

Oklahoma County Historical Society

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Home of the
"Museum of the Unassigned Lands"
and the
"Central High School Museum"



December 1989

Annual Meeting Set

The Board of Directors recently designated December 3rd as the date for the fall annual meeting. This will take place at the One Central Building (enter at the west side parking lot on Harvey). Members will be treated to refreshments beginning at 3:00 pm, followed by a gathering of the general membership.

The agenda includes election of members to the board and presentation of Cardinal Service Awards at 3:30 pm. President Peavler will review the centennial year activities and another related business. Mark your calendar for this interesting and important event.

President Peavler to Present Cardinal Awards

Receiving the Cardinal Service Award for distinguished service to their community state and nation will be John E. Kirkpatrick, businessman and philanthropist; Fred Daugherty, federal judge and retired commanding general of the 45th Infantry Division; Harvey P. Everest, retired banker and civic leader; Dwain D. Box, retired judge of the State Court of Appeals; Paul N. Hanson, well known basketball coach; and Judge David Cook.

Others being recognized will be Marvin D. Mosher, Johnny Armstrong, Mrs. C. W. McCarty, Kenneth H. Boyd, Donald L. Boggs, Richard Garner, and Mrs. Royce Winters. The meeting will also include the annual report of the Society by its president, Bill E. Peavler.

Annual Membership Drive Begins

Just like clockwork, the end of the year signals our annual membership drive and commitment of all members for the coming year. Without this vital influx of new members and the dues from our entire membership, the operational expenses and society programs would be greatly hindered. It is estimated that forty percent of the entire budget is funded by the dues received from our membership. So as you can see, you do make a difference! Without your support, we would not be able to continue to operate two museums, publish our society newsletter, or fund special projects. So when you receive your letter of "renewal support" please make a prompt and positive response.

Last of the Pioneers Exhibit

Now is your last chance to view the photographic exhibit of "Last of the Pioneer's" by Terry Zinn. this is a unique display of individuals in tune with past.

Yard Sale Update

For those who are not aware of it, 5:30, on Saturday morning comes quite early . . . just ask Pen Woods, Suzanne and Tracy Silvester. On October 7th these early birds along with late comer Bill Welge, began the process of setting up for the venture. Customers following the balloon laden signs, began appearing shortly before 7:00 am.

There was much detail work like sorting, pricing and "selling" to achieve a successful sale. Members from OCHS and the modern dance troupe Prairie Dance Theater banded together with our society to plan and implement this event. Special thanks go to Cynthia Longley, Sue Hand, Beth and Peter Shumway, Bill Potts, Pen and Margaret Woods Raymond Box, Luke Robison, Carl Sadler, Tracy, Suzanne and Robin Silvester and others, made the project a success.

Good weather blessed our efforts and the net result was \$716.10! Although this was below expectation, both groups agreed this is to be an annual event.

Museum Attendance Shows Increase

The Museum of the Unassigned Lands has been the focal point of many visitors during this year. Some 665 patrons signed our register between April 1st and October 31st. This is a dramatic increase over any previous similar period. Of course the Centennial celebration contributed to this, however, it does demonstrate the number of people who made the effort to locate our museum.



A Reward For Hard Work?

Here, board member Bill Pitts (left), dishes up home made ice cream to fellow board member Pen Woods at the annual society garage sale on October 7th.



"Waiting For her Man"

From "The Last Pioneers"

Photographic Portfolio by Terry Zinn

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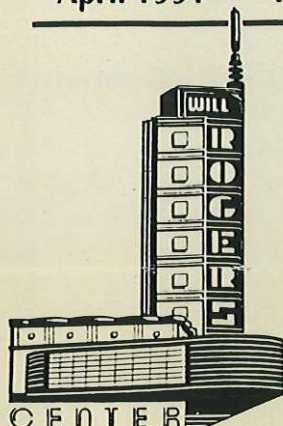


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Pathmaker Awards Luncheon to be at Will Rogers Center

The historic Will Rogers Theater, at 43rd & North Western, has been refurbished and is now offered as a meeting place of warmth and charm for special events. Those who remember this old movie house will enjoy the new elegance of the interior, as they take part in honoring the eight recipients of the Pathmaker Award this year. This annual presentation of awards is made by the Oklahoma County Historical Society in conjunction with the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce. Tickets are \$10.00 and may be ordered directly from the Chamber of Commerce at 1 Santa Fe Plaza, Oklahoma City 73102. Call 278-8900 and ask for Georgia. A special award will also be presented to Luke Robison for his work on behalf of the restoration of the Round Barn at Arcadia — in the face of great personal loss and adversity.

Posthumous Honorees

Mrs. Selwin Douglas: A paramount educational and cultural leader in Oklahoma County from the time of the Run of 1889 until her death in 1902. She was the second principal of Oklahoma High School and its leading early builder. She organized both the New Century and the 20th Century Clubs. She organized the Cosmopolitan Club, which, in turn, created the YWCA in Oklahoma City. She also was the person principally responsible for convincing Andrew Carnegie that he should establish a Carnegie Library in Oklahoma City (now the Oklahoma City-County Library System).

Solomon Layton: Outstanding architect of early Oklahoma County, designing more important buildings in Oklahoma Territory and early Oklahoma than any other individual. These included the Oklahoma State Capitol, Central High School, Taft, and many other schools in the city, as well as many of the best known downtown Oklahoma City structures. His work influenced the careers of many architects who followed him.

Dean A. McGee: Co-Founder and principal builder of the Kerr-McGee corporation, the only major national energy company in Oklahoma County. Mr. McGee was also creator of the Oklahoma Frontiers of Science and Kerr Park, and was the motivating force who followed through with the completion of the Myriad Gardens. The Dean McGee Eye Institute is recognized throughout the Southwest for its achievements.

George Shirk: Served 20 years as president of the Oklahoma Historical Society and brought the Society into modern times, greatly increasing its influence and state support. Mr. Shirk was a historian and writer of many historical articles and books dealing with Oklahoma and Oklahoma County. He was chairman of the committee which revised the Oklahoma City charter and later served as mayor. He was a principal in industrial development in Oklahoma City and headed the Citizens Committee on Water which resulted in the Atoka water project.

Living Honorees

Fred Daugherty: Federal Judge and commanding general of 45th Infantry Division. Enlisted as a private in 1934. He Served as an officer in the South Pacific in World War II, commanded a 45th Division regiment in Korea, and, in the 1950s, became commanding general of the division. He Created and led the development of the 45th Infantry Division Museum. In the course of his judicial career, he became Chief Federal Judge of the Western District of Oklahoma, and now is a Senior Judge.

John Kilpatrick: A principal leader in the arts in Oklahoma County over a period of 40 years, contributing talent and resources in almost every phase of the arts. He is chairman and longest-term member of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority, and the state's newest turnpike, crossing the center of Oklahoma County, which is to be named for him. He is a past president of the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, the Oklahoma City Symphony, and the Arts Council of Oklahoma City, and recently headed the temporary sales tax campaign to entice United Airlines to Oklahoma City.

Abe Lemons: Nationally recognized as a basketball coach and speaker, and played an important role, through athletics, in the building the image of Oklahoma City University. At OCU he took his team to the NCAA tournament seven different years. In 1978 he was named National Coach of the Year for Division 1, and the previous year he was president of the National Association of basketball coaches. In '86 and '87 his OCU team ranked First in the nation in its division throughout the season.

Raymond A. Young: A founder, president and chairman of the TG&Y, which operated nearly one thousand stores throughout half the states of the Union. Mr. Young has been a major civic contributor to Oklahoma County, and a heavy supporter in the field of agriculture. He has been a leader statewide in Baptist work and was instrumental in the creation of the Baptist Hospital. He established a chair of religion at OSU and OBU. Mr. Young is a past president of the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce and of the Oklahoma City Symphony.

Five Year Planning

A special committee, chaired by Lucyl Shirk, has presented a plan for development, programming, membership, and acquisition of artifacts. Members of the committee include Bill Pitts, Bill Peavler and Beth Shumway, and Suzanna Sylvester. We will be announcing more on this project soon.

Constitution & By-Laws

Jim Cloud served as chairman of the committee to analyze/examine and update the Constitution and By-Laws. The board of directors will examine this work and then the finished material will be ratified by the membership. Bill Welge and Bill Peavler served on the committee.

Membership

Secretary, Bernice Flynn, reports that there is a noticeable increase in the number of *Regular* and *Life Membership* people now entering our rolls. We are pleased with such news, which indicates both moral support and financial backing.

President Sadler

We are proud to announce that our president, Carl Sadler, has been selected as a member of the board of directors of the *Oklahoma State Historical Society*. Carl is currently serving his second term as president of our Society.

Parade

The Society has a wagon that was originally made for Fred Highly's father-in-law, who used it to homestead in the New Mexico Territory. Entry of the wagon by our Society was dedicated to troops in the Middle East, by several of our busy board members who always seem to find time to get such thing done. Tell Fred Highly, Pen Woods, & Raymond Box that you appreciate their work the next time you see one of them.

Museum

The **Museum of the Unassigned Lands** has placed on loan to Enterprise Square certain artifact for a *Food & Agriculture Exhibit*, which will be displayed through the remainder of this school year. Our curator, Margaret Woods, enjoys the school children who are brought to the museum each month. The Roy Stewart Library, which is housed within our museum, is growing steadily.

The **Central High School Museum** receives a consistent supply of new artifacts each month. For those who have not visited this unique gallery, we urge that you do so. Care has been taken place on display items that are representative of individuals who attended the school — this is not merely a show a case for trophies. The One Bell Central Building houses the museum which has historic artifacts dating back to 1895! Charles Able is the Curator and is a member of our board of directors.

Reflections

We're eighty or so now and Emma and I live by a set of rules that are appropriate for us who are thought of as being elderly. We know, for instance, that if the radio at the side of the bed is warm . . . it was allowed to stay on all night.

Emma has aged this last year and she looks great! She spends a bit of time complaining about some mysterious person who enters our house during the night and squeezes the toothpaste tube in the middle, departs, then has the nerve to leave the cap off.

Of course I am sharp and logical . . . I recall a friend who once observed that, "If your IQ ever breaks a hundred, sell!"

Like most of our peers we spend a great deal of time in front of the TV. It is seldom turned on, however.

I hope folks will think that my bowed legs are that way 'cause

I just got off a horse . . . carrying a riding crop would look a bit ostentatious, I suppose.

The fact that youngsters follow me and make bets on which way I will go next is disconcerting to me . . . children shouldn't gamble!

On my daily walks, I greet everyone including the headrests on parked cars. Friends think that I should be more formal with my greeting than the use of a simple, "Hi". Gosh, I am too winded to use a big two syllable word like "Hello".

The Spanish have a motto that I like very much: "I don't want the cheese, I just want to get out of this trap."

Since we have grown older, the young people are more considerate of us, and we are more kind to each other. There is a sunset glow that irradiates our faces, and is reflected on those faces about us. But it is still sunset!

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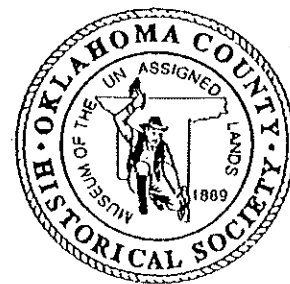
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Society's Annual Meeting Is Slated For October 27

The 1994 annual meeting of the Oklahoma County Historical Society will be hosted by Board Member and Mrs. Charles Coley, at their home at 411 NW 14 Street, at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, October 27.

Speaker will be Capt. Charles Coley, founder of Heritage Hills Historical Preservation, Inc., who will discuss "The Heritage Hills Story."

Heritage Hills is the first and oldest of the historic preservation areas in Oklahoma City, and was rescued from falling into complete disrepair by Coley and a small group of other preservationists who participated in upgrading, which began in 1962.

Refreshments will be served by our hosts.

Also on hand for the meeting will be an annual report of the Oklahoma County Historical Society, and the election of directors for the coming year.

Ten Recognized As Life Members

Ten persons will receive certificates as life members of the Oklahoma County Historical Society at the annual meeting of the Society at the home of Charles Coley next month.

The new life members are Teresa Black, Glenda Carlile, Betsy Daugherty, Denzil E. Gates, Fred Highley, Dr. Lee Holder, John B. Martin, Ed Nall, Luke Robison and Margaret Woods.

Life memberships are available to all individuals for \$100, which is invested in the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, with only its



The Historical Society shared the podium with the OKC Chamber of Commerce at its annual Pathmaker luncheon last May. From left to right at the head table are Society President Carl Sadler at the podium, Chamber Vice President Joy Reed Belt, and Society Past President and Awards Chairman Pendleton Woods.

Our Pathmaker Program Is Pattern For Pott County

The Pathmaker Awards program of the Oklahoma County Historical Society has become the pattern for a similar awards program of the Pottawatomie County Historical Society, headquartered in Shawnee.

Carl Sadler, president of the Oklahoma County Historical Society and a native of Shawnee, has been the chapter's consultant in developing its own program, patterned very closely after ours.

This year's deceased award hon-

orees of the Pott County Society are Athlete Jim Thorpe and Indian Artist Ernest Spybuck.

Living honorees are Civic Leader Dick Briscoe and Retired Educator Jenetta Barber. A special award will go to Phil Cannon, well known Pott County historian.

Last year a full table of members of the Oklahoma County Historical Society attended the initial awards dinner of the Pott County Society in Shawnee.

Centennial Flags Available For Visting Museum Groups

The Oklahoma County Historical Society has a number of three by five foot and four by six foot Oklahoma Centennial Flags, featuring the Unassigned Lands Centennial logo in

color, given to the society by Cecil Samara.

These flags are being given to school, youth and other groups making tours of the museum and re-



Board members of the Oklahoma County Historical Society were kept busy at the fifth annual Pathmaker Luncheon, where the Society honored four living and four deceased persons as Pathmakers of Oklahoma County, in addition to presenting one Distinguished Service Award. Among the honorees and their escorts are (clockwise from upper right) James Stewart, escorted by Board Member Raymond Box; Edna Couch, granddaughter of Boomer Leader and first Oklahoma City Mayor William Couch, escorted by board member and past president Bill Welge; Distinguished Service Award recipient Howard Melton, escorted by his daughter, board member Suzanne Silvester; and Stanley Draper, Jr., accepting his award.

Fund For Completion Of War Memorial Nears Goal

The fund to complete the placing of names of World War II deceased on the Veterans Memorial in the State Capitol complex has almost reached its \$45,000 goal.

The project is sponsored by the Nigh Foundation, the Oklahoma Press Association, the Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters, and the Oklahoma County Historical Society, and is administered by the Nigh Foundation.

The Oklahoma County Historical Society put the initial \$9,000 into the fund—which is the amount left over from the \$15,000 earned by the Society in its Veterans Memorial Ball of three years ago. Earlier the Society, out of its fund, had paid for the completion of placing of World War I names on the Memorial obelisks, and paid for the upgrading of lighting at the Memorial.

DAR Salutes Luke Robison

Luke Robison, a board member of the Oklahoma County Historical Society, has received another honor. This time it is the Medal of Honor of the Daughters of the American Revolution, considered to be the most prestigious award of the organization.

Luke was honored for his many contributions to historical preservation, and particularly for his leadership in the restoration of the Round Barn of Arcadia.

Luke, who is a board member of the Oklahoma County Historical Society, has made many contributions to this organization, including donating a brick collection and building display cases for the historic bricks. He also did the major portion of construction in the building of the Roy P. Stewart Library of Oklahoma and the West.

Geographics Are Being Classified

Board member Raymond Box is leading an effort to classify the National Geographic magazine collection which has been accumulated for the Roy Stewart library of the Museum of the Unassigned Lands.

Recently a large number of the magazines were received by the Society from the estate of Raymond Long, a Society member, who died two years ago.

Extra copies will be sold or given to the Oklahoma County Library system for its annual book sale.

If any Society member is interested in having copies from years past, let us know and they will be made available at a bargain price. Call 521-1889 Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 10 and 3.

Bring Friends To Visit Museum

Bring your out of state friends and relatives to visit the Museum of the Unassigned Lands. It is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 to 2, and will be opened for group tours at other times when needed.

Your October Contributions Will Be Multiplied Twice

Any contribution you make to the Oklahoma County Historical Society Fund in the Community Foundation during October will be quadrupled in value.

Oklahoma City philanthropist John Kirkpatrick has offered to match, dollar for dollar, contributions to the Society's fund during the month, and an anonymous member of the Society has offered to match all contributions by Society members up to a total of

\$1,000. (This includes new \$100 life memberships). This double match will make your contribution four times its size in this investment Foundation.

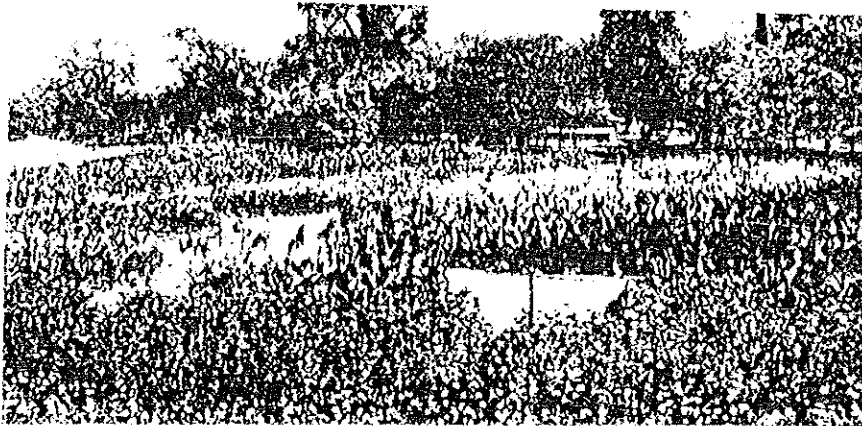
Make your check to the Oklahoma City Community Foundation (tax deductible) and mail it to the Oklahoma County Historical Society at 4300 N. Sewall, Oklahoma City 73118, to arrive not later than Thursday, October 28.

Central High Museum Is Upgraded By Our Society

The Central High School Museum, a project of the Oklahoma County Historical Society, has been upgraded in recent months, under the direction of its volunteer curator and Oklahoma County Historical Society

Board Member Charles Able.

Included have been a number of new artifacts, new lighting and new cases, along with a rack which is capable of displaying several hundred pictures.



Wheeler Park, on the North Canadian River, created in 1902, was the first major public park in Oklahoma City. Only a short walk from all early residential areas, the park included, among other things, the city's botanical gardens and zoo. The botanical gardens are now in Will Rogers Park and the Zoo, since the flood of 1923, has been at Lincoln Park, formerly Northeast Park. Today Wheeler Park is known principally for its softball diamonds.

Largest Territorial Parade Featured The Rough Riders

The largest parade in Oklahoma Territorial history was Oklahoma City's Grand Military Parade of July 3, 1900, led by New York's Governor, and soon-to-be President Theodore Roosevelt.

The Occasion was the reunion of the Rough Riders regiment of the Spanish-American War.

It was viewed by more than 30,000 people--more than the population of

the city at that time.

The governor later spoke outdoors at the Fairgrounds, loud and clear, on a day when microphones and loudspeakers were unavailable.

Referring to the Spanish-American War veterans, Roosevelt said, "You are the bone of my bone and the blood of my blood and I am bound to you by the closest ties that can bind one man to another."



This building, located shortly north of the northwest corner of Main and Broadway, was the first multi-story masonry structure in Oklahoma City and was its landmark building for more than a year. The building was constructed for the Oklahoma City Postoffice, with the Masonic organization, which invested in the structure, occupying the upper stories. It remained in place, later as the Pioneer Telephone Company headquarters, and still later as a savings and loan office, until demolished in the 1930s. The space it occupied, just south of the alley between Main and Park Avenue, is now taken by the enlarged portion of the City Center Building (once Tradesman's Bank and Now Bank IV), when the building was expanded northward in 1976.

In the 1830s there was need for overland routes westward to California. One was created by Josiah Gregg, whose trading expedition started in Van Buren. It went along the north side of the Arkansas and South Canadian rivers to Santa Fe and on to California.

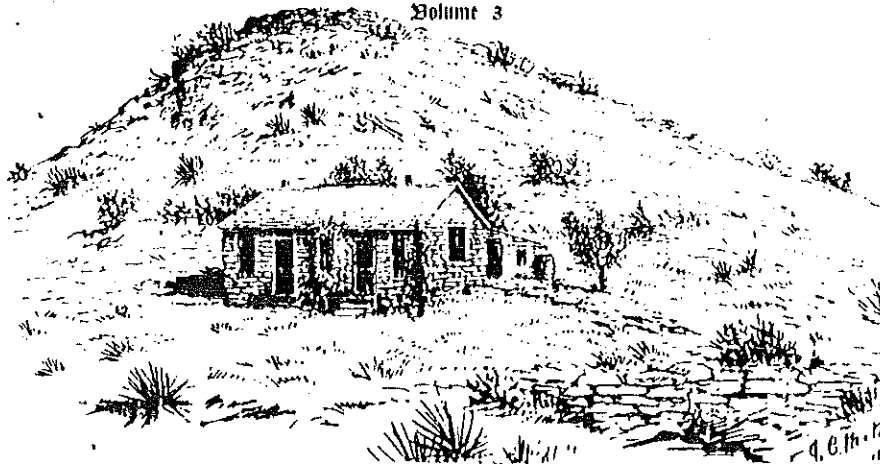
The California gold rush ten years later made this trail big. A portion of the California Trail passes through Red Rock Canyon near Hinton.

Even today, in the Red Rock Canyon Park, you can find the wagon ruts on the pathways where adventur-

Oklahoma

Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

Volume 3



Board Member Publishes Her Third Historical Calendar

Oklahoma County Historical Society board member Glenda Carlile, along with Liz Coddling, have published volume III of their Oklahoma historical calendar, entitled "Oklahoma Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."

The 1995 calendar includes Oklahoma historical pictures for each month, and events of Oklahoma his-

tory for each day.

The calendar also includes dates for major events in Oklahoma.

The book may be purchased at selected bookstores for \$10, or ordered for \$12.50, tax and postage paid, from Southern Hills Publishing Co., 2413 SW 80 Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73159. Quantity discounts are available.

Guthrie's First Election Baffled The Vote Counters

The method of electing the first mayor of Guthrie three days after the Run of 1889, was to create a pathway in an open field.

There were two candidates, both hardly known to those who had just arrived in the Territory. Voters could

choose one or the other side of the pathway to indicate their choices for mayor.

People on each side were counted to determine the winner. The election became confusing because some of the voters, knowing candidates by

Countyman Made Aviation History

Oklahoma has long made history in aviation records.

One is the cross-country flight of Oklahomans Herman Banning and Thomas Allen in 1932. With that flight they became the first Black pilots to cross the North American continent by air.

Their airplane was a \$400 used crate.

There was supposedly a one thousand dollar prize for the first Blacks to make the flight to New York from California, and the two hoped to win that money.

However, when they arrived, they found that whoever had offered the prize had apparently disappeared. There was no prize money, but these two men had achieved an aviation first for Oklahoma.

Herman Banning, from El Reno, was killed a year or two later in a stunt flying accident.

Thomas Allen, who piloted planes overseas for Douglas Aircraft during World War II, and later retired from Douglas, returned to Oklahoma City, his home town, after retirement, where he was a guide at the Oklahoma Air and Space Museum until his death at age 83.

first sight only, changed their minds at the urging of others.

They moved from one side to the other, and sometimes back again. This made the counting of votes very difficult.

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Pathmaker Event Set For May 19

Four living and four deceased individuals are being honored as Pathmakers of Oklahoma County at the annual Pathmaker Luncheon, to be held at Will Rogers Center at noon Thursday, May 19.

The luncheon will be held in cooperation with the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce in what formerly was the Will Rogers Theater at 4322 No. Western. Tickets to the luncheon are \$17 each, and may be purchased through the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, 123 Park Avenue, Oklahoma City 73102 (278-8900).

Living persons to be honored are Bill Swisher, founder-chairman of CMI, international road building equipment company; James E. Stewart, utility official and longtime leader in NAACP and numerous civic groups; Stanley Draper, Jr., executive director of the Oklahoma City All Sports Association; and Ruth Wynne, founder and executive director of the Jesus House.

Honored from the past are Dennis T. Flynn, Territorial repre-

sentative to Congress and civic leader; Lt. Gen. Raymond S. McLain, Oklahoma City businessman and military leader; Robert S. Kerr, founder of Kerr-McGee, and former governor and senator; and William L. Couch, head of the Boomer movement and first mayor of Oklahoma City.

The Society's annual Distinguished Service Award will go to Howard Melton, whose contribution of building space made possible the Museum of the Unassigned Lands.

This is the major public event of the Oklahoma County Historical Society, and all members are urged to purchase tickets and to invite others to attend. A report on the activities of the Society will precede the induction of new Pathmakers.

William L. Couch joined the Boomer movement, "booming" for the opening of the Unassigned Lands of Central Oklahoma, in the early 1880s, and soon became the chief lieutenant of David Payne, Boomer founder. On Payne's untimely death in 1884, Couch became leader of the Boomers, leading the effort until the

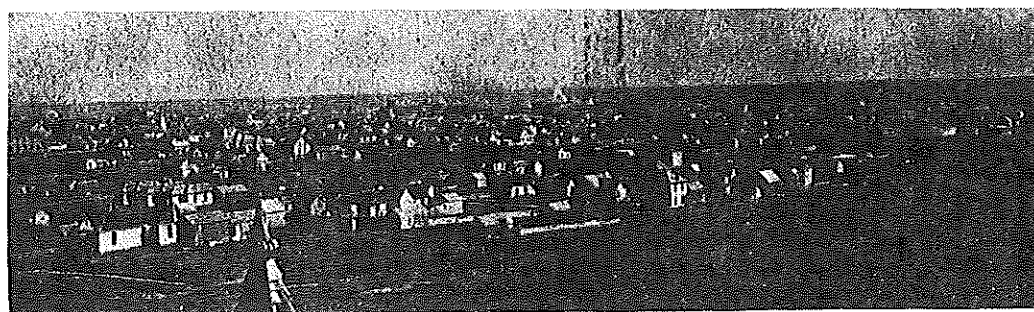
time of the Run. He was elected the first mayor of Oklahoma City.

Flynn made the Run of 1889 to Guthrie, where he became the first postmaster of the new frontier town. He was elected the second Territorial delegate to Congress, and there he was responsible for bringing about the Free Homes Bill, which allowed those persons proving out their 1889 claims to obtain the land without cost. He was attorney for OG&E and the Santa Fe railroad, and for awhile, shortly after the turn of the century, served as president of OG&E.

Kerr founded the Kerlyn Oil Company, which later became Kerr-McGee, one of the major oil companies in the United States. He was the World War II governor of Oklahoma, and later served for many years in the United States Senate, where he became one of its most powerful members.

McLain distinguished himself in three ways--as a businessman, founding and heading American First Title

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This view is taken from west of Walker at about NW Sixth Street in the early 1890s, picturing the residences of the city at that time.

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and Trust Company, as a civic leader in Oklahoma County, and as a leader in the Oklahoma National Guard. In World War II he became the first National Guard or reserve officer to command a corps in combat, and following the war he was the first person to serve as the comptroller of the Army.

Stanley Draper, Jr. has been a mainstay in bringing events--particularly horse and sporting events--to Oklahoma City. He was particularly active with the National Finals, and later the International Finals rodeo. Most recently he played a major role in bringing part of the national NCAA college basketball tournament to Oklahoma County. He has also been a major leader in the development of Oklahoma City Beautiful, and later the Greater Oklahoma City Tree Bank Foundation.

Bill Swisher developed CMI in its growth to a company with worldwide customers for road building and other heavy machinery. He is a past president of the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce and the Last Frontier Boy Scout Council, and has been a community leader in many other ways.

Jimmy Stewart, as an official with the Oklahoma Natural Gas Company and in his civic and personal life, has been a leader for more than 50 years in bringing races together in harmony and in obtaining greater opportunities for minorities. He has been a consistent worker in the United Way and many other civic and charitable agencies.

Ruth Wynne, who emerged from difficulties of her own, founded the Jesus House to assist the down-and-out and homeless of Oklahoma County, serving meals to the needy by the thousands, housing the homeless, and helping all to recover from their condition, and to become productive members of society.

Howard Melton is the reason the Museum of the Unassigned



We are looking north on Broadway at Grand (now Sheridan) on the day of the Rough Riders parade of 1900, which featured Governor (later President) Theodore Roosevelt.

Visitors Come To Museum From Throughout World

Visitors to the Museum of the Unassigned Lands have come from many different cities in Oklahoma as well as other states, and even foreign nations.

Oklahoma visitors have represented Moore, Edmond, Norman, Choctaw, Chickala, Blanchard, Burns Flat, Chickasha, Del City, Ada, Bethany, Vian, Shawnee and Crescent.

Others come from Lawton, Sapulpa, Chandler, Noble, Anadarko, Yukon, Midwest City, Elk City, Harrah, Tuttle, Valley Brook, Spencer,

Stillwater, Grandfield, Hitchcock, Geary, Watonga, Arcadia, Wetumka, Luther, and Washington.

Other states represented with visitors to the Museum of the Unassigned Lands are Missouri, Wisconsin, Virginia, Washington, Minnesota, Alaska, New York, California, Arizona, Nevada, Texas, Kansas, Arkansas, Colorado, and Connecticut.

Foreign countries visiting the museum include Italy, France, Great Britain, Spain, Malaysia, and Germany.

his downtown building on Sheridan for the collection to accumulate, and when he built a new headquarters for his company at 4300 Sewell, overlooking the Broadway Extension, he dedicated 3,000 square feet on the first floor for the county museum. He is also a leader in the field of art, operating the Melton art gallery and an art research library in his headquarters building opposite the museum.

Tables of 8 can be reserved for groups wishing to sit together.

Please come for this very special event.

Centennial Flags Offered to Groups

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The Central High School Museum

The Central High School Museum is alive and well, with a considerable number of changes having recently been put in place.

Two years ago the Alumni celebrated the centennial of the school which had conducted its first class in the Fall of 1892, with Mary D. Couch as the first principal-teacher. The place was a store front, wood frame building on California Street, a location which is now in the midst of the Myriad Gardens.

Pictures Displayed One of our most exciting new displays involves a method of displaying pictures so that they may be viewed by visitors to the

museum. It was impractical for us to have the large panels that were most frequently suggested, due to limited space. However, we have come up with the ability to place as many photos as we want in a form that fits our space . . . and can be enjoyed by all who come into the museum. Photos are currently being labeled with ID to the extent this type of information is available.

School Annuals The museum has annuals for nearly each year of the school's life. These are available for visitors to enjoy. Of course, there will always be a copy for our archives.

Commencement Programs We are also planning to have commencement exercise programs available to those who are researching relatives. These are the ultimate in reliability as far as who actually graduated from the school, and students are listed in alphabetical order.

Cases Lighted Lights have been placed in

the display cases. This has taken some time, but we finally settled on the type of lighting and the work is now completed. These were paid by individual designated contributions.

Artifacts Many additions to our collection of artifacts are now on the display and more are being prepared as time permits. We have been

behind with such items since the inception of the museum, but now we can see the possibility of catching up with this work.

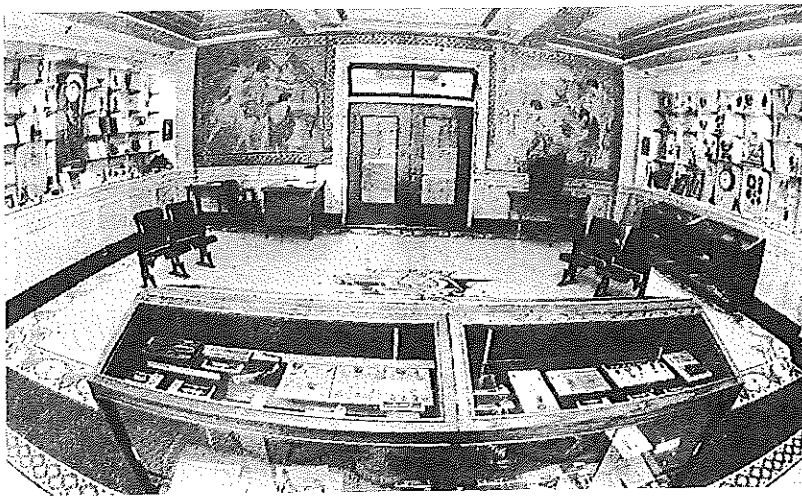
Financial Support The Central High School Alumni Association has been the source of financing for the museum from its

inception. Contributors are made aware of the needs through the Sooner Spirit Publication and during reunions of the alumni. While many one-time needs have been supplied, there is an ongoing monthly requirement for rent for storage space of artifacts and documents.

Society Members Are A Part Two of our board members, Charles Able and Jack Moses, are the curators who initially established the museum and still fill the day-to-day maintenance requirements. Our society has custodial care of the museum and its members are invited to consider helping this museum with financial support.

This is our society's second museum and you'll be proud of the fine collection of artifacts that has been assembled.

The High School's Alumni serve as volunteers who keep the museum open on Monday and Fridays from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.



Pathmaker Event Set For May 19

(Continued from Page 1)

and Trust Company, as a civic leader in Oklahoma County, and as a leader in the Oklahoma National Guard. In World War II he became the first National Guard or reserve officer to command a corps in combat, and following the war he was the first person to serve as the comptroller of the Army.

Stanley Draper, Jr. has been a mainstay in bringing events--particularly horse and sporting events--to Oklahoma City. He was particularly active with the National Finals, and later the International Finals rodeo. Most recently he played a major role in bringing part of the national NCAA college basketball tournament to Oklahoma County. He has also been a major leader in the development of Oklahoma City Beautiful, and later the Greater Oklahoma City Tree Bank Foundation.

Bill Swisher developed CMI in its growth to a company with worldwide customers for road building and other heavy machinery. He is a past president of the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce and the Last Frontier Boy Scout Council, and has been a community leader in many other ways.

Jimmy Stewart, as an official with the Oklahoma Natural Gas Company and in his civic and personal life, has been a leader for more than 50 years in bringing races together in harmony and in obtaining greater opportunities for minorities. He has been a consistent worker in the United Way and many other civic and charitable agencies.

Ruth Wynne, who emerged from difficulties of her own, founded the Jesus House to assist the down-and-out and homeless of Oklahoma County, serving meals to the needy by the thousands, housing the homeless, and helping all to recover from their condition and to become productive members of society.

Howard Melton is the reason the Museum of the Unassigned Lands exists. He furnished space in



We are looking north on Broadway at Grand (now Sheridan) on the day of the Rough Riders parade of 1900, which featured Governor (later President) Theodore Roosevelt.

Visitors Come To Museum From Throughout World

Visitors to the Museum of the Unassigned Lands have come from many different cities in Oklahoma as well as other states, and even foreign nations.

Oklahoma visitors have represented Moore, Edmond, Norman, Choctaw, Chickala, Blanchard, Burns Flat, Chickasha, Del City, Ada, Bethany, Vian, Shawnee and Crescent.

Others come from Lawton, Sapulpa, Chandler, Noble, Anadarko, Yukon, Midwest City, Elk City, Harrah, Tuttle, Valley Brook, Spencer,

Stillwater, Grandfield, Hitchcock, Geary, Watonga, Arcadia, Wetumka, Luther, and Washington.

Other states represented with visitors to the Museum of the Unassigned Lands are Missouri, Wisconsin, Virginia, Washington, Minnesota, Alaska, New York, California, Arizona, Nevada, Texas, Kansas, Arkansas, Colorado, and Connecticut.

Foreign countries visiting the museum include Italy, France, Great Britain, Spain, Malaysia, and Germany.

his downtown building on Sheridan for the collection to accumulate, and when he built a new headquarters for his company at 4300 Sewell, overlooking the Broadway Extension, he dedicated 3,000 square feet on the first floor for the county museum. He is also a leader in the field of art, operating the Melton art gallery and an art research library in his headquarters building opposite the museum.

Tables of 8 can be reserved for groups wishing to sit together.

Please come for this very special event.

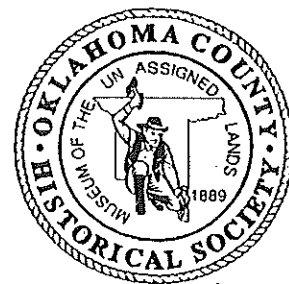
Centennial Flags Offered to Groups

The Oklahoma County Historical Society has a number of three by five foot and four by six foot Oklahoma Centennial Flags, featuring the Unassigned Lands Centennial logo in color, given to the society by Cecil Samara.

These flags are being given to school, youth and other groups making tours of the museum and requesting the books.

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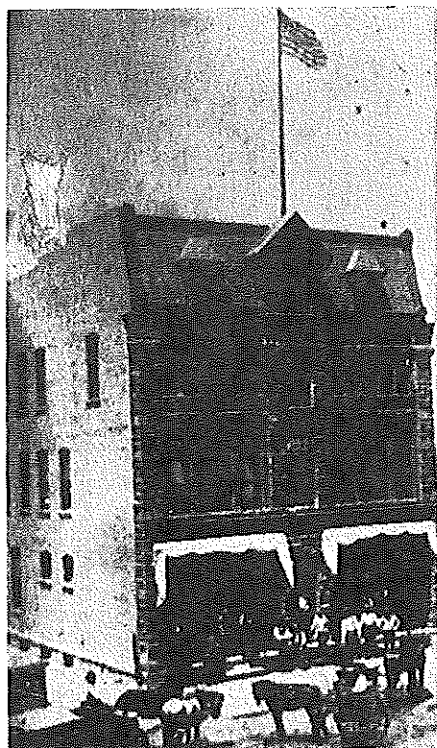


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This structure, constructed on the west side of Broadway between Main and First (now Park) street, was the first multi-story masonry building in Oklahoma City, dedicated as the post office on July 4, 1890. For more than a year it was the landmark building of Oklahoma City, but by 1892 larger buildings were constructed and it simply blended into the environment. It became the Pioneer Bell Building, then was fronted with limestone as a savings and loan building before going down in the 1930s

Annual Dinner Is Scheduled For Thursday, October 28

The annual dinner of the Oklahoma County Historical Society will be held in the Will Rogers Room in the Student Center at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond Thursday, October 28.

Speaker will be the Hon. George Nigh, president of the university and two-term governor of Oklahoma, who will discuss behind the scenes political events in Oklahoma from the 1950s into the 1980s, during a period in which he was a major player.

The dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. Cost of the dinner will be \$10.00.

A special treat at the meeting will be an opportunity to make a tour, conducted by the former Governor, of the Oklahoma art collection, which will be on exhibit in the Center at that time.

The meeting will also include an

annual report of the Society and its two museums, along with the election of directors for the coming year.

Glenda Carlile is chairman of the Annual Dinner, assisted by Beth Shumway. Lucyl Shirk is chairman of the decorations committee.

We can look for some interesting and fascinating stories from the former governor, including some of the behind-the-scenes activity which the news media may have missed.

Special guests at the dinner will be the very active Edmond Historical Society. In addition, all other local historical societies in the county have been invited.

Mark the date down now and send your check to Bill Welge, treasurer of the Oklahoma County Historical Society, Wiley Post Historical Building, Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

Society Contribution Aids Veterans Memorial Projects

The placement on the state Veterans Memorial of the names of all World War I Oklahoma servicemen killed in action has been completed, as a result of a contribution of a little more than \$4,000 from the Oklahoma County Historical Society.

In addition, the Society has furnished \$1,500 for the completion of lighting of the Memorial, located just north of the Oklahoma Historical Society Building in the State Capitol complex.

The money comes from the Memorial Ball, which the Society conducted two years ago to benefit the completion of the veterans mon-

uments.

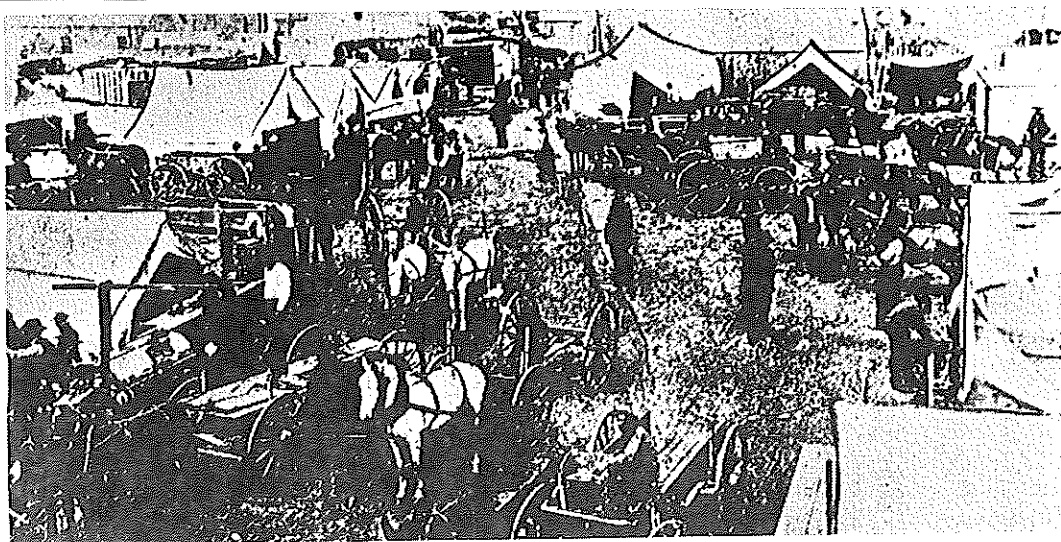
Still to be completed is the placing of the names of World War II deceased--by far the largest group--along with landscaping and other improvements.

Members Are Parade Judges

Members of the Oklahoma County Historical Society served as the judges in the 1993 Oklahoma City Independence Day Parade.

Judges from the Society included Carl Sadler, Raymond Box, Fred Highley and Margaret Woods. Pendleton Woods was chairman of

Reserve NOW
to attend
Annual Dinner



This Oklahoma City scene was made looking south on Robinson at Grand Avenue in the late afternoon of April 22, 1889, the day of the Run.

Pathmaker Luncheon Brings 200-plus For Annual Event

The annual Pathmaker luncheon, at which four living persons and four from the past are recognized as Pathmakers of Oklahoma County, is growing and becoming more popular every year.

Held in connection with the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, this year's event included more than 200 people, including most of the living past recipients of the award.

Living honorees this year included Patience Latting, former mayor of Oklahoma City; Allie Reynolds, former major league baseball great who has made major contributions toward sports and Indian heritage; Lee Allan Smith, super-promoter of events in Oklahoma County; and Paul B. Strasbaugh, longtime head of the Oklahoma City Chamber of Com-

merce.

Honorees from the past were Victor Harlow, publisher and editor; Mike Monroney, U.S. Senator with a major role in the city's aviation center; Dr. C.Q. Smith, longtime president of Oklahoma City University; and C. R. Anthony, founder of the Anthony retail chain.

Receiving the Society's third annual Distinguished Service Award was Bernice Flynn, membership secretary for the Society.

Family members from a wide area traveled long distances to participate in the event. Included were Mrs. Mike Monroney, who came here from the Washington, D.C. area to accept the honor for her late husband.

Historical Retail Display Cards Are Given To Society

Carl Sadler, president of the Oklahoma County Historical Society, has obtained three display cards from the former John A. Brown Company among items he purchased recently at a garage sale. He is donating these cards to the Society for the Museum of the Unassigned Lands.

The John A. Brown Company emerged out of the Sydney Brock store, which started with a 15 foot

front on Main Street, and grew under Mr. and Mrs. Brown to become the largest department store in Oklahoma, with outlying branches in Oklahoma City, in addition to the huge downtown store, along with an affiliated store in Tulsa.

It was purchased by Dayton Hudson in the 1970s, moved to Crossroads Mall, and later closed.

Groups Raise Attendance

Attendance at the Museum of the Unassigned Lands is reaching new records, due, in part, to promotional efforts among children's groups being made by its curator, Margaret Woods.

The month of August has been the high month of the year, including a number of children's youth groups and senior citizen organizations. In fact, the first 11 days of the month brought more people to the museum than in any full month so far this year, and more were scheduled at press time.

Public groups visiting here since spring have included the United Daughters of the Confederacy, three Heritage Hall class groups, Red Rock Mental Health Center, Crestwood Baptist Church Day School, Sonshine Korner Daycare Center, Del City Senior Citizens, Hillcrest Chain Gang, Children's Lighthouse I and Children's Lighthouse II.

Welge Heads Nominating Group

Bill Welge has been named chairman of the nominating committee for officers and directors to be elected at the annual meeting.

Persons with suggestions for nominations, or persons wishing to be considered for nomination, should call Bill at the Oklahoma Historical Society Archives Division, 521-2491.

Canvas Donor Is Solicited

The Oklahoma County Historical Society is seeking a donor for a new canvas covering for its covered wagon, which is displayed in front of the Museum of the Unassigned Lands, visible from Broadway Extension. The wagon is also used in most parades in Oklahoma County and many parades elsewhere in the state.

A canvas or tent making company making such a covering will be recognized, if desired, by a small identifying sign, which will be visible in parades and at the site.

An individual wishing to pay for building a new canvas covering will need to donate about \$150, which is the estimated cost of the finished work.

The covered wagon is an original horse drawn vehicle, once used in moving to New Mexico Territory for homesteading. It was rebuilt by Fred Highley, a director of the Oklahoma County Historical Society, and son-in-law of the homesteaders.

For several years the wagon has been used in parades and has won a number of parade awards.

Pat Flynn Dies In Houston

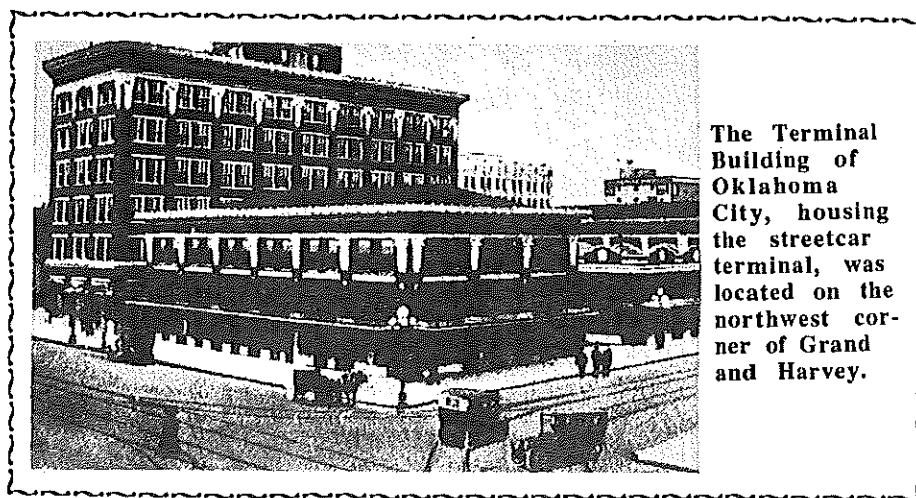
We extend our deepest sympathy to Bernice Flynn on the passing of her husband, Virgil (Pat) Flynn, on Saturday, August 14.

Those on the board have known Pat over the years, as he accompanied Mrs. Flynn to Society board meetings, where she is membership secretary. Over this period he has been in failing health.

Pat was a World War II Air Force veteran, retiring from the Air Force as a lieutenant colonel.

Bernice, this year, received the County Historical Society's Distinguished Service Award in recognition of her volunteer work, which includes the Society, Scouting, Military Order of the World Wars and other organizations.

Plan NOW to attend the Annual Dinner.



The Terminal Building of Oklahoma City, housing the streetcar terminal, was located on the northwest corner of Grand and Harvey.

Special Offers Are In Store For School Groups

The Oklahoma County Historical Society has received two donations which will result in special offers for school classes and other organized groups visiting the Museum of the Unassigned Lands.

First was the donation of a stock of three by five foot and four by six foot flags displaying the Centennial Emblem of the Run of '89 celebration. These flags were given by Cecil Samara, who is in the flag business.

Second was a donation of a stock of Oklahoma Historical Calendars, over a five year period, each relating an Oklahoma event of every day in

the year and displaying Oklahoma historical scenes. Few of the dated items and none of the pictures are repeated over this five year span. The calendars were created and published by Pendleton Woods, a past president and museum chairman of the Society.

Each group visiting the museum will receive a flag and one or more of the calendars until supplies are depleted.

To make reservations for group visits, call the museum at 521-1889 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

Many States And Countries Represented at Our Museum

Visitors from many states, and even foreign countries, have been among visitors this year to the Museum of the Unassigned Lands, operated by the Society.

States represented, other than Oklahoma, include Texas, Kansas, Wisconsin, Nebraska, California, Arizona, Missouri, New York, Arkansas, Minnesota, Washington, Virginia, and Alaska.

Oklahoma Cities and towns represented from outside of Oklahoma County, include Blanchard, Valley Brook, Tuttle, Elk City, Anadarko, and Noble.

On May 3 we had a visitor to the museum from Vicenza, Italy.

89ers Looking For Associates

The Sons and Daughters of the '89ers, an organization of descendants of those who made the Run of '89 into the Unassigned Lands of Central Oklahoma, has recently established an associate membership for persons interested in Oklahoma heritage and contributing to the work of the Society.

For information regarding associate memberships, contact Russell B. Hayes, a member of the Society and of the Oklahoma County Historical Society Board of Directors.

Donor Gives Magazines

A significant collection of Oklahoma Today magazines, the official state magazine, has been donated to the Society by Dr. Bertha Levy.

The collection consists of ten hard-bound accumulations, along with nearly one hundred loose issues.

The collection has been placed in the Roy Stewart Library of Oklahoma and Western literature in the Museum of the Unassigned Lands.

Name Your Pathmakers?

Nominations for the 1994 Oklahoma County Pathmaker Awards are accepted by the Society at any time.

Each year four living persons and four from the past are recognized by the Society for making significant lasting contributions to the development, growth, and welfare of the county.

No nomination form is needed. A letter giving the nomination should state the reasons the person should be selected. News clippings and other supporting materials are also invited.

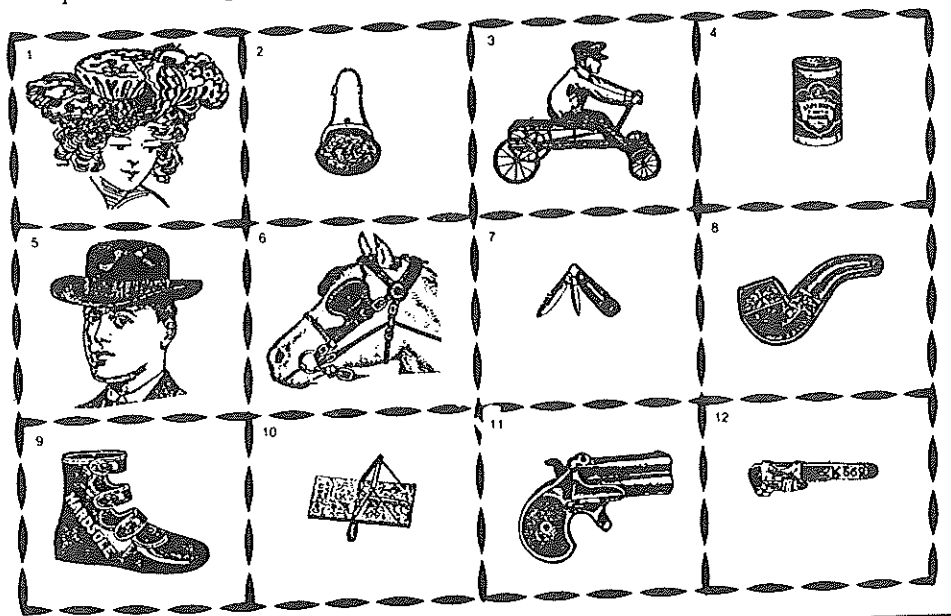
Have you made your reservation yet to attend the Annual Dinner?

MERCHANDISE

... At Statehood Time

Pictured on this page are items from a catalog published the year of Oklahoma's Statehood (1907). Your challenge is to identify each item and to guess its price, as advertised in 1907.

The identification of the items is obvious in most cases. However, styles and needs have changed greatly since Oklahoma became a state. Most surprising should be the prices charged for these items in 1907. Give yourself credit for correctly guessing the price if you are within 25 percent of the figure shown in the answers below.



Answers

1. Linen and satin woman's hat--\$1.00; 2. Coin purse--8 cents; 3. Irish mall hand car--\$4.39; 4. Foot powder--8 cents; 5. Boy's pan brim style soft hat--89 cents; 6. Short cheek team bridle--\$2.00; 7. pocket knife--8 cents; 8. French Brief Pipe with genuine amber mouthpiece--\$3.95 (add 5 cents if by mail); 9. Infant's three-strap shoe--55 cents per pair. 10. Gopher trap--8 cents; 11. Remington Derringer pistol--\$5.00 (if by mail, add 17 cents); 12. Monkey wrench--8 cents.

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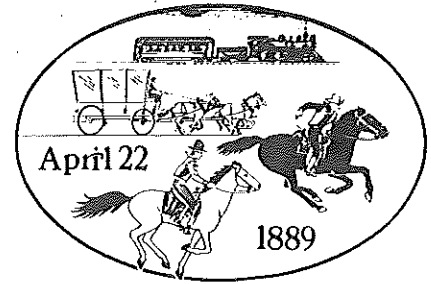
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Historic "New Site" Is Place of Annual Meeting November 4th Experience the beauty of HTB's newest restructuring innovation



This 1910 photo, by the early-day Oklahoma City photographer who billed himself as *That Man Stone* provides a view of what is now the north-west corner of HTB's new headquarters. Notice the use of air-conditioning on that particular Sunday morning (open windows).

Mark your calendars! It's the time of year again, when Oklahoma County Historical society, will convene for its annual meeting. We will assemble at the corporate headquarters of HTB, Inc. at North-east 9th & Stiles. Board member Leonard Ball extended the invitation for the society to hold its fall meeting at their offices. What makes this significant is, that their new headquarters was once the Maywood Presbyterian Church. A brief history of the church may be found on Page 2.

The church was built in 1907. A mystery has surrounded the structure regarding who was the architect. Several HTB staff members have observed that there are several buildings similar in design dotting the environs of the capitol city. Mount Saint Mary's school is thought to be designed by the this same mysterious architect.

Several of our members remember attending church at this site and a number have mentioned being members of the Boy Scout troop sponsored by the church. Styles Park, which is to the south, was the first site of our fair grounds.

Central High School alumni will always have a soft spot in their hearts for HTB, who were the architects who performed the magic on the One Bell Central building on Robinson — inclusive of the school's museum.

Rex and Leonard Ball will host the society by presenting a history of the company as well as a tour of their new facilities. Activities will begin at 3:00 pm and will include, besides the history of HTB, election of directors to the board of our society, presenting Life Membership certificates for 1900, several Cardinal Service awards and refreshments.

Details, Dates & Dogma

Parade Raymond Box, he and Pen Woods will be arranging for the presentation of our image as our Society enters a float in the *Oklahoma Homecoming Parade*, which will be held in downtown Oklahoma City on December 1st.

Parades are becoming more popular within the past few years. The military parade in August was the best attended and offered the largest procession of equipment and troops in our history.

Round Barn The reconstruction of the round barn at Arcadia is proceeding at a noticeable pace. The walls are up and the roof rafters are forming. The barn has proven to be quite photogenic and has consistently attracted news media over the past three years.

It is principally through the efforts of Luke Robinson that funds, actual labor and the over-all project has remained alive in the county. Luke has operated a booth at the fair the past two years, making

miniature replicas of bricks, and selling pictures of the barn to raise money. A grant assisted in the work, but his "bootstrap" efforts must be credited with the accrual of most of the funds. During this year he and his wife experienced a devastating fire which completely destroyed their home. The new home is being rebuilt — along with the work on the round barn. That's called dedication!

Life In The Fast Lane Life can be grim when you pass 80—especially when the Highway Patrolman has his flashing lights on and coming up fast.

Board Members With the annual meeting of our society, will come the termination of five board members and their reelection if the membership so disposes. They are: Bernice Flynn, Jack Moses, Bill Pitts, Suzanne Silvester and Bill Wege.

The Work Ethic If you intend to leave your footprints on the sands of time, you better put on your work shoes.

Rich bachelor — fit to be tied.

Oldest Item In Central High School Museum!



This is the oldest OHS sports photo of which we are aware, and of course it is the oldest photo we have that relates to Oklahoma High School. Aside from shin protection, those nice soft looking uniforms seem to be capable of offering little more than covering for the players. And not to be critical but notice the shape of that football!

The wonderment of this picture continued when we discovered that the subjects were identified on the back: Tom Potts, Gabriel Blackwilder (we need a volunteer to research this man's relatives - the street was named after them), Jim Brown, (?), Ed Loughmiller (the father of Pauline Loughmiller Lane '32), Carl Hammon, Mac Douglas (could that be another street name?), Dan Gunn, Gene Clise, Captain Floyd White (killed in the Philippines), Hart, and Davenport Richardson. Thanks to Pauline Lane who is one of our faithful members

Maywood Presbyterian Church

The HTB offices were recently opened to the general public in late 1989. However, the effort of several years to reach that point began in 1984. The Harrison-Walnut area, just east of downtown, began to show signs of rebirth with the construction of the Centennial Expressway, at which time bright possibilities for the development of the area began to be evident.

The Maywood project was slow in starting even though preliminary approval of the project was granted in August, 1984. But no real progress was made even as late as June of 1986. At that time, the Office Historic Preservation held up the project due to problems in the plans that were submitted by the company. HTB had already invested a year on the project and was into its fourth plan when the latest snag occurred. However, the points of contention were soon resolved.

In July of 1987 the mystery designer of the church was solved. Buried in the Archives at Mount Saint Mary's, Sister Mary Beatrice, located a contract that was entered into by a W. S. Matthews and the Sisters of Mercy in 1903.

By the middle of 1988, the 2.5 million dollar construction project was underway. Construction continued through 1989 with a proposed completion date in September or October 1989. Open house was

Y'all Come. Others Do!

A number of special groups have visited the Museum of the Unassigned Lands recently.

They include Children's House of Edmond, a gathering from the VA Hospital patient group, Kindercare Day Care Center in Moore, Southwest Christian Church Daycare Center, and the Portland Avenue Daycare Center.

Foreign groups have also visited our vuseum. We had a German exchange class from John Marshall High School as well as a visitor who came from England.

Raymond Box volunteers to help when school groups make reservations to visit.

The favorite display area for the young children is our antique kitchen. Next is the Pei Plan display, where many of the children point out the location of the building "where Daddy works."

held in November with a large crowd of citizens who marveled at the blend of old and new to fashion a beautiful office environment.

For more history of this fascinating subject, make plans to attend the fall meeting or your society November 4th from 3:00 pm till 5:00 pm. HTB may be referenced as being located at either 9th & Stiles or 8th at Stiles Circle.

To Dome or Not To Dome



CHS — HTB — Layton — Domers —
Members of the Oklahoma County Historical Society and the Alumni of Central High School have a deep-rooted historical interest in the architectural firm of HTB that exceeds the fact that Leonard Ball is a member of our board of directors.

Of course the Central High School museum, of which this society has custodial care, was designed into the One Bell Central Building when it was renovated for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. That work gained national recognition for innovative consideration and care of such a historic site.

Andrew S. Layton, the architect of that school's building also designed the State

Capital, among other notable local structures that are on the National Registrar of Historic Places.

Mr. Layton's three granddaughters are alumni of Central.

HTB did the feasibility study and structural analysis for the recently proposed dome for the State Capitol, and have executed current designs consistent with Mr. Layton's initial plans.

You will certainly want to take advantage of the opportunity to see HTB's new headquarters at Ninth and Stiles! The exterior of the original church building has been returned to the 1907 appearance and the interior has been retrofitted for its new use as the corporate headquarters.

Are You Overlooking Your True Value?

As you grow older, keep in mind that your worth increases. With that silver in your hair, the gold in your teeth, the stones in your kidneys, and the gas on your stomach, your intrinsic value should have appreciated considerably since high school.

One of Central High school's former band queens is reported to have said . . . actually it could have been a football queen, we don't really know. Anyway she was lamenting her advanced age, and the changes that had taken place in her life and here's how we got the story:

"Frankly, I have become quite a frivolous Old Gal. I'm seeing five gentlemen each day! As soon as I waken, Will Power helps me out of bed. Then I go see John. Then Charlie Horse comes along and when he leaves, Arthur Ritis shows up and stays with me the rest of the day. He doesn't like to stay in one place very long, so he takes me from joint to joint. After such a busy day, I am really tired, and glad to go to bed with Ben Gay. Some life!"

Last week the preacher came by for a visit and pointed out that at my age, I should be thinking more about the hereafter. I said, "Oh, I do that all the time. I find that no matter where I am, be it the parlor, up in the bed room, in the kitchen or down in the basement, I have to ask myself — What In The World Am I Here After?"

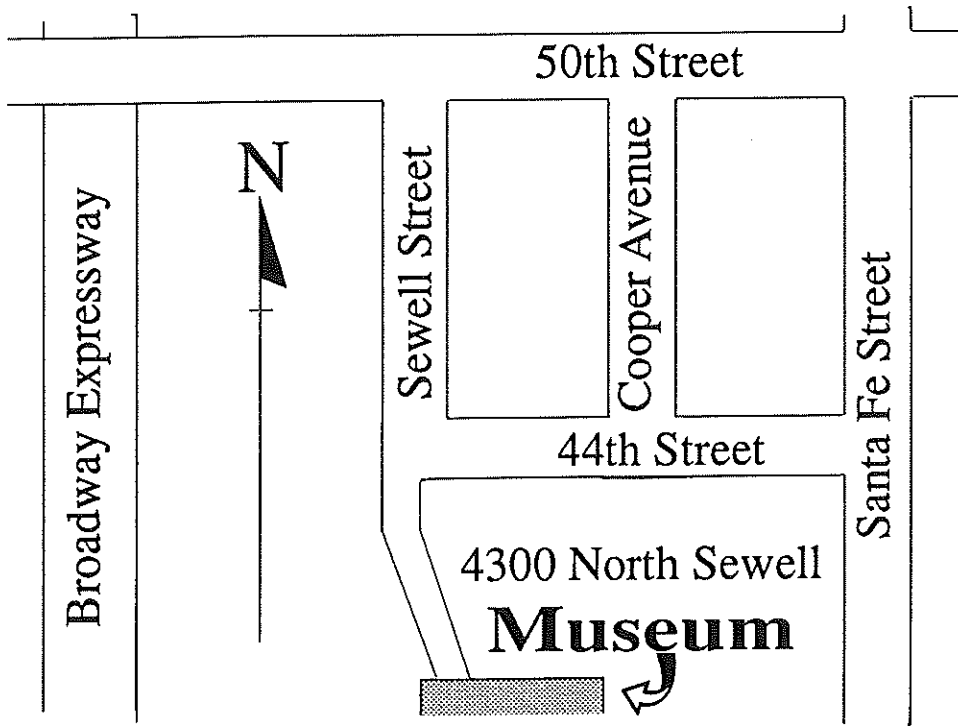
How To Get There

We are beginning to hear that some of our own members find it difficult to explain how to get to The Museum of the Unassigned Lands. We also understand that some of our members have not visited the Museum of the Unassigned Lands! The map on the left should be helpful.

Are you aware that we have three thousand square feet of space and that it is the only museum in Oklahoma that is designed to tell the story of Oklahoma City and Oklahoma County. This is not an Indian or cowboy archive and it is not meant to imitate another gallery.

This museum graphically relates to life at the turn of the century: factories, stores, schools, churches, and early entertainment — before radio, or the movies. There is a typical living room, an early kitchen with period utensils and an early day doctor's office.

The museum is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 to 3:00. You may call 521-1889 for group reservations.



New Organ Received

Our latest "new" acquisition is a vintage pump organ which was given to the Museum of the Unassigned Lands by Mrs. D. H. Bowman of Midwest City, and it is now on exhibit at the museum.

Helping to move the organ from Mrs. Bowman's home to the museum were Raymond Box, Luke Robison, Bill Goff, Donald Tennant and Margaret Woods.

Window On Park Avenue

We are grateful to Manly's Office Supply Company downtown for twice giving us a large window display space, each time for a period of one month. First was late last spring. The second time was for the month of August.

Our exhibit drew considerable attention and much comment, and at least one tour group came to the museum as a result of seeing the window display.

Raymond Box, Pen Woods and Margaret Woods were responsible for developing these displays.

The building was probably the choice structure in Oklahoma City for a window display—being the north side of the First Interstate Bank Building at Park and Robinson.

Born of A Revolution — Words To Live By!

"We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." When Thomas Jefferson penned these immortal words in 1776, they provided stimulus to the Revolutionary War and the birth of our Nation.

Many seem to have forgotten some of the stirring words written about liberty. Daniel Webster wrote, "God grants liberty only to those who love it and are always ready to guard and defend it." Patrick Henry said, "I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death."

Everybody Likes A Parade!

The Oklahoma County Historical Society joined with the Sons of the Confederate Veterans, the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Children of the Confederacy with a very nice entry in the Oklahoma Military Anniversary parade August 25.

The parade commemorated the 50th anniversary of the call-up of the 45th Infantry Division for World War II, the 40th anniversary of the Korean War call-up, and the one hundredth anniversary of the formation of the Oklahoma Territorial Militia.

Our entry included our covered wagon, followed by members of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans, complete with Civil War Uniforms. Those riding with the covered wagon were in vintage clothing of the day.

Our theme, shown on the side of the covered wagon, read, "We salute all our veterans."

Members of the Society who participated with the float were Raymond Box, Lucyl Shirk, and Margaret Woods.

Earlier the Society participated in the annual Fourth of July parade with our covered wagon. Participating in this parade were Fred Highley, Margaret Woods, Raymond Box, Amanda Austin, and Larry Highley.

Grandson, praying for his arthritic grandma: "God bless mama and papa and make it hot for grandma."

Battle Hymn

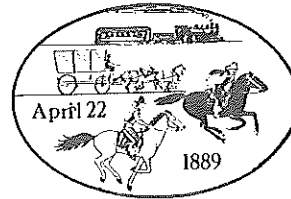
"Battle Hymn of the Republic" is one of the great songs of America. Julia Ward Howe put new words to the tune of "John Brown's Body."

The time was the War Between the States in 1862. Like many Civil War songs, it was sung by both sides. Washington, D.C. was surrounded by watch fires of hundreds of troops who were unable to sleep.

She wrote the song at one sitting. The words seem to have been published first in the Atlantic Monthly in 1862. Legend has it that she was paid the munificent sum of either \$5 or \$10 for these immortal words.

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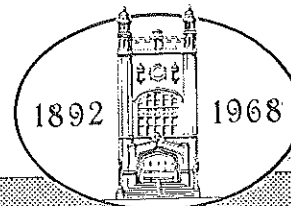
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Home of the Museum of the "Unassigned Lands" and the Central High School Museum

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Three honorees at the May luncheon are John Kirkpatrick, W. P. "Bill" Atkinson (standing) & Jack T. Conn. Due to illness, Mr. Everest was unable to attend.

Pathmaker Planning

The Pathmaker Awards that were presented at the luncheon in May marked the first such annual event by the Oklahoma County Historical Society and plans are currently being prepared to continue the honors next Spring.

Eight citizens whose lives were dedicated to the betterment of their community. Eight recipients, four living and four deceased were awarded the first PATHMAKER AWARD. Co-sponsors, the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, were delighted that over 200 persons attended the function last May to witness this special ceremony.

Carl Sadler, President has named to a special committee to formulate criteria for the nomination process the following board members, Charles Able, Jack Moses, Bill E. Peavler, Pen Woods, Lucyl Shirk, Susanne Sylvester, and Bill Welge. Mr. Sadler will serve as chairman of this committee.

Annual Meeting Set

Mark your calendars for Sunday November 4th as the society will hold the annual meeting of the membership. This year we will convene at the new offices of HTB located at ONE Stiles Circle (Northeast 9th & Stiles). If you have not seen the restoration of the old Maywood Presbyterian Church with the new addition to the structure, it is well worth seeing. Rex and Leonard Ball have graciously invited the society to hold its meeting at their new offices.

A presentation regarding the history of HTB will be made and a tour of the facilities will be offered. Refreshments will be served. Also, election of board members will be held and certificates of Life Membership will be presented to those persons who became a Life Member in 1990.

Five Honored With Cardinal Service Awards

Two different classes of Central High School alumni held reunions during the summer and five Cardinal Service awards were presented by our president, Carl Sadler. The awards were especially struck as honors for outstanding alumni of the school who have contributed time or substance to the school's museum, or whose contribution to the humanities, arts or science reflected positively upon the image of that historic high school.

MELTON PARK GALLERY

Adjacent to the Museum of the Unassigned Lands is a wealth of art work rarely seen in museums or galleries in Oklahoma. The Melton Park Gallery contains over five hundred paintings dating from the 15th century to the present. Approximately every two months, a new work, artist, period or collection is featured.

The gallery includes an art reference library which holds over 30,000 reproductions of individual artists; 2,500 biographical publications and other reference works for the serious art student.

Both the library and gallery are open to the public free of charge. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Telephone is 525-3603. Groups are welcome, but arrangements should be made in advance.



Here we get a look at what the well-dressed young folk of Oklahoma High School (Central High School) wore in the late 'nineties. Note the pipe, yet.

Honorees included Richard D. Wilkinson, Roger B. Taylor, Barbara Cox Riddle Patricia Clay Wheeler, and Dr. Edward N. Brandt, Jr.



I Am Just Fine!

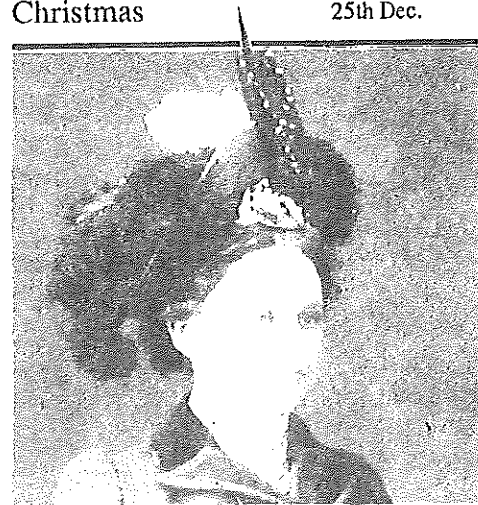
*There's nothing at all the matter with me
I'm just as healthy as I can be.
I have arthritis in both my knees
And when I talk, it's with a wheeze
My pulse is weak, my blood is thin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.*

*Arch supports I have for my feet
Or I wouldn't be able to walk the street.
Sleep is denied me night after night
And every morning I'm a terrible sight
My memory's failing, my head's in a spin
I'm practically living on aspirin
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.*

*The moral is as this tale unfolds
That for you and me who are getting old
It's better to say "I'm fine" with a grin
Than let others know the shape we're in.*

Flag Holidays

New Year's Day	January 1
Inauguration Day	January 20
Lincoln's B'day.	February 12
Washington's B'day. (President's day)	3rd Monday in February
Easter Sunday	(Variable)
Mother's Day	2nd Sun - May
Armed Forces Day	3rd Sat - May
Memorial Day	(Half-staff until noon) Last Mon. - May
Flag Day	June 14th
Independence Day	July 4th
Labor Day	1st Mon. - Sept
Constitution Day	Sept. 7th
Columbus Day	2nd Mon - Oct.
Veteran's Day	Nov. 11th
Thanksgiving	4th Thurs - Nov
Christmas	25th Dec.



Anton Classen -Civic Leader-Visionary

by Bill Welge

Several weeks ago, a local columnis asked the question, "Who was Anton Classen"? Anton Classen was the man after whom the school and the boulevard were named?"

He was born in 1861 at Pekin, Illinois. Of German descent, Classen received a fair common school education. He attended the University of Michigan School of Law and was graduated in 1887.

On April 22, 1889, Classen was among the throng of humanity who rushed into the unassigned lands stopping first at Guthrie then a short time later, settling in Edmond. There he engaged in the practice of law. He also was managing editor of the Edmond Sun for several years.

Classen became instantly involved in his adopted community. He was instrumental in the planting of trees and shrubs and laying out parks not only in Edmond, but later in Oklahoma City and Norman. It was estimated that over 300,000 trees were planted during his lifetime. His intense interest in the beautification of his newly adopted state is still evident today.

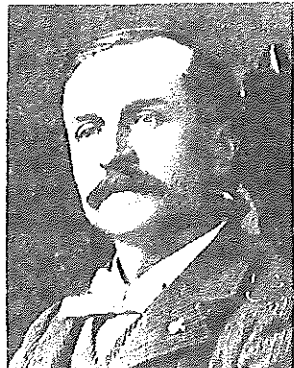
In 1890, Classen donated the land to locate the normal school in Edmond which the territorial legislature had created. Of course, 1990 marks the centennial of the birth of Central State University.

In 1897, Classen was appointed receiver of the United States Land Office at Oklahoma City by President William McKinley. Though reappointed four years later, he resigned his position in early 1902 to devote his time to business interests.

Anton Classen was an active participant in the development of Oklahoma City. Elected

president of the commercial club (a forerunner of the OKC Chamber of Commerce), in 1899, Classen was re-elected for three consecutive terms.

He capitalized on inexpensive property around the city, sensing the direction of growth. There were those who viewed



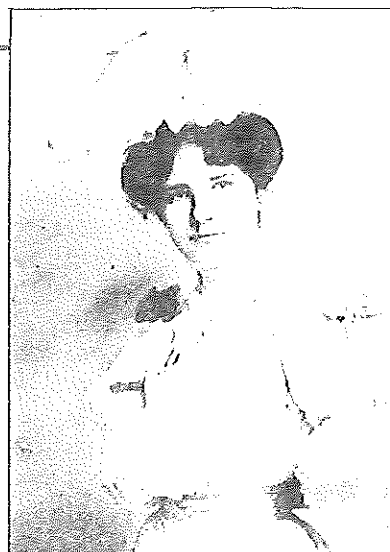
Classen's acquisitions beyond the present city limits "as rash beyond the point of reason", but the realstate developer "platted his dully acquired property and lined its *tenantless streets* with trees, which were carefully cultivated and pruned". In time Classen came to be regarded as a shrewed and skillful developer.

In 1902 the subject of this sketch secured a franchise for the construction of a *street railway* in Oklahoma City. By February, 1903, the first car service was inaugurated.

During that same year, Classen married Ella D. Lamb, a native of Illinois. Her parents had been pioneers in Illinois, having migrated from the New England area.

As Classen became more prosperous, he devoted a portion of his wealth to philanthropic causes, such as providing \$40,000 for the development of Epworth University (Epworth Methodist church now occupies the structure) and a host of other civic and cultural organizations.

His health began to decline in 1921 and he succumbed to an infection December 30, 1922. Funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church with the Rev. Frank Roach officiating. Burial was at Rose Hill Cemetery. Thus, closed a chapter of dynamic development by one man whose vision was clear, and whose results are very evident nearly a century later.



From the files of Pauline Lane comes this example of women's hats before the turn of the century. The young model is Miss Blanche McClelland, Oklahoma High School's class of '1896.

Flag Protocol

For those who want to fly their flag correctly but simply aren't sure how, the following excerpts are from the official Flag Code as approved by U. S. Congress:

The flag should be displayed only from sunrise to sunset unless it is illuminated during the hours of darkness.

Do not display the flag on days when the weather is inclement unless it is an all-weather flag. (They do make them!).

The flag should be displayed every day, but if this is impossible, at least display it on New Year's Day, Inauguration Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Easter, Mother's Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Columbus Day, Navy Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. These flag holidays are also listed on page three of this publication..

The actual display of the flag becomes simple if one thinks of it as representative of a living country and the highest-ranking officer of that country.

The flag should never be allowed to touch the ground or trail in water. No other flag should ever be displayed above or to the right of the U.S. flag (unless it is the Naval chaplain's Flag during religious ceremonies at sea when this represents an even higher authority.) The flag's right is, of course, the viewer's left.

When flown at half staff, the flag is first raised to the top, then lowered, and when lowered for the day, it is first raised to the top. On Memorial Day the flag should be flown at half staff until noon and then raised to full-staff. This process is symbolic of both mourning and the hope for the future



These young ladies were members of the "Ready To Help Club" of the Oklahoma High School. The girl second from the left is Pauline Lane's Aunt.

From The Central High School Museum Archives

Pauline Loughmiller Lane, Central High School class of '32, brought in several significantly historic pictures and bits of information relating to her family. This family took part in a number of eventful segments of our history — elements that include the hardship of travel and settlement of the northwest, followed by their experiences as they ultimately became pioneers to Oklahoma.

Pauline's father, Edward, was one of six children born to James Loughmiller and his wife. Her grandfather owned livery stables in Levenworth and Dodge City, Kansas and in St. Joseph, Missouri.

In 1882 the family was loaded into a Conestoga wagon, hitched to a span of oxen, and became a part of a wagon train headed for Oregon Country. An early storm caught them in the eastern foothills of the Sierras and they were forced to eat the oxen to survive until the melting of the snow, after which the railway could once more make runs over the mountains.

They walked to the railhead and rode into San Francisco on a narrow gauge railroad. There they boarded a clipper ship and sailed up the coast to the Willamette River in Oregon. They built a cider mill and vinegar works — then decided that they preferred Kansas so they returned.

Her grandfather signed a petition of the Boomers, which was sent to the President in Washington. This was one of the influencing factors in the opening of the Unassigned Lands of the Indian Territory.

This time when they loaded into their wagon it was to travel south in order to make the Run of '89. He established a livery stable, and a real estate office on the site of the old interurban station on Grand Avenue, just east of Hudson and the children were put in school, after falling behind with the traveling about.

Edward entered the high school and he and two of his brothers played on the Oklahoma High School football teams of 1895 - '96. After high school, he helped with his father's business. But when Teddy Roosevelt called for volunteers for his Rough Riders (the First Volunteer Cavalry), Ed joined and was at the Battle of San Juan Hill in Cuba. Following the Spanish American War he and a number of other Rough Riders joined the Buffalo Bills Wild West Show where they appeared with such persona as Anne Oakley and Chief Setting Bull in Madison Square Garden.



This was Oklahoma High School's 1896 football team and we even have identification of each of the players: Red Brown, Dine Johnson (Manager), John Lesser, Harrod (well, the last name is a ?), Tom Loughmiller, Gery Loughmiller, McCormick, Ed Loughmiller (Pauline's father), Theodore Folke, Carl Hammer and Mark Hyatt.

Upon returning to Oklahoma City he became a surveyor with the Pioneer Telephone Company. In the early 'twenties he and his wife had five children, all of which became alumni of Central High School. He also became president of the Oklahoma City School Board and his name appears on the cornerstones of a number of schools that were completed during his tenure in office.

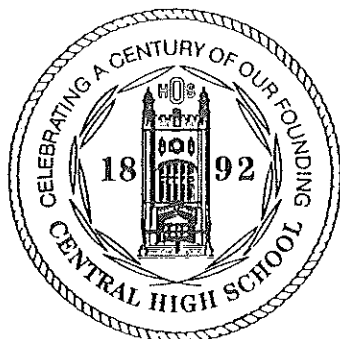
It was noted by his family that Ed never rode a bus or street car to the office. After all it was only three miles and he enjoyed the active life which included walking — in fact, he enjoyed life until his death in his ninetieth year.

Note: The Oklahoma County Historical Society has custodial care of the OHS Museum, which is located in the

One Bell Central Building at 817 North Robinson. The school's first class was conducted in a store front building at 319 West California in 1892 (this location is in the midst of the Myriad Gardens today). Though it occupied four different locations before the grand structure on Robinson was occupied, it remained the only high school in Oklahoma City until 1926. The museum is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday — 11:00 until 2:00 pm. Y'all come!

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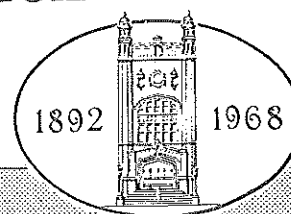
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The Oklahoma County Historical Society chose this one hundredth anniversary of the county to inaugurate its "Oklahoma County Pathmaker" program. Each year four living and four deceased individuals will be honored. Their pictures and biographies will be permanently displayed in the Museum of the Unassigned Lands, operated by the Society at 4300 Sewell. Each person is recognized for lasting "paths" which they have created in the development of Oklahoma County.

Because the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce has been the most influential organization in the development of Oklahoma City and Oklahoma County, and because most of the individuals selected over the years will have played a role in the Chamber, the Oklahoma County Historical Society is delighted to inaugurate the Pathmaker program at this Centennial Luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce

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Society Has Worthy History of Development

Perhaps it's a good idea to restate our history and reaffirm our society's goals from time to time. We know that our members need to be aware of how meaningful and important membership is, and what annual dues amount to. In any event, read/review the following paragraphs and be aware of what your association with the Oklahoma County Historical Society portends:

The Oklahoma County Historical Society was founded in 1979 by a small group of men and women who recognized the need for an organization which concentrated its efforts on local history. Until that time, although there were numerous museums and organizations in the city interpreting of state and national heritage, as well as specialized subjects, there was neither an organization nor a museum which told the history of this central Oklahoma county in the heart of the Unassigned Lands.

A membership campaign brought in 200 members, including more than one hundred taking life membership.

Since its organization, the Oklahoma County Historical Society has been extremely active, conducting a major historical study, publishing three books and establishing and operating two different museums.

Its first major project was a study of landmark historical buildings of Oklahoma County, identifying the structures and collecting their histories. This led to the publication of the Society's first book, "Buildings of Oklahoma County: 1889-1931."

A second project was the publication of the Oklahoma County history, "Heart of the Promised Land." This book received wide acclaim and numerous copies were sold.

A major desire of the Society was to develop a museum which

would concentrate its effort only on the interpretation of local history. This dream came to fruition through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Melton, who dedicated 3,000 square feet on the ground floor of the brand new Melton Building, overlooking Broadway Extension, to the Oklahoma County Historical Society for the establishment of a museum.

The museum, known as the Museum of the Unassigned Lands, was dedicated in September, 1984, and is open free to the public from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Among its visitors are frequent school groups.

Last Spring, through a contribution of the late Roy P. Stewart, the Roy Stewart Library of Oklahoma and Western History was established at the museum.

In 1982 the Society was approached by the Central High School Alumni Association to establish a museum in space donated for that purpose by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in the former high school's building. This museum was also dedicated in 1984, and is open free to the public three days weekly, interpreting educational history.

Membership in the Oklahoma County Historical Society is open to the public. Annual dues are \$10. Individual life membership is \$100, and is invested in the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. Corporate, Supporting and Patron Memberships start at \$100 annually, and are used to support the museum efforts.

Membership dues and tax deductible contributions may be directed to the Society at the Museum of the Unassigned Lands, 4300 Sewell, Oklahoma City 73118.

Arcadia Round Barn Update

Even though a devastating fire destroyed his home and possessions, Board member Luke Robison has continued to restore the famous Route 66 landmark. In January, Luke and Ann's home was completely destroyed by a raging grass fire which consumed ten other homes in its path before fire fighters were able to bring it under control. Luke and Ann are dedicated members of our society and the community. If you would like to help the Robinson's please send a contribution to *Luke Robinson Fund*, PO Box 10600, Midwest City, 73140.

If you would like to assist in the restoration of the Round Barn, please forward your contribution to the Oklahoma County Historical Society, and we will see that it gets to *Friends of The Arcadia Round Barn*.

Did You Know . . . Governor Henry Bellmon has proclaimed May 13 - 19, *Oklahoma Museums Week*. Take time to visit a local museum or historic site such as the *Museum of the Unassigned Lands*, *Central High School Museum* or the *Museum of Arcadia Round Barn*. By your action of taking time to visit, you show your support for the arts and humanities of our community.

We Have An Artist On Staff!

As with many of the artistic details required by our society, Jack Moses, member of our board of directors, designed the centennial emblem which is being used to represent the celebration.

Spring Membership Drive Continues

Just a reminder, it is time to renew your membership in this Society for this *not-so-new year*. We want to thank the seventy-five dedicated devotees who have already sent their renewal fees forward. As you know we depend on this type of support and suggest that you give a *gift membership* to a friend. What a thoughtful way to show friendship.

Lawton Society Hears Jack Moses on WW I Aces Form Oklahoma.

On April 14th, The Lawton Historical Society had the opportunity to view a graphically illustrated presentation by Board member, Jack Moses relating to Oklahoma Aces of the first world war. Jack is a long-time historian of military history and has five cases of related memorabilia on loan to the Kirkpatrick Air Space Museum.

More than one hundred and fifty illustration are used to present aircraft, display events and portray some of Oklahoma's heroes of eventful war.

We all look forward to the time Jack will bring this pictorial compilation of historic material to one of our meetings. Yes, we'll let you know.

A Reminder

Just a nudge to get your thoughts on the time of our Annual Society Garage Sale in the fall of the year. This activity helps generate support for the organization and and it's ongoing programs.

"A Glimpse At History"

Did you know that Boise City, Oklahoma was bombed during World War II?

Did you know that a legislator rode in an ambulance from a hospital to the State Capitol to vote to prevent a governor from being impeached, and when the ambulance turned over in an accident, he insisted on being carried by stretcher to the chambers to cast the deciding vote?

Did you know that in 1911 a governor sent the National Guard, with loaded rifles, to Tulsa to stop an illegal horse race, and only when Guardsmen were aiming at horses with rifles cocked, did the racing stop?

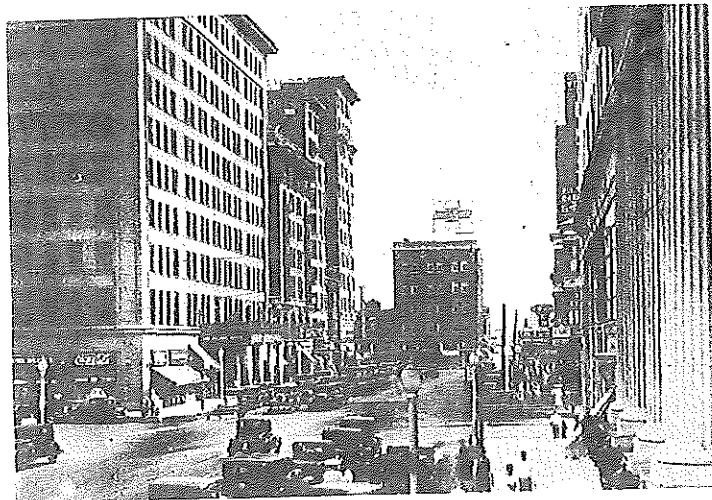
These are only three of the exciting "glimpses of Oklahoma history" which you are probably hearing on radio these days in promotion of Oklahoma's "Homecoming '90" celebration.

These one minute narrations, now being broadcast daily on 107 Oklahoma radio stations, were written by Pendleton Woods, an organizer and past president of the Oklahoma County Historical Society, and now its museum chairman. They were developed for tourism promotion by Enterprise Square, USA, through a grant from First Interstate Bank.

Each story is different, and often is a little known incident, not found in Oklahoma history books. They are narrated by the late Gene Dillehay, and produced by Dillehay, with sound effects. This was Gene's last big creative effort before his untimely death.

Sixty-five of these stories have been developed into a one-hour audio cassette recording, designed for your home cassette machine or for listening as you drive in your automobile.

They are being sold by Enterprise Square for \$7.50, plus \$2.25 postage, mailing, handling cost and tax.



Enterprise Square is making a special offer to the Oklahoma County Historical Society. For each cassette of "Glimpses of Oklahoma" ordered through the Society's order blank, the Society will receive \$2.50, to be deposited in the Museum of the Unassigned Lands Account of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation.

You may use the order blank on this page, or a photocopy of the same to insure that the Society will be reimbursed. You may also pass copies of this order blank to friends who may be interested in the cassettes, and their orders will also benefit the Society.

Send your orders directly to Enterprise Square, not to the Historical Society.

"Glimpses of Oklahoma History" Order Form

TO: Enterprise Square, USA
2501 East Memorial Road, PO Box 11000
Oklahoma City, OK 73136-1100

Enclosed is a check for \$_____ (\$9.75 each) for which please send me _____ copies of the one hour historical audio cassette, "Glimpses of Oklahoma," (postpaid and tax paid). I understand that \$2.50 of this sales amount will go to the Oklahoma County Historical Society to benefit its museum fund.

Name _____

Address & Zip _____

Pathmaker Luncheon Order Form

TO: Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce
1 Santa Fe Plaza
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Enclosed is a check for \$_____ (\$10.00 each), for which please make _____ reservation for the Centennial celebration luncheon and recognition program to be held at the Sheraton Century Ballroom at noon Thursday, May 17th.

Name _____

Address & Zip _____

Oklahoma Territory Marks Century

May 2nd, marks the centennial of the Organic Act creating Oklahoma Territory and subsequently, Oklahoma county.

When the novelty of the first few weeks of opening a new land began to wane, the settlers began to realize there was no mechanism in place for management of day-to-day affairs of government.

In the rush to pass legislation to open the unassigned lands for settlement, Congress failed to provide the structure of a form of government, thus, the people experienced uncertainty regarding homesteads, or what legal recourse was available to them to adjudicate civil and criminal matters. This realization manifested considerable agitation to remedy the situation.

In late May, 1889, a call was issued for a convention to meet at Guthrie, on the 17th of July, for the purpose of planning the organization of a territorial government. Sentiment was divided over the issue and certain communities such as Oklahoma City, were vigorously opposed to the call. The opposition towns called for a gathering to meet at Frisco, (a community which is no longer in existence, but was two miles north-west of Yukon in what is now Canadian County).

The Guthrie convention assembled at the appointed time with ninety-six delegates attending. After three days of haggling, the convention adjourned to meet again August 20th.

Reconvening a month later, one hundred delegates gathered to begin the means to end the misery of the citizenry of the unassigned lands. A majority of those assembled favored the proposed organization of a territorial government, but a large minority insisted that the convention should frame memorial to Congress, outlining the needs to the territory.

Committee's were appointed to form an organic act, another to form a memorial to Congress and a third group to divide the territory into counties.

The rather lengthy document to Congress, addressed the present problems the populace was enduring since the opening of the land. Included was that there was "no provision for the solemnizing of marriage, nor for the care or adoption of orphan children" . . . or . . . "no provision for burial grounds" . . . or the . . . "construction (and)

maintenance of public roads . . . schools . . . " and matters relating to crime. The memorial cited at least sixty-three separate functions that were lacking for proper administration by local and territorial entities because no formal government or mechanism for such a government was present.

When the Fifty-first Congress convened in December, 1889, the memorial of the Oklahoma convention was presented. Three different bills for the creation of a territorial government for Oklahoma were introduced - Senate Bill No. 895 by Senator Orville H. Platt, of Connecticut, and House Bills Numbers 6 and 7 respectively by representatives William M. Stringer of Illinois, (who was instrumental in the passage of the bill to open the territory to settlement), and Charles S. Baker of New York.

On April 21st, 1890 almost one year to the day of the great land run, the amended Platt bill passed in Congress and was sent to President Benjamin Harrison to sign into law on May 2nd.

The Organic Act defined the limits of the Territory of Oklahoma, it prescribed a republican form of government comprised of an executive, legislative and judicial branches. The act even designated the county seats for the seven districts in the territory, and of Oklahoma City was selected for County Two.

The general statutes of the State of Nebraska were adopted for use in the territory until modified or amended by the territorial assembly. Guthrie was designated as the seat of government until such time as the assembly and territorial governor "might see fit to establish it elsewhere." (That's another story . . . for another time, of course!)

Over one year was spent before the citizens of the territory finally had legal recourse to settle disputes, adjust claims and conduct legal affairs. As we look back nearly a century ago, the problems the settlers encountered were great, but with the passage of time, those problems faded into the past. Now, with territorial government in place, the settlers could channel their energies into forging a new state.

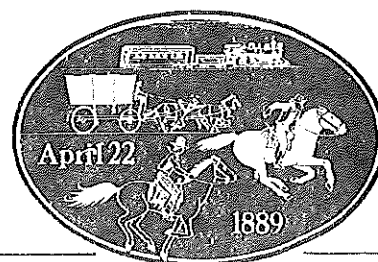
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PRES. WILLIAM WELGE REPORTS

REVIEW OF 1983

HISTORY RECAPTURED

Beginning with this newsletter, a portion will be used to highlight some aspects of county history from 1889 to the present. Contributions are welcome and can be family histories business or related events involving Oklahoma County.

Our first story is of Joseph Bouse of Oklahoma City, born in Pennsylvania in 1856, who was interviewed in 1937 concerning his experience during the run of '89. Due to the length, the second half of his story will be presented in our next newsletter.

MY TRIP AND EXPERIENCE IN THE OPENING OF OKLAHOMA

I, Joseph W. Bouse, was one of thirteen children. Nine of which were boys, and four girls. All children lived to see their 21st birthday and older. In the winter of 1888 and '89, I was spending my winter in Florida, when President Harrison issued the proclamation to open Oklahoma for settlement on the 22nd day of April at 12 o'clock high noon. I decided to purchase a ticket to Purcell, Indian Territory, and take in the opening.

There was a young man there in Florida by the name of Lee Kizell, who wanted to go with me. I know he was a full-blooded Florida Cracker, and never been out of the state, I said, "all right Lee, I will be glad to have you." We arrived in Purcell on the evening of the 21st day of April, 1889. This was a small trading town on the railroad running north and south through the land to be opened. Also on the South Canadian River, the river to be the south border line of Oklahoma proper, consisting of about five counties, to be opened on the 22nd. There we found hundreds of people getting ready for the race the next day. No accommodations left, you had to accommodate yourself as best you could. We made out very well during that night, everything was wide open, and on the move all night. People were planning how they were going to cross the river, and where they were going to head for. The river was low, and one could cross most anywhere on horse or on foot, but wagons and buggies had to find a crossing on account of the quicksand. That was where the horsemen had the advantage. Soldiers were patrolling the river for miles to keep the Sooners out, every once in a while they would bring someone out, turn them loose with orders not to try it again.

The cowboys had been in this country for years, and were training their horses and knew how to ride them. Covered

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During the year 1983, the Society finally moved into its *new headquarters* at 4300 North Sewell. Housed in the lower floor of the Melton Building, the Society is just across the hall from the Voth Art Gallery.

We have received many *fine gifts of artifacts* including a spinning wheel, hand tools, clothing of the territorial period, books, photographs and some manuscripts. All of the donations need to be catalogued and accessioned into our collections. One of our members, Don Duncan has consented to be volunteer coordinator. If you are interested in volunteering your time to help our museum get started please contact him at 751-4474.

Of course, one of our on-going projects is the *Central High School Museum* under the capable guidance of Charles Able. Charles has been working closely with Southwestern Bell and the alumni in developing this museum.

At our annual meeting held last September, the membership voted its approval of a *new board member*, Mr. John Green, and *re-elected* Bill Peavler and Pen Woods.

Charles Able presented a multi-media program of Central High School which was edifying and well received at the final meeting of the year.

The Board of Directors at its monthly meeting in September *elected the following officers* for the coming year; *Bill Welge*, president; *Charles Able*, vice president; re-elected secretary was *Mrs. Merle Melton* and *Bill Peavler* as treasurer. Also we approved as membership secretary *Mrs. Virgil Flynn*.

The *new year* presents us with the *challenge* to excel and be more determined in the development of the Museum of the Unassigned Lands. We have the resources, but the most viable factor, the most important element in this undertaking is your membership! With the centennial of the Run of 1889 only five years away, we have a golden opportunity to have one of the finest museums in central Oklahoma.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES WANTED

Contained in this newsletter is a biographical sketch, which we are asking you to provide. These sketches will be kept on file in the society's archives for reference material. A business sketch is also being developed as well as a church history for all of Oklahoma City and the country. The board urges our members to fill out the information and return to us as soon as possible.

HELP FOR THE LOCAL MUSEUM IS ON THE WAY

Mark your calendar for January 28th as the Oklahoma Museum Association and the Oklahoma Historical Society will co-sponsor a workshop on grantsmanship. The workshop will be held at the Kirkpatrick Center in the Goldman Room at 9:00 a.m. The address is 2100 NE 52nd Street. The workshop is free.

wagons, farm horses, buckboards, buggies and every kind of conveyance had not a chance beating these cowboys.

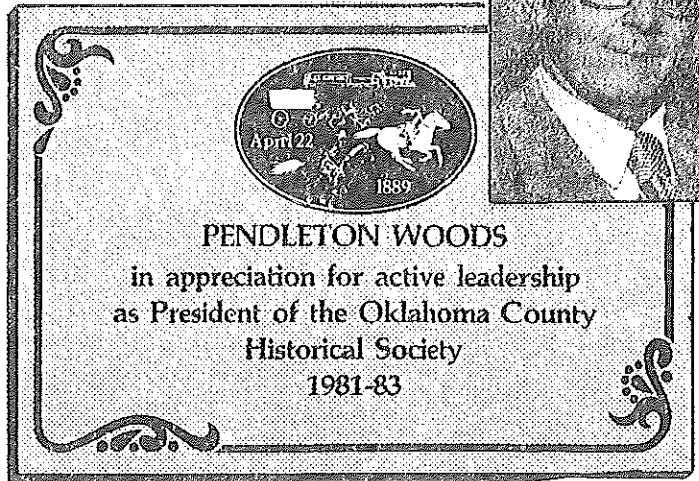
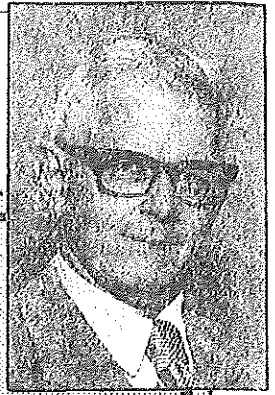
As the hour drew near we decided to start the race by going on the first train. Leaving there was five full trains standing ready to go, they commenced loading early and by the time to start, they were loaded from cow catcher to last platform, and on the roof, steamed us, and when the firing started, whistles blowing, and the race was on.

As luck would have it we were on the first train out, it left at once, everything went well for about 20 miles, then came to a grade and the train slowed down, on the grade, people began to drop off, and running and driving stakes. I said to my man Friday, "This is our chance." It was the finest looking prairie country I ever saw, covered with green grass three to four inches high, as far as I could see to the east it was the same, and up grade sufficient to make good drainage. As we dropped off, I made the landing all right but Friday hit the ground and went into the bar pit head over heels, spilled his peek, but not hurt, when we got started I said to him, "No upland prairie for me, I want a farm with bottom land, timber and water." We each had a peck to carry, but we went on the run, up grade I soon found Friday losing ground.

I kept going, knowing when I reached the top of the grade, the view east would show timber.

I was ahead of them all. But to my joy, I could see a line of timber, indicating a stream, as in this country, all streams are lined with timber, there lay about the size of a 160 acres

Pendleton Woods was presented this engraved placque at the final meeting of 1983. Good job and thanks, Pen!



of the finest land possible. I ran right into the center of it, stuck my umbrella in the ground, threw my raincoat over it, and called it my stake and home. Not a person was in sight yet. It was now 1:45 p.m.

Building a big fire, I got ready to spend the night. When the smoke began to rise other settlers saw it, and here they came. We had a fine camp supper, and the evening up to midnight was spent getting acquainted with our neighbors, I was congratulated on getting the finest quarter section in the bottom, and more than that, one of the men bid me \$300 for my right. I told him nothing doing, it was what I started out to get, and I was going to make a home on it, we had a splendid night of it, even if the wolves did keep some of the boys from sleeping part of the night. I got a big kick out of shooting these wolves, as I was a crack shot in my younger days.

We found this to be a big game country, deer, turkeys, by

THE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL MUSEUM

In 1982 the Oklahoma County Historical Society assumed responsibility for the museum which is to be placed in the Central High School building. The structure was assigned to the national rolls of historic places in 1973.

The Southwest Bell Telephone Company purchased the building and granted an easement on the north, south and east facia to the historic preservation of the school. The east entrance and the immediate area therein is being provided as a place for the school's museum.

Judge Fred Daugherty, Jack Moses, Charles Able and Reberta Adams were appointed to represent the society in the accumulation, and installation of the display.

An alumni association has been organized and currently has a mailing list of more than twenty six hundred. Of course these people are both supportive and enthusiastic toward the museum in which their own memorabilia is being placed.

Charles Able is also writing a history and gathering personal stories of the school which will probably be published in hard cover later this year.

NEW DIRECTORS ELLECTED



WILLIAM WELGE
President



CHARLES ABLE
V.P. - Editor



BILL PEAVLER
Treasurer



MERLE MELTON
Secretary



Mrs. VIRGIL FLYNN
M'ship. Secretary



JOHN GREEN
Bd. Member



JOANN VOTH
Bd. Member



JACK MOSES
Bd. Member



DON DUNCAN
Vol. Coordinator



HOWARD MELTON

the thousand, prairie chickens, and plenty of fish. The wild game was a great help to the settlers the first year, for their meat supply. The wild game had a real home here for us. Very few Indians were permitted to live in this forbidden country. The cattlemen on the different ranches and what few of Captain Payne's Booners was here at different times were the only one to disturb the game.

MORNING OF APRIL 23rd, 1889

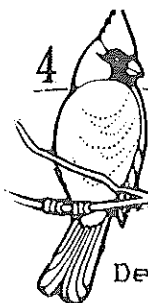
I got out early and had breakfast, such as it was, of lunch, we had carried with us in the run. Each man had his plans for the day. Some went to their claims, to look them over and make plans to start improvements. Some made plans to head for the land office at Guthrie, Oklahoma, to file on their quarter section. It was about 40 miles to Guthrie, Friday and I was making arrangement to head to the railroad to get supplies, as we expected to make camp right here till we could do otherwise. Just then we saw four horsemen riding for our camp from the north. They rode up, said howdy. The spokesman asked whose flag is that up yonder on this claim. I spoke up and said that it's mine. You and I appear to be both on the same claim. How's that stranger? He says how did you come in. I said I came on the first train from Purcell. "Hell, I crossed the tracks ahead of that train on the fastest cowhorse in the race. I was here long before you could get a foot off that train, was I not boys?" His friends on horseback replied, "Yes sir, that is a fact,

every word he has told you is true." These other crooked theives took up for their pal. I replied, "I had been all around the cabin soon after I got there, and saw no sign of a flag or any person on the claim." He said, "I can't help that, the claim is mine and I want you to get off of it today." I replied, "If that is true as you say, your men vouch it's a fact, as I am not looking for an argument or contest, I presume this claim is rightly yours."

They whirled their horses and said get off today. The first thing my friend Friday said was, "Bouse, you don't want any claim in this country, let them have it, lets go to the city." (Now Oklahoma City). That was the kind of a partner I had. I said, "All right, Lee, I am not satisfied with that fellow's put up story. We will go by my flag and see if we can find where he staked, that I failed to see it on my rounds the day before." When we got to my stake, it was easy to see his on the north side of the claim. It was two feet high and had a white flag, 18 inches square floating, anyone could see that they staked after I had. I knew right then that he was lying to me. Say I to Friday, "We will go by there on the next claim north, and we will see more about this." Lee says, "You will get in a fight and let them alone. What would you do with a claim way out here?"

I said, "We are going to camp anyway." Friday said, "Well you saw they all had Winchester rifles across their saddles in

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Open invitation to all Cardinals . .

Central High School's history is being written

Dear Classmate:

"The Central Theme" is the tentative title of a hard cover book which we hope to be able to publish by early summer of 1984. We are currently at a point of advanced research. The need now is for input from classmates in order to add stories, events and personal information . . . materials that will make our history live with the poignancy and realism it deserves.

At this time the book involves chapters dealing with the building and her architect, our teachers, sports, clubs, industrial courses, the alumni association, our museum and publications. An appendix will contain statistics for additional references. You will definitely want to include your part.

You are not ask to write a detailed story; simply let me have an idea, outline or thought that you feel should be attributed to you and/or your classmates. With your name, be sure to include your class, your address and phone number.

Although there are some very sad experiences that could be recounted; the intent is to portray, edify and present positive, humorous and inspirational stories that prevailed in the community and life of the school. Beyond that, your ideas and council are of utmost importance to me. The enclosed form may be useful as a guide, but don't feel confined by it.

Thank you for your help in making this a story in which we will all be proud to have been a part..

Fraternally Yours,
CHARLES F. ABLE

1982 Publication Is Still Available

This thirty two page book was prepared from subject matter directly reproduced from the Sooner Spirit publications dating back to 1921. It has an attractive two color cover and sells for \$7.50 including postage. The writing is unique, and often superb . . . after all, our own school editors and alumni were the authors of each article.



Preserving A Legacy

Central High School Museum & The Alumni Association

I remember it this way . .

Name of teacher, coach, sponsor, counselor: _____

Subject, class, club or activity: _____

Year, time and place of activity, lesson, game, etc.: _____

Effect, impact or lesson gained and how lasting . . punch line: _____

Other information: _____

Your name/maiden name _____ Class _____

Address _____ Telephone: (____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____



Oklahoma County Historical Society

Name _____ Address _____

Date of birth _____ Place _____

Date of settlement and place of location in Oklahoma _____

Full name, as near as possible, of father and mother _____

Give names of other ancestors as near as you can on both maternal and paternal lines, specifying anything of prominence relating to such ancestors, and their native state _____

Give data as to education, where procured and how _____

Business or vocation, places located, etc. _____

What offices or places of public trust have been held by ancestors or near relatives, especially those of prominence _____

Give name of wife (or husband) and if married more than once, give names _____

If wife (or husband) deceased, give date of demise _____

Give names of children and the present address of those who are living _____

Give any other facts and circumstances that would be relevant or important to be incorporated in a condensed biography for the purpose of preserving your name in the history of Oklahoma, such as religious, fraternal and club affiliations, military service etc. _____

(If space provided is not sufficient, complete data on extra sheets and attach.)

front of them and each carried a six shooter too, they are tough hombres." I said tough or not tough, I am going there to camp and shoot it out, I am a crack shot and I will have them laying across this stake of mine."

We crossed the creek, went about a quarter of a mile north, walked in to their camp, but only three were there, as the one who claimed my stake rode away to the Guthrie land office. The spokesman says, "Howdy, you are the man we were talking to this morning on the claim down the creek." I says, "Yes sir, I am." He says, "Stranger, you are a damn fool." "Well," I said "I knew there was something wrong but did not think about it that way." "Yes sir, that talk Bill made to you down there was all damn lies, and we indorsed it. He aimed to stake that claim, but he got too far north, and staked this one, he did not discover his mistake till four o'clock. Then he went and pulled up his stake, carried to across the creek and drove it on your claim, I can show you the hole in the ground where he pulled the stake up." Sure enough there was the hole. I said, "Where is he?" "Oh, he is gone to Guthrie to file. He is on one of the best cowhorses in this territory. He will make it in there today and file tomorrow. Now I want to tell you young

men, we have been talking it over and have decided not to have anything to do with his part in the first place. We know every word you told was true. If you want to go ahead and file a contest, we will be your witnesses." We will go ahead and file a contest. "We will give you our names and addresses and anytime you call on us we will be with you Mr. Bouse. They further said this man is a crook of the deepest dye, and we are not going to stand for him to take advantage of a man like you."

I took their names and addresses and have them somewhere to this day. They invited us to stay and eat with them, and you know we did not refuse them. These three fellows had a good heart even though they were considered dangerous outlaws, they still in their heart had some good in them.

We left their camp and headed for Oklahoma City about 15 miles, with full intentions of going to Guthrie later, and file a contest, we got to the railroad late that afternoon, no train going north, we layed over till next morning, slept in a box car all night.

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TO OUR VALUED MEMBERS: As you are aware, our membership dues are payable on an annual basis . . . it's that time year again. The new dues structure is \$10.00 for individual. This will provide funds for the development of the new museum. Send your check to: Oklahoma County Historical Society - 4300 N. Sewell - Oklahoma City, Okla., Attention Bill Peavler, Treasurer.

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September 1983

*You're Invited
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ANNUAL MEETING

Wine & Cheese Party

INTRODUCTION TO MUSEUM

You are invited to the annual meeting and wine and cheese party of the Oklahoma County Historical Society at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 13, in the library and galleria of the Oklahoma Heritage Center at NW 14 and Robinson.

This will be the most exciting meeting in the history of the society because we will unveil final plans for the Museum of the Unassigned Lands which the Society will open in late fall or winter in a brand new building overlooking the Broadway Extension.

New directors will be elected, and an annual report presented. A social event will follow, with wine and cheese as well as cokes, coffee and other refreshments.

REMEMBER THE DETAILS: The Date: Tuesday, September 13

The Time: 7:30 p.m.

The Place: Oklahoma Heritage Center
 NW 14 and Robinson

JACK MOSES IS ELECTED TO BOARD

Jack Moses, a commercial and fine artist as well as history enthusiast, has been elected to the board of the Oklahoma County Historical Society to fill a vacancy.

Moses is active in many community endeavors and also serves on the board of the 45th Infantry Division Museum.

MUSEUM BUILDING IS COMPLETED

If you have not yet seen it, drive the Broadway Extension between NW 36 and NW 50 and you will see our new museum building overlooking the Extension from the East. It is a two story, tilt-up masonry midway between NW 36 and NW 50, and will be the nearest to the extension of all buildings on the east side. A red door will help you identify it.

It is the new Melton building, with 12,000 square feet, and two stories. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Melton have given the north half of the first floor, rent free to the Oklahoma Historical Society. Obviously, this is a very substantial contribution which they have made to the Society and to the people of Oklahoma City. The remainder of the lower floor is the relocated Voth Art Gallery, featuring traditional European and American art. Thus, the entire ground floor of this building is a tremendous cultural asset to Oklahoma City. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to the Meltons.

BEAUTIFUL CASES ARE COMING

James Leake of Muskogee, who has possession of the cases which were taken from the World Museum in Tulsa at the time of its closing two years ago, has promised Pen Woods that we are at the top of his list to receive cases. They are now stored at Hatbox field in Muskogee. Pen has seen the cases, and reports that they are in first class condition. This will make it possible for us to open our museum with exhibits displayed in a manner in which we can be proud. Mr. Leake is one of Oklahoma's most outstanding civic leaders. His contributions to museums and tourism are equal to or greater than any other person in the state. A few years ago he was honored by the state of Oklahoma for the most outstanding contribution to tourism of any person in the state. His contribution of cases for the Museum of the Unassigned Lands is merely an extension of his numerous contributions to museums and to tourism. We salute James Leake, and we appreciate him greatly.

PLANS MOVE AHEAD FOR SCHOOL MUSEUM

Remodeling of the former Central High School (originally the Oklahoma City High School) is coming along in fine fashion, and the Oklahoma County Historical Society is developing a school museum for permanent display in its lobby.

Owner of the building, the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, is remodeling the structure for its state executive offices. However, the company is reserving the lobby and preparing the display cases for the museum.

Charles Able, a board member of the Oklahoma County Historical Society, and a Central High graduate and alumnus leader, is in charge of this project. Committee members include Judge Fred Daugherty, Jack Moses and Roberta Adams. Persons wishing to serve may call Charles at 525-2253.

This museum, although it focuses upon Central High School, is in many ways a museum telling the history of public education in Oklahoma, since this high school was the only high school in the city prior to 1920.

FROM THE PRESIDENT -

The Oklahoma County Historical Society can take pride in accomplishments of barely over five years of existence.

We conducted a highly-successful charter membership campaign, which included invested life memberships, providing an investment in the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, yielding annual earnings.

We have sponsored a survey of historical buildings of the county, and have followed up this study with the publication of our first book.

We have co-sponsored two historical seminars, drawing participants from a statewide area, the latest being a highly successful seminar on historical structures, conducted at the Overholser Carriage House last spring (co-sponsored with the Preservation Division of the Oklahoma Historical Society).

We published the beautiful, hard-backed pictorial history, Heart of the Unassigned Lands, which was the first comprehensive history of Oklahoma County ever to be published.

We are participating with the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce in the collection of Outdoor artifacts of former downtown buildings, for display in the Clarence Ford Park adjacent to the Chamber. Our latest contribution was a sphere from the Baum Building, obtained from life member Harry Deupree, and installed for us by construction historian Walter Nashert. Other recent acquisitions have included masonry signs from the former City Jail (near Grand Avenue) and from the Ellis Building, in the Leadership Square area.

We are developing a school museum in the lobby of the former Central High School.

Our most exciting venture is the Museum of the Unassigned Lands, with a building completed, cases promised, and more than half the exhibits already planned. When completed, this will be a "must" for school classes as well as for all adults who wish to learn a little of the heritage of the community in which they live.

This marks the close of my second term in office as president, so we will have a new slate of leaders for next year. However, it is my aim to concentrate my personal efforts in helping to see the museum completed and opened.

I thank all who have helped, and particularly those who are leading in the development of museum exhibits.

The real excitement for the Oklahoma County Historical Society lies ahead.

Sincerely,

Pendleton Woods
President

Our name will be.....

MUSEUM of UNASSIGNED LANDS

The board of directors of the Oklahoma County Historical Society, in seeking a name with a wider appeal than "Oklahoma County Museum", have come up with a winner. It will be called Museum of the Unassigned Lands, since Oklahoma County is in the center of the area known as "Unassigned Lands" settled by the Run of 1889. This name also fits into Oklahoma City's Centennial plans for 1989, since our Centennial (and hopefully a World's Fair) will carry the theme of the Centennial of the Unassigned Lands. As soon as we are open we will have a sign announcing our name which will be easily visible from Broadway Extension. We even plan to get the street, which is an extension from Sewell to the Museum, designated as "Unassigned Boulevard".

HISTORICAL SOCIETY ACTIVE IN CENTENNIAL EFFORT

No doubt you've heard about the Oklahoma City Centennial Commission, which is planning big things (hopefully including a World's Fair) for 1989.

The Oklahoma County Historical Society is playing a major role in this program.

Three life members (Bill Bleakley, Roy Stewart and Pen Woods) are serving on the executive committee, and as chairman and vice-chairmen, respectively of the Historical Committee of the Centennial, and Roy and Pen recently authored the historical portion of Oklahoma City's presentation for World's Fair designation. Life member Paul Lambert, is on the executive committee and vice chairman of the heritage committee. Our own county museum is also going to be an important part of the Centennial celebration.

DUES CHANGES ARE PROPOSED

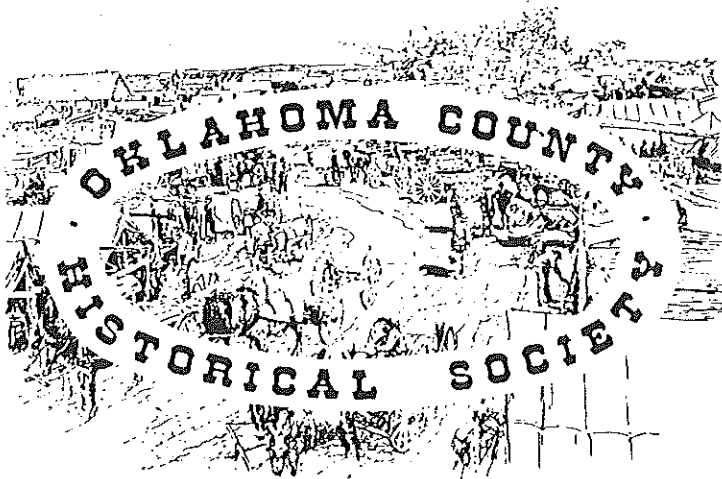
A raise in dues, and establishment of sustaining, supporting and patron memberships will be proposed to the membership at our annual meeting September 15.

Under the proposed plan, individual dues would be \$10 annually; sustaining memberships would be \$25 annually; supporting memberships would be \$50 annually; and patron memberships would be \$100 and above annually.

Memberships were initially established at \$5.00 a year with life memberships at \$100.00. This was designed to build an initial membership base for an organization which then needed only funds necessary for a newsletter, and occasional projects.

However, in the near future, we will be operating a museum. Therefore, considerably more funds are needed. Not only will we need materials, supplies and equipment, but it will soon become necessary to employ a part-time person to oversee the museum, schedule volunteer curators and docents, and keep museum and society records.

Your consideration of the new dues structure is sincerely urged and is recommended by the board.



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FALL MEETING OF
OKLAHOMA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
AT STATE HISTORICAL MUSEUM
7 P.M. MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

SURPRISED TO RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER?

Don't be surprised to receive this newsletter if you are not now a member of the Oklahoma County Historical society. We have identified people throughout Oklahoma County whose backgrounds and interests indicate that both they and the Society would benefit from their membership.

If you are not now a member, your receiving this publication indicates that YOU are among those identified, and that THIS IS AN INVITATION TO YOU TO BECOME A PART OF OUR SOCIETY.

Please read it carefully, and if you wish to be a part of what we are doing, slip \$5.00 in the mail to the Society and become a part of big things which are happening.

You Are Invited...

SOCIETY WILL SHARE IN DIAMOND JUBILEE EVENT
(7 p.m. Monday, December 13, Oklahoma Historical Society Museum)



The fall meeting of the Oklahoma County Historical Society will be held in the State Historical Museum, where we will share with the Oklahoma Historical Society in the dedication of the Diamond Jubilee improvements to the Museum.

This museum, depicting early Oklahoma, has been closed for several months for Jubilee improvements, and will reopen in grand style at our Society meeting.

SPEAKER WILL BE JACK T. CONN, DIAMOND JUBILEE CHAIRMAN, OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESIDENT AND A CHARTER LIFE MEMBER OF THE OKLAHOMA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Mr. Conn will participate in the dedication before our Society, then will speak briefly on "What next...after the Jubilee".

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED DURING A FELLOWSHIP PERIOD.

WE WILL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO TOUR THE COMPLETELY REMODELED MUSEUM.

Mark 7 p.m. Monday, December 13, on your calendar for this important event. You may park your car in the parking lot immediately east of the Historical Society Building.

FACTS ABOUT THE OKLAHOMA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The society was organized in 1978 to preserve the history and heritage of this central heartland of Oklahoma.

Membership is open to any and all persons living in Oklahoma County or elsewhere who share the objectives of the organization. Membership dues are kept at the low rate of \$5.00 annually, in order that financial considerations will not exclude any interested people. Life membership is \$100. Tax deductible gifts, either of money or artifacts, are welcomed.

PROJECTS OF THE ORGANIZATION

Quarterly meetings with programs on timely subjects related to the history of Oklahoma and Oklahoma County. Meetings are held in various interesting locations, often a museum or historical site.

Historic Building Survey. The County Historical Society made a county-wide search and study of the historic structures, and further developed and published a book on these buildings.

Publication of County History. The Society published a colorful, illustrated county history, "Heart of the Promised Land," the first comprehensive history ever to be published on Oklahoma County.

Development of Museum. For the past two and one-half years, the Society has been collecting artifacts, and will establish a museum on NE 44 St, overlooking Broadway Extension in donated space on the ground floor of a brand new building early in 1983. Ground has been broken on the new building.

Collecting of Building artifacts for outdoor display. The Society is collecting exterior building artifacts from historical buildings which have gone down in the downtown area for permanent display and interpretation in the Clarence Ford Park adjacent to the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce at 1 Santa Fe Plaza.

Historical Planning for Centennial. Three life members of the Oklahoma County Historical Society form the chairmanship trio of Oklahoma City's Centennial Commission, and are involved with other organizations in making this one hundredth birthday of Oklahoma City a major milestone.

WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO BE A PART OF THESE EXCITING
DEVELOPMENTS AS WE APPROACH OUR CENTENNIAL IN 1989?

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

TO: Oklahoma County Historical Society
20 West Main, Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Certainly I wish to be a member of the Oklahoma County Historical Society.

_____ I choose to be a LIFE MEMBER (\$100 dues, invested by the Society, so that its earnings may be used in perpetuity)

_____ I choose to be an annual member (\$5 dues for calendar year 1983)

Your name, address, ZIP Code, Telephone _____

NOTE TO CURRENT ANNUAL MEMBERS: Your 1983 dues are now due.



SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERS WILL BENEFIT SOCIETY

The Oklahoma County Historical Society will benefit from sales of two special Diamond Jubilee Christmas offers when ordered through this newsletter.

They are:

1. This Was Oklahoma: A Historical Calendar 1983.
2. Eyewitness to Statehood, a 33 rpm LP record album, narrated by Will Rogers, Jr.

The Society will share in proceeds to benefit the development of the Oklahoma County Museum if your item is ordered through the attached order blank, or if you mention the Oklahoma County Historical Society in placing your order.

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EYEWITNESS TO STATEHOOD ..With Will Rogers, Jr.

A 12 inch LP record, beautifully bound in a double-fold jacket, filled with 28 pictures of early Oklahoma, and with full-color historical paintings on front and back cover.

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On the flip side are hit songs of 1907---original recordings and artists as they performed 75 years ago on Thomas Edison's first cylinder records.

The record was produced by Mark 56 Records of Anaheim, California, the nation's leading producer of documentary records and a frequent winner of Grammy Awards.

This Diamond Jubilee production will make a beautiful addition to your Oklahoma library and

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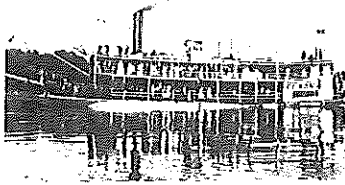
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The Oklahoma County Historical Society is sharing in proceeds from sales of all copies of **THIS WAS OKLAHOMA: A HISTORICAL CALENDAR, 1983**, as well as other books published by Historic Press, when purchased through the order form in this newsletter, or if you mention the name of the Society in placing your order.

The calendar, now in its fifth, all-different volume, pictures 14 beautiful 9 by 12 inch sepia historic pictures of early-day Oklahoma. For each day of the year, there is an event in Oklahoma history which happened on that date.

Past issues of the calendar have received outstanding reviews from *The Daily Oklahoman*, *Oklahoma Today Magazine*, and at least 25 state newspapers. A Tulsa television station quotes the historical items in the calendar daily in its newscasts. Its beautiful antique pictures are interesting and attention-grabbing when framed, or they may be permanently retained in their bound form in your library. The striking front cover illustrates a riverboat on the Arkansas River early in the century. Other full page illustrations include:

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- * A pedestrian suspension bridge on the Cimarron River in 1915.
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- * A grist mill on Rock Creek near Sulphur in 1900.
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- * Land seekers with covered wagon awaiting opening of the Cherokee Outlet in 1893.
- * A cotton compress in southern Oklahoma at the turn of the century.
- * Stage and performers in Guthrie's first theater in 1889.
- * A Pawnee Indian mud lodge in 1907.
- * The last cattle round-up in the Creek Nation prior to Statehood.

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GROUND IS BROKEN FOR NEW MUSEUM FOR OKLAHOMA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.....

Ground has been broken on a new Melton Building at 4420 N. Sewell, which will become the home of the Oklahoma County Historical Society and the New Oklahoma County Museum.

This building is being constructed by Howard Melton for the Melton Company, a surgical supply Company, which will occupy the second floor. The first floor will be occupied by the museum and the Voth Art Gallery.

The 3,000 sq. ft. which the museum will occupy is being furnished rent-free through the generosity of Mr. Melton, a charter life member of the Society and a strong supporter of cultural activity in Oklahoma City.

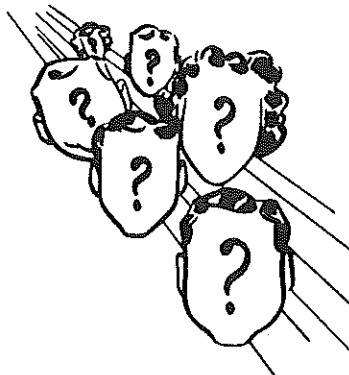
With a museum and an art gallery, featuring traditional art, occupying the entire ground floor, this building is destined to become one of the important cultural centers of central Oklahoma.

The Society is expecting in the near future to be able to announce acquisition of high quality display cases, which will make possible attractive and professional style display of the history and artifacts of Oklahoma City and its surrounding communities.

This museum will focus entirely upon Oklahoma County, and will not in any way be a duplication of other museums in the area, which focus upon other subjects. It will be the only museum to tell the full 94 year story of this central Oklahoma area opened in the Run of 1889.



Breaking ground for the new building which will house the Oklahoma County Historical Society Museum are (from left) Pendleton Woods, president of the Society; Bud Stoldt and Archer Stotts, contractors; Joan Voth, Voth Art Gallery; and Howard Melton, of The Melton Company. (Photo by Joe Miller, courtesy Oklahoma Publishing Co.)



NAME MUSEUM AND WIN PRIZE!

We are seeking a name for our Oklahoma County Historical Society Museum, and your help is needed. Among those suggested have been "Museum of the Unassigned Lands" and "Museum of the Land Born Grown." We need other suggestions, including yours, and the Society's Board of Directors will make the decision.

If your suggestion is selected, your prize will be a copy of "Heart of the Promised Land---Oklahoma County History, or the LP record, "Eyewitness to Statehood With Will Rogers, Jr."---your choice of prizes.

Above all, you will have the honor of naming an important museum for Oklahoma County.

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