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## EDITORIAL

### ATTENTION SUBSCRIBERS

At the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society, held January 23, 1929, the matter of delinquent membership was up for consideration, the secretary wishing to know when to drop a member from the list. Mrs. John R. Frazier, of Wilburton, one of the directors of the Society, moved that the secretary of the Society send one copy of the Chronicles to members who failed to renew at the expiration of the year for which their membership was paid, with the notification that they would receive no more copies of Chronicles until remittance for year in advance was received. This was duly seconded and by unanimous vote the secretary was ordered to call attention to the matter editorially, as well as by letter. As a member of this society will you please bear this in mind, so as to avoid any embarrassment that might arise with reference to the completion of your volumes of the magazine.

To do this promptly would save considerable postage and letter writing. We feel that your attention has only to be called to this matter in order that your membership will not lapse.

J. Y. BRYCE, Secretary.

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### WHY YOU DO NOT GET CHRONICLES

We are sorry to have to say to so many schools of the State, that we cannot furnish Chronicles of Oklahoma to them. We are officially advised that there are 5,030 schools in Oklahoma, State schools, 842 of which are accredited high schools. Our appropriation is sufficient for 2000 copies, so you see where we would be if we were to undertake to comply with the requests made on this office for the Chronicles.

We are doing our best to furnish the magazine to all accredited schools, but you see how difficult this is under the present appropriation. We do not say these things to dis-

courage you in an effort to get the magazine, but simply to let you know why, if you are not getting it. Under these circumstances we wish to say that in our opinion, the school board could do nothing better than arrange for the *Chronicles* out of the budget, at least until other arrangements can be made. The price of the publication is \$1.00 per year; why not some good citizen of your community make this investment for the young people of your locality?

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## **BUILDING FOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

We are running in this number of *Chronicles*, copy of bill that provides for the erection of a building for the Oklahoma Historical Society, with the names of those who introduced the bill in the House, and those whose names are attached to the Senate bill.

You will also find in this connection, names of the Legislative Committee appointed by the Directors of the Historical Society, charged with the responsibility, if necessary, of assisting in the drawing and passing of the bill, the name of the President of the Senate, Speaker of the House and the Lieutenant Governor, who was acting Governor.

We take pleasure in stating that there was very little opposition to the bill providing for building. In behalf of the Board of Directors and the membership of the Historical Society, we express our appreciation to the members of the twelfth Legislature for this splendid piece of legislation. The building provided for in this bill, we trust, will be a monument to their integrity in looking after the interests of the great state of Oklahoma.

Legislative Committee:

Col. W. S. Key, Chairman,  
W. A. Durant,  
Judge Thos. H. Doyle,  
Judge R. L. Williams,  
General Chas. F. Barrett,  
Judge W. A. Ledbetter,  
Mrs. Jessie R. Moore,  
Mrs. Frank Korn.

Sub-Legislative Committee:

Judge Thos. H. Doyle, Chairman,  
W. A. Durant,  
Judge R. L. Williams,  
Judge W. A. Ledbetter,  
Judge Baxter Taylor,  
General Chas. F. Barrett,  
Jasper Sipes,  
General Roy Hoffman.

Committee Appointed to work in conjunction with the Board of Affairs, in the construction of the Historical Building, partial list of those appointed at the last meeting of the Board of Directors:

Judge Thos. H. Doyle,  
Judge R. L. Williams.

The bill was signed by Wm. J. Holloway, acting Governor, C. S. Storms, president of the Senate, and J. C. Nance, speaker of the House.

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SENATE BILL NO. 24, AS AMENDED BY APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE—By RICE, LOOFBOURROW, FIDLER, KIMERER, REXROAT, AUSTIN, EWING, HILL, NESBITT and MacDONALD. SAME AS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 61—By LEECRAFT, SNODDY, NANCE, GRAHAM, MOON, HESTER, CAMPBELL, DANIEL, CLOYD, STOVALL, BUSEY, SMITH, ORNER, FAULK, SKINNER, PHILLIPS, STRICKLAND, JONES, (Stephens), WASSON, BROWN, BABB, KEENAN, ROPER, MITCHELL, HOOVER, SEARS, HOUSTON:

An Act: Providing for the construction of a building to be located on the State Capitol grounds in Oklahoma City to be used by the Oklahoma Historical Society, all organizations of all veteran soldiers and sailors and patriotic societies of the State of Oklahoma, said building to provide rooms for meetings and headquarters for all organizations of service men and auxiliary societies and associations in this State and for the use and occupancy of said building by the Oklahoma Historical Society, its library, museum and other effects

and property and for public meetings therein and its use for other public purposes, the construction of said building to be under the supervision of the State Board of Affairs and the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society, said building to be located on the State Capitol grounds in accordance with the "Kessler Plan" and the architect's plans to be approved by the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society, and making appropriation for said purposes, and declaring an emergency.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:**

**SECTION 1.** For the purpose of the erection and construction of a building to be used and occupied by the Oklahoma Historical Society and providing headquarters and offices for Union Soldiers and Marines, Confederate Soldiers and Marines, and their auxiliaries, Spanish-American War Veterans, and their auxiliaries, and all veteran and service organizations, including their auxiliaries, and other patriotic organizations and associations, there is hereby appropriated, out of the building funds of the State of Oklahoma, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000.00) Dollars. Provided that all contracts made for any purpose under the provision of this Act and all and every expense incurred for the construction and completion of said building or structure and for the equipment of same shall not exceed the total sum of said appropriation, namely Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000.00) Dollars and other appropriated sums and other sums in hand from private and public agencies then and there and from time to time available for such purposes.

**SECTION 2.** The location of said building on the Capitol Grounds shall be in accordance with the plan heretofore adopted on the part of the state and known as the "Kessler plan." The construction of the building shall be under the direction and supervision of the State Board of Public Affairs, subject to the approval and controlling supervision of the board of directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society, or a committee or commission out of the membership of said board appointed for such purpose by said society, provided that before the contract is awarded the architect's plans for said

building shall be first approved by the board of directors of the Historical Society, and, Provided further that said contract before becoming effective is to be approved by the board of directors of the Historical Society, or a committee out of its membership, named for that purpose by said The Oklahoma Historical Society; and Provided further that the architect's plans may not be changed except by the approval of the board of directors of the Historical Society, and Provided further that the specifications may not be changed except on the approval of said board of directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society or a committee out of its membership appointed by it to pass on such matters, and, Provided further that the contract for the construction of said building shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder and that such contractor shall execute in some surety company doing business in the State of Oklahoma approved not only by the Insurance Commissioner of said state but also by the Treasury Department of the United States to execute bonds in such sum and to do business in the state in the district comprising the State Capitol of said state, and such bond to be in terms and amount as may be prescribed by law, and if not prescribed by law then by the board of directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society or a committee out of its membership appointed by it to pass on such matters.

SECTION 3. It is provided further that the board of directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society may select a superintendent to supervise the construction of said building, said inspection to be made in conjunction with inspection to be made by the architect drawing the plans, to be a joint supervision on the part of the State Board of Affairs and the Oklahoma Historical Society, and that said building is not to be accepted as completed except by the joint concurrence of the State Board of Affairs and a committee composed of directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society appointed by the board of directors of the Historical Society to act jointly with the said State Board of Affairs for such purpose.

SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the public building funds of the State of Oklahoma, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars for the purpose of paying said superintendent and also any

actual and reasonable necessary expense incurred by the Historical Society, provided that no member of the board of directors of the Historical Society, or any one representing the Historical Society, other than said superintendent, is to draw any compensation other than the actual and reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of the duties contemplated by this Act.

SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist by reason whereof this Act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

#### COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. SPEAKER:

We, your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 61, by Leecraft, et al., entitled:

An Act providing for the construction of a building to be located on the State Capitol grounds in Oklahoma City for the use of the Oklahoma Historical Society and the organizations of all veteran soldiers and patriotic societies of the State, said building to provide rooms for meetings and headquarters for all organizations of service men and auxiliary societies and associations, and providing for the use and occupancy of said building by the Oklahoma Historical Society and its library museum,

beg leave to report that we had the same under consideration and herewith return the same with the recommendation that the Committee substitute for it do pass.

H. TOM KIGHT, Chairman.