

NEW DISPLAY INSTALLED

If you haven't paid the Museum of the Unassigned Lands a visit lately then you haven't seen the newly installed "Oklahoma City Through the Decades".

Located north of the Pei Plan, this area depicts the growth and development of the city since 1889. Period advertisements and photographs help tell the story. Also included are artifacts from the Biltmore and Huckins Hotels. Of particular interest are two ceiling fans that were rescued from the Biltmore that have been wired and are in use as lights for the display area.

BRICK COLLECTOR ON OETA

Luke Robison, society member, was recently featured discussing his extensive brick collection on OETA Channel 13. It was through the Museum of the Unassigned Lands that Luke was contacted by OETA. We are fortunate that Luke has donated a number of bricks from his collection to the museum and that he built the display case as well.

ARTIFACTS FROM U.S.S. OKLAHOMA CITY PENDING

The destroyer U.S. Oklahoma City has been scheduled for scraping sometime this summer. The society has been in contact with the Department of the Navy in the hopes of securing artifacts for the Museum of the Unassigned Lands.

We have been very encouraged that we will be able to have a 13,000 lb. anchor plus a porthole and other items for display purposes. John Kirkpatrick has graciously offered to defray expenses in shipping the heavy equipage from Bremerton, Washington.

Once the artifacts arrive in Oklahoma City, plans are being laid to construct an outdoor display utilizing the anchor as the main focal point.

SENATOR NICKLES OFFICE HELPS SOCIETY

With the advent of receiving artifacts from the old U.S.S. Oklahoma City, it was thought that we need at least photographs of the new nuclear submarine of the same name. Senator Don Nickles assisted in securing color photographs of the dedication ceremonies where the ship was christened.

These photos will be added to our display on both ships once all the artifacts are received.

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Museum Visitors 1986

January '86 - 28 visitors

Oklahoma Prairies
DAR meeting (about 40)

February '86 - 81 41 individuals

March '86 - 80

{Star Christian School
tour 24

66 individuals

Belle Isle School 12
1181 UDC meeting 15

April '86 - 63

individuals 36

Westerners Dinner 48
Epperly Heights 3rd grade 25

May '86 - 105

individuals 92

no special groups

June '86 - 26

Several people have noted how "out of the way" our location is.

Special meetings & activities at the museum contribute a lot to our attendance

April '85 attendance was much higher than April '86 but most were attending a special activity

individual visitors in April 1986

1985 Museum Visitors

Jan 25-31, 1985 — 5

Feb '85 — 20

March '85 — 46 (14 from Classen Highschool
individuals 32)

April '85 — 149 { Belle Isle School — 25
(11 besides group meetings) { Plaza Towers elem. — 75
Spring Membership Meeting — 38
138

May '85 — 13

June '85 — 37 ~~Rainbow~~ Daycare Center 7
30 individual visitors

Attendance at our 1986 Spring membership meeting doesn't show on the guest register because we had it at the Harn House.

Next time we have a meeting away from the museum we need to take the book or have guests sign on notebook 20th names in the book later

message from the Pres.

This September marks the second anniversary of the opening of the Museum of the Unmarried Lords. As I reflect upon that period in the life of our organization, many people are responsible for its creation and subsequent operation. I am grateful to all those people who, unselfishly dedicated themselves to make this museum a success. This month also marks the opening of the Central High School Museum. Again, many hands contributed by dozens of individuals have made this museum a crown jewel in Okla. City.

I have received word from the American Museum Association which is most discouraging. The tax reform bill presently before Congress has deleted museums and historical institutions as a major blow. Congress has deleted the tax deduction on donations whether it be money or an artifact. This deduction is the life blood which keeps non-profit organizations such as ours operating. We have lost sound one, but we are not out. I urge each of our members to write their Congressmen to restore this deduction. Listed below are the addresses of the following Congressmen:

achievement, was the recipient of the 1986 Charles Coleard Award for Historic Preservation.

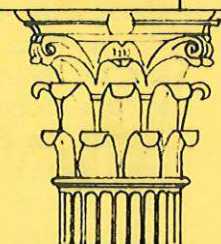
All this would not be possible without the cooperation of the Board of Directors and our dedication of our members.

Who ever the new president will be next year will have that support that makes the job so much easier. I thank the boards past and present for making my job so easy. I have truly enjoyed the experience.

Sincerely,
William D. Adley

HISTORICAL MINUTES

OKLAHOMA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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Quarterly Meeting Notice: MARK TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 7:30 P.M. ON YOUR CALENDAR!!

That is the evening the Oklahoma County Historical Society will hold its fall quarterly meeting at the 45th Infantry Division Museum. Our host, narrator, and guide will be Judge Fred A. Daugherty, a life member of our own society, whose leadership and expertise has made the museum a reality.

If you have never been there, it is easy to find. It is the sandstone building on the north side of NE 36th Street immediately east of Eastern Avenue. The location is marked with a large Thunderbird sign. If you have been there before this meeting, you have a new treat in store for you. The building has recently been enlarged to house one of the nation's finest military gun collections. This collection, formerly owned by Jordan and Ruby Reaves, was purchased for the museum through a campaign headed by another life member of OCHS— Jack T. Conn. The enlarged building also provides for a major expansion of the museum's collection of original Bill Mauldin cartoons. We will all be able to see more of the antics of "Willie and Joe" as they endured rations, officers, and, of course, the enemy.

Following our usual custom, coffee, lemonade, and cookies will be served during our social gathering at the close of the meeting. Come on out to this meeting, bring a friend, and learn what is new and exciting at the Oklahoma County Historical Society. We are fortunate to have this special opportunity to view the finest state military museum in the nation.

Let us hear from you!!

The new mailing address of the Oklahoma County Historical Society is the Melton Building, 20 West Main, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73101. Please send your comments, suggestions, or inquiries to us at that address. We want to establish that location as the focus of our activities of all types. Howard Melton has been extremely supportive of our efforts by donating space and display materials to us. We need input from the members in numerous ways to make our society as energetic and enthusiastic as the others in the state. We are in the Diamond Jubilee celebration now and we are approaching the centennial celebration of the birth of the county. We have a great chance to let people know about our heritage, and it will take involvement by many people to do justice to our complex and fascinating history.

A committee is already at work locating objects for display, identifying them, and planning the reassembly of pieces which had to be broken during removal. Bill Peavler and Bill Silk are planning the layout design for the displays. Any member owning or knowing the location of any artifact from one of the historic buildings should contact Pen Woods at 478-1661 or Bill Peavler at 521-2491. We need your help in making this big project successful.

Pendleton Woods

Collections Committee Report

The Collections Committee is pleased to report the following donations to the Society:

1. A Sixty Year History of Capitol Hill, 1905-1965, donated by David Sellers, publisher of the Capitol Hill Beacon.
2. The Charles Truhitte Collection, consisting of the personal material of a retail merchant with the J. C. Penney Company for many years. Donated by Mrs. Charles Truhitte and the J. C. Penney Company at Shepherd Mall.
3. The W. T. "Bill" Hale Collection of books, photographs, and office furniture of the late former County Assessor. Donated by Mrs. W.T. Hale.

The next meeting of the Collections Committee will be September 14 at 5:30 P.M. at the Melton Building at 20 West Main in Oklahoma City. This will be a joint meeting with the Museums and Sites Committee. Plans will be discussed for activities of both committees.

If you own or know of any materials of historic nature which can be donated to the Society, please contact Bill Welge at 681-4545. We are seeking books, artifacts, photographs, news clippings, genealogical material, maps, and other material to help the development of the museum and archives. —Bill Welge

Museums and Sites Committee Report

The committee is planning several activities for the next few months, and any members interested in assisting are encouraged to contact Diane Everman at 478-3941. Activities now in the initial stages:

1. A historic site survey of the county. This will include sites important in the history of each of the past and present communities of the county. This survey will include research, interviews, photographs, and other documentation about historic sites in the county. Some of these will be nominated to the National Register of Historic Places, but we want to establish a comprehensive file on all sites for reference and for future displays and presentations.
2. Development of the museum depicting the history of the county. This will utilize material collected by the society as well as other resources available to inform people about various aspects of our past. We plan special displays as well as general exhibits about the county. Anyone with carpentry skills or graphic arts ability please contact me.



Help Spread the Word About Us !

Post the attached announcements about the next meeting and about the collections drive at your place of business, school, church, local grocery store, library, restroom, elevator, or any other place where the public will see it. Many people would be interested in the program if we let them know about it. Many others know of or have material they would be willing to part with if they know it will contribute to the history of the area. Please pass along the announcements to someone after you have marked your own calendar and have checked your material for possible donations to the society. Please feel free to copy the announcements and distribute them as you wish.

Hey, Fellow Historians— How About Giving Us A Hand?

As noted elsewhere, the Collections and Museums and Sites chairpersons are committed to developing the resources of the society, but they can't do it alone. All of the members of the society have their own day-to-day affairs to take care of; none of us are able to devote full time to OCHS matters. We all have different interests, skills, and reasons for joining the County Historical Society, but the basis for all of us is an interest in the history of the county and its people. If we all offer some of our time and energy we can make great strides toward preserving and understanding our heritage. Both Bill and Diane have plans for programs and activities in their areas and are looking forward to working with you, so please pitch in. Contact Bill at 681-4545 and Diane at 478-3941, or write them at 20 West Main and they will contact you. Let's make the OCHS a reflection of all the county and all of the society members.

One way members could help is in being at the OCHS headquarters at the Melton Building during the day at various times. We will get a phone when we get enough volunteers who can devote a couple of hours per week to keep the area open. Anyone able to help in this manner is encouraged to contact Mike Everman at 478-3941 or by writing to him at 20 West Main.

WANTED

PHOTOGRAPHS
ARTIFACTS

BOOKS
FARM IMPLEMENTS

OLD-TIME HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
NEWSPAPERS FURNITURE
PERSONAL PAPERS + RECORDS CLOTHING
AND
OTHER ITEMS

Depicting
the history of the people and places of
Oklahoma County

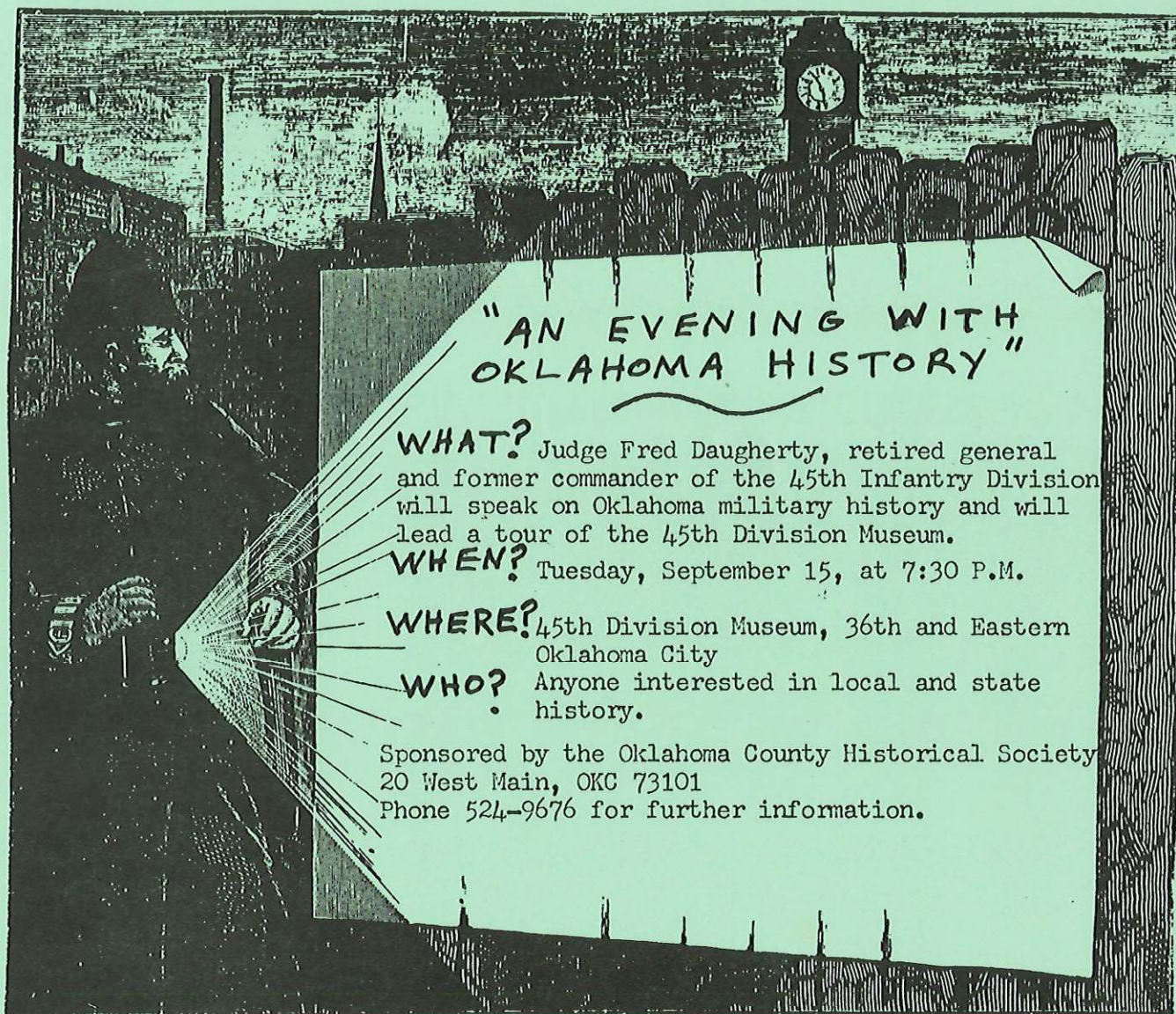
To be included in the museum and library of the
Oklahoma County Historical Society at 20 West
Main, OKC, 73101.

Help Discover Our Exciting Past!!

CONTACT: Bill Welge, Collections chairman

CALL 681-4545 or 478-3941 now!





**"AN EVENING WITH
OKLAHOMA HISTORY"**

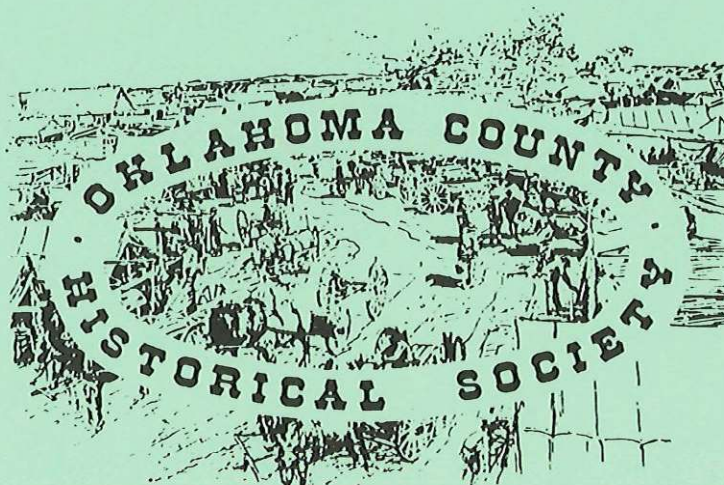
WHAT? Judge Fred Daugherty, retired general and former commander of the 45th Infantry Division will speak on Oklahoma military history and will lead a tour of the 45th Division Museum.

WHEN? Tuesday, September 15, at 7:30 P.M.

WHERE? 45th Division Museum, 36th and Eastern Oklahoma City

WHO? Anyone interested in local and state history.

Sponsored by the Oklahoma County Historical Society
20 West Main, OKC 73101
Phone 524-9676 for further information.

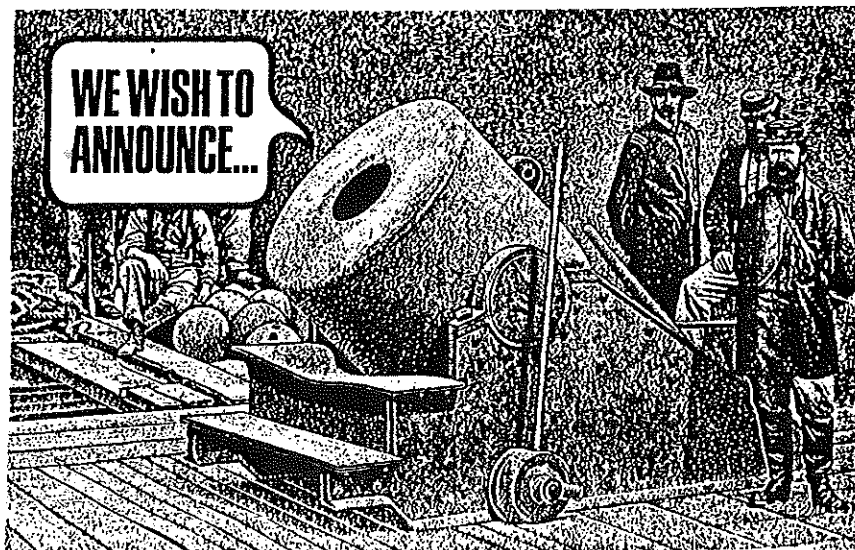


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EARLY OKLAHOMA CITY WILL BE FEATURED AT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Scenes of early Oklahoma City on slides will be the highlight of the quarterly membership meeting of the Oklahoma County Historical Society on the second floor of the Melton Building at 20 West Main at 7:30 P.M. Tuesday, February 2.

A slide show of early Oklahoma City, beginning with the Boomer movement and showing the development of the city from the Run of 1839 through about 1910, will be presented by Society President Pendleton Woods, who collaborated with Roy P. Stewart in the writing of Born Grown—An Oklahoma City History. Pictures shown in the slide narration will include scenes collected while working on the book, although most of the pictures shown have not appeared either in Born Grown or in other publications.

Attending the next membership meeting will be like making a trip through the past. There will be refreshments following the meeting, plus historical door prizes! So plan now to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

OOPS! One of the delights of getting out this newsletter is the certainty each quarter of finding out something new about how the post office works. In the last newsletter I gave the address of OCHS as 20 West Main, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Right so far. But the real zip code is 73102. (—01 numbers are for P.O. boxes. Call me sometime and I'll tell you all about bulk mailing, or how not to do it.)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are coming closer than ever toward the possibility of some extra special display cases for the OCHS museum. I made a trip to eastern Oklahoma last month to work out arrangements, and I hope to be able to make an announcement at our February 2 meeting. If we receive these cases, it will mean full speed ahead toward the development of a museum. It will mean that we can (and will) be asking people of our county to donate some of their most valuable and historically significant artifacts to the museum. We believe they will do it. Once the 45th Infantry Division Museum board had the necessary space, security, and display capability, veterans of the division began donating priceless artifacts of their military careers, so that future generations could learn by them and enjoy them. The same should be true with our county museum.

We are already developing a historical brick collection of merit. George Shirk's collection as well as mine have been donated to the museum, and we are seeking another possibly valuable collection. These include bricks manufactured in the county as well as bricks which have come from historically significant buildings now destroyed. Each brick will be marked with an engraved metal plate. They will be further identified with the presentation of a short history of the brick, or of the building from whence it came.

Walter Nashert, an Oklahoma history enthusiast most knowledgeable in construction history, is helping us to obtain for display some of the significant tools which served in the building of Oklahoma County. He and the Nashert Construction Company will also be helping us to remove a spire of the Baum building from the home of Dr. Harry Deupree, who has been keeping it for us, to the Clarence E. Ford Park adjacent to the Chamber of Commerce. There it will be displayed along with other large outside artifacts from historic buildings. If you know anyone who has building artifacts which can be added to this outdoor display, call me at Oklahoma Christian College or Bill Peavler at the Oklahoma Historical Society. Bill is in charge of planning the outdoor display.

- - - - Pendleton Woods

WHERE IN THE WORLD WAS. . .

Diane Everman has compiled information on about 200 note cards about many sites in the county. Many of these were found by looking at old maps, city directories, Born Grown, and the extensive and diverse research material available at the Oklahoma Historical Society and the Oklahoma Department of Libraries. These form the nucleus for continued research about historic places in Oklahoma County. Have you ever heard of Bipas, Burnett, Carey College, Chetola, Delphos (a cooperative colony?), Farley, Gumbo Pit (no, it's not a place for Cajun barbecue), Kickapoo, Marion, Mishak (both Czech communities), Poole, Satanta, Seymour, Shawhoma, Wadsook, or Wing???? Drop us a line or call 478-3941 and let us know what you can find out.

DON'T BE SHY!!

Folks, don't hesitate about what contribution you can make to the OCHS. Clippings, scrapbooks, songbooks, sad irons, yearbooks, photographs, or a little of your time and energy—it all adds up to help us preserve and present our heritage. Many of us like to scour the flea markets for unusual items. While you are there, look for something you could purchase and donate to the OCHS which can reflect a bit of our past. We have noticed many old postcards with pictures of the buildings or sites in the county. The writing on the reverse side of these reveals interesting ideas about people's attitudes about where they live and what they do. I recently looked through an extensive collection covering

the entire state at the Oklahoma Department of Libraries. Some excerpts about Oklahoma County (all around 1910):

"Dear Mary, I will write you a few lines on here. Mother and Les went to the fair on children's day. They never had no school. But I had school. Hilda."

". . . I haven't fully decided what I'll do the 4th. Am afraid they won't have a very sane one here, because they are not very sane anyway. Hope you are real well. . ."

". . . Yesterday was fine. Oklahoma won all around. Too bad K.U. couldn't have kicked that goal. . ."

". . . No, you must have gotten your hot weather from some other place for none has left here, in fact, more is coming daily, and the papers tell us that an ill famine is imminent. It is awful to contemplate the result. Think I'll go get a place at the Ice Plant."

". . . This is our new two story hotel. Come down and we'll go and take dinner there. Walter went away Friday, hasn't come back yet. Guess he has run off with a better looking woman. . . We had a fine time during fair."

"This is one of the many new buildings to be erected soon. There is one 14 story and one 16 story that is already started. The city has a skyscraper for every month I have been here, all built since I came here."

In Wheeler Park- "Think you haven't one like this, but it looks so cool, shady, and nice that thought it might help the weather some. Think I put in most of the day there tomorrow. Just get plenty to read and go out there and stay. Whooee! but yesterday was awful, and this morning doesn't look much better, but pshaw what do I care. But I do hope it isn't so bad with you and that you are real well."

Picture of a bear in a tree- "I was about in the position of this bear, but got two cards today. . ."

Things haven't changed all that much, have they? Please send in or let us know about any items you might have. We have received material recently from Carol Welsh, Bill and Olivette Burt, Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Ferguson, Pen Woods, Bob Blackburn, and offers from several others. We appreciate these gifts tremendously.

NEWS AND NOTES

Linda Rosser is compiling information for a book about Christmas in Oklahoma. This would include the customs, celebrations, decorations, joys and sorrows of this season in the lives of Oklahomans of all types. Persons with information or wishing to hear more about the project can contact Linda at 2500 Bob White Trail in Edmond.

Congratulations to the Friends of the Metropolitan Library System on their successful campaign to increase the mill levy for libraries. Thanks also to the citizens who care enough about enhancing information services to get out and vote. Watch for the Friends book sale the first week of February. You'll be surprised at the treasures you will find at bargain prices.

One of the most enjoyable and readable books on Oklahoma history to come out in a long time is Oklahoma Memories, edited by Anne Hodges Morgan and Rennard Stickland. This sampling of personal accounts from books, oral histories, and other sources is guaranteed to whet your appetite for the human side of the complex and fascinating history of our state.

The Museums and Sites committee has contacted Southwestern Bell about the possibility of OCHS helping them with displays and memorabilia to reflect the history of Oklahoma City's Central High School. Bell will be restoring and renovating this historic structure over the next few months, but has expressed interest in retaining a memorial room. OCHS members should not let the opportunity pass, if the company is agreeable, to assist with providing technical expertise, photos, information, or memorabilia to preserve the memory of the building, the alumni, and its place in our history. This assistance is, of course, at the company's discretion. If you can contribute to this project contact Diane Everman at 478-3941.

It is possible that some positions on the Board of Directors will be open for the term beginning at our meeting after February 2. We would encourage any of you who can offer some time and energy to the efforts of the OCHS to consider serving on the Board. Things can only get better as more people become involved.

We have two new persons in town who are prominent in the historical field in Oklahoma. Louis Coleman is the new Deputy Director of the Oklahoma Historical Society. He is new to our area, as he has been the guiding light of the McCurtain County Historical Society for the past several years. Howard Lowell is the new administrator of the State Archives at the Department of Libraries. He has been traveling the country virtually non-stop the last couple of years as director of a project to increase awareness and evaluate needs for preservation of informational materials in the Western United States. We welcome both of these men and hope when the dust settles we will be able to call on them to join us in our local efforts. I am sure either would appreciate advice on how to survive in their new environment, and would be glad to discuss their programs.

Be sure to attend the next meeting. and keep the donations of material and information coming!!!



Mr. & Mrs. Bill Peavler
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OKC, OK 73118 CL

ANNUAL REPORT 1981-82
Oklahoma County Historical Society

MEMBERSHIP

The Oklahoma County Historical Society closed its 1981-82 year with 155 life members and 75 regular members.

COMMUNICATIONS

Beginning with the past year, the society began publication of a quarterly news publication relating the activities of the society and telling of coming events. Bill Silk, and later Mike and Diane Everman have been involved in the editing of the publication with assistance from a number of other members.

MUSEUM

Through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Melton, the society owns the facade easement of the Melton Building at 21 W. Main St. downtown and has been provided, rent-free, most of the second floor space in this building, in which it began the development of an Oklahoma County Museum. Major contributors of artifacts for the museum have been Dr. and Mrs. E. Gordon Ferguson, Mrs. Bill Hale, Olivette Burt, Mr. and Mrs. Brawley, Dr. and Mrs. Harry Deupree, Col and Mrs. Forrest Himes, the South Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, Lucyl Shirk, Mr. and Mrs. Pen Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Melton and Mrs. Jack McKaw.

We are seriously seeking contributions and have full means of protection of the items, plus arrangements for display in the near future.

We are in contact with two sources of first class display cases which will make possible an outstanding historical museum. Enough cases are available to completely fulfill our need.

The courts have ruled that the Melton Building will go down, but if the decision stands and Mr. Melton must move, he plans to make space wherever he goes for the Oklahoma County Historical Museum.

HISTORICAL PARK

The Oklahoma County Historical Society, with assistance and cooperation from the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce and Dick Ford, is bringing artifacts from the buildings torn down in downtown Oklahoma City into the Clarence Ford Park adjacent to the Chamber for permanent display and for interpretation through historical plaques.

The most recent item installed in the park by the society was a spire from the Baum Building, which, with the help of Walter Nashert, was brought from the home of Dr. Harry Deupree.

The most recent new item obtained by the Society was a cut stone design, dated 1902, from the old Oklahoma City jail.

SCHOOL MUSEUM

The Oklahoma County Historical Society has been asked to develop and administer a school museum to be placed in the lobby of the old Central High School, now owned by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. It is our understanding that Southwestern Bell will purchase and install the cases for the museum. If this project is accepted by our board, we will begin the accession of items at the Central High School reunion in May.

PUBLICATION OF COUNTY HISTORY

Next month marks the publication date for Heart of the Promised Land, a history of Oklahoma County, written by Bob Blackburn and published by the Oklahoma County Historical Society. Ten thousand copies will be printed in the first edition. It will be a beautiful book, heavily pictorial, with a full color cover jacket. The book will sell for \$25.00 at the book stores and will be well worth the price. Discount prices are available for advance quantity purchase. Besides making a distinct contribution to preservation through this book, the society expects to make a profit on sales, which, in turn, will be used to further our museum development and other projects.

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Beginning last year it was determined that the Society would hold quarterly membership meetings with speakers on subjects relating to Oklahoma County. Reception has been good and quarterly meetings will continue.

PARTICIPATION IN CENTENNIAL

A historical committee has been appointed to the Oklahoma City Centennial Commission, and the chairman and both vice chairmen of this committee are life members of the Oklahoma County Historical Society (Bill Bleakley, Roy Stewart and Pen Woods). The Society will play a key role in the Centennial.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Funds in accounts of the Oklahoma County Historical Society are as follows:

Regular Account:	\$ 3,689
Special Projects Account:	\$ 1,181
*Oklahoma City Community Foundation:	\$12,500
Total.....	\$17,370

Pendleton Woods
President

Oklahoma County Historical Society

*Home of the
"Museum of the Unassigned Lands"*

4300 North Sewell
Oklahoma City, Okla. 73118



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Acquisitions Received

The museum has received a number of donations since December of 1983. Mr. Rodney Janeway contributed business and telephone directories, an indenture agreement signed by F. W. Woolworth and a township plat map of Oklahoma City, 1903.

Charles Able provided us with a fifty year history of Trinity Baptist Church of OKC; a twenty five year compilation of "paragraphs" by the pastor emeritus of that church, Dr. Robert S. Scales; a history of Early Oklahoma Photographers; and his own book of collected articles dealing with Central High School.

A Story and Camp rosewood square grand piano was donated by Mr Jack Koberg and has been placed in the museum.

Pen Woods brought a photo mural, plat map and an artist concept of Oklahoma City.

A large photo mural of OKC was brought in last week and Jack Moses is restoring it at this time. Since the print is nearly ten feet long; one could say it is "a real big job" he has on his hands! This print will hold a commanding place in our museum.

We are in need of a period oval braided rug and a Victorian Wing Chair or Rocker to round out our Territorial Parlor display. Also, if you have items such as a cradlena, a parceleian wash basin & pitcher, or an umbrella stand that would add that "extra touch" to our parlor; we can use it.

Bernice Flynn, our membership secretary, has been doing an outstanding job of organizing the society membership rolls. If you have had a change of address, or name, please let us know, and we'll make the corrections.

ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 1st

The Oklahoma County
Historical Society
invites you to hear
Mr. CLARENCE PAGE,
pioneer aviator and founder of
The Air & Space Museum
at the
Kirkpatrick Center
Northeast 50th & Eastern

Mr. Page will give us a guided tour
of the museum
after which we will have
WINE & CHEESE
and other refreshments.

In The Venacular

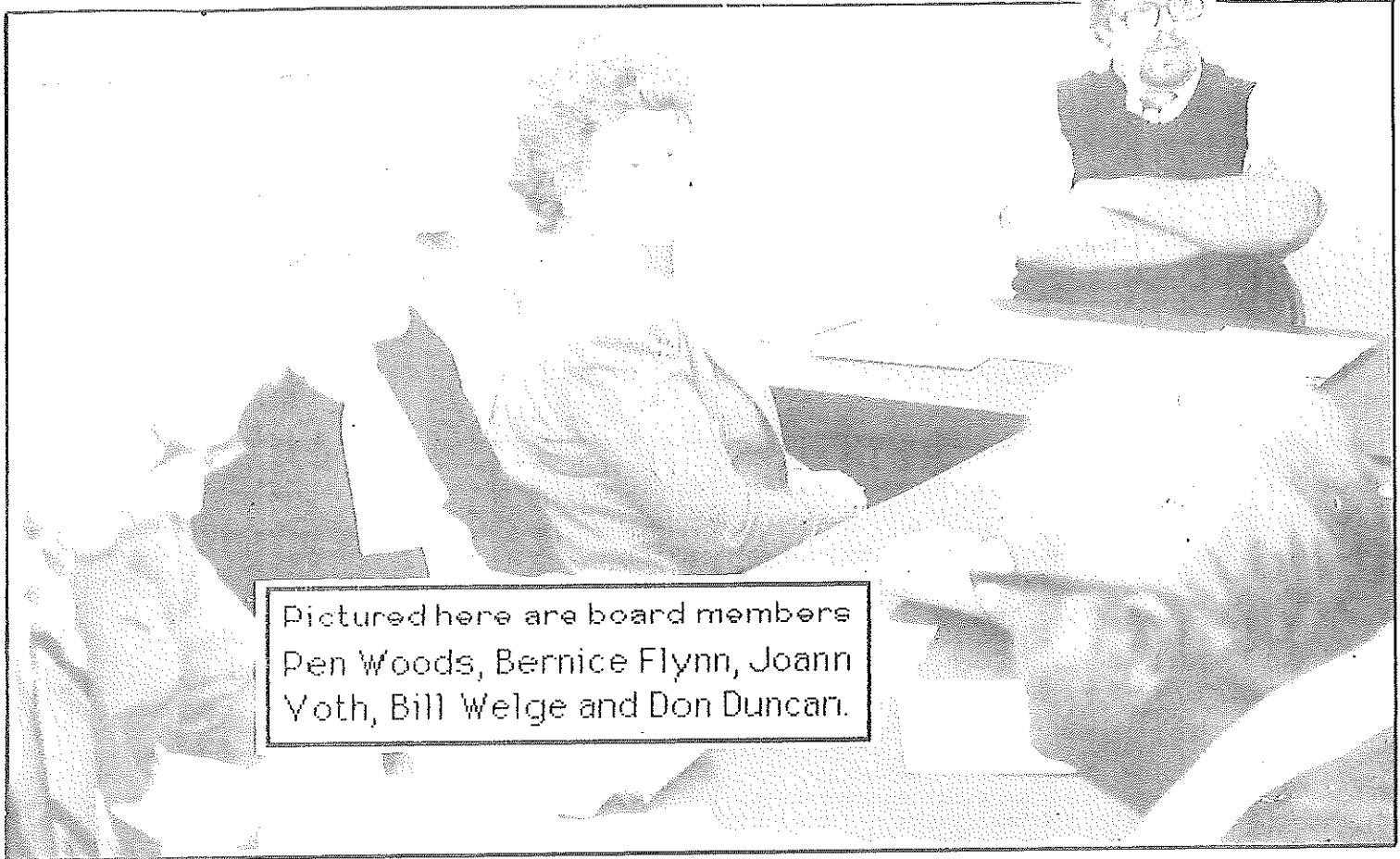
This is our second year to co-sponsor with the State Office of Preservation the conference on Venacular Architecture. This will be held at the Overholser Carriage House (405 N. W. 15th) on April 3rd between 8:30 and 4:15.

The title of the seminar is "In the Venacular: Ponder, Put-up and Preserve." Pre-registration is \$12.00. At the door: \$15.00. The registration fee includes the lunch.

Sketches Still Needed

In the last issue of our newsletter we requested that our members send us sketches of themselves. Response was less than overwhelming! We still encourage you to get these in as soon as possible.

Board of Directors Meet



Pictured here are board members Pen Woods, Bernice Flynn, Joann Voth, Bill Welge and Don Duncan.

Society Receives Check

On January 31st, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation held its annual banquet to award foundation checks to various charitable and civic organizations. This year's event took place at the Quail Creek Golf & Country Club. Representing the society was our president, Bill Welge and Charles Able, vice president; at which time they accepted a check for \$614.00 for on-going projects.

Volunteers wanted

One of the societies on-going projects is the development of the Museum of the Unassigned Lands. We are endeavoring to have the museum open soon, but it will take bodies to make it come about. One or two people, such as we now have will not be enough. If you have spare time on Mondays or Tuesdays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm we surely can use YOUR HELPING HANDS.

Oklahoma County Historical Society

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Oklahoma City, Okla. 73118

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Oklahoma County Historical Society

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Oklahoma City, Okla. 73118



April 1985

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

1984 was a good year for our society! We gained ten life members; dedicated two museums, receiving many fine artifacts for both of them; published five newsletters; and held two membership meetings.

With 1985 upon us, we are meeting new challenges. We have hired a curator part time for the Museum of the Unassigned Lands; we have secured eight fine display cases for artifacts; and received \$2,500.00 grant from the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. At present, our treasury is in the black and through careful management, your board of directors has endeavored to spend wisely in order to meet the needs of opening the two museums to the public.

However, membership renewal for this new year, has brought only a 20% rate of return, which is disappointing. We need your support in order to continue with the two museums, publications, and other on-going programs of the society. Support for such a series of programs by membership dues alone, is marginal at best. Therefore, please send in your 1985 dues, if you have not done so. They will be appreciated.

If you were unable to attend the dedication of either museum last year, you will be interested in knowing that the Museum of the unassigned Lands is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Come in and see what we have been talking about and meet our curator, Margaret Woods. Our telephone number is 521-1889, which we feel is rather appropriate. The Central High School Museum will be opening with a similar schedule before summer.

ONE ROOM SCHOOL ALUMNI

If you attended a one-room school in Oklahoma County, or know someone who did, Edna Couch is interested. She also needs photographs (they can be copied and the original returned if you wish), and names of teachers if you remember them. Information is missing, relative to the south-west area of Oklahoma County. Address replies to: Edna M. Couch, 509 North University Blvd.-Norman, OK 73069.

MATCHING FUNDS NEEDED

As you know, our Society is sponsoring the publication of The Central Theme, which is a history of Central High School. The Southwestern Bell Telephone Company has offered a matching grant of twenty-five hundred dollars.

We are participating in this project in conjunction with The Central High School Alumni Association. They have already begun making contributions, but we are still short of our goal. Of course, donations are tax deductible if made payable to the Oklahoma County Historical Society.

ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 21st

The Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma County Historical Society, will be held from 3:00 to 5:00, April 21, 1985. The WKY production of "The Run of '89" will be the special offering of the day. But there's more:

□ This will also be your opportunity to see the progress which has been made in preparing The Museum of the Unassigned Lands.



□ Two new works will be on view. A bust of Mrs. Mary D. Couch, who was the first teacher-principal of Oklahoma High School, and a second bust which is of Edna Couch, a member of our society and president of The 89er Association. Both were sculpted by Andrew Lester, our artist in residence.

□ The Voth Art Gallery will also be open, with new works for your viewing.

□ A diorama has been contributed to our society by the Oklahoma State Historical Society and will be shown for the first time.

□ New display cases with placement of artifacts.

□ And yes, refreshments will be served.

ART LIBRARY USE OPEN TO MEMBERS

You may not realize it, but the Melton Reference Art Library is available at no cost to gallery dealers, appraisers and collectors of art - and to you as a member of the Oklahoma County Historical Society.

STATE VERNACULAR HERITAGE MEET

The Oklahoma County Historical Society will co-sponsor The Third Annual Conference on State Vernacular Heritage at the Overholser Mansion on April 25th. You will want to get your reservations in early for this meeting.

SPECIAL APPRECIATION

On behalf of the Board of Directors and of the membership of our society, we want to extend a special "thank you" to The Pay-Less Cashway Store No. 83, located at I-240 and Sooner Road. When we needed help in getting our museum ready for the dedication program in September, they generously provided nearly a hundred dollars in materials.