NOTES AND DOCUMENTS

OKLAHOMANS WIN NAVY CROSSES

The following names of Oklahomans who have been awarded the Navy Cross for extraordinary heroism in connection with the military operations against the enemy in World War II were sent in for the War Records collection of the Oklahoma Historical Society, by former Lieutenant Commander Robert A. Park, U. S. Naval Reserve, Navy Public Information Officer, Oklahoma City, but were received too late to be included in the list, "Oklahomans Win Navy Crosses," published in *The Chronicles*, Vol. XXIV, No. 2 (Summer, 1946), pp. 219-21: Lieut. John William Padberg, USNR, 1209 N. W. 47th St., Oklahoma City; Lieut. (jg) Roy N. Bean, USNR, 3323 Tangley Road, Houston, Texas. (Born at Norman).

A Correction

In The Chronicles of Oklahoma from summer, 1946, there is an error that should be noted. In the necrologies, "John Joseph Shea" and "Thomas Fenlon Shea," by R. H. Hudson, the writer's home city was listed as Tulsa. Judge Hudson has had his home at Bartlesville for many years. In the article on "Joseph Henry Lumpkin King" by Robert L. Williams, appearing in this number of The Chronicles (page 265), special note is given to Judge Hudson's career in Oklahoma.

DEATH OF WALTER B. McCown, Veteran State Indian Service

OFFICIAL

Walter B. McCown, former Superintendent of the Kiowa Indian Agency at Anadarko, died in Wesley Hospital, Oklahoma City, on July 21, 1946, after a two weeks' illness of heart disease. Mr. McCown was appointed Superintendent of the Kiowa Indian Agency in April, 1932, having been in the U. S. Indian Service since 1911 and having served in positions in South Dakota, in the Cheyenne-Arapaho Agency at Concho, Oklahoma, and in the Osage Agency at Pawhuska. He had recently moved to Oklahoma City from Anadarko, after his appointment on June 17, 1946, as Director of the new District Office (No. 5) of the U. S. Indian Service, established in Oklahoma City, five district offices in the service having recently been set up in the United States in efforts to decentralize Indian Service work away from Chicago and move the functioning of the offices closer to the field. Mr. McCown is survived by his wife, Marie McCown, of Oklahoma City; two sons, Clifton L. McCown

(112 N. W. 32nd St., Oklahoma City) and Walter B. McCown, Jr. (Duncan, Oklahoma); and a daughter, Mrs. M. C. Hoard, El Reno, Oklahoma.

RETIREMENT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES INDIAN AGENCY, MUSKOGEE

A. M. Landman, Superintendent of the Five Civilized Tribes Indian Agency at Muskogee, retired from the U. S. Indian Service on August 31, 1946, and was succeeded in his position by W. O. Roberts who was Superintendent of the Indian Agency at Pine Ridge, South Dakota. Mr. Landman had served as Superintendent of the Five Civilized Tribes Agency at Muskogee since 1931, having prior to that time been Superintendent at Pine Ridge Indian Agency. The Agency at Muskogee is one of the oldest organized in Oklahoma, having been established at Muskogee as the Union Agency in 1874. To-day its jurisdiction includes Eastern Oklahoma and 130 employees stationed at Muskogee, several Eastern Oklahoma towns, and Oklahoma City.

TABLE OF LAND VALUES FOR ALLOTMENT OF LANDS IN THE CHOCTAW AND CHICKASAW NATIONS, 1902

The following table of land values in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, at the time of allotment of lands in severalty before Oklahoma became a state, was transcribed from a photostatic copy of an original form sheet published by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes for reference by the general public. This photostat is part of an historical collection owned by Hon. L. B. Bobo of the State Land Department and was kindly loaned by him that this transcript might be typed:

Department of the Interior,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Table Of Classification And Appraisement Of Lands In The Choctaw And Chickasaw Nations.

The lands of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations have been appraised pursuant to the provisions of the act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, (32 Stat., L., 641). The schedule of appraisement being based upon the classification of said hands heretofore made by the Commission, the following table is designed to show the character of land included in the several classes and the appraised value now placed thereon:

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Class.		D	escriptic	n.		Appraised		
						per ac	re	
1	Natural	open	bottom	land	•••••	•••••	\$6 50	
2(a)	Cleared	botto	m land				6 50	

2(b)	Best black prairie land	6	50
3	Bottom land covered with timber and thickets. (If the		
	timber is of commercial value, it will be appraised separately)	6	50
4(a)	Best prairie land other than black	6	00
4(b)	Bottom land, subject to overflow	5	50
5(a)			
5(b)	Swamp land, easily drainable		
6(a)	Rough prairie land	4	00
6(b)	Upland with hard timber. (If the timber is of commercial		
	value, it will be appraised separately)	3	25
7(a)	Rocky prairie land	3	00
7(b)	Swamp land, not easily drainable	2	50
8(a)	Alkali Prairie land	2	00
8(b)	Hilly and rocky land	1	50
8(c)	Swamp land, not profitably drainable	1	00
8(d)	Mountain pasture land	1	00
9(a)	Sandy land with pine timber. (If the timber is of		
	commercial value, it will be appraised separately)		75
9(b)	Mountain land with pine timber. (If the timber is of		
	commercial value, it will be appraised separately)		50
10	Rough mountain land		25

The average value per acre of the land of the Chectaw and Chickasaw Nations is \$3.254, and an allotment for a member consisting of 320 acres of the average allottable lands amounts to \$1041.28. An allotment for a freedman, consisting of 40 acres of the average allottable lands, amounts to \$130.16.

The following table indicates the number of acres of land that will constitute an allotment in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations:

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				Men	Members.		dmen.
Land	appraised	at	\$6.50	160.19	acres.	20.02	acres.
Land	appraised	at	6.00	173.55	acres.	21.69	acres.
Land	appraised	at	5.50	180.32	acres.	23.67	acres.
Land	appraised	at	5.00	208.26	acres.	26.03	acres.
Land	appraised	at	4.50	231.39	acres.	28.92	acres.
Land	appraised	at	4.00	260.32	acres.	32.54	acres.
Land	appraised	at	3.25	320.39	acres.	40.04	acres.
Land	appraised	at	3.00	347.09	acres.	43.38	acres.
Land	appraised	at	2.50	416.51	acres.	52.06	acres.
Land	appraised	at	2.00	520.64	acres.	65.0 8	acres.
Land	appraised	at	1.50	694.19	acres.	86.77	acres.
Land	appraised	at	1.00	1041.28	acres.	130.16	acres.
Land	appraised	at	.75	1388.37	acres.	173.54	acres.
	appraised		.50	2082.56	acres.	260.32	acres.
	appraised		.25	4165.12	acres.	520.64	acres.

Upon application to this Commission plats will be furnished to members and freedmen, covering the land which they purpose to select as their allotments, and by reference to the above table the appraised value thereof can be determined.

Classification and appraised value has been made as to tracts of forty acres or quarter section subdivisions.

No allotments will be made of lands in tracts of less than ten acres or a quarter of a quarter of a section.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Tams Bixby Acting Chairman.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 6, 1902.

FINE SALES ON THE FOREMAN HISTORIES

The first printing of Grant Foreman's The Last Trek of the Indians, a review of which appeared in The Chronicles for summer (1946), pp. 232-33, was exhausted almost two months after its appearance off the press of the University of Chicago in 1946. Owing to shortage of paper, the second printing will not be out until next year. Doctor Foreman's A History of Oklahoma (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1942) also had a fine sale and is now in its second printing. Mrs. Grant Foreman's Indians Abroad (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1943) was brought out by the Government during World War II in a special edition of 80,000 copies for distribution to the Armed Forces, the only Oklahoma book to receive this distinction.

The following special historical notes have been submitted by Doctor Foreman for publication in *The Chronicles*:

(1) RAILROAD COMPANY TO BE INCORPORATED BY THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES AFTER THE CIVIL WAR

After the Civil War, treaties made with the Five Civilized Tribes provided for building railroads through their country. The Indians resisted efforts of eastern capitalists to invade their country, and before any other steps were taken the Indians themselves took the lead in this field of enterprise. To this end plans were made for the organization of a company to be made up of Indians of the Five Civilized Tribes. In order to implement the movement with necessary facilities, a bill was introduced in congress for incorporating this company.

This company was to consist of members of the five civilized tribes inhabiting the Indian Territory, viz:—Cherokees, Chickasaws, Creeks, Choctaws, and Seminoles. This railroad was to be the link connecting the Leavenworth, Lawrence and Galveston Railroad and the Missouri River, Fort Scott and Gulf Railroad, the Central Indian Railroad to begin at the northern boundary of the Indian Territory, extending through the same a distance of 300 miles to Preston, on the Red River. The Indians asked no subsidies of the government, but planned to build the road themselves. Section three provided "that the Secretary of the Interior, for and in behalf of said nations, is hereby authorized to subscribe to the stock of said road after said nations shall signify, through acts of their several national councils or legislatures, their assent and desire for the same, so much as the said nations respectively may deem proper of the funds now held of which may hereafter be held by the government of the United States for

their use and benefit. Now, for the purpose of enabling said nations to pay subscriptions they may be willing to make to said road, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and required to pay over the amounts of said subscriptions as may fall due, to the officer of said railroad company authorized to receive the same."

The names of the incorporators of the company given in the first section of the bill were Lewis Downing, William P. Ross, Stand Watie, Arch. Scraper, J. P. Davis, Houston Benge, William P. Adair, Clement N. Vann, Samuel Smith, J. A. Scales, William P. Boudinot, James Vann, E. C. Boudinot, J. W. Washbourne, Charles E. Watie, Rich. Fields, John Vann, Dan. E. Ross, Thomas B. Wolfe, John B. Jones, of the Cherokee nation, and D. N. McIntosh, Samuel Checote, Geo. Stidham, Sanford Perryman, Coweta Micco, James Smith, Timothy Barnett, Wash Grayson and Pleasant Porter, of the Creek nation; John Jumper, John Brown and John Chupco of the Seminole nation; Sampson Folsom, D. C. Harkins, Peter Folsom, A. Wright, Forbes Leflore and Tandy Walker of the Choctaw nation; and Holmes Colbert and Douglas H. Cooper of the Chickasaw nation, and all such other persons who shall or may be associated with them.

(2) INDIAN PROTEST AGAINST THE "BATTLE OF THE WASHITA"

Not long after the so-called "Battle of the Washita" (November 27, 1868), members of the Five Civilized Tribes undertook to express to the officials in Washington their indignation at what they believed to be an unjustifiable slaughter of helpless Indians. To this end they addressed a communication to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs reading as follows:

"The undersigned delegates and representatives of the Cherokee, Creek and Choctaw nations, appeal to the Government of the United States, through you, for a fair and thorough investigation of the recent 'battle' between the United States regular troops under command of Gen. Custer and Black Kettle's band of Indians, men, women and children.

"We are informed and believe that this 'battle', which has been heralded through the press from one end of the land to the other, as a great victory over hostile Indians, was in reality a brutal massacre of friendly Indians, and that of the 103 officially reported killed more than one-half were women and children. Information has reached us, also, that some of the slain were Cherokees, who were in company with Black Kettle's band for the purpose of trade and traffic; Cherokees, too, who had done good service for the cause of the Union in the late war. Further than this, we learn that Black Kettle and these same Indians had just returned from Fort Cobb, where they had been received and treated as 'friendly Indians' by the United States authorities there, and were at the time of the attack resting in confident assurance of the protection and good will of the government.

"While we do not assert positively the truth of the foregoing statements, we believe them to be true and have taken steps to procure reliable proof thereof. Will not the government of the United States, as the guardian of its Indian wards, do as much? The following facts are undisputed, however, and alone ought to command a rigid examination of the matter.—

"First—This band of Indians was under the lead of Black Kettle, a chief conspicuous among all the chiefs of the plains as the 'friend of the white man.' It is alleged by some that he had recently become 'disaffected'. In what solitary act had he shown his disaffection?

"Second—The battle took place in a portion of the Seminole nation ceded by the treaty of 1866, in the very heart of the Indian territory, and in that section of the same which had been specifically provided by the government as the asylum and final home of those Indians.

"Third—The Indians massacred by the troops of the United States were encumbered by their women and children and a large number of extra ponies, and a considerable amount of property not necessary and never used on the war path.

"Justice to the Indians, we respectfully submit, requires that all the facts of this unfortunate affair should be laid before the world. Very respectfully, your obedient servants."

CHEROKEE DELEGATES CHOCTAW DELEGATES CREEK DELEGATES.

(With the full names of all the delegates).

(3) PAYMENT FOR CREEK ORPHAN LANDS

The Creek treaty of 1832 provided for setting aside twenty sections of Creek land to be sold and the proceeds set apart for 598 Creek orphans who had no other lands and no one to represent them. This money was to be paid to the orphans on their arrival in Indian Territory. However, when the money was realized, it was diverted to other purposes and payment was not made to the orphans for fifty years after the obligation was assumed by the government; and in 1883, when the payment was finally consummated, 573 of those for whose benefit the provision was made had died, and only twenty were still living. The money therefore went to the heirs of those who were originally entitled to it.

This money, amounting to \$205,821.58, was paid cut late in the winter of 1882-83, at Muskogee; \$30,821.58 was in silver which filled six kegs, and \$175,000 was in currency. The silver weighed 1875 pounds, making a load for a four-horse government team. The valance was retained in the subtreasury in St. Louis. That shipped to Muskogee for payment to the Indians was handled by the Adams Express Company, which collected \$235.00 for its services.

(4) ARAPAHO LAND LEASE PAYMENT

About the same time as the Creek Orphan payment, payment was made to the Arapaho Indians of \$31,000, which accrued from cattle leases on their land. This money, all in silver dollars, was shipped in five boxes, weighed nearly 2000 pounds, and was forwarded from Caldwell, Kansas, in a mule wagon guarded by an Indian escort.

When the wagon reached the agency the scene was described as exciting. The money was counted out on a long table in piles of \$10.00 each. Every Indian man, woman and child entitled to a share was furnished a ticket. When a number was called, the Indian presenting it was paid; it was difficult to restrain them, so eager were the Indians to secure such a pile of silver as they had never seen or dreamed of. It required two days to complete the payment.

(5) FORT GIBSON ABANDONED

In October, 1875, the abandoned Fort Gibson was again garrisoned by one company of infantry and one troop of cavalry. The commandant at that time was Major J. J. Upham, who for a brief period acted as Indian Agent for what afterward became known as Union Agency at Muskogee.

(6) "BIG JOHN" WEST, CHEROKEE

Attending the United States Court at Fort Smith in February, 1883, was Capt. J. C. West, a Cherokee Indian of Canadian District. The newspapers said of him that he was six feet five inches tall, and weighed 201 pounds, and that he was the smallest of four sons of the late "Big John" West. Big John was said to be six feet, seven and three-quarters inches tall, weighed 245 pounds, "and so great was his strength that one blow was sufficient to kill an ordinary man." It was said in the press also [probably apccryphal] that "a special law was passed by the Cherokee Council providing that Big John must strike with the open hand if he had occasion to hit any one; and if he violated this and struck a man with his fist. it would be considered assault with intent to kill, and that he should be charged for such offence." Big John died in 1876, survived by three brothers and one sister, the latter being six feet tall. William West, Sheriff of Canadian District, was six feet four inches tall, and weighed more than 200 pounds.

(7) NAVIGATION ON ARKANSAS RIVER

In the spring of 1882, the snag boat Wichita could not ascend the Arkansas River higher than the mouth of the Cimarron. She drew 14 inches of water, and as there was only six inches at that point, the Wichita was held there for more than six weeks.

(8) CATTLE ROUND-UP. 1882

In the spring of 1882 a big cattle roundup was held near Muskogee. More than 100 cattle owners and cowboys from as far north as Kansas had "cut in" to secure his share of 2000 cattle grazing over a tract 30 by 40 miles in extent.

(9) ASBURY MISSION BURNED

Asbury Mission near the present Eufaula was burned on September 24, 1881, causing 100 students to scatter to their homes, and G. W. Stidham of Eufaulo offered his home as a residence for the children and mission.

(10) FUNERAL EXPENSES FOR WILLIAM PENN ADAIR

In December 1880 the Cherokee Council provided \$1700.00 to defray the expenses of the return to the Indian Territory of the remains of the late Assistant chief, William Penn Adair, who had recently died in Washington.

(11) POSTAL RECEIPTS, FIRST POST OFFICES IN OKLAHOMA

In 1830, according to early official records, the post office called Cantonment Gibson (Fort Gibson), located in what was then called part of Arkansas Territory, reported postal receipts of \$28186, more than Little Rock, \$248.24, or any other post office in Arkansas Territory. At Miller Courthouse, near the present line between McCurtain and Choctaw counties, older than Cantonment Gibson post office, receipts had dwindled to \$23.81.

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OFFICIAL FLAGS OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES

The Custodian of the Confederate Memorial Room in the Oklahoma Historical Society, Mrs. Helen M. Gorman, has called the attention of the Editor to a brief article, "The Official Flags of The Confederate States of America," by Mrs. Frank F. Jones, published under the Historical Department of The United Daughters of the Confederacy Magazine for July, 1946 (Vol. IX, No. 7, pp. 5-7). This gives excerpts from an earlier article, "Flags of the Confederacy," by Judge Walter A. Montgomery of Raleigh, North Carolina, published in Confederate Veteran for May, 1916 (Vol. XXIV, No. 5, pp. 196-8). Based upon the minutes of the Journal of the Congress of the Confederate States, Judge Montgomery prefaced his article with the following statement: "The first flag, generally known as the Stars and Bars, was adopted by the Provisional Congress at Montgomery, Ala., on March 4, 1861; the second one, at Richmond, Va., on May 1, 1863; and the third, at Richmond on February 4, 1865, at regular sessions of the Congress." Judge Montgomery further gave a brief history of the Confederate Battle Flag which was not officially adopted as a national flag, by the Congress. The cover design of The United Daughters of the Confederacy Magazine is unique in that it carries facsimiles of these four Confederate flags.

PROGRAM

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO BE HELD

IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, KINGFISHER, OKLAHOMA

MONDAY, MAY 27, 1946

Robert L. Williams, President, Presiding

10:00 A. M.

Business meeting called to order by Robert L. Williams, President. 11:00 A. M.

A group picture taken of the Board of Directors.

12:00 Noon

Luncheon given by Chamber of Commerce.

Recess and Visit in Kingfisher.

1:30 P. M. Program:

Introduction of Speakers and Guests by George L. Bowman.

Addresses of Welcome:

W. D. Watts, Mayor of Kingfisher.

Harold Hubbard, President of the Kingfisher Chamber of Commerce.

Response to Welcome by Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour.

"Early History of Indian Territory," by Judge Robert L. Williams.

"Early History of Oklahoma Territory," by Dr. E. E. Dale.

"History of the Kingfisher Study Club, Oldest Women's Organization in Oklahoma," by Mrs. W. S. Whirlow.

"Past and Present History of State Historical Society, Organized in Kingfisher on May 27, 1893," by Dr. Charles Evans.

Adjournment.

This meeting commemorates the 53rd anniversary of the organization at Kingfisher, Oklahoma, of the Oklahoma Historical Society.

Charles Evans,

Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MAY 27, 1946, KINGFISHER, OKLAHOMA.

The Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma Historical Society convened May May 27, 1946, at Kingfisher. Following registration of members and vigitors, the President, Judge Robert L. Williams, called the meeting to order in Memorial Hall.

The Secretary called the roll which showed the following Board Members present: Judge R. L. Williams, Hon. George L. Bowman, Dr. I. N. McCash, Hon. Thomas J. Harrison, Dr. E. E. Dale, Mrs. John R. Williams, Mrs. Anna B. Korn and Dr. Charles Evans, the Secretary.

The Staff Members present were: Mrs. J. G. Cubage, Miss Muriel H. Wright and Mrs. O. J. Cook.

The President requested the Secretary to read a letter from Dr. McCash, asking to be excused at 1:00 o'clock because of other engagements. It was so ordered.

The President asked for the Secretary's report, which in substance was as follows:

It is with regret that on May 10, I was called to Washington, D. C. to the bedside of my granddaughter, because of serious illness, which prevented my making a detailed report ten days before the assembling of this Board at its Annual Meeting, May 27, 1946. However, I place before you now an outline of all matters of importance:

The provisions set forth by the Board in its meeting of April 22, 1946 whereby the Secretary and President were authorized to buy a microfilm reader was carried out in so far as making and filing with the Board of Affairs a requisition, which they have not yet acted upon, Mr. Virgil Browne, Chairman, reports they were waiting for the filing of competitive bids. The Secretary has requested the Custodian of Newspapers, Mrs. Cook, to prepare a special number of documents, involving not more than \$250.00 for the first filming. The request was in line with W. J. Peterson's motion at the April meeting.

All donors mentioned in the Minutes of the April Meeting have been sent letters of thanks in appreciation for their gifts. Mr. George Forsythe was notified, as the Board directed, to secure material, etc., as set out in the Minutes of said meeting, for the railing in the statuary room. He said he would proceed to carry out the order.

All papers, minutes, etc., pertaining to the gift of Mr. Thomas J. Harrison of a tract of ground in Sec. 26, Twp. 19, Range 19, to the Society were filed for preservation.

Mr. Lew Wentz was notified of the Board's action inviting him to place his portrait in the Art Gallery of the Oklahoma Historical Society in line with motion made by Mr. H. L. Muldrow.

All money authorized by the Board for expenses of Miss Muriel H. Wright to Washington was issued by appropriate voucher and Miss Wright has made the journey and returned to her work.

Mrs. John R. Williams and the Secretary appointed to investigate the location or whereabouts of any of the silver service on the Battleship

Oklahoma at its sinking has been carefully attended to and the committee is ready to report.

Mr. Aaron Tilley elected to succeed Mr. Malone as guard through a committee appointed by the President with authority to act—resigned on April 29, 1946 to take effect May 15, 1946 and upon the recommendation of Mrs. Anna Korn, Mr. Frank Greer was presented to the committee composed of Judge Taylor, Mayor R. A. Hefner and the Secretary to take the place of Mr. Tilley when the Board met in Kingfisher to pass upon his selection.

All of the departments have carried out their work since last report with fidelity and efficiency and reports in detail will be given by each to Members of the Board ten days before the meeting in July.

Hon. Thomas J. Harrison made the motion that the Secretary's report be accepted. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Korn and carried.

Dr. Evans presented the attitude of the Board of Public Affairs in building the tunnel of the Historical Building as set forth in moneys provided by the last legislature for that purpose. He said that after being pressed to a conclusion, the Board of Public Affairs wrote a letter in which it stated: Due to a great rise of cost in materials and labor they would not be able to build the tunnel for \$17,500. as set forth by legislative appropriation that it would take twice that amount to build it now.

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Motion was made by Mrs. Anna B. Korn that the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society accept the view of Judge Williams and the Board of Public Affairs be notified by the Secretary to that effect. The motion was seconded by Hon. Thomas J. Harrison and carried.

Dr. B. B. Chapman, History Department of the Oklahoma A. & M. College, Stillwater, was recognized by the President. Dr. Chapman stated that due to a fire in the buildings in Washington, D. C., the regular census reports of 1890 of Oklahoma Territory were destroyed. He further stated that these records were badly needed by the historians and researchers in the State and if the Board of the Oklahoma Historical Society would assist him he could secure microfilm copies of a special census taken for the original seven counties in 1890.

Judge Williams stated the Oklahoma Historical Society would assist in assembling all papers and materials for micro-filming such census provided it did not cost the Society too much.

Dr. E. E. Dale made Judge Williams' statement into the form of a motion. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Korn and carried.

The Secretary read a letter he had received from the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States written by Mabelle A. White, Department Secretary of Oklahoma.

Mrs. Korn made the motion that the Secretary write a letter of thanks and appreciation to Miss White, telling her we carry an Oklahoma War Memorial List, but we invite the Auxiliary to work with us in this worthy project.

The motion was seconded by Hon. George L. Bowman and carried.

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Judge Williams stressed the need of County histories. He suggested that we try and get a good detail history of every county in the State and that we start with the County of Kingfisher.

- Dr. E. E. Dale stated that many of the students at the Oklahoma University wrote the history of their county for their thesis in working out their Master's Degree and like all histories, some are good and others too general to be of historic value.
- Dr. I. N. McCash made the motion that the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society make an effort to get a complete history of every county in the state.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Korn and carried.

The Secretary, Dr. Charles Evans, read a letter from the Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C. in regard to a marker for the grave of the late Nathaniel Pryor, it reads as follows:

Mr. Charles Evans, Secretary Oklahoma Historical Society Historical Building Oklahoma City 5, Oklahoma Dear Mr. Evans:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date regarding a Government stone to mark the grave of the late Nathaniel Pryor.

There is enclosed an application form which should be completed and returned to this office whereupon steps will be taken to furnishing a marker for the above veteran's grave.

You are assured every consideration will be given the case.

For the Quartermaster General:

Sincerely yours, George M. McVeigh 1st Lt., QMC Assistant.

On motion of George L. Bowman, the meeting stood adjourned. During the recess a group picture was made of the Board of Directors, also, a group picture of all members attending the morning business session. At 12:00 Noon members and visitors were guests at a luncheon given by the Chamber of Commerce.

Hon. George L. Bowman acted as toastmaster and introduced Mr. C. P. Wickmiller, Mr. John Chamberlain and Mr. O. E. Brewster. These gentlemen made the run in '89 and Mr. Wickmiller is a charter member of the Oklahoma Historical Society, joining two days after it was organized in Kingfisher, May 27, 1893.

From 1:00 o'clock to 1:30 o'clock there were cars to take the visitors and members on a tour visiting the historical places of Kingfisher, among which was the beautiful cemetery in which are buried three of the members who were present at the organization of the State Historical Society in Kingfisher on May 27, 1893. to-wit: Hon. Abram J. Seay, a member and Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Territory of Oklahoma from the date of its organization on May 23, 1890 until the fall of 1891. He became Governor of Oklahoma Territory on February 1, 1892 and held that office until May, 1897, when he was succeeded by Governor Renfrow.

He died December 22, 1915 with interment in the Kingfisher cemetary. J. L. Admire of the "Kingfisher Press" and J. C. Roberts, then Mayor of Kingfisher but a resident of Enid at the time of his death, were also members present at the organization of the Historical Society.

The afternoon program started at 1:30 o'clock with Hon. George L. Bowman presiding.

Miss Anne Mary Bentley, Oklahoma City, delighted the audience with her rendition of Paderewski's Chopin Polonaise.

Addresses of welcome were given by W. D. Watts, mayor and Harold Hubbard, President of the Chamber of Commerce. Historical talks on the Indian Territory, Oklahoma Territory, Kingfisher Study Club, and the Historical Society were made by Judge Robert L. Williams, President; Dr. E. E. Dale, Mrs. W. S. Whirlow and Dr. Charles Evans, Secretary.

Hon. Thomas J. Harrison, Pryor, invited the Oklahoma Historical Society to Pryor for the next Annual Meeting. The President stated the invitation was appreciated and an official vote would be taken at the next regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society.

After the program the meeting adjourned.

ROBERT L. WILLIAMS, President.

DR. CHARLES EVANS, Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

JULY 25, 1946

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society convened in the Historical Society Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at 10:00 o'clock A. M., July 25, 1946, with the President, Judge Robert L. Williams, presiding.

The Secretary called the roll. The following members were present; Judge Robert L. Williams, Mr. Jim Biggerstaff, Mr. George L. Bowman, Judge Thomas A. Edwards, Judge Robert A. Hefner, Mrs. Frank Korn, Dr. I. N. McCash, Mr. J. B. Milam, Mr. R. M. Mountcastle, Mr. H. L. Muldrow, Mrs. John R. Williams, and the Secretary.

The Secretary reported on the decision of the Attorney General relative to the appropriation made by the last Legislature for the tunnel and heating plant for the Historical Society Building, and also reported that Mr. Smith, Building Superintendent, had advised that a separate heating apparatus would be better as we would have better pressure and immediate control of it and that he recommended we install low pressure boilers. Judge Robert A. Hefner made the motion that the proper persons be authorized to install the low pressure boilers in the Historical Society Building. Dr. I. N. McCash seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mrs. John R. Williams made the motion that Mr. Frank Greer who was temporarily appointed by a Committee composed of Judge Robert A. Hefner, Judge Baxter Taylor and the Secretary, to the position of Custodian of the Oklahoma Historical Society Building, be elected to that position. Judge Thomas A. Edwards seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mr. George L. Bowman made the motion that the Historical Society purchase a Spencer Microfilm Reader from the American Optical Company, Buffalo, New York, at a cost of \$41.00, plus the following listed attachments at a cost of \$22.15:

Roll Film Attachment with one 100 ft. Film Reel\$	15.85
100 Foot Film Reel, 35mm	.55
100 Watt, 115 Volt, G16½ Spotlight Bulb MCP	
Extra Screens (package of six)	1.65
Glass Film Book	
16mm. Accessories for use with Roll Film Attachment, including	
4 spacers, one aperture mask and one 100 Foot Film Reel,	
with instructions	
100 Foot Film Reel-16mm,	.55

\$22.15

Judge Robert A. Hefner seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Judge Robert L. Williams reported that he had authorized the Librarian of the Society to take the Territorial Census of Oklahoma, 1890, which is very old and valuable, to Dallas, Texas, to be microfilmed by the Recordak Company, five films to be made, two for the Historical Society, one for the Library of Congress, one for the A. & M. College, Stillwater, and one for the State Library, Oklahoma City; that the total expense was \$11.91. Judge Robert A. Hefner made the motion that the cost of \$11.91 for filming the Oklahoma Territorial Census, 1890, be paid. Mr. George L. Bowman seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Judge Robert A. Hefner made the motion that the railing recently installed in the Flag Room on the third floor of the Historical Society Building be authorized to be paid. Mr. George L. Bowman seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mr. I. N. McCash made the motion that the Society acknowledge the receipt of \$1500.00, the gift of Ex-Senator John W. Harreld, to be invested by the Historical Society in paintings, and that Senator Harreld be thanked for said gift. Mrs. Frank Korn seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Judge Baxter Taylor made the motion that the President, Judge Robert L. Williams, be authorized to take the necessary steps to procure a portrait of Lt. Gen. Ira Eaker. Mr. George L. Bowman seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Judge Baxter Taylor made the motion that proper steps be taken to procure portraits of General Clarence L. Tinker, Vice-Admiral Marc Mitscher and Admiral J. J. Clark, and that a committee be appointed for this purpose. Judge Robert A. Hefner seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Jim Biggerstaff presented to the Society for his wife, Mrs. Jim Biggerstaff, the following heirlooms that have been in her family for a long time:

Land grant of Mrs. Biggerstaff's maternal grandfather, Philip Franklin Field. on sheepskin, signed by President Andrew Jackson, dated 1831. Manifest of the Steamer Pauline Carroll, St. Louis to New Orleans, dated July 8, 1864, signed by A. S. Bell, Clerk, an Uncle of Mrs. Biggerstaff. Wine Bottle over 100 years old. brought from England by Mrs. Biggerstaff's maternal grandfather, Joseph Bell.

Judge Baxter Taylor made the motion that the above listed gifts of Mrs. Biggerstaff be accepted and that she be thanked for the same. Mrs. John R. Williams seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Judge Thomas A. Edwards made the motion that the following listed gifts to the Society be accepted and that the donors be thanked for the same:

- Book entitled "Lineages of Members National Society of the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims," Presented by that organization at the request of Mrs. Cliff Strider, Guthrie, Oklahoma;
- Coat worn by Captain Victor J. France in World War II, gift of his Mother. Mrs. Lena France:
- Shotgun, property of T. J. Newell, who made the Run in 1889, gift of his son, Leon Newell;
- Gun, property of E. T. Houston, member of the Constitutional Convention, gift of his son, J. E. Houston;

3 old Quilts: One of the quilts is 120 years old and was slept under by Generals Stand Waite and Albert Pike in 1860, and won first prize at the Oklahoma Free State Fair in 1924. These were the gift of Honorable Robert L. Owen, former U. S. Senator from Oklahoma, and were preserved by Mrs. George B. Hester during her lifetime:

French Invasion money (paper), gift of Dortha Stevens; Japanese Coin, gift of S/Sgt. C. Bradford;

Churn, Minature Old-fashioned, gift of Mrs. W. F. Rogers, Jr.:

Portrait of L. E. Phillips, delivered by Mrs. L. E. Phillips for Boris B. Gordon, artist;

Gavel made from a part of the wooden structure of the U.S.S. Oklahoma, a souvenir struck off to celebrate Navy Day 1945 at Pearl Harbor, the gift of M. S. Zachary;

Pictures pertaining to Pearl Harbor and newspaper clippings about the War in the Pacific, gift of Mr. Marion S. Zachary, President of the Oklahoma State Club of Honolulu.

Judge Robert A. Hefner seconded the motion extending thanks to the Motion carried unanimously. donors.

Mr. H. L. Muldrow reported that since becoming a member of the Board of Directors of this Society he had secured for the Library a complete record of the Blue Lodge Masons, York Rite and Scottish Rite, insofar as possible: that he secured back copies of the New Age from the organization and had the Society placed on the mailing list of that publication as well as other Masonic publications and that there is now filed in our Library a complete file of the New Age; that he conferred with the Eastern Star relative to placing its records in the library of this Society and through the efforts of Mrs. J. W. Foster of Norman those records are now filed in our library. Mr. Muldrow made the motion that the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star and Mrs. Foster be thanked for this contribution. Mrs. Frank Korn seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Motion was duly made that all other National Fraternal Organizations. such as the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, The Knights of Columbus, Shriners (A.A.O.N.M.S.) organizations, and others, be extended an invitation to file their records with this Society. Mrs. John R. Williams seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Judge Baxter Taylor made the motion that all churches of all denominations in Oklahoma, including the Dutch Reformed Church and the Moravian Church, be invited to file their records in the Historical Society Building, without duplications. Mrs. Frank Korn seconded the motion which was unanimously carried.

Mrs. John R. Williams, as a member of a Committee appointed to investigate the silverware on the U.S.S. Oklahoma at the time of its sinking at Pearl Harbor, reported that Hon. Mike Monroney had advised that there is now a Bill before the House of Representatives which when passed would take care of the silver; that the silver is now stored in the Navy Warehouse at Bremerton, Washington.

The following list of applicants for membership was presented:

LIFE: Esthmer Hallam Skinner, Kansas City, Mo.
ANNUAL: Constance Colvin Alexander, Sand Springs; Robert N.
Alexander, Tulsa; Sister M. Benedict, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Carrie L.
Boggs, Shawnee; Harry C. Bonar, Mountain Home, Idaho; Mrs. D. C. Both-

well, Tulsa; Ada Kimberlin Bridwell, Tulsa; H. W. Burlingame, Bartlesville; Percy Butler, Tulsa; Mrs. Minnie M. Carr, Checotah; L. A. Chatham, Claremore; Mrs. R. F. Chisholm, Norman; Edgar Waite Clark, Bartlesville; Vernon N. Crouch, Tulsa; J. C. Davenport, Sapulpa; Mrs. Horace Davis, Lexington, Ky.; Robin R. Dean, Anadarko; Byrd Love Draughon, Marietta; Mrs. Winina Adair Edwards, Sallisaw; Robert Farmer, Vinita; Mrs. Edna Withers Francis, McAlester; Mrs. Norman Gast, Bartlesville; J. W. George, Oklahoma City; Bill Gilmore, Claremore; Mary Ann Grasshart, Tulsa; John Graupner, Oklahoma City; Roy F. Hall, McKinney, Texas; Charles F. Heidbrink, Oklahoma City; Beth Harrington, Locust Grove; Arthur P. Holley, Britton; W. R. Holmes, Edmond; Mrs. Harry M. House, Oklahoma City; Henry Kirk Hudson, Bartlesville; Thomas Bevin Hudson, Bartlesville; Dr. Dona Jenkins, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Taylor P. Johnston, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Mary Jones, Goodwell; Mrs. Gus Kitchens, Sasakwa; Mrs. M. J. Lignoul, Boise City; Zoe Lindsay, Oklahoma City; Robert W. Love, Claremore; Elizabeth McKinney, Durant; Albert L. McRill, Oklahoma City; Esther Nunn McRuer, Ardmore; J. H. Naylen, Bartlesville; Mrs. George C. Pendleton, Durant; Mrs. George C. Pendleton, Durant; T. C. Peters, Wichita, Kans.; Mrs. C. S. Petty, Guthrie; F. M. Pike, Jerico Springs, Mo.; J. G. Puterbaugh, McAlester; Mrs. Lou Reed, Mulhall; Mrs. Leona Rinehart, Guthrie; Don R. Robards, Tulsa; Phil Rodgers, Edmond; E. J. Parker Sage, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Daisy Sheppard, Eufaula; Charles H. Sparks, Temple; Dr. Roy Taylor, Long Beach, Calif.; Mrs. Alice Terry, Alta Loma, Calif.; Mrs. L. E. Thurman, Nowata; Janice Tilley, Tulsa; Harley Tomey, Tulsa; Florence N. Torrey, Washington, D. C.; Herbert L. Valentine, Oklahoma City; Mary E. Wade, Tulsa; W. L. Watkins, Bartlesville.

Mr. George L. Bowman made the motion that each be elected and received as members of the Society in the class as indicated in the list. Mrs. John R. Williams seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mrs. John R. Williams made the motion that the Budget Officer be asked to secure a specific appropriation at the next session of the Legislature to air-condition the Oklahoma Historical building, especially the fourth floor.

Judge Robert A. Hefner made the motion that a resolution be passed memorializing the next Legislature to pass an appropriation for the construction of a building to house all war agencies and war organizations, and that a committee of three be appointed at the proper time to work on this matter. Mrs. John R. Williams seconded the motion. Mr. R. M. Mountcastle's was the only dissenting vote, stating that he was in favor of building hospitals but not war memorials.

Mr. R. M. Mountcastle reported that there is some criticism relative to the custodian of the Barracks Building at Fort Gibson not keeping the building open to the public and requested that a committee of three be appointed to investigate the matter and report back to this Society. Dr. I. N. McCash seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The President, Judge Robert L. Williams, appointed Mr. Thomas J. Harrison, Mr. Jim Biggerstaff and Hon. R. M. Mountcastle on a committee to investigate the report that the custodian of the Barracks Building at Fort Gibson is not keeping said building open to the public as agreed.

Judge Robert A. Hefner made the motion to adjourn. R. M. Mount-castle seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ROBERT L. WILLIAMS, President Presiding.