

In the third place, we have been offered for our archives by the Benham group, architectural plans dating back as far as the beginning of statehood. These appear to be only the first of many historical archival items which will be offered to us.

Our Oklahoma County historical book is now at press and will be available very soon. All of us are looking forward to getting this outstanding book which Bob Blackburn has prepared.

At our late April board meeting, we determined that general membership meetings will be held quarterly—in May, September, November, and February. Each meeting will include an outstanding speaker, committee reports, a minimum of business, and fellowship. Please note we are avoiding the three summer months because of vacations and December because of the Christmas season.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you are invited to state your preference as a committee member. Choose the item which interests you most. We promise we will not overwork you, but you will enjoy your membership more if you have a part in one of our projects.

If you are an annual member who has not renewed, send your \$5.00 in immediately for 1981 dues.

Meanwhile, we will look forward to seeing you at our membership meeting in the Melton Building (immediately south of Liberty Bank) downtown May 26.

Pendleton Woods

MILITARY HISTORY: Judge Daugherty, 45th Museum, Will Be Featured at September 15 Meeting

Mark your calendar now for the fall meeting of the OCHS, to be held at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, September 15, 1981, at the 45th Infantry Division Museum, 36th and Eastern in Oklahoma City. Judge Fred Daugherty, a retired general and former commander of the 45th Infantry Division, who is board chairman of the museum, will speak and introduce the museum. Following the introduction, you will tour the museum and see and hear the audio-visual presentation on the citizen soldier of Oklahoma. The 45th Division Museum is recognized as one of the outstanding military museums in the United States.

HOME AT LAST!

We are happy to announce that at last we have located a base for our activities. Mr. Howard Melton has graciously offered us space on the second floor of the historic Melton Building at 20 West Main in downtown Oklahoma City. This space will serve the OCHS for meetings, research, and display of collections. Hours of operation based on availability of volunteer help are still being arranged.

COLLECTIONS POLICY

With the acceptance of the space in the Melton Building, the Collections Committee is finally ready to begin collecting historical material. The committee is interested in obtaining the following (all must pertain to some aspect of the history of Oklahoma County):

- 1) Books
- 2) Other printed material (pamphlets, brochures, newsletters, directories, etc.)
- 3) Newspapers (clipping files, complete editions, special editions)
- 4) Personal collections (papers; correspondence; diaries; business, personal, or governmental records)
- 5) Photographs (originals, duplicates, and negatives)
- 6) Maps
- 7) Audio-visual material (tape recordings, slides, phonograph records or discs, stereoscopes)
- 8) Artifacts (furniture, clothing, personal items, farm implements, office and industrial equipment, art objects, picture frames, etc.)

The committee would be equally delighted with donations of more mundane articles vital to our operation. These items include desks, file cabinets, work tables, chairs, typewriters, bookshelves, office supplies, display cases, or other items which will prevent unnecessary expenditure of OCHS funds. Donations will be properly accessioned and receipts will be provided.

Please evaluate your own collections and those of your relatives and friends for possible donations. Let's don't let priceless historical material be discarded now that we have a chance to preserve it and give it meaning. Spread the word!