain War Memorial with its planned location north and east of the Historical Society Building as an annex thereto. He stated that the building would face the north and would conform to the architectural design of the original building and would greatly enhance the appearance of the north side of the

building. It would be two stories high with a full basement. The basement and first floor would provide space for a War Museum with room for historical exhibits, flags and histories of units of all branches of the Armed Services in which Oklahomans served. The top floor would provide ample office space for all veterans organizations, together with the War Veterans Commission, now occupying needed office space in various sections of the Historical Building. The cost of the building, including air conditioning throughout, would be approximately \$425,000.00 which amount was being requested of the Legislature with the approval of the Governor and of the Commission appointed by him to erect a suitable war memorial honoring Lt. Gen. Raymond S. McLain and all other war veterans of Oklahoma. The operation of the War Memorial would be under the supervision of the Oklahoma Historical Society. After a general discussion of the matter, Mr. Phillips moved that the Board reaffirm its previous endorsement of the plan for the building of the McLain War Memorial, and that the membership of the Society be requested to give its wholehearted support in this matter. The motion was seconded by Mr. R. M. Mountcastle and unanimously adopted.

Attention was called by Mr. H. B. Bass to a map of Oklahoma that had recently been put out by the Oklahoma Natural Gas Company commemorating the Oklahoma Golden Jubilee year. Judge Baxter Taylor made a motion that the Oklahoma Natural Gas Company be commended on putting out the map. Judge Vaught seconded the motion which was adopted by the Board.

It was suggested by Dr. Johnson that the Board meetings were probably too brief to properly transact all the business that was brought before it. He suggested that the Board eat lunch together as a means of having more time for general discussions. Judge Vaught moved that at the January quarterly meeting arrangements be made for lunch to be served in the Board of Directors' Room, and that the regular meeting be extended through that time. The motion was seconded by Dr. Johnson and carried.

Mr. Miller, Chairman of the Annual Tour Committee, announced that the 1957 Tour dates have been set for May 16, 17 and 18. He said the Tour would use the Western Hills Lodge as its main point of activity, and that the Tour would cover much of northeastern Oklahoma. He said that details for various stops would be worked out at a later date. Mr. Miller reported that he had secured special rates at the Lodge and that it was planned for the tourists to spend two nights there. He reported that he had been advised that a Texas group was planning to make a tour of the Butterfield Mail Route in that state. He said that a portion of the Oklahoma Tour would be over the Butterfield Route in Oklahoma. He mentioned that the Old Trails group in Texas was planning on making a rerun of the Western Trail which crossed Oklahoma on its way to Dodge City, Kansas. This trail entered Oklahoma at Doans Crossing near the present city of Altus, and crossed into Kansas northwest of Buffalo, Oklahoma. Mr. Miller remarked that it might be possible for a group representing the Oklahoma Historical Society to accompany the Texans on their trip across Oklahoma.

A resolution relative to the preservation and protection of properties at old Fort Gibson was presented and read by Mr. Mountcastle, who moved that it be adopted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Harbour and was adopted by the Board. Copies of the resolution were made a part of these minutes and are attached hereto.

Lists of new Life and Annual members were presented. Dr. Harbour moved and Judge Bowman seconded that they be accepted. The motion was adopted.

Upon the presentation of a list of gifts and donations that had been given to the Society during the past quarter, Miss Seger moved that such

donations and gifts be accepted. Mr. Kelly Brown seconded this motion, which was adopted.

General Key paid a brief tribute to Mrs. Jessie R. Moore who had recently passed away. In his remarks, General Key said that her passing was a great loss to the Society where she had long been a faithful member, and for many years had served as Treasurer. A committee composed of Judge Taylor, Mr. Phillips and Colonel Shirk was appointed by General Key to draft an appropriate resolution relative to the death of Mrs. Moore.

It was moved by Judge Bowman, seconded by Colonel Shirk, and adopted by the Board that the meeting adjourn.

W. S. Key
President

Elmer L. Fraker
Secretary

GIFTS PRESENTED

LIBRARY:

An Appreciation Scroll to the Hon. Wm. J. Bryan.

Donor: Muriel H. Wright.

The Salter Music Collection, consisting of 76 pieces of Sacred music, Common Prayer, 1886 and Hymnal of Protestant Episcopal Church, 1874.

Donor: Mrs. George W. Salter.

A Brief History of Deyo Mission, 1893-1951, (Lawton, Okla.), and From Sun Worship to Christian Faith (Missions-International Baptist Magazine, volume 150, #7, September, 1952)

Donor: H. F. Gilbert, 1651 Elwood, Pomona, California.

Photo of J. B. Thoburn, Rev. H. B. Collins and Claude E. Hensley.

Donor: Claude E. Hensley, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Harper's Magazine. (Vol. 10. December 1854 to May, 1855).

Donor: Col. George H. Shirk, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Colonists of New England and Nova Scotia. The Burgess and Hickman Families. 1956.

Donor: Kenneth F. Burgess. Chicago 3, Ill.

History of Our Times. (Vol. 3, 1952)

Donor: Elmer L. Fraker Secretary, Oklahoma Historical Society.

The Millennial Kingdom of the Franciscans in the New World. #52. A study of the writings of Geronimo de Mendieta (1525-1604) by Ledy Phelan. and

The Carolina Chronicle of Dr. Francis Le Jau, 1806-1717. (Vol. 53)

Donor: The University of California, Berkeley, California.

Jefferson's Fine Arts Library by William B. O'Neal, Professor of Architecture, University of Virginia.

Donor: University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.

The Religious Press in the South Atlantic States, 1802-1885, by Henry Smith Stroupe.

Historical Papers of Trinity College Historical Society.

Donor: Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.

The Jewish Theological Seminary of America (Cleveland, Ohio, 1956) Conference on the writing of Religious History, Dec. 1, 1955.

Donor: The American Jewish History Center.

- 22 Copies "Prisoner of War Bulletins" (1943-44-45, A. R. C. Germany)
Donor: Mrs. John H. Shirk, Oklahoma City, Okla.
- The Constitution of the State of Oklahoma* (1907); Constitutional Amendments enacted thru the Initiative and Referendum (1914); Railroad map of Oklahoma (1917);
- Labor Laws of the State of Oklahoma* (1923); Election Laws (Primary and General) of the State of Oklahoma (1924); Directory of the State of Oklahoma (1924; Oklahoma Real Estate Commission. Law creating (1923).
Donor: Stuart A. Rice, Okla. City.
- The Golden Anniversary, 1904-1954*, Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Burkhart, Wisconsin.
Donor: Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sunday, Nov. 15, 1954.
- History of the Afton Methodist Church*, Afton, Minn., 1854-1954.
Donor: Esther C. Robb, Afton, Minn.
- Agricultural Developments in North Carolina, 1783-1850*. University of North Carolina Press, 1956.
Donor: Cornelius Oliver Cathey.
- Five magazine and newspaper clippings of the Hefner Family History and one photograph of four generations of the family.
Donor: Judge R. A. Hefner, Oklahoma City.
- 20 items consisting of pictures, brochures, etc., on R. R. history, transportation and industrial scenes; 8 Oklahoma photo prints including 2 churches; 5 special color prints of Boothill Graveyard, Tombstone, Arizona; 5 special photocards of Virginia City Nevada; 1 picture from "Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper" (natural) gas field of Indiana, dated Jan. 18, 1889); 1 65th Annual Report, Railroad Commission of Texas (1956).
Donor: Mr. and Mrs. John B. Fink, Oklahoma City, Okla.
- Seventy-Fifth Anniversary, 1881-1956*
Donor: Carey Lumber Company, Oklahoma City, Okla.
- Journal of the Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Diocese*, January 25th and 26th, 1956.
Donor: The Protestant Episcopal Church of Oklahoma.
- History and Development of Fabrics*. 11 leaflets (Rayon)
Donor: American Viscose Corporation, New York City.
- Annual Report, March 15, 1956*-University of Colorado Development Fund. General Series 859.
Donor: University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo.
- Native Grasses, Legumes and Herbs*. Sections 1 and 2 of a Series Pasture and Range Plants.
Donor: Phillips Petroleum Company, Bartlesville, Okla.
- To Advance Human Welfare*.
Donor: The Ford Foundation.
- Rail Transit and the Winning of Wars*, by General James A. Van Fleet, U. S. Army (retired).
Donor: Association of American Railroads, March 19, 1956, Washington, D. C.
- The Betrayal of German Ornes*, by Guidad Trujillo.
Donor: The Dominican Press Society, Dominican Republic, 1956.

The John Franklin Shafroth Collection, 1854-1922.

Donor: State Historical Society of Colorado, Denver, Colo.

The History of Glass Containers.

Donor: Glass Container Manufacturers Institute, New York 16, N. Y.

Address delivered by Wm. T. Faricy, President, before National Association of Shippers Adv. Board, Oct. 13, 1955.

Donor: American Association of Railroads, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Stephen Crane, 1871-1900; An Exhibition of his Writings.

Donor: Columbia University Libraries, New York City.

Forest History Sources of the United States and Canada.

Donor: History Foundation, Inc. Saint Paul, Minn. 1956.

Martin Kellogg, "The Centenarian". Ancestry, Life and Descendants of Martin Kellogg of Bronson, Huron Co., Ohio, 1786-1892 (1954)

Donor: Dale C. Kellogg.

Annual Report, Headlines of 1955.

This is Tree Farming;

It's a Tree Country;

Facts about the Nation's Lumber Industry, 1956 ed.

Oklahoma Forest Facts, 1956 ed.

The Nation's Wood Preserving Industry, 1956;

The Wood Pulp Industry, 1956;

Bibliography of Teaching Aids on America's Forests and Forest Industries (1956-57).

Donor: American Forestry Products Industries, Washington 6, D. C.

MUSEUM:

Black silk parasol with gold handle; feather fan; silk fan; white beaver hat.

Donor: Mrs. George Mason, Oklahoma City.

Flag with 46 stars.

Donor: Mrs. L. P. Hampton, Oklahoma City.

Minature grass house and minature tepee.

Donor: Miss. Hazel K. Black, Oklahoma City.

Lamp, doll, beads, dishes, pitcher, sewing basket.

Donor: Mrs. Myrtle Hazel Brown, Oklahoma City.

Cane made of buffalo horns.

Donor: Mrs. W. H. Miller, Vici, Okla.

Booklets and clippings on Indian life; booklets on Indian Schools.

Donor: Mrs. Floyd Diacon, Oklahoma City.

Christmas card, 1897.

Donor: Col. Horace K. Speed, Jr. Alexandria, Va.

Baby shoe, lace collar, black dress, white petticoat, black silk basque dress, fans, 12 baby dresses and slips, baby cap, baby coat, woolen undershirt, baby comb and brush set, pair white baby shoes, pair child's brown leather gloves: long white baby coat; piece of marble from original mantel at the White House; section of the original floor beams of the White House.

Donor: Col Horace K. Speed, Jr., Alexandria, Va.

Pictures received for Museum:

Picture of Col. Horace Speed, Jr. on metal frame; five pictures of Col. Horace Speed, Jr. at different ages; two pictures of Horace Speed, Sr.; two pictures of Mrs. Horace Speed, Sr.
 Donor: Col. Horace Speed, Jr. Alexandria, Va.

Camp Doris, Cloud Chief, Oklahoma in 1889.
 Donor: Mrs. Ira Smith, Oklahoma City, Okla.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS:

Mrs. Wilson W. Starr	Alva, Okla.
Mr. Walter J. Arnote	McAlester, Okla.
Mr. Harry H. Chaney	"
Mr. Owen Wimberly	Okeene, Okla.
Mrs. Jean Hingeley Robbins	Okla. City, Okla.
Miss Pearl R. Scales	"
Mrs. Annie M. Sooter	"
Mr. Haskell Paul	Pauls Valley, Okla.
Mr. Ulys Webb	Skiatook, Okla.
Mr. Kenneth Abernathy	Shawnee, Okla.
Mr. W. O. Allen	Tulsa, Okla.

ANNUAL MEMBERS:

Mr. William B. Cleghorn	Anadarko, Okla.
Mr. Walter G. Trornton	Ardmore, Okla.
Mr. Robert Falls	Avery, Okla.
Mrs. D. A. Yates	Bartlesville, Okla.
Mr. M. R. Neal	Chandler, Okla.
Mr. J. H. Reeve	Dewey, Okla.
Miss Isabel Work	Durant, Okla.
Mrs. Augusta I. C. Metcalfe	Durham, Okla.
Mr. Julius H. Almond	Enid, Okla.
Mr. Edward J. Aud	"
Mr. Page Belcher, Jr.	"
Mr. John Willard Bowers	"
Mr. Frank Carter	"
Mr. Truman C. DeFoe	"
Dr. Stephen Jackson England	"
Mr. Harold L. Gasaway	"
Dr. Joe P. Giles	"
Dr. Norman Harris	"
Dr. Frederick G. Hudson	"
Dr. George E. Osborn	"
Mr. W. J. Otjen	"
Mr. J. B. Payne	"
Mr. Ralph W. Wyatt	"
Mr. Joe M. Whitaker	Eufaula, Okla.
Mr. Alfred C. Ford	Fort Gibson, Okla.
General T. H. DeShazo	Ft. Sill, Okla.
Dr. E. B. Dunlap	Lawton, Okla.
Mr. T. A. Dyer	"
Dr. Walter D. Atha	Maud, Okla.
Mr. Joe Ervin	McAlester, Okla.
Mrs. Harriet W. O'Leary	"
Mr. Lawrence E. Zane	Miami, Okla.
Dr. C. C. Bush, Jr.	Norman, Okla.
Mrs. Charles E. Brown	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Mrs. L. T. Fowler	"
Mr. H. J. Garrett	"

Mrs. Pearl I. Glass	"
Dr. R. Q. Goodwin	"
Mr. G. E. Killian	"
Mrs. P. R. Kirk	"
Mrs. Olga Lindsey	"
Mrs. Harry H. Link	"
Miss Louise Link	"
Mrs. Johnston Murray, Jr.	"
Dr. Wm. B. Thompson	"
Mrs. Sammie Fullerton Nolly	Poteau, Okla.
Mrs. Russell Wagoshe	Shawnee, Okla.
Mrs. Lea Hill	"
Mrs. Claude Hendon	"
Mrs. Otis O. Fox	Stillwater, Okla.
Mrs. Walter Wood	Sand Springs, Okla.
Mr. Clem Van Griffin	Tahlequah, Okla.
Mr. Robert L. Bradley	Tulsa, Okla.
Dr. Donald L. Brawner	"
Dr. Henry A. Brocksmith	"
Dr. John D. Capehart	"
Mr. M. E. Dale	"
Mrs. Mary Dean Daniel	Tulsa
Mr. John P. Rucker	"
Mr. LeRoy B. Shirley	"
Mr. Alvin Seamster, Mayor	Bentonville, Ark.
Mr. James W. Covington	Tampa, Florida
Mr. Willard S. Moore	Kansas City, Mo.
Mr. Maurice K. Ramsey	"
Mr. George Milburn	New York, N. Y.
Mrs. Graham Fowler	Chattanooga, Tenn.
Mr. Marion E. Blacknall	Denison, Texas
Mr. Gus Robinson	"
Mr. George E. Blackstone	San Angelo, Texas
Mrs. Arthur O'Dair	San Antonio, Texas
Mr. A. R. Jones, Jr.	Falls Church, Va.
Mr. W. E. Dunkel	White Stone, Va.
Mrs. C. C. Casey	Williamsburg, Va.